PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

Term 2 changes

We have had a few changes to class structures this term due to the number of new enrolments we have had, particularly into Years 2, 3 and 4. To reduce pupil numbers in these class rooms and ensure all students have the best possible opportunities we have formed 1-2B and 3-4 J. 1-2B is comprised of 1B and a group of Year 2 girls, there will be 20 students in this class. 3-4 J has been formed by taking some students from 3R, 4A and 4-5M. 3-4J’s classroom is situated in the Band room. All students will be taught and assessed on appropriate stage outcomes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Kerrigan on being appointed as Instructional Leaders at Aberdeen Public School. This is a new position that will involve Mrs Kerrigan working very closely with the teachers and students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2.

KidsMatter Morning Tea
Every fortnight I have the opportunity to have morning tea with a group of students who have been actively promoting our school values. Yesterday I invited Dylan, Jaxon, Zara, Jack and Matt for demonstrating responsibility, Callum, Joan and Austin for demonstrating confidence and Chloe for demonstrating respect to morning tea. It was a pleasure to spend time with these great school citizens.

One of the qualities we are striving to develop in our students is:

Confidence
Believing in yourself, having a positive self image and sense of self-worth along with a willingness to take risks.

Reminder - P&C Meeting Wednesday 21st 6:30

School Library
Meeting Agenda
* Canteen *Fete *Sesquicentenary * Inaugural Horse Sport Carnival * Behaviour Management
* Dealing with concerns or issues * Changes to class structures * Instructional Leader

Stage 2 Band Scholarship
We have received confirmation that we will again be able to offer scholarships to students in Stage 2 (Year 3/4) who would like to take up a musical instrument and join our school band. The only condition is that interested students have to commit to staying with the program for all of 2014. If your child would like to apply for a music scholarship please complete the form below. This scholarship will assist with fees incurred in Terms 2-4 2014.

Application for Stage 2 (Year3/4) Band Scholarship

My child ………………………………………………,
would like to apply for a scholarship to undertake music and band lessons in 2014. Both my child and I understand that they would need to commit to attending lessons throughout 2014.
Signed: ……………………………………….
Date: ……………………………………….

Assembly
There will not be a major assembly this Friday due to AusKick. Awards will be handed out at the normal morning assembly at 8.55am. Stage 3 awards will be handed out at Thursday mornings’ assembly.

Clothing Donations
As the cold weather approaches warmer clothing is required. If you find your child has grown out of last years clothing the school would be grateful for any donations for our clothing pool.

Label Clothing
As children are taking their jumpers off during the day as they warm up it is timely to remind you to please
label your child’s clothing clearly so that lost items can be returned. We have many items in our lost property area at the moment – please come and check.

Awards
Our award system is as follows:
10 awards OR 5 Principal’s = Level 1 = Badge
10 awards OR 5 Principal’s= Level 2 = Bronze Patch
10 awards OR 5 Principal’s= Level 3 = Silver Patch
10 awards OR 5 Principal’s= Level 4 = Gold Patch
10 awards OR 5 Principal’s= Honour student = Cap

Once your child has achieved 10 of the Merit or Kidsmatter awards or 5 Principal’s awards they bring them to the office where they will be stamped (they cannot be used more than once) and badges prepared for presentation on assembly. Awards will be able to run for the students’ time at Aberdeen Public School.

Congratulations to Malaki P. for winning the Tassie Devil colouring competition!

Michelle Floyd – Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Week 2 Term 2
KK Emily McM. - always trying to do her best.
1B Madison G. - for her improvements in Maths.
1WH Annabelle M. - always listening in class and consistently trying her best.
2L Brae M. - always being co-operative and helping his peers.
3R Brody K. - excellent work in writing.
4A Ashkara W. - fabulous work ethic during mathematics. Well done!
4/5M Jye F. – approaching tasks with a positive attitude and a sense of humour.
6P Cain Franklin – for commitment to his independent learning.

Week 3 Term 2
KK Gabriella P. - fantastic effort in developing her writing skills.
1B Toby S. - for his interesting writing ideas.
1WH William G. - for improving his classroom work.
2L Hallie D. - making a greater effort to complete tasks to better standard.
3R Montana F. - excellent attitude towards her work.
3/4J Toby G.- striving for excellence in writing.
4A Liam B. - excellent results in his daily “Maths in a minute quizzes”
4/5M Delta H. - striving to achieve her personal best.
6P Teahn C. – for excellent learning skills in all Key Learning Areas.

Merit Awards
KK Joan R., Cody P.
1B Emily H., Amelia W.
1WH Austin McG., Charlotte B.
2L Jack G., Amelia W.
3R Ella C., Lila B.
3/4J Jade H., Daniel McC.
4A Shantelle B., Kobii C.
4/5M Seth B., Tommy D.
6P Taylah H., Gordon B.

Kids Matter Awards
KK Connor L. Honesty
Preston B. Confidence
1B Lexie W. Honesty
Hayden R. Confidence
1WH Charlotte W. Honesty
Harry D. Confidence
2L Faith R. Resilience
Jae D. Confidence
3R Ryan P. Honesty
Toby B. Responsibility
Callum D. Success
4A Mason C. Respect
Cullen S. Responsibility
4/5M Hayley M. Honesty
Josh E. Confidence
6P Lachie D. Responsibility
Jack S. Persistence

P & C NEWS
P & C Meeting this Wednesday 21st May at 7.30pm in the Library.

Canteen Roster
A huge thank you to all our volunteers in the canteen. Things are running really well with sales increasing every day.
A special thank you to those who have filled in on short notice. Still having a few teething problems with the roster.
Due to volunteers’ paid work rosters and the addition of new volunteers there have been some small changes to the roster.
Mostly the changes are less shifts for most people.
A copy of this terms roster is on the notice board at the front of the canteen and a full years’ roster is posted on the notice board inside the kitchen. The roster will also be advertised in the school newsletter. Please check these rosters for new information.

If you would like a copy emailed to you please send me a txt with your details or email and I will forward you a copy.

This week is our next P and C Meeting. If you have any suggestions for the canteen, come along we would love to hear them. You can also drop a note into the office for the committee or speak to a committee member.

Thank you again for your support both as customers and volunteers.
Colleen Compton
0400275580 colleencowley@live.com.au

**Australian IRONKIDS Race**

We recently went away on holidays to “Port Macquarie” and our son Drew W (4/5M) entered his 1st "Australian IRONKIDS Race" against 200 other children. He raced on the morning of Sunday 4th May. Drew had to do a 40 meter swim in the Hastings River and a 1km run at Westport Park. He absolutely loved it and got a medal for his efforts and wants to return next year to do it again. We are so proud of his efforts. It's a great example of the variety of different sport choices there are that you can do to stay fit, active and healthy and that not all sports need to be a team sport.

**Read-a-Thon**

How are you all going with the read-a-thon? It will finish on 26th May. Please finalise your sponsor payments and return to school as soon as possible. The major prize is a 7” eTouch Tablet for the student who raises the most money. The will be other prizes for 2nd and 3rd top money raisers.

**Fundraising**

We are getting closer to having enough money to paint the inside of the Library which is very very exciting. If the market continues and we keep raising money for the library, I will look into having some much needed repairs and structural work done as well as replacing the aging shelves.

**JUST FOR MUM**

This week there will be an Oasis Homewares fundraiser in the library. Come up and have a look at the gorgeous products, buy something for your home or for a gift and help to raise the money to have the library painted inside 😊

Oasis will give a $40.00 voucher to be raffled

plus 10% of sales

plus $10 for each style session booked within 21 days of the event

**Willow Markets**

The next Willow Markets is on 29th June. It is our 1st Birthday Celebration. If any parents have any ideas for including student/classes in the day I welcome your suggestions and help 😊

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Author Visit**

**FORTHCOMING DATES**

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| Friday 6th       | PSSA Touch Football|               |
| Friday 20th      | Cessnock Horse Sports |               |
| Monday 23rd      | Science Show     |               |
UPPER HUNTER SHIRE YOUNG ENDEAVOUR SCHEME 2014
Are you interested in the adventure of a lifetime?
Are you aged between 16 and 23 & live in the Upper Hunter Shire area?
Do you participate in community, school or sporting groups?
Then get nominated for a chance to sail on the Young Endeavour
Nominations close Friday, 13 June 2014
For more information contact Jodie Phelps 6540 1142 or Justine Witney 6521 7046
or visit www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

“All those amazing stories you hear, well they are true.
The experience is amazing” Cassandra Wright
“It is the best experience of your life” Justin Gillis
“It is by far the most rewarding and most enjoyable time you will ever have!” Brock Lloyd

Technology Club Invitation
Guess what? Technology Club is on again. This time it will be on in Murrurundi, Scone & Merriwa
Excellent idea. I think it will be fun to all link up via video at the end of the night and swap ideas

Technology Club Details
WHEN: Tuesday 27 May
WHERE: Scone Library, Merriwa CTC, and Murrurundi CTC
TIME: 5:30pm until 7:00pm
COST: $5 which covers entry and a snack & drink
WHO: Students in years 3, 4, 5 & 6
WHAT: You can bring a device – tablet or iPod, and we will also have equipment there so everyone is welcome
RSVPs are ESSENTIAL – Please PTO & read carefully

Technology Club RSVP Details
Technology Night RSVPs are done via email: mspora@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au
After the RSVP is received an email will be sent advising apps to download before the event. Please RSVP before Monday 26 May
When you RSVP please indicate if you will be attending the Merriwa, Murrurundi or Scone venue. Places are limited and will be on a first in basis. Please note, this event is for Primary School students only.
This a supervised event put on by the Upper Hunter Youth Council, Scone Library, Merriwa and Murrurundi CTC centres and Murrurundi Youth Centre. Money can be paid on the night. Parents also need to bring their child in to register and sign a release form.
Enquiries: Mary Spora 6540 1169
For more details on the Technology Club please visit our website
www.upperhunteryouthcouncil.com.au
CLASS NEWS:

Class KK

What’s On:
Students are having a fantastic time at Auskick each Friday. All students are really enjoying this great program that is developing their gross motor skills.
The introduction of News and Home readers has been going very well. Thank you to all of those parents assisting their child in being prepared for News on their given day and also to those consistently completing and returning Home readers.
In class, students have started learning two different Nursery rhymes, Three Blind Jellyfish and The Grand Old Duke of York. We will be doing lots of practice of these to prepare us for the upcoming Eisteddfod.

Just a reminder, please ensure you have your child’s name on their clothing as we are having a lot of jackets and jumpers left behind and it is much easier to return them when labelled, thank you.
If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and visit me in the classroom or contact me at school.

Class 1B

What’s On:
Well we have had a very exciting fortnight, welcoming 6 Year 2 students into our class.
In literacy Year 1 are look at the ‘sl’ and ‘br’ blend this week and Year 2 are looking at word endings and the ‘eg’ word family. We have also been looking at onomatopoeia’s in writing, creating some great little stories that really go off with a BANG! In maths we have been working on telling the time and counting on to solve number problems. In science this week we are continuing to look at spaghetti and how it can be used and changed.
Reminder: Library for both Year 1 and Year 2 is on Wednesday, so don’t forget to bring your books back to return.

Class 1WH

What’s On:
What a busy couple of weeks we have had! In HSIE we have been learning about The Way We Were. We are comparing our toys with our grandparents’ toys. The children have been asked to bring in a toy or a photograph of a toy belonging to their parents or grandparents. Some great toys have been bought in already.
In Science we are investigating the changes of everyday materials. Last week we looked at cooked spaghetti. We made pictures with it. They are hanging in the classroom, come and have a look!
In PDH we are learning about success and sharing examples of our success. We are also learning Ready, Set, Go! You Can Do It. We are learning about are Charlie Confidence, Penny Persistence and Olivia Organisation.
We are continuing with the AUSKICK lessons. We wrote about it last week:
‘On Friday we went to AUSKICK. Christina was our teacher. We kicked the ball.’ Jacob
‘On Friday I did AUSKICK. I kicked the ball and I did a chest mark. I puncted too.’ Chloe
‘At AUSKICK we dribbled a ball. I threw and caught a ball while walking to the cone. Our teacher is Christina.’ Charlotte W
‘At AUSKICK we learned skills and my favourite skill was kicking. My second favourite skill was the chest mark but all of them were really hard. Angus
A good start to homework return this term, keep it coming! A reminder that Home Readers need to be returned every day.

Class 2L

What’s On:
Farewell to Ms Beer who has spent the last 2 weeks in our class as a teacher in training. She enjoyed getting to know the students and developing her understanding of teaching. Ms Beer particularly noticed the friendliness and resilience of the students in the class.
During literacy we have been playing fact or fib. We read ‘To think that I saw it on Mulberry Street’ by Dr Suess. After the book each student wrote a sentence about something that happened in the book. Students then took turns reading their sentence to everybody and we discussed whether it was a fact (it happened) or a fib (didn't happen). It was great to see how some students were very creative in their writing and trying to trick their peers. This activity also reflected the students’ comprehension of the text and their understanding.
In Mathematics we have been working on times tables / groups of. The students have shown a growing confidence in the process required and knowledge of quickly forming answers. The past week we have been looking at 0 to 6 times tables. This week we are turning our attention to 7 to 12 times tables. Keep practicing the homework set each week as it is directly linked to what is being learnt in the classroom.
Class 3R
What’s On:
Last week was a gruelling week for many in 3R. It was their first taste of NAPLAN but they did very well. We did a lot of practise in class to ensure students were well prepared for the format of the tests. The most challenging part for many was to be totally silent for all the testing. The students were very respectful of each other and the protocol that had to be followed during this time.

Class 3/4J
What’s On:
Congratulations to Year 3 for enduring all of the NAPLAN practice and exams!
We are settling in well, starting to get things up on the walls and find a routine that works. I am in the process of putting together a plan for some personal interest projects and a change to homework, I will keep you informed.
If you get a chance, come in and say "Hi" and let your child/children show you around.
Reminders:
• Homework is now due on Thursday, as I am not in on Fridays
• If everyone could bring in a box of tissues and an old shirt/apron for art I would appreciate it.
Thank you, Renee Jones.

Class 4A
What’s On:
Could I please remind all parents to make sure their children have all the equipment they need each day, in particular red and blue pens, pencils, rubber, sharpeners, ruler and glue. Thankyou to the families who have already welcomed our garden buddy 'Frankie,' he is helping us to explore the gardens of our students and assist us in our science unit this term. Each student will take Frankie home for 2 nights during term.

Class 4/5M
What’s On:
Well done to our Year 5 students who sat the NAPLAN tests last week. This week we are settling back into normal class routines and focusing on working cooperatively with our classmates.
Keep a look out for information coming home about our Public Speaking Program. Students will start discussing topics and the structure of their speeches in the next few weeks. This is a valued part of our curriculum and it is important that all students have a go at presenting to the class.

Class 6P
What’s On:
The year 6 shirt had to be changed to accommodate some design issues. We now have everything under control and ordered. It is hoped that the shirts will be here ready to begin Term 3. Fingers crossed!
This term requires quite a lot of organisation by the students. The PSSA sporting games are in full swing, the SRC is very active, Year 6 is already thinking about the Mini Fete (believe it or not) and there is still work that needs to be done in class. Please encourage your child to use their diary to keep on top of the homework that is expected to be completed at different times during the week.

6P working with 2D shapes and dimensions