**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Unfortunately it has come to my attention that a number of our students are coming to school without breakfast. At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class, have no energy for playtime and snack on unhealthy foods, such as chips or biscuits. We are finding that many of these students eat their recess snack when they arrive at school, at recess they are eating their lunch and at lunch time they have nothing left to eat.

Every student should eat a healthy breakfast every day to ensure they have the best start for the day ahead. It also helps children to develop good habits that they can carry through life.

**Quick and easy breakfast ideas**

- Cereal with milk, yoghurt and/or fruit
- Wholegrain toast, raisin bread or muffins with a little polyunsaturated or monounsaturated margarine (not butter), fruit spreads, Vegemite or sliced banana
- Fresh fruit with yoghurt
- Fruit smoothies made with fresh or canned fruit
- Porridge with warm milk and stewed fruit

**Advanced Notice - Bullying No Way Day and KidsMatter Launch**

We will be holding a combined Bullying No Way Day and KidsMatter Launch on Wednesday 9th April. Mrs Pennell and Mrs Kerrigan are planning lots of relevant, interesting and enjoyable activities on this day. Parents, carers and friends are welcome to attend. More information will be in next week’s newsletter.

**Contact Detail Update**

Each student has been given a printed record of their contact details. 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 to all the parents who have returned their updated and correct contact details.

**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
1B  Matthew W. - for being persistent and trying his best.
1WH  Ziggy T. - fantastic comprehension of what he is reading.
2L  Melissa C. – taking pride in the presentation of her work at all times and being a considerate class member.
3R  Savanna W-G. - demonstrating excellent listening skills.
4A  Ashkara W. - for confidently talking about her thinking in maths.
4/5M  Sarah McM. - being a positive and attentive student in all areas.
6P  Bailey M. – for excellent mathematical skills.

Merit Awards

KK  Kiara G, Chloe A., Connor S, Gabby P.
1B  Travis D., Emily H., Hayden R., Caitlin T.
1WH  William G., Hunter F., Charlotte B., Harry D.
2L  Tate S., Koby S., Brayden G., Matilda H.
3R  Abigail M., Roy H., Jade H., Molly J., Daniel C.
4A  Brodie H., Trent R., Hayley D., Molly F.
4/5M  Monique D., Seth B., Breanna C., Hunter McG.
6P  Jonah P., Lachie D., Cassidee L.

Care Packages

Donations will be collected at the Willow Markets and in the APS Library before the markets for the wonderful care packages, made and sent to our soldiers, by Carole J and our very own Brayden R. If you are interested in making a donation you can drop them into me at the library or bring them on the day to Willow Markets.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR CARE PACKAGES

Travel size – shampoo, conditioner, roll-on deodorant, toothpaste, Toothbrushes, tissues, baby powder, wet wipes, dry skin lotion, face wash, toilet paper, face cream with spf…

Food – dried fruit, individual sachets of drinking chocolate, tea bags, lollies, chocolates, timtams, microwave popcorn, individual packets of chips or shapes, Extra chewing gum…

Stationery – pens, pencils, blank paper/cards, note pads, Sudoku, crosswords

Socks – black or white

For a more comprehensive list see me in the library.

P & C NEWS

P & C Meeting tomorrow night (Wednesday 19th March) at 6.30 in the Library. All welcome.
The P&C is holding a Easter Raffle. We are asking families to donate something to be used in the prizes. This could include Easter eggs, hot cross buns, colouring in books, pencils/crayons, cane baskets, anything that could be used in the raffle. All donations to please be dropped to the office by 2nd April. Raffle tickets will be sent home later in the week to all families. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards the playgroup equipment for the top oval.

LIBRARY NEWS

Up coming events

- In May years 3-6 will have a session with visiting author – Mark Greenwood

Willow Markets
The Willow Markets are just 2 weeks away. We would love to see you all there for a lovely family day out. There will be so many terrific things for the kids like The Balloon Bloke and Flicka Me Face Painting and Plaster Craft plus some Lucky Dips for both infants boys and girls and primary boys and girls.
The Willow Markets are a fundraising activity for the school library, please support our library 🐿️

FORTHCOMING DATES

**March**

- Wednesday 19th
- Friday 21st
- Friday 28th
- Sunday 30th

**April**

- Wednesday 9th
- Friday 11th

SCONE HOCKEY CLUB
We have competitions to suit all ages from u5,s to seniors competition.

Divisions
- Sat 5th April: u9,s $45, u18,s $90
- Fri 11th April: $160, Seniors

Online registration at [www.sconehockey.org.au](http://www.sconehockey.org.au)

We will have a “come and try it day” at Scone Sports Complex on Wednesday 26th March between 4pm and 6pm. We will also have members available to assist with any issues when completing the online registration.

Enquiries email: sconehockey@ozemail.com.au or Gary Davis 0428412483
Black Rabbit Found
If you have lost a pet black rabbit please call 65437315 or 0411 028 557.

Horse Festival Fun Run to include NEW 2km race
Scone Athletics Club, together with UHSC, will again be holding the Scone Motor Inn Fun Run as part of the Horse Festival in 2014. This year the event will be held on Sunday 4\textsuperscript{th} May at Invermien Stud. There will be a new distance of 2km on offer, in addition to the usual 5km and 10km. This will be a useful training distance for any students competing in cross-country events, as well as a great starting distance for anyone beginning their fitness journey.

Don’t forget there are 2 trophies for school teams. The teams can have runners from years K-3 or from years 4-6. Last year Scone Public School won the older category and St Marys the K-3 section.

Registration forms are available from the Council office in Scone, Scone Sports Store, or by emailing nwestern@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au. Entry fee is $10 for the 5/10km races and $5 for the 2km race. Registration will take place from 9am on the morning of the race, with the 5km and 10km races starting at 10am. The 2km race will start shortly after the other 2 races. There will be prizemoney and a trophy for overall race winners of the 5 & 10km races, and medallions for age group winners. There will also be medallions for all runners under 12 in the 2km race, plus a trophy for the male and female winners of the under 12 category.

For any more information contact Nicky Western on 0414-806074.

Watts the Movie!!
Enjoy the last of the warm weather with a movie under the stars.

What: Madagascar 3
When: 8:00pm, Friday March 28
Where: Elizabeth Park, Scone
Who: All are welcome
$20.00 per family (2 adult & up to 3 children)
$5 every additional child.
No pre paid tickets, pay on entry

The movie is a fundraiser for independent state candidate, Lee Watts
Lee Watts for people, not parties
www.leewatts.com.au

APS Sesquicentennial Trivia
A clipping from the Muswellbrook Chronicle December 1949!

ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL
JOTTINGS.
Tenders have been called for the levelling of the school playground. It is expected, if tenders are received, that this necessary work will be undertaken early next year.

Yearly examination results:
— 6th class: A. Taylor 1, R. Barter 2, P. La hay 3; 5th, J/Menzies 1, G. Ward 2, Ruth Claydon 3; 4A, B, A. Wilson 1, P. Asimus 2, L. Turnbull 3; 4B, M. Cumming 1, Les Thomas 2, Robert Cumberland 3; 3A, D. Avery 1, Robert O’Brien 2, Geoff Harrison 3; 3B, R, Clifford 1, J. Ball 1, Sandra Watson (equal) 2; 2A,, Pat Bailley 1, S, Blu ford 2, Janice Thomas 3; 1A, R. Day 1, P. McLaughlin 2, K. O’Connor 3; IB, C. Morgan 1, P. White, Sandra Martin

Attendance: The following children were present every school day this year: Geoffrey Bartier, Graham Ward, Noeline Tanner.

Junior Red Cross Branch: Through their membership of the Junior Red Cross Society the children are being trained to help those less fortunate than themselves. This year £11/5/10 was forwarded to headquarters by the branch.

Purchase of lawnmower: The P. and C. Association has authorised the purchase of a lawnmower for the school. In the past the work of keeping down the grass in the school garden had been very difficult, but now the task will be easier and will greatly add to the attractiveness of the garden.
Youth Council Movie Night

@ Aberdeen Public School
Graeme St, Aberdeen

Friday 21 March
6:00–8:00pm

You are invited - tell your friends

The Upper Hunter Youth Council invites you to come and watch a movie and hang out. Bring your friends. Bring your own beanbag.

- Date and Time: Friday 21 March. Arrive 5:45. Pick up 8:00pm
- Supervision: The event will be supervised. Attendees MUST stay at the event.
- Movie: G rated. Parents must sign a permission slip and pay at the door.
- Cost: $8 entry. The ticket price includes a hotdog, a bag of popcorn or chips, and a drink. Bags of lollies available to buy for $1.
- RSVP by putting your name on the list at your school office.
**CLASS NEWS:**

**Class KK**

What’s On:
We are continuing to practise and learn new sounds and words. We have been working on the sounds a, m, s, t, i, d, f, n, o, p, l and the sight words the, am, my, see, a, can, mum, dad, is, in, like (new learning in bold). Please continue to practise rhyming with your child as well as clapping the syllables in words. Saying the alphabet is also an important skill you can practise with your child. Reasonably priced alphabet charts can be purchased from BIG W, discount shops, etc. to display in a prominent position in the home (e.g. back of the toilet door, ceiling above child’s bed). In Maths we are working on forward counting sequences to 10 and 20, backwards counting from 10 and numeral identification to 10, adding numbers to 5, halves of objects and empty, full and part full to describe volume.

**Class 1B**

What’s On:
1B have had two very eventful weeks with lots of fun activities and a few challenging ones. Below you can see some photos of the wonderful work 1B have been doing and of course, the new XO Laptops that students are now using! We have been using the laptops to type and listen to our spelling words, type up some of our sentences and simply to have fun. We have also made what may possibly be the longest spelling chain I have ever seen and are enjoying the play dough supplied by Michelle Scott. Thank you very much; play dough spelling words is always a popular activity.

Reminder to all, that library is tomorrow - let’s see if everyone can remember their books! I am also still chasing paint shirts, we are about to start a new art project and it makes it difficult when students do not have paint shirts.

Once again, any parents or grandparents that have an extra hour in their day are more than welcome to come and help out in the classroom. Not only does it assist the teacher, but students enjoy having their parents and grandparents involved in the school and their learning. Please let me know if you would be free to lend a hand.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me.
**Class 1WH**

What's On:
We have been enjoying exploring all the amazing things our XO computers can do!

In maths we have been learning our odd and even numbers to 20. If you happen to be walking down the street you might like to talk to your child about the odd and even numbers on the mail boxes.

In writing we have been focusing on using really interesting words in our stories and checking our sentences make sense as we write them.

In reading we are practicing, after solving a word, to re-read the sentence to help maintain the meaning of the story. At home please encourage discussions about unknown words and check to see if your child actually knows what certain words mean. .... We have had some lovely discussions about slight misunderstandings .... ‘qu is for duck’..... Thank you to all for the reading that is going on at home.

Next week we will be performing the little poem... '30 days has September' for our Grandparent’s Day. A copy of the poem will come home. Those who haven't quite learnt it might like to brush up!

**Class 2L**

What's On:
Thank you to all the parents who sent in coat hangers and pegs. 2L have now completed our super-secret project with these items. We have made wind weather stations, and the children have enjoyed using the wind monitors and discussing their purpose and watching what happens.

Also we have finally got to use our new XO computers. So far the students have used painting and speaking programs. Over the following weeks we will use further programs and explore the computers at greater depth. To save on class noise it would be greatly appreciated if parents could buy a cheap pair of ear phones for them to use on these new computers. A cheap pair will do! Just make sure they have their names on them.

**Class 3R**

What's On:
Please check with your child to see if they have all the equipment they need. There are many students who do not have scissors, glue, rulers and pencils. Please help ensure your child is ready to learn.

The standard of homework this term has been pleasing. Many students are coming up with creative ways to present information related to our unit Day and Night. If your child is experiencing difficulty with their homework please let me know so I can assist them with it.

Regards, Mr Ramage

**Class 4A**

What's On:
4A did a fantastic job at the school cross country, it was fantastic to see them all having a go! Keep up the great work in class and with homework.

**Class 45M**

What's On:
Well done to all students who completed the school Cross Country on Friday!

In 4/5M we are focusing on “Being ready to learn”. Students are striving to be more organised, focused and attentive during lesson. It has been great to see class members showing outstanding leadership and encouraging each other to get the most out of lessons.

On Thursdays 4/5M have been working with Mrs Thompson to develop their research skills. We are currently discovering lots of information about Antarctic and Arctic animals and practising how to save files and presentations.

**Class 6P**

What's On:
Reminders to all:
- Your high school expression of interest forms are due back at school by Friday 21st March. Please hand them in.
- Bathurst excursion expression of interest notes and $50 deposit are being collected. We cannot book this excursion without confirmation of students attending.
- Don’t forget the Youth Council Movie Night on Friday night in the A.P.S. Hall.
- Best of luck to all students participating in the Group 21 Schoolboys Knockout at Scone on Sunday.