PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

At the moment Mrs Floyd is having a well-deserved break and is on Long Service Leave. We wish her a wonderful holiday as she travels to the Northern Territory and Western Australia. I will be relieving as Principal until the end of the term.

Reports

Teachers are busy writing our Semester 1 Reports at the moment. Due to the implementation of the English NSW Syllabus for the Australian curriculum in the reports will vary slightly from previous years. Assessment for English is an overall mark and not broken into the strands; reading and viewing, speaking and listening, writing and representing and expressing themselves. However, the teachers’ comments will certainly be based on these areas. As each new curriculum is implemented, the reports will change to accommodate any differences.

KidsMatters

We are a Kids Matters school and everyone is expected to prioritise the values of happiness, honesty, confidence, persistence (not nagging), resilience, respect and success. Students are being taught about each of these values in class and are assisted to practise them in class and in the playground. I was delighted to have morning tea with Ava, Matthew, Courtney, Kynan, Kate, Hollie, Austin, Jonah and Callum who have been actively promoting our school values. Thank you to those students for a fun time!

Canteen

We are fortunate that our canteen is back in business and being run so successfully. Parents give up their free time to work on the canteen and we thank you. At present we are promoting the slogan “Money and Manners” as some students are forgetting to be on their best behaviour in lines and to say please and thankyou. Of course credit is not given, so students must have enough money to cover their purchase.

Music

The students enjoyed a thoroughly enjoyable performance by guitarist Lorin Nicholson. The students described his performance as “awesome” – high praise indeed! At the cost of $2 per student, it was great value for money. We would like to thank the RSL for subsidising this performance to ensure that as many students as possible could be involved. Thanks to Mrs O’Rourke for her excellent organisation.

Our band has increased in numbers with some students being recipients of band scholarships. Congratulations to Matt, Ethan, Isabelle, Ashkara and Mason for your willingness to commit to playing in our band and taking on the challenges learning a musical instrument. The band will be performing at the eisteddfod this month.

Eisteddfod News

I am sure the Stage 1 teachers have mentioned their eisteddfod winners in their class news. However, I would like to congratulate Kindergarten and 1B for their 1st place trophies 1WH for 2nd and Year 2 for coming 3rd. I will mention individual winners in the next newsletter, when all results have been handed in at the office.

Sport

Our boys’ and girls’ soccer teams played last Friday against Scone. Please read the report by Mr Ramage in the newsletter. It is so pleasing to hear that both teams were great ambassadors for our school and showed sportsmanship. When the girls returned and I asked how they went, they replied “We lost but we had a great time anyway.” Sport is competitive and we do work hard to win. It is sometimes so hard to take defeat gracefully but your attitude girls was refreshing and I am really glad you enjoyed your experience. Good luck to our boys’ team as they progress through the competition.

Yours in the education of our children,
Di Wither – Relieving Principal
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Week 4 Term 2

KK Connor L. - for always being a helpful and caring class member.
1B Dakota B. – being a kind and caring person.
1WH Ziggy T. - excellent delivery of lines at the Eisteddfod.
2L Jack G. - taking greater responsibility with his learning.
3R Toby B. - excellent effort in writing.
3/4J Brooke W . - for excellence in numeracy (money handling - shopkeeper).
4A Brianna H. - taking pride in all that she does!
4/5M Breanna C. - showing outstanding skills and enthusiasm in sports and games.
6P Macey I. - for promoting our school values – goodness, truth, beauty.

Week 5 Term 2

KK Blyhe D. - for improvement in fluency when reading.
1B Travis D. – trying his best in reading groups.
1WH Kristen S. - excellent delivery of lines at the Eisteddfod.
2L Hallie D. - always ensuring her work is of a high standard.
3R Ella C. - excellent imagination in writing.
3/4J Ben J. - excellence in numeracy (money handling- pay clerk).
4A Trent R. - great mathematical explanations.
4/5M Monique D. - being a polite and courteous student at all times.
6P Logan S. - for excellent skills in getting out of school!

Merit Awards

KK Rylee K., Cydi W.
1B Madison G., Ethan G.
1WH Chloe C., Jordon H.
2L Riley T., Stevie M.
3R Courtney C., Ryan P.
3/4J Elizabeth D., Hannah F.
4A Marley P., Jack F.
4/5M Hollie D., Laura K.
6P Brayden R, Bailey M.

Kids Matter Awards

KK Bronx G. Persistence
   Ethan W. Resilience
   Amelia W. Confidence
   Candy B. Respect
1WH Jacob B. Persistence
   Hunter F. Resilience
2L Max M. Resilience
   Georgie H. Happiness
3R Zara K. Confidence
   Molly J. Responsibility
3/4J Liam H. Honesty
   Savanna W.G. Confidence
4A Ethan P. Respect
   Millie H. Responsibility
4/5M Jazmin S. Persistence
   Rowan B. Resilience
6P Teahn C. Confidence
   Nathan V. Success

P & C NEWS
School Disco
Thank you to the students that came along to our disco last Thursday night. We hope you all had lots of fun. We raised $599 which will go towards P&C projects within the school. A huge thanks to the teachers that all attended on the night, we know it was an extra activity and we really appreciate the support you give the P&C. We will hold another disco later in the year.

Fete
The P&C will be holding a fete in conjunction with the 150yrs celebration on Saturday 13th September. We are looking for ideas on stalls that the students/parents can help run. We would like to make it family fun and affordable. Any ideas please let us know. We will be holding a fete meeting on Monday 16th June at 4pm for all those that are interested in attending.

Highland Games Stall
Once again the P&C will be manning a food stall at this years Highland Games but we need the help of our parents and carers to donate ingredients, precook mince and man the stall. Please see the note attached to this newsletter and return it to the office if you can help. Many hands make light work.

Next P&C Meeting
Our next P&C Meeting will be on Wednesday 11th June at 6.30pm in the library. If you have anything you would like added to the meeting agenda, please let the office know. We welcome all parents and carers from our school community to come along.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday 6th June
Kate Ducker
Julie Waddell
Melissa Dixon

Monday 9th June – Public Holiday

Friday 13th June
Michelle Ison
Suzie Devine
Donna French
Rod Withers

LIBRARY NEWS
Read - thon
The winner of the eTouch Tablet will be announced on Thursday so if anyone still has outstanding notes and money please bring them tomorrow.

Thank you to those students who participated I appreciate your support of the library very much. Only 14 students completed the Read-a-Thon and the total money raised for the Library was $685.00 so well done 😊
SOCCER REPORT
Last Friday the girls and boys soccer teams travelled to the Bill Rose Sports Complex to compete against Scone. The girls were defeated 5-0 but did not stop trying the entire match and narrowly missed some opportunities to score themselves. The boys’ game was a pulsating match with play moving from end to end. With thirty seconds remaining Aberdeen scored the winning goal to come away with the victory 2-1. Both teams’ behaviour and sportsmanship was excellent. The boys’ team will now play the winner of the match between Muswellbrook Public and Muswellbrook South. Thank you to Mrs Fear, Mr Pittman and Mr Harris for your contributions during the day. Thank you to all the parents who assisted with transport.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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Enjoying the “See Sharp” Performance
**CLASS NEWS:**

**Class KK**

**What's On:**
Yesterday we had a very exciting day. We had the Eisteddfod in Muswellbrook and we performed two nursery rhymes. Kindergarten took out first place in their division. I am very proud of them; they all did a fantastic job.

Thank you to all of those students who have brought back their ’All about my Pet’ booklets, these turned out fantastic and very interesting. The students who returned these did a fantastic job in presenting them in class.

In news this week I am introducing who, what, when, where and why prompt cards to assist students in giving more information when presenting. At the end of news we will discuss how many of them were covered. When students are organising what to bring to school for news you may practise this with them. Thank you.

**Class 1B**

**What's On:**
Congratulations to all the hard working, well behaved students in 1B yesterday who, as you may have heard, came first in their nursery rhyme section at the Upper Hunter Eisteddfod. Everyone had a great day at the eisteddfod and Mrs Watson, Miss Teague, Mr Larnach, Mrs Hill and I were very proud of all our students 😊

A reminder that Library is on Wednesday, so please bring back your books! This is also the last week for AusKick, so keep your eyes open on Friday for the fabulous packs each participant will be receiving.

**Class 1WH**

**What's On:**
Lights! Camera! Action! Our little stars did a fantastic performance of the play *Humpty Dumpty: Was he pushed or did he fall?* at the Eisteddfod. The children did an impressive job of learning their lines and were very brave to get up on stage with a very full audience watching them. They came 2nd in their section and should be very proud of that achievement! Thank you for helping them practise their lines at home and to those who were able to come and watch. We plan to perform it as an assembly item next term so we will let you know when this will happen.

Thank you also to all who help ensure home readers are returned each day and homework on Fridays.

**Class 1L**

**What's On:**
Congratulations to all the students in 1L that went to the Upper Hunter Eisteddfod. In our section we recited the rhyme 'Magon the Dragon'. Our class came overall 3rd out of 5 other classes from different schools with a total score of 86 out of 100. I was very proud of the students and their achievement.

Students are really enjoying the AusKick development class. I can see each student further developing their skills in kicking and catching the ball, teamwork, core strength and sportsmanship. Go team Aberdeen!

There is no homework this week due to some classroom disruptions. We will start practising for public speaking and a note will come home soon.

**Class 2L**

**What's On:**
Congratulations to all the students in 2L that went to the Upper Hunter Eisteddfod. In our section we recited the rhyme 'Magon the Dragon'. Our class came overall 3rd out of 5 other classes from different schools with a total score of 86 out of 100. I was very proud of the students and their achievement.

Students are really enjoying the AusKick development class. I can see each student further developing their skills in kicking and catching the ball, teamwork, core strength and sportsmanship. Go team Aberdeen!

There is no homework this week due to some classroom disruptions. We will start practising for public speaking and a note will come home soon.

**Class 3R**

**What's On:**
All students should now be well and truly underway with their African Animal Research Project. The cardboard display and speech are both due at the start of Week 9. Students are reminded that they are provided with some opportunities to complete work on the project at school but the majority of work is expected to be completed at home. Please ensure you check with your child what they need for school presently there are many students without lead pencils and glue. Thank you to the parents that are assisting with reading in our classroom.

**Class 3/4J**

**What's On:**
The weeks are flying by! It is hard to believe we have been in 3/4J for 4 weeks already!

Thank you to those who have brought in tissues and paint shirts and have their school equipment ready to use everyday.

Yesterday, along with their homework, 3/4J students will have brought home their Australian native animal research project instructions. Please take the time to read through it with them and let them explain to you what they need to do. They are required to prepare a 2-3 minute speech for the school Public Speaking Program, as well as produce a cardboard poster displaying their research to hang in the classroom. These are both due Monday week 9 (23/6/14).

Homework is due Thursday mornings, and as of this week will be sent home again on Thursdays so students have more time to complete it and practise their spelling words. While it doesn't have to be completed on the weekends, if students have afternoon commitments during the week they might find it easier to do it then instead.

Thanks, 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, sharpenner, ruler and glue. Mr Ramage and I are
finalising excursions costs at the moment and will have a note out early next week with the total cost and payment details. Thanks for your patience on this matter.

**Class 4/5M**

**What's On:**
Our class is working with great enthusiasm on our HSIE unit based around the Gold Rush era in Australia. We are currently constructing models of miners housing and writing letters from this time. Students are working cooperatively and showing great teamwork skills.
Students should by now have discussed our Public Speaking presentations with you at home. A note was sent home last week and part of this week’s homework is to begin planning our speeches.

**Class 6P**

**What’s On:**
Year 6 Scone High Orientation Day for Term 2 is on tomorrow. The students are looking forward to seeing what Scone High has to offer us this term. Please remember to bring enough food and drink for the day. The canteen will also be available to buy from.
Congratulations to everyone who has been representing A.P.S. at various sporting endeavours. You have been thrown out of routine and are handling it very well.

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**Aberdeen Public School**

**Highland Games**

The School would like to run and Nachos, Pumpkin Soup and Drink stall at the Highland Games on Saturday 5th July 2014.

To do this we need your help. We need parents/carers to donate ingredients, pre-cook the mince and man the stall.

Please fill in and return the note below to the school office by Tuesday 17th June. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You.

Diane Wither

I would like to help out at the Highland Games stall on Saturday 5th July 2014 by:

**Donating:**
- Corn Chips
- Sour Cream
- Mince
- Avocado
- Grated Cheese
- Pumpkins

I can:
- Pre-cook Mince
- I can man the stall:
  - 10am-11am (set up)
  - 11am-12noon
  - 12noon-1pm
  - 1pm-2pm

Name: _______________________________ Contact Number: _____________________
Child’s Name: _____________________________ Class: ___________