**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**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.

**Cricket**
Congratulations go to our school cricket team and Mr Larnach. Our team defeated Muswellbrook PS last week. Their next game will be against King St PS. Well done girls and boys.

**Scone Horse Festival Parade**
Our school is entering a float in the Scone Horse Festival Parade this Saturday 10th May. It would be wonderful if your child could participate in this event. The theme for this year is “Equine on the Front Line”. Children who are participating will need to come dressed in “army themed” clothing eg. pants, boots, caps, helmets etc., in dark green, brown or camouflage colours or a nurses outfit. Children will need to meet Mrs Kerrigan at the corner of Guernsey and Kingdon Streets at 9.45am. Please note the roads will be closed at 10am.

If your child would like to participate please return the permission note to the school by Friday 9th May 2014.

**Scone Horse Festival Permission Slip**
I give permission for my child _________________ to participate in the Scone Horse Festival Parade on Saturday 10th May 2014. I understand I will need to collect my child/children at the conclusion of the parade.

**Bullying** is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyber bullying refers to bullying via the internet or mobile phone. Bullying can involve humiliation, domination, intimidation, victimisation and all forms of harassment. It can be:

- **verbal** e.g. name calling, teasing, abuse, putdowns, sarcasm, insults, threats
- **physical** e.g. hitting, punching, kicking, scratching, tripping, spitting
- **social** e.g. ignoring, excluding, ostracising, alienating, making inappropriate gestures
- **psychological** e.g. spreading rumours, dirty looks, hiding or damaging possessions, malicious SMS and email messages, inappropriate use of camera phones.

Conflict or fights between equals and single incidents are not defined as bullying. **Bullying behaviour is not:***

- children not getting along well
- a situation of mutual conflict
- single episodes of nastiness or random acts of aggression or intimidation.

Aberdeen PS is committed to ensuring a safe and happy environment for all students. We believe we can achieve this if everyone (students, teacher and parent/carer) works together to help stop bullying, together we can make a difference! If every person in the school does the same thing when they see someone being bullied we can collectively stamp out bullying at our school.

We are encouraging our students to be **Bully Busters not a Bystander!**
A Bully Buster does the following:

- If they see someone fighting or arguing never step in to stop it, this could end up in you being hurt, instead go and get help. Be a Bully Buster, not a bystander. Don’t stand and watch as this
can encourage the bully even more because you are giving him or her an audience.

- Tell a teacher what you have seen happen or write it down, saying the four Ws: WHO, WHAT, WHERE and WHEN - this way you state all of the facts and not because you have been told rumours. Hand it to a teacher and allow them to deal with it.

- Approach the person who is being bullied and ask them if they are ok; by doing this you are supporting the person and showing them that you do care about them and they have a friend. You are also showing the bully that you think what they are doing is wrong without getting involved in an argument.

- If you are friends with the bully ask them to leave them alone; bullies aren’t always nasty to everyone, you might feel a friend of yours is doing the wrong thing and you should be able to tell them they are wrong.

At Aberdeen PS we strive to provide opportunities for all students to participate in a range of curricula and extra-curricula experiences and most of the time we do so successfully. We do, however, recognise that at times issues may arise that are of concern to you. If so please contact the school to discuss these with Mrs Floyd or a member of our teaching staff. If we are not aware of concerns or grievances, then we do not have the opportunity to remediate our mistakes or alleviate your concerns.

Due to family reasons Mrs Floyd will not be at school until Monday 12th May.

Michelle Floyd - Principal

Scone Horse Sports
Congratulations to Mikayla C., Luke D. and Meagan P. who competed in the Scone Horse Sports on Monday. Mikayla collected 6 ribbons for her efforts in a range of events. Unfortunately, Luke’s horse “Bushfire” was not very cooperative on the day. Meagan, Luke and Mikayla all said they enjoyed the opportunity to compete at Scone and are looking forward to Aberdeen PS hosting its own Horse Sports Day in August. Well done, Team!

KidsMatter Awards are being handed out during break times to students demonstrating the values of Respect, Responsibility, Confidence, Happiness, Persistence, Success, Resilience and Honesty. Awards are placed in a class box and a student from every class is drawn out each fortnight to have morning tea with Mrs Floyd. Morning tea will be supplied.

Kids Matter Awards

KIDSMATTER AWARDS
MORNING TEA
The following students will join Mrs Pennell for morning tea tomorrow:

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PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Week 11 Term 1

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<td>- excellent work in literacy groups.</td>
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<td>Dakota B.</td>
<td>- for her continuous persistence when learning new things.</td>
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<td>Logan S.</td>
<td>- working really hard to learn his sight words.</td>
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<td>Amelia W.</td>
<td>- consistently maintaining a high standard of work in all learning areas.</td>
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<td>Zara K.</td>
<td>- Excellent effort in writing.</td>
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<td>Kynan B.</td>
<td>- consistent high effort in mathematics.</td>
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<td>Kasey-Leigh P.</td>
<td>- showing an outstanding work ethic at all times.</td>
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<td>Riley J-M.</td>
<td>- always being a willing helper in class.</td>
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<td>- always focusing and trying to do her best.</td>
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<td>Summer D.</td>
<td>- for always giving her best.</td>
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<td>Rossi L.</td>
<td>- beautiful manners, excellent listening, caring for others and working well.</td>
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<td>Brae M.</td>
<td>- always willing to help his peers when needed.</td>
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<td>Liam H.</td>
<td>- excellent effort in writing</td>
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<td>Elizabeth D.</td>
<td>- application in all areas of learning.</td>
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<td>Jye F.</td>
<td>- being a friendly, happy and cooperative class member</td>
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<td>Seth W.</td>
<td>- keeping on with an ever positive attitude.</td>
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Merit Awards

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<td>Dominic K., Rhys N.</td>
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P & C NEWS

LIBRARY NEWS

Author Visit
Today we had our Author visit with Mark Greenwood. The response was very poor and it was disappointing that only 50 3-6 students attended the performance.

We were offered this opportunity because Mr Greenwood’s latest book “Midnight” was written about a local horse that was in the Regiments of the Australian Light Horse that was a part of the one of the last great cavalry charges in history.

This is a really interesting and relevant topic with a touch of local history and we were fortunate to be offered the opportunity to have such a celebrated author in our school. I hope those students who attended really enjoyed the performance.

Read-a-Thon
This term we will be holding our bi-annual Read-a-Thon to raise money for the library. It will start on 12th May and finish on 26th May. There will be wonderful prizes for the students who raise the most money. Forms will be going home later this week.

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/class in the day I welcome your suggestions and help :)

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.

Fundraising

FORTHCOMING DATES

May
Thursday 8th Mother’s Day Stall
Saturday 10th Horse Festival Parade
Tuesday 13th – 15th NAPLAN
Wednesday 14th Zone Touch Trials
Wednesday 21st P & C Meeting
Thursday 29th Sesquicentenary Meeting

June
Monday 2nd K – 2 Eisteddfod
Friday 20th Fruit & Vege Month begins
Monday 23rd Cessnock Horse Sports
Monday 23rd Science Show

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THURSDAY
22nd May
10.30 am

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CLASS NEWS:

**Class KK**

**What’s On:**
In Kindergarten we have been busy getting back into routine this term. I am thoroughly enjoying working with Kindergarten and all students appear to be settling in well with the change. Kindergarten’s library day will stay the same for this term, Tuesday afternoons.

Students are beginning news in class this week. Please assist your child in being prepared for their news day (as outlined on the note sent home). Home readers have also started for Kinder this week. Children are to read the book to an adult who then comments and signs the home reader record card. The books are returned to school and exchanged for another, however, readers will not be sent home over the weekend. In the folder you will also find an information sheet and a bookmark which may assist you.

Any parents who would like to come in to help during class time are more than welcome. Our literacy group rotations are the most beneficial time and this will occur during the middle session, 11:30am until 1pm. Thank you.

**Class 1B**

**What’s On:**
Welcome back! I hope everyone has a great, exciting, adventurous, safe and relaxing break. I know I did.

For spelling this term we are focusing on beginning blends and sight words. As blends can be challenging I ask that you try and do as much extra, but not tiresome blend work at home as you can. Activities can include highlighting or cutting out blends in newspapers and magazines, writing the blend where they say each sound separately then as a whole, you can also use letter tiles from scrabble to make words using the weekly blends.

If you still have the PLAN Feedback to Parents sheet provided to all who attended parent teacher interviews, it is a great idea to keep working through the suggested activities in your own time.

**Housekeeping:**
Homework and Home readers have been sent home this week and will continue until week 9. If there are ever any concerns about the homework or home reading please feel free to send in a note or see me. In Term 2 library will continue to be on Wednesday, so remember those wonderful library bags!

Once again I ask for parent helpers, it may only be an hour of your time once or twice a fortnight, but it really does mean a lot to the myself and the students. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you or a grandparent would like to come in.

Our class Superstar has started again this term. Students who are selected as a superstar receive 1B’s famous Edna the Echidna over the weekend and are asked to write in Edna’s book some of the fun activities they get up to! 1B asks that Edna stays safe while sleeping over at your place and returns back to school after the weekend with her book, bucket, badge and bag.

The students have been learning a new card game in class called “24”. It is a little tricky, so best played with the help of a parent or older sibling.

**Class 1WH**

**What’s On:**
Welcome back to Term 2! We have enjoyed hearing about all the fun things the children got up to in the holidays.

This term in we will continue with reading groups, practicing and developing our skills every day. In writing we will continue to write lots of different kinds of stories. In Science we are learning about how things change. We have lots of exciting experiments planned! In HSIE we will be learning about The Way We Were. Get ready for lots of questions about what it was like when you were a kid! In Creative Arts we are having a drama focus to prepare us for our Eisteddfod item.

Homework has also begun. This term we have a home reading chart to which we will add a sticker each time we swap our home reader.

For the next four weeks we welcome Miss Carter into our class room. We are very much looking forward to her fresh ideas and enthusiastic ways. Miss Carter is completing her final year teaching practicum.

**Class 2L**

**What’s On:**
Welcome back to another exciting term! I hope that all the students have been well rested as this term is going to be even busier. In the past week the students of 2L have settled back into their fantastic daily routine. Students have worked hard to bring in their home reader daily to change. These home readers should be easy for the students to read, and with some texts getting longer, it’s OK if some books are read over 2 days, but please bring the book back in as I regularly check student progress and how they are going.

This week we have started homework, which is due every Friday.
For the next two weeks the class shall have a teacher in training from the University of New England. Her name is Ms Gabrielle Beer. I know we will all make her feel welcome to our awesome class!

Class 45M

Welcome back for Term 2!
We have made an energetic start to the term. Each day this term we are aiming to complete a fitness activity, which not only warms us up and helps us make a focused start to the day, but also challenges us to improve our fitness throughout the term. As a class we have been preparing for the upcoming NAPLAN assessments. Please ensure students are well rested over the coming week and are eating a healthy breakfast to start their day. Our Library day will change this term to Thursdays. Please encourage your child to borrow from our library and read to you at home.

Class 6P

The students had a fantastic time at Auskick on Friday. This is a great program that will enhance and improve their gross motor skills. Congratulations to the cricketers on their win against Muswellbrook P.S. on Friday. All the best in your 3rd round match vs Singleton in the very near future.
Today we were fortunate to have Mark Greenwood (visiting author) with us today to speak about The History Hunter. It was very unfortunate that not many of our notes were returned and so only a few students were able to participate in this activity. This term the students will be learning all about Gold with Mrs Wither. They will be linking this knowledge to the Chemical Sciences unit and learning about the way different substances combine to form reversible and irreversible changes.