Celebrating 150 years
ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
29th July Week 3 Term 3 2014

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Education Week 2014
This week is Education Week and the Upper Hunter Learning Community will be celebrating the achievements of our school communities in our school hall late this afternoon.

Congratulations to our school award recipients:
Jack Smith for application to all academic endeavours and outstanding initiative at Aberdeen Public School.
Bianca Mooring for her dedication to all students at Aberdeen Public School and her ongoing commitment to the student representative council.
Marjorie O’Rourke for her commitment to her role as School Administration Manager at Aberdeen Public School, and her willingness to lead the new financial structures being introduced.
Kelly McMahon for ensuring that Aberdeen Public School’s canteen is a bright and attractive environment for students.
Melinda Jordan for ensuring that Aberdeen Public School’s canteen is a bright and attractive environment for students.
Aberdeen Public School for their Literacy Support programs including Reading recovery, MultiLit and MiniLit.
Zumba Kids
Our very popular Zumba program will recommence on Thursday 7th August. It would normally cost $17.50 per child for this 7 week program, however, our students will only need to pay $10 a saving of $7.50.

Sesquicentenary Dinner
If you would like to book a place or a table at our dinner on Saturday 13th September please ring the school on 65437271. The dinner is a fully catered buffet and consists of an antipasto starter, roast meats, vegetables and salad main and desert with tea or coffee. The cost is $35 per person.

Helping kids make sense of the MH 17 air disaster and other horrifying events.
What impact do events like this have on our children and young people? We want our children to lead carefree lives and keep them from the horror of such tragedies and natural disasters. In reality we can’t do this, particularly in light of the graphic media coverage of these events.
An article written by Michael Grose provides us with some ideas:
1. Reassure children that they are safe. The consistency of the images can be frightening for young children who don’t understand the notion of distance and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and fiction. Let them know that while this event is indeed happening it will not affect them directly.
2. Explain what happened. Sounds obvious but it’s important not to simply assume that children and young people understand what’s happened. Be calm and stick the facts, using a map to show older children where it happened.
3. Be available. Let kids know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.
4. Help children process what they see and hear, particularly through television. Children are good observers but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.
5. Support children’s concerns for others. They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for those
It is heartwarming to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.

6. Let them explore feelings beyond fear. Many children may feel sad or even angry with these events so let them express the full range of emotions.

7. Avoid keeping the television on all the time. The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both distressing to some and desensitizing to others.

8. Be aware of your own actions. Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.

Children’s worlds can be affected in ways that we can’t even conceive of so adults need to be both sensitive to children’s needs and mindful of what they say and how they act in front of children.

In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.

You’ll find more ideas and advice to help you raise happy, confident kids at parentingideasclub.com.au

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**P & C NEWS**
Pie Drive delivery will take place Monday 4th August and collection can be after 11am from the hall.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
**Friday 1st August**
Michelle Ison  
Sue Ellen Constable  
Tanya Hines

**Monday 4th August**
Kelly McMahon  
Melinda Jordan

**PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS**
Aberdeen Public School Hall  
Thursday 31st July at 9:15am
Students participating will have a note sent home.  
All parents and friends are invited to come along.

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**FORTHCOMING DATES**

**August**
- Friday 1st: Mrs Floyd absent at meeting in Quirindi  
- Zone Athletics  
- Thursday 7th: Zumba Starts  
- Monday 11th: Merriwa Horse Sports  
- Wednesday 13th: Zone Public Speaking  
- Interschool Competition  
- Thursday 14th: Sesquicentenary Meeting  
- 5.30 pm  
- Wednesday 20th: Scone High School Orientation  
- Thursday 26th: Power FM Breakfast  
- Friday 29th: Aberdeen Horse Sports  
- Regional Athletics  
- Sunday 31st: Youth Council Scone

**September**
- Saturday 13th: Sesquicentenary Opening Fete  
- Spit Roast Dinner  
- Sunday 14th: Sesquicentenary BBQ  
- Breakfast & Time Capsule Burying

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**2015 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**
Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken by Aberdeen Public School for 2015. If your child will be five by 31 July 2015 and you wish to enrol at Aberdeen Public School, please return slip below or contact the office on 6543 7271.

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**Kindergarten Enrolment 2015:**

Child’s Name:  
Date of Birth:  
Parents Names:  
Address:  
Phone No:  

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**UPPER HUNTER SHIRE WHAT’S HAPPENING**

**Activities Monday 28th July – Sunday 3rd August**

**Monday July 28th**
Scone Youth Centre- Session times from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. Afternoon tea will be provided and there is a canteen available. Contact Kaylene Holman on 0417287540

**Tuesday July 29th**
Toddler time- Scone Library. 10:30am – 10:50am.  
Age 15 months to 3 years. Contact Scone Library- 6540 1183

**Wednesday July 30th**
Baby Talk- Scone Library. 10:30am – 10:50am. Ages 0 – 15 months. Contact Scone Library 6540 1183
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Friday July 31st
Story Time- Scone Library 10:30am – 11:30am. Ages 3 – 5 years. Contact Scone Library 6540 1183

Saturday August 1st
St Pauls Supper Club Presents- “An evening at Fawlty Towers”. St Paul’s Anglican Church Hall 7:00pm for 7:30pm. Matinee 2nd at 2:00pm. To raise funds for St Paul’s Restoration. Cost is $25.00 a head. Bookings can be made at the CTC Centre- 6546 6440, 6546 6446

Saturday August 1st
The Scone & District Pre-School Art Show 2014- Will be held at the Scone Arts & Crafts Centre from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Tickets can be pre-purchased at the pre-school for $25.00 per head.

Sunday August 2nd
The Scone & District pre-school Art Show & Market. 10:00am – 3:00pm. Entry is by gold coin donation. Silent Auction carried over from Friday night. Market Stalls, tea & coffee, cake and face painting.
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Sunday September 7th
Big Boys Toys at Jefferson Park Aberdeen 10.00am – 2.00pm register your car, bike or truck or market stall with admin.aberdeenncc@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Saturday September 20th
First Aid Course will be held at the Scone Neighbourhood Centre from 9:00am – 5:00pm. Cost of the course is $125.00. For more information or to make a booking please call 6545 2562

Aberdeen All Stars Presents

A Night of Trivia
SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST 2014
6.30pm for a 7pm start
At Aberdeen Sport and Rec Club
$10 per person, Tables of 10
Bring a basket supper to share
Silent Auction & Raffles on the night
Strictly an Adults Only Event
For more info email aberdeenallstars@hotmail.com or call Lee 0427438455

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 headband.
• Date and Time: Friday 8 August. Arrive 5:45. Pick up 7:45pm
• Supervision: The event will be supervised. Attendees MUST stay at the event.
• Movie: G rated. Parents need to sign a permission slip and pay at the door.
• Cost: $8 entry. Ticket price includes a drink & chips / popcorn and lollies.
• RSVP by putting your name on the list at your school office. Parents are welcome to accompany students.

Upper Hunter Careers Yarn Days
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A YARN ABOUT YOUR FUTURE CAREER, EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES - UNIVERSITY & TAFE - COMMUNITY SERVICES
Come along on an enjoy a free BBQ Lunch on the day

Aboriginal Employment Strategy Ltd
Aberdeen Public School Sesquicentenary Polo Shirt

To celebrate Aberdeen Public School’s Sesquicentenary we have a commemorative polo shirt available for purchase.

The shirt comes in the following sizes:

- Children’s 4-14
- Ladies 8-18
- Men’s Small-5XL

These shirts will be $25 for children’s sizes and $30 for adult sizes. There is a child’s size 10 on display in the school foyer. The children’s shirts are similar in size to the regular school shirt. If you would like to purchase one of these shirts please complete the order form and return to school with your payment.

All students who purchase a shirt will be allowed to wear them each Friday until the end of the year.

Orders and money need to in by Friday 8th August. There will be another order but not until after the Sesquicentenary weekend so if you want a shirt before then it needs to be ordered now.

Polo Shirt order form

Name: _________________________________________ Class: __________

Please write size and quantity required:

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Contact Phone Number: ________________________________

I have enclosed payment of ____________ for ______ (quantity) shirts.

Signed: _______________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: ______________________