PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

CONTACT DETAIL UPDATE
Each student has been given a printed record of their contact details today. Please check your details and update if necessary. Once you have done this please sign or initial the form and return it to the office as soon as possible. Even if there are no changes to be made, a signed returned form lets us know that you have checked the information and it is correct. Having current and correct information is essential in case we need to contact you in the event of an emergency. Thank you for your cooperation.

HOMEWORK
Homework routines are being established in all classrooms. I thought this was a timely opportunity to ask you to review and consider our homework policy. Please contact your child’s teacher if you would like to discuss your child’s homework or me if you would like to talk about any aspect of our homework policy.

ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL
HOMEWORK POLICY

RATIONALE
Homework is one method Aberdeen Public School employs to involve parents and students in a range of educational activities. Homework should be meaningful and provide opportunities for consolidation, extension or enrichment of school work. The use of homework in this way extends the education opportunities of students. Homework is also an important link between school and the home setting and should allow parents an insight into the work their child is completing at school and the needs of their child.

GUIDELINES:
• Regular homework will be set on week nights, Monday to Thursday. Additional tasks may be set according to the needs of the class program.
• Homework should take a student no more than: 10min Kindergarten, 15min Stage 1, 30min Stage 2 and 40min Stage 3.
• Children will be expected to complete homework unless parents request otherwise.
• When homework is consistently incomplete, over a 3 week period, the classroom teacher will notify parents.
• Parents will be notified by the class teacher at the beginning of the year as to the amount and type of homework that will be appropriate for each child at their stage level.

PARENT’S RESPONSIBILITY
Parents can enrich the homework experience through active interest and involvement.
• Make sure homework is completed satisfactorily.
• Contact the class teacher if difficulties are experienced.

STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITY:
Students can gain revision, consolidation and extension by completing homework tasks. It is the student’s responsibility to:
• Complete set homework and return it to school on the correct date.
• Complete set homework neatly.
• Inform class teacher if experiencing any difficulties with their homework tasks.

TEACHER’S RESPONSIBILITY
Teachers believe homework is a way to extend the teacher/parent partnership. It is the teacher’s responsibility to:
• Set homework according to the child’s stage and development level.
• Mark or follow up all activities that have been set for homework.
Notify parents when homework is incomplete. Please note: Teachers know that from time to time students are not able to complete homework tasks for a variety of reasons ranging from personal illness, personal activities outside of school hours, etc. When this happens parents are requested to write a short note to the class teacher.

Cross Country - General Consent Form
The school cross country is on this Friday 14th March for students 8 years and older. Students who have not returned their general consent form will not be able to participate as the event is held outside the school grounds. Please return your form to the front office as soon as possible.

General School Contributions
Our General School Contribution has been set at $25 per student or $45 per family for 2014. These funds assist us to provide additional equipment for your child/ren. For instance; crayons, dictionaries, photocopiable resources, art and craft supplies, computer equipment and computer software, reading material are some of the items this contribution helps us provide. You are welcome to pay the school contribution in one payment or in installments e.g. $10 per fortnight.

Michelle Floyd - Principal
Congratulations to our new grandparents of twin boys from the staff of Aberdeen Public School.

CANTEEN NEWS
We are open for business, thanks to a wonderful group of volunteers.
Open Monday and Friday. Orders are taken on both days for lunch only.
New products
We have some old favourites and some new taste sensations.
Pielettes: made by our fabulous volunteers on the premises.
Fresh cut fruit salad daily.
Look out on the board for specials. These will also be announced at morning assemblies.
The large pies have been discontinued but smaller pies are still available.
Please check the current price list sent home last week with the newsletter as some prices have needed to increase due to rise in costs.
Our canteen prices are still cost effective and there is something for every budget.
Prices start at 20 cents for pielettes and frozen pineapple rings.
Position vacant
Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers already registered on the roster.
We still have positions available for more wonderful parents, grandparents, aunt, uncles to help out and enjoy the pleasure we bring our little customers.
If you can help out for the morning, at recess or lunch to serve. All day or part day, please contact our roster co-ordinator Colleen Compton 0400 27 55 80.
Our canteen will only be able to stay open if we have volunteers to cover the roster.

SRC - Canteen News
SRC members are selling chips for $1.50 and ice blocks for 50c on Wednesday at lunchtime. Money raised supports the SRC.

SNAKE TAILS
The visiting performance Snake tails will be held next Tuesday 18th March in the school hall. Cost is $6 per child or $12 for 3 or more children. Please send in your money and permission notes so that your child may attend this excellent learning opportunity.

APS Sesquicentennial Trivia
Were you a student at Aberdeen Public School 26 years ago? Do you know what was buried in the time capsule?

FORTHCOMING DATES
March
Friday 14th - School Cross Country
Tuesday 18th - PSSA Netball Trials
Friday 21st - Snake Tails
Tuesday 25th - Willow Tree Horse Sports
Sunday 23rd - Youth Council Movie Night
Wednesday 26th – Fri 28th - Scone School Boys Rugby
Friday 28th - Seniors Day
Sunday 30th - Kia Ora Camp

April
Wednesday 9th - Zone Cross Country
Friday 11th - Willow Markets

Kids Matter Launch
Bullying No Way Day
Last Day Term 1