PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

School Behaviour Code
Included in this newsletter is a copy of the school behaviour code. This code was reviewed at last week’s P&C meeting and has been included in this newsletter for your perusal. If you would like to discuss any aspect of our behaviour code please contact me, I am more than happy to listen to your views and opinions.

PSSA Netball
Last Friday our netball team played Singleton Heights PS. Our team was outclassed but they did not give up, enjoyed the opportunity and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. Mrs Hill was very proud of this team and the way they conducted themselves. Well done!

PSSA Rugby League
Last Friday our school rugby league team defeated Scone PS (28 to 12). This means that they progress to round 2 of this competition and will play Muswellbrook South PS this Thursday at McKinnon Oval Aberdeen. Well done and good luck boys!

Junior Dance Group
Last week, our Junior Dance group received notification that they are invited to perform at the Hunter Dance Festival. Congratulations girls and boys.

Don’t forget the Disco
When: Thursday
Where: School Hall
Time: K-2 5:30 - 6:45pm / Years 3-6 7pm -8:30
Please ensure sausage sizzle orders are in by tomorrow, 28th May as catering needs to be finalised.

Student Behaviour Code
All students who attend Aberdeen Public School are expected to follow our school behaviour code.
- Be in the right place at the right time doing the right thing
- Be honest
- Always be polite and use good manners
- Follow the teachers' directions
- Respect the rights of others
- Play safely, work safely
- Learn as much as you can
- Let others learn as much as they can

We expect all students to follow this code in the classroom, in the playground and at all school related events. If students do not meet the school behaviour expectations there are consequences.

In the playground
The consequence for poor playground behaviour are timeout (withdrawal from play privileges) or detention, depending on the nature of the behaviour. A letter will be sent home outlining the poor playground behaviour after 3 detentions. If the inappropriate behaviour continues further consequences may be introduced e.g. withdrawal from involvement in school representative sports, school excursions or other school events.

Home school communication system relating to in class behaviour
- If a student is not following our behaviour code they will receive a verbal warning.
- If the student continues to disregard our behaviour code they will receive another warning and their name will be written on the board.
- On the next occasion an X will be placed next to child’s name and they will be sent to another classroom for time out.
• If the child behaves inappropriately for a fourth time they will be placed on detention and a note will be sent home outlining their behaviour. You will be asked to discuss the behaviour with your child, sign the note and return it to school.

This is a sample of the letter that will be sent home.

Date: ______________

Dear Parents,
Today your child ___________________________ was placed on detention for breaking our class rules. The following rules were broken:

Name placed on the board:

(WARNING)
X next to child's name:

(Time out from classroom – student sent to ……………………………………… )
XX next to child's name:

(Child placed on detention)

During detention this behaviour was discussed with your child, and it is hoped that you will discuss this with him/her. Please sign this note and return it to school tomorrow.

__________________                  ________________
Teacher                                                         Principal

___________________ Parent's Signature

If you would like to discuss this practice, or any other school related matter, with me please feel free to contact the office to organise a mutually convenient time. Please remember that by communicating and working together, we can make a difference for your child.

Michelle Floyd – Principal

P & C NEWS

Parent Conduct
While we respect the view to freedom of speech, we encourage parents to sit down and discuss their concerns with school staff respectfully. It has come to the attention of the P & C that at times members of the school parent body have been verbally aggressive to staff and have posted grievances against the school on social media. No community is without conflict and there are correct ways and procedures to deal with issues that occur.

Please remember the school yard is not always a reliable source of accurate information. Our teaching staff are very open when investigating situations at school and if parents remain open to communication then the best outcome for our children can be achieved. Our children are being encouraged at school to respect others and we as adults can help support this message in the way we conduct ourselves in our community.

If you have any questions or issues about the classroom or students please speak to your class teacher or make an appointment to see Mrs Floyd. If you have ideas or criticism of other school community issues, please send a signed letter to the P and C Committee so we can address them immediately, or attend a meeting. The more members we have the better we can represent our school community.

Decision Making
It was also brought to the Committee’s attention that there were flaws in the current decision making process used by the P and C. This was clarified and corrected at Wednesday’s meeting. The process now adheres to P and C Federation Regulations and is as follows:

Any member of the school and local community may attend the advertised meeting and discuss or present any matter brought at general business. If a decision needs to be made anyone present can bring forward a motion that is then seconded and passed for voting. Only financial members can vote for, against or abstain the motion put forward. A financial member is someone who has paid the yearly committee fee of $2 and their name is minuted at a previous meeting. A person cannot pay membership and vote in the same meeting. The committee membership fee is payable once only per calendar year and can be paid at any meeting throughout the year. The school principal has no voting rights.

If you have any questions regarding this or any matter please contact one of the P and C executive Members.

New playground equipment
The committee approved the design and expenditure of $23,000 for the installation of new playground equipment. It is hoped that the equipment will be fully installed on the top oval for the start of term 3. Several designs were presented based on a survey the children were involved in last year.

Horse Sports Carnival
The P and C is happy to support the inaugural Aberdeen Public School P and C Horse Sports to be held 29th August 2014. Planning is well under way but more help is needed to approach businesses with a pre-prepared sponsor pack to encourage support from local businesses. If you are able to help hand deliver some of these letters then please leave your contact details with the front office.

We hope that the horse sports day will be an annual event and fundraiser where the community as a whole can lend their support for some talented children and raise funds for new school initiatives.
School Disco
All disco notes MUST be returned to the office by 9am tomorrow. School Disco is on this Thursday K-2 5.30pm-6.45pm 3-6 7pm-8.30pm.

Canteen Roster
Friday 30th May
Kelly McMahon
Fiona Walton-Gilbert
Tanya Hine
Catheryn Henry

Monday 2nd June
Leah Bateman
Sandy Morrison

Netball
On Friday the 23rd May, 10 girls, Macey Irving, Tahlah Hall, Sabrina Dever, Kasey Pidgon, Jordan Bowd, Cassidee Loyd, Emma Palmer, Breanna Connet, Darci Duffin and Ashley Flaherty, represented APS in the PSSA Netball Round Robin. We had a bye in the first round and then went on to meet a very accomplished Singleton Heights in round 2. The girls were a pleasure to take away and have returned keen to continue. Thank you to Miss Teague for all your assistance in coaching. Together we would like to start building a stronger netball culture within our school. Great work girls.

Rugby League
LIBRARY NEWS

Read-thon
The read-a-thon finished yesterday, can you please collect and return your sponsorship forms and money by Thursday so that the winner of the eTouch Tablet can be announced. It will finish on 26th May. Thank you to those students who have returned their money already!

This is run every 2 years and it is the major library fundraiser for families. Our library building is 100 years old and in need of repairs and maintenance which the Government does not fund. I rarely hold fundraisers and ask our school community to contribute as I know there are many other school fundraising activities that happen throughout the year, so it is disappointing that not many families support the fundraising efforts for the library. A lot of time and effort goes into organising them for very little return.

Library Monitors

Thank you to my wonderful Library Monitors for the wonderful commitment you have made to keeping the library running smoothly, I really appreciate your help.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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Will you recognise a stroke?

One in six people will have a stroke in their lifetime. But stroke can be prevented.

Book now to learn how to recognise and prevent a stroke

- When: Thursday 5th June
- Time: 1:30pm - 3:00pm
- Where: Scone Neighbourhood Centre
  130 Liverpool Street, Scone

6545 2562
**Family Fun Day**

Sunday 8th June 2014
10am-2pm Kid's Safety Shows - Nonstop Entertainment

*Hunter Region*

**Sid and Kids Red Nose Day**

HUNTER REGION

*For More Info Call 02 4969 3177*

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**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 loqo, and we will also have equipment there so everyone is welcome

RSVPs are ESSENTIAL – Please PTO & read carefully

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**Nutrition Snippet**

**The simplest way to add healthy snacks in lunch boxes**

Snacks are an important part of a healthy diet for active children. Kids have little tummies so they need small amounts of food often. Try these simple & healthy snack ideas in your kid’s lunchbox:

- **Popcorn:** plain air-popped popcorn (without salt or butter) mixed with sultanas and dried apple
- **Dried fruit snack packs:** buy them ready made, or make your own at home in reusable containers
- **Fruit salads:** buy small tubs of diced fruit in natural juice, or cut up small pieces of fruit and make your own
- **Crackers & veg:** slice up some avocado or tomato with some rice crackers

It’s scientifically proven that kids like smaller portions – so cutting up fruit + veg will ensure it’s eaten every day!

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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**Nutrition Snippet**

**The simplest way to include all 5 food groups in a Lunch Box**

A well packed lunch box will provide your kids with the energy they need to learn and play. Remember to include lunch box items from the 5 food groups:

- **Breads and cereals:** Try wholemeal bread, wraps and pita. Or try pikelets, rice cakes or homemade muffins and slices.
- **Fruit:** Should be a lunch box staple as its high in fibre, vitamins and minerals. Serve fruit in fun ways: try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly.
- **Veggies:** Pack carrot and celery sticks with hummus or salsa, or a cold zucchini slice.
- **Low Fat Dairy:** Cheese slices, yoghurts and custards are all great lunch box items.
- **Lean Protein:** Include a variety of sandwich fillings: cooked chicken, tuna, egg or roast meat. Legumes like red kidney beans and chickpeas are a good source of protein and fibre.

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