School Disco
The Disco will be on this Thursday 19th September in the school hall. The cost for entry is a gold coin donation, drinks and snacks will be available to purchase. The K – 2 Disco will start at 5.30pm and conclude at 6.45pm and the Years 3 to 6 Disco will start at 7pm and finish at 8.30pm. Any parents available to help out at the disco are most welcome. A number of our teachers are giving up their personal time to ensure our students have a Disco to enjoy.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews will commence this week. 
1B (Louise Birch) Wednesday - AP Office located in the main office area.
K/LH (Allan Larnach & Kimberley Hill) Thursday - Computer Room located in the Library building.
2DP (Rachelle Watson) Thursday - Demountable Office located next to the canteen.
3/4P (Hayley Pennell) Thursday - AP Office located in the main office area.
6M (Mrs Mooring) and K/1K (Mrs Kerrigan) are scheduled for the first week back next term.
6M Tuesday 8th Oct the day after the long weekend in Demountable Office - located next to the canteen.
K1/K Thursday 10th Oct - in Demountable Office located next to the canteen.

School Dance Groups
Mrs Kerrigan and Ms Anderson have done a wonderful job, working with and preparing our school dance groups. You may not be aware that teachers are not paid overtime and both these teachers have given up their time to ensure our students have the opportunity to perform at a variety of events outside school hours.

Activity Day
Our Student Representative Council, with the guidance of Mrs Mooring, have organised a special activity day for our students to enjoy this Friday. The reward for great behaviour is an icy-pole. Children will be required to wear their full school uniform on this day.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be held tomorrow evening at 6pm in the Library, babysitting is provided. Please come along if you can.

Michelle Floyd – Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Week 7 Term 3
K/HL Rossi L. - displaying good leadership skills in class rotations.
K/1K Matthew W. – constantly working well and doing his best in all areas.
1B Mason B. - for his continuous enthusiasm and positive attitude
2DP Luke Davis - creative thinking in reading and writing.
3/4A Hayley M. - dedication towards neat presentation of her work.
3/4P Lawson E. – for excellent independent working skills stemming from a great improvement in confidence.
5R Jonah P. - excellent effort and attitude in class.
6M Georgia F. – contributing to class discussions and always trying her best.

Week 8 Term 3
K/HL Jordon H. - for always trying to do her best in every endeavour.
K/1K William G. - for improvement in writing.
1B Lucy M. - for her gracious dance moves at the Fairy Tale Ball.
2DP Lara E. - always trying her best in everything we do.
3/4A Callum D. - commitment to extending his skills in Mathematics.
3/4P Jacob D. – for his ongoing excellent attitude in class.
5R Jack S. - excellent effort in maths.
6M Joshua S. – conscientious application to all lessons and showing exemplary leadership.

MERIT AWARDS
K/HL Jaxon R., Emily H., Jacob B., Travis D.
K/1K Coby L., Ziggy T.
1B Jae D., Claire J., Stevie M., Hayley M.
2DP Savanna WG., Lila B., Jayden J., Seth I.
3/4A Drew W., Matt J., Marley P., Millie H.
3/4P Breanna C., Delta H., Brodie H., Cody P.
5R Jayden F., Luke J., Nathan V., Sabrina D.
6M Shaylee H., Amy M., Cameron B., Jesse G.

P & C NEWS
Tickets have gone out today for the 2013 P & C Raffle. Tickets are $2 each and need to be returned by Friday 18th October. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 25th October. 1st prize is 2 nights accommodation at Shoal Bay Resort and Spa in a pool view studio including hot and cold breakfast for two people. 2nd & 3rd prizes are a $30 meal voucher from local Aberdeen restaurant and bottle of wine. Proceeds will go towards play equipment for the school.

CANTEEN NEWS
If you can spare a couple of hours on Wednesdays or Fridays, even just once a term, please leave your name and contact number at the office to be passed on. All help is greatly appreciated.

The canteen roster this week is:

Wednesday 18th September
Amanda Wilks
Help Needed (1pm – 2pm)

Friday 20th September
Kelly McMahon
Kate Surawski
Toni Partridge

LIBRARY NEWS
The Willow Markets are on 29th September from 9am – 2pm. The markets are a fundraising activity for our school library. If anyone from our school or community would like to have a stall or provide food on the day as a fundraising opportunity let us know by email: willowmarkets@outlook.com, or see me in the library.
I will send home notes about outstanding library books this week. If you could please have a look for them and send them in that would be great. If you can’t find them please let me know so that we can sort something out.
Have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing you all at the Willow Markets.

Basic Computing Course:
TAFE Outreach are running a FREE Basic Computing Course at Scone TAFE on a Tuesday from 9 am to 12 noon starting 8 October and finishing 26 November. Course will cover topics including basic word processing, emailing, the internet and internet security.
For more info please CALL Annabelle on 6542 1115. If I’m not in the office please leave a message and I will return your call.

Air Quality Alert for Asthma Suffers.
Asthma Foundation NSW has issued an alert for people with asthma warning more than 700,000 people who live with asthma in NSW to be on alert for smoke from bushfires and high pollution levels. “Exposure to bushfire smoke or high levels of other air pollutants could make asthma symptoms worse and trigger a potentially fatal attack,” said Michele Goldman, CEO of Asthma Foundation NSW. The poor air quality issue is also compounded with Sydney also having a “high” pollen count. We will be issuing daily pollen counts from 16 September on our website on Facebook and Twitter. If your staff or students exposed to bushfire smoke, air pollution or pollens, you can reduce the effects on their asthma by:
• Unless ordered to evacuate, stay indoors, close all windows and doors. If you have an air conditioner, switch it to recycle or re-circulate.
• Postpone outdoor sporting or exercise activities to when there is a lower risk of bushfire and the Regional Pollution Index (RPI) is medium to low. More activity means deeper breaths, so the particles can be drawn further into the lungs.
• If you are in your car, put the air system onto re-circulate to reduce your exposure to smoke.
• Use your asthma action plan if your asthma starts to get worse. If your symptoms aren’t improving with use of your reliever medication, seek medical assistance.
• Make sure you and people around you are familiar with Asthma First Aid.

ABERDEEN SENIOR & LITTLE ATHLETICS
Aberdeen Senior and Little Athletics Centre is holding registration afternoon on the 20th September at Harrison Oval, Jefferson Park, Aberdeen at 5.30pm. Costs will be $65. If you have more than one child it will be $65 for the first two children and then $45 for every child after that.
You can register online at www.aberdeenathletics.org.au or at the oval on the 20th September. Any enquiries please phone James Earl on 0413546610.
FORTHCOMING DATES

18th September P & C Meeting 6pm
19th September School Disco
20th September Last Day Term 3 Activity Day
8th October Term 4 begins
11th October Quirindi Horse Sports
28th – 30th October Stage 3 Sydney Excursion
12th December Year 6 Farewell
17th December Presentation Day

LAST DAY OF TERM THIS FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL RESUMES ON TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER
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10th of September 2013

Intensive Swimming Program 2013

Dear Parents/Care Givers,

The Intensive Swimming Program for 2013 will be held in Week 8 and 9 of Term 4. This program is aimed at children in Year 2 to 6, who cannot swim 25 metres unassisted in a recognised style. The program includes trained swimming instructors who teach swimming technique and survival skills.

To organise transport and instructors we would appreciate you indicating if you would like your child to participate in this program.

Please be aware that these lessons will involve a cost for pool entry and bus fare. More information regarding this cost will be sent home closer to the date.

You need only to return the note if you DO want your child to take part.

Kind regards,

Rachelle Watson
Intensive Swim Organiser.

________________________________________
Mrs Watson.

Yes, I would like my child________________________ in class______________ to take part in the 2013 Intensive Swimming Training in Term 4. I am aware that the lessons will involve a fee.

Signed: _________________________________ Date: __________________

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**CLASS NEWS:**

**Class KLH**

**What's On:** What a term it has been. All the students have enjoyed the build up and the Fairy Tale Ball itself. Mrs Hill and Mr Larnach were very impressed with each of the student’s costumes.

Parent teacher interviews are on this Thursday 19th September. Please send in a note or come and see the teachers if you haven’t already booked a time or would like to book a time.

Over the past few weeks there has been a change in our L3 rotations. Rather than have 10 minutes at each activity then move on to the next, we have changed to a system where students choose the activities they would like to do. There are “Must Do’s” where children must finish the activity by the end of the morning and “Can Do’s”, these activities are optional. All students must be congratulated on showing their maturity and time management skills to work so effectively.

No homework this week! If you would like to continue assisting your child over the holidays, keep reading to them daily and then before or after the story discuss, visualize, predict, summarize or make connections. And please keep playing the dice or card games or practice little number stories, e.g. I need 10 spoons but only have 7, how many more will I need to find?

Write down these letters (use letter sounds not names) c....a....t….what word is that?

Have a great holiday!

**Class K-1K**

K1K will be sad to farewell Miss Teague at the end of this week. Miss Teague has successfully completed her internship and will gain her official teaching number at the end of this week. I thank Miss Teague for the valuable contributions she has made to K1K this term and know that she will be missed by the students and me. We look forward to catching up with Miss Teague when she returns in Term 4 as a relief teacher for staff who will be attending professional learning courses. Congratulations Miss Teague and welcome to the teaching profession.

**Class 1B**

**What's On:** 1B have had a very exciting and tiring fortnight with the Fairy Tale Ball last Friday. We would like to thank all the parents that showed their support on the day and a special thank you to all those that got up for a boogie and a dance. It was a great day! As we come to an exciting end to Term 3 a reminder that library books and home readers are due back to school this week so they can stay safe over the break.

Parent Teacher interviews are tomorrow and they will be held in the computer room located inside the library. I am looking forward to seeing everyone and sharing all the wonderful progress their child has made.

**Fun Game - Flip 3 and Add**

You will need a deck of cards with the picture cards removed.

First player flips over 3 cards and adds all the numbers together. Try adding two together by counting on and then count on the next number. Remember to start with the biggest number. The next player flips over 3 cards and does the same. The player with the largest number wins and gets to go first for the next game!

Have a happy holiday everyone!

**Class 2DP**

**What's On:** Wow I bet the children of 2DP slept well on Friday night! We had a very fun day preparing the food for our Fairy Tale Ball. The students really impressed me with how they were able to work well together as a team to pull of a very tasty feast that was enjoyed by all the K-2 students. A huge thank you to Vanessa who came and helped us on the day. The dancing and games were also great fun and it was lovely to have so many parents and grandparents there to celebrate our last Fairy Tale Ball.

Can you please have a look under beds and down the side of the couch for any home readers that may have been misplaced. If they are all returned I will be able to change the books over the holidays so we have some new exciting stories to share with you.

I look forward to meeting with parents on Thursday for parent-teacher interviews. If you have not booked a time please return the sheet tomorrow and I can see if there is a suitable time still free for you or organise another time that suits.
Class 3-4A

What’s On: 3/4A will be doing an art activity next term that requires magazines. If you have any old magazines at home that you could donate, that would be greatly appreciated. Please either drop them into the office or send to our classroom. Also a reminder to ensure your child has all the required equipment for next term - pens/pencils (more than 1), rulers, glue, scissors, sharpener, and rubbers.

I hope you all have a fantastic holiday and come back on Tuesday 8th October fresh and ready for a busy Term 4.

Class 3-4P

What’s On: What a busy term we have had! The students have thoroughly enjoyed Zumbatomic every Thursday. They enjoyed the Black Coal Cup visit and learning how to illustrate a book with David Legge.

I am sending home a photography competition for students to attempt in the holidays if they would like. It is a national “SNAP” competition about living and learning in a rural community.

Two things to remember please:

1. Parent Teacher interviews are on Thursday. Notes have been sent home with your times.
2. Please restock your child’s pencil case. Believe it or not there are some students who are in desperate need of everything!

Have a great holiday.

Class 5R

What’s On: This week we are concluding our work on government and students have been set the challenge of forming their own political party. Each party has been established to represent an important issue in the school or wider community. There will be a representative speaking on each group’s behalf at this Friday’s assembly. We are also hoping to have a vote at the end of the presentations to see which party was most persuasive in presenting their topic. Please feel free to come and join us on Friday and see some wonderful political teams in action.

Class 6M

What’s On: Congratulations to our two finalists, Taylor and Amy who competed in the Premier’s Spelling Bee on Friday. Both girls tried their best and were excellent representatives of our school. Well done to all students in 6M who have worked consistently throughout Term 3.

Last week, we concluded our HSIE unit on State and Federal Government with a mock Federal Election. After some very passionate campaigning from all representatives and heavy scrutiny from the Electoral Office, the “Choice” party came out victorious. Today we will be wrapping up our unit on The Solar System by creating our own edible meteorites, asteroids and comets, yum!

Don’t forget our Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for the first day back of Term 4. If you have not nominated a time and would like a meeting please return the note or contact our school office.

Graduation Gifts: Students have been handed a note detailing a selection of gifts available for purchase through the school to celebrate the end of their primary schooling. The order form and money for these gifts are due back to school this FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER.

A PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Open to all current NSW DEC students and staff. Each national category winner will receive a 32gb iPad mini.

How will photos be judged?
1. How well does the photograph capture the essence of living and learning in a rural community?
2. Have you used a 5 megapixel camera or higher? (national competition requirement)
3. Has a signed authority to publish form been supplied for each individual in the image? (will be given out at the APS roll for our winning entry)

How to enter the A.P.S. competition:
1. Take your best photograph that “captures what it means to live and learn in a rural community”.
2. Put on a disc or thumb drive (labelling) and bring to Mrs Preedie or Mrs Watson by Fri 18/10/13.
3. Entries will be printed out and voted on by the whole school.
4. Winning entries will then be submitted to the SNAP coordinator for entry into the national competition.