PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
The past week has been busy with many events happening in and out of the school.

Father’s Day Stall
Thank you to all those families who were able to support the school by purchasing a special gift for dad at the P & C Father’s day stall. Mrs Floyd and our P & C did a great job selecting a variety of gifts for the students to purchase for their dad. To all our dads, I hope you had a wonderful Father’s Day and were spoilt rotten by your children.

Regional Athletics Carnival
On a sporting note, special congratulations are extended to Shantelle B. and Seth M. who competed in track events at the Regional Athletics Carnival last Friday. Both students performed well and I am sure they gained valuable experience from competing at this level. Well done, we are proud of you!

Cake Stall
Monday’s cake stall was a huge hit with the students and teachers. K-2 did an awesome job supplying goodies, including my favourites butterfly cupcakes and caramel slice – yum! Again your support is very much appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Mooring, Miss Carter and Year 6 for organising this event.

Kindergarten 2014 Orientation Program
We are looking forward to the commencement of our Early Birds Orientation Program for children starting school in 2014. The program commences on Wednesday 11th September. If you wish to enrol your child (must turn 5 by 31st July 2014) at our school, please contact the office on 65437271.

A few important reminders…
At A.P.S, we value an “open door” policy. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or myself to discuss your child’s education at our school. Your views and opinions matter to us. We also appreciate positive feedback when warranted.

If you have received a medical form for your child in the mail, please complete the relevant details and return it to school. If your child has developed a medical condition recently, and we have not been notified, please contact the school so that we can update this information ASAP.

ATTENTION ALL BARGAIN HUNTERS! The school uniform shop still has some stock available at half price. Limited sizes are available.

Following in Mrs Floyd’s footsteps, I will be visiting classrooms and viewing students’ work. I look forward to reporting good news stories to parents regarding something wonderful their child has accomplished this week.

Corallee Kerrigan – Relieving Assistant Principal
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Week 5 Term 3

KLH Tanya D. - for excellent efforts in reading.
K/1K Max M. - for a fantastic effort in giving more information during news time.
1B Stevie M. - for being in the right place at the right time.
2DP Jade H. - for a positive attitude to all learning activities.
3/4A Hunter D. - outstanding application to enhancing his writing!
3/4P Elizabeth D. – for confidence and competence when using trading strategies in subtraction.
5R Charlie C. - demonstrating excellent problem solving skills.
6M Phoebe D. – being a responsible and hard working class member.

Week 6 Term 3

KLH Jacob B – being kind and considerate of others.
K/1K Charlotte W. - fantastic work in retelling different parts of a fairy tale for class discussions or story writing.
1B Hayley M. - for following teacher instructions and being a great helper.
2DP Tyson C. - for a fantastic work ethic at reading time.
3/4A Chloe H. - imaginative and entertaining narrative writing.
3/4P Bella-Rose P. – for showing fantastic comprehension skills during reading.
5R Cain F. - excellent effort in all areas.
6M Emily W. – confidently sharing her ideas during discussion in class.

MERIT AWARDS

KLH Steven W., Callum H., Jaxon R., Caitlin T.
K/1K Riley T., William G., Chloe F., Toby S.
1B Kirra C., Malaki P., Brae M-F., Brydie B.
2DP Isabella B., Daniel C., Liam J., Brock P.
3/4A Brianna H., Jye F., Josh E., Sarah McM.
3/4P Tommy D., Elizabeth D., Cailey G., Dylan C.
5R Lachlan D., Bailey M-F., Amanda C., Brayden R.
6M Bella S., Taylor B., Toby J., Mattison H.

P & C NEWS

The P & C wish to thank everyone who ordered pies and lamingtons. Thank you also to the Mums and Grandma's that were able to help sort them out yesterday. The P & C made $2000 off the pie drive, which will go towards purchasing new playground equipment for the top oval.

CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen roster this week is:

**Wednesday 4th September**
Kelly McMahon  
Jodie Mayall (1pm – 2pm)

**Friday 6th September**
Jo Burgin (Uniform Shop)

Help needed

Aberdeen Public School Media Team

This term a group of Stage 3 students have been working with Mrs Watson as part of the school media team. They have been learning how to interview people and how to write up their news reports on the blog website Blogger. We have been searching out interesting news that has been happening around the school and publishing it on our News Blog. We meet on a Tuesday at lunchtime to create our news reports. We have also been interviewing the Workers Of the Week from each classroom. Check out [www.apsnewsblog.blogspot.com](http://www.apsnewsblog.blogspot.com) to check out the great work our Media Team have already published. We are working towards sharing video and audio news reports in the future.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our [Scholastic Bookfair](http://scholasticbookfair.com) was a wonderful success raising much needed funds for our school library. Thank you so much for your ongoing support, it is greatly appreciated.

The [Willow Markets](http://willowmarkets.com) are on 29th September. If anyone from our school community (i.e. Scouts, Youth Group, AJRLFC) would like to provide food on the day as a fundraising opportunity (e.g. nachos, packaged cake stall, scones with jam and cream, chips and lollies) let us know by email: willowmarkets@outlook.com or see Mrs Thompson in the library.

Coal & Allied have again sponsored an author visit for the benefit of the students of the Hunter Valley. We are very fortunate to be given the opportunity to travel to St James Primary School in Muswellbrook to see author and illustrator David Legge. Classes will travel by bus tomorrow at the following times:

- K - 2: 9.30 – 10.30am
- Stage 2: 11.30 12.30pm
- Stage 3: 1.30 – 2.30pm

(students will return to school in time to catch buses home)
Mayor for a Day: Bridget B. (SGS)

Mayor for a Day Prizewinners
Overall Winner 2013: Bridget B. (SGS)
Overall Runner-up: Tyler P. (Blandford PS)

Aberdeen Public
1st: Gordon B.
2nd: Emma P.
3rd: Nathan S.
HC: Darcy D.
HC: Brayden R.
HC: Bailey F.
HC: Matiah L.
HC: Taylor B.

ABERDEEN SENIOR & LITTLE ATHLETICS
Aberdeen Senior and Little Athletics Centre is holding registration afternoons on 13th September and 20th September at Harrison Oval, Jefferson Park, Aberdeen at 6pm.

Costs will be $70. If you have more than one child it will be $70 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 13th and 20th September. Any enquiries please phone James Earl on 0413546610.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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Tuesday 8th October – Term 4 resumes for students. This is amended from the date provided at the start of the year.
ARE YOUR CHILDREN DRIVING YOU CRAZY?

Are your children between 2 and 12 years old?
Would like to stop their whining and fighting?

You are invited to participate in a well-known parenting program for free!

The program is part of an evaluation study and participants will be asked to:

- watch audio-visual material (at home!)
- fill in online questionnaires

Please contact Renata Drummond (Department of Psychology, Macquarie University)

Email: renata@ozemail.com.au
Text: 0411 709 752

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**Three Choices Parent Program**

incorporating

1–2–3 Magic & emotion coaching

To help parents & caregivers manage difficult behaviour in Children 2 – 12yrs:

- Learn a simple technique to get your kids to STOP doing what you *don’t want* them to do (whining, arguing, tantrums, etc.).
- Learn several effective methods to get your kids to START doing what you *do want* them to do (cleaning rooms, going to bed, homework, etc.)
- Learn techniques that reinforce your bond with your children

Facilitated by: Upper Hunter Community Services
Where: Aberdeen Public School
When: Tuesday 12th November
Time: 9.30am – 2.00pm
Cost: FREE
Bookings Essential: Ph (02) 6542 3555

Childcare available & light lunch provided.

UPPER HUNTER COMMUNITY SERVICES Inc
www.uhcs.org.au
www.parentshop.com.au or 1300 738 278
parentshop PTY LTD
What’s On:
The aim of the rainbow writing homework, i.e. the practice of writing the same sounds correctly each day, is the same reason why, at a team practice session, the practicing of fundamental skills such as passing and receiving is incorporated every time - to improve your child’s ‘automaticity’ - the ability to easily and quickly recall and use the fundamental skill/s needed to operate well. The ability to read and write these sounds easily and quickly is as fundamental to their success in reading and writing - as throwing and catching is in many team sports. Even at the top representative levels, coaches still incorporate in their training sessions the practice of fundamental skills to speed up execution.

So I encourage you, although your child may appear to know how to read and write these sounds, to practice every day. It improves their ‘automaticity’ - their ability to easily and quickly recall these sounds when reading and writing.

It is believed that most children who practice writing their sounds each day are stronger readers and writers.

While on the subject of homework- some children are up to writing out the lists that they have read successfully. If that is you then, where to write these words is your choice, however, if short of ideas then writing the words into your homework book would be fine.

This week the students made a story bag on the text “Giraffes can’t dance.” In this activity the students discussed and drew the most important parts of the story. Then we had 3/4A join us and in small groups the students of KLH retold the story.

One last thing… would anyone have a mulberry tree in their back yard or know someone who has so we can feed our class silk worms.

What’s On:
In K/1K news time we have recently introduced the use of who, what, when, where and why cards. These are used to direct students to give more information during their news time and think about what they want to say. Each student in the audience is given a card to hold during their classmate’s news time and at the end of the individual’s news the class reviews what aspects they covered and any they didn’t achieve are given to them as their goal to think about for the following week.

Students in the class have developed a good understanding of these and are reviewing their classmates’ news well, but when students are planning their news we would like to see them thinking about the different cards and what they may say to give as much information as they can during their news time.

When giving news students are beginning to look around at the cards their classmates are holding and use these words to help them give more information about their topic. Eventually the aim is that the students won’t need to have the cards in front of them as prompts as they will have developed the skills to think about these different points automatically when giving news.

What’s On:
Hello again.

We have been very busy in 1B.

In science we have been looking at the purpose and uses of different materials such as paper, plastic, metals and wood. We have built bridges in class using different materials, trying to make our bridges stable and strong enough for toy cars to drive across.

A fun game to play at home: **Salute.**

All you need is a deck of cards and 3 players. Take out picture cards so the deck is 2-10. Dealer gives one card to the two players face down. When the dealer says “salute”, each player raises their card to his or her forehead. The dealer states the total of the cards. Each player has to determine the value of the card being held to his or her forehead by looking at the other person’s card and subtracting this amount from the total. They could also ‘count on’ to find the answer. Swap dealers.

This is a great game to play with your child. If your child has trouble with any of the problems
work through the problems together. It is important that the game stays as a fun game and does not become stressful.

Class 2DP

What's On:
We have a super busy week this week with two special trips to Muswellbrook. We are really looking forward to meeting David Legge who is one of the authors in our 2DP Author X Factor. Last week the author Jez Alborough did not receive enough votes and was sent home. The authors who are still in the running to become the 2DP X Factor winner are Pamela Allen, Jackie French and of course David Legge.

In other news we are on track to have a fabulous Fairy Tale Ball. The recipes have been found and the shopping list is written. The children are enjoying using their problem solving and teamwork skills to make sure the event is a great success! Home reading and spelling homework are going really well with most students returning them to school to be changed or marked on the right days.

Class 3-4A

What's On:
3/4A have been practicing hard for the music performance night which will be held next Thursday the 12th of September at 6pm in the hall. We hope lots of you can come along to see all our musical talents. We are lucky enough to be able to go to an author visit in Scone tomorrow with David Legge. Please make sure that note has been returned by tomorrow. 3/4A will be doing an art activity next term that requires magazines. If you have any old ones at home that you could donate to us that would be greatly appreciated. Please drop into the office or send to our classroom.

Class 3-4P

What's On:
What a great time we all had at the Black Coal Cup today. It was fantastic to see the Knights players in Muswellbrook.

If your child has not already done so, please return the author visit note first thing in the morning. This excursion has no cost and it would be fantastic to see all students attend.

Please continue to practise times tables at home. We are practising in class but it would be fantastic if you could spare some time at home to do so as well.

Time for my fortnightly reminder to all about re-stocking your child’s pencil case. It has been a busy term and a lot of equipment really does need to be replaced. Lead pencils, glue sticks, rulers and scissors are the main culprits.

Class 5R

What's On:
This term we have been studying the text "Holes" by Louis Sachar. We have found it to be an interesting and enjoyable text with many themes and ideas to explore. Some of these include, racism, forgiveness, punishment and flashbacks. As a class we have had some engaging discussion around these and many other ideas related to the book. Last week it was pleasing to see so many members of the class purchasing books and showing a real interest in reading.

Some general reminders.
Please check to ensure your child has all the equipment they need, especially rulers and glue. Secondly it is important that you are up to date with all excursion payments. If you are unsure of where you are paid up to please contact the office to find out.

Class 6M

What's On:
A very warm welcome to Miss Carter! Miss Carter is thoroughly enjoying her time at APS and has already shared some very interesting facts about the stars and constellations with us. As part of our descriptive writing unit 6M has completed some outstanding Manga cartoons which are on display in the classroom. Each of our characters is unique and individual. Well done to all students who have participated in the auditions for Aberdeen’s Got Talent. We look forward to hearing which acts will be going through to the final round.

Mrs Thompson is again working with students in our class on some Personal Interest Projects. These projects are an excellent way for students to learn more about a specific topic as well as helping them to develop their time management skills. Finally, a reminder that our next payment towards the Sydney Excursion is now due.