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ABERDEEN
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NEWSLETTER
16th September Week 10 Term 3 2014

SCHOOL MISSION: “Quality Education Preparing Students for Life”

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Last Friday we held our inaugural A.P.S. Horse Sports. Saturday, we began with our birthday celebrations, our fete and in the evening our Sesquicentennial Dinner. On Sunday we hosted a breakfast and buried the new time capsule.

This massive 3 days of celebrations would not have been possible without the hard work of three main organising groups:

Horse Sports Committee
Amy Croft, Cindy Brooker and Melissa Davis, their families and a willing band of helpers worked together for many, many months to organise and coordinate a highly successful Horse Sports event on Friday.

Fete Committee

Sesquicentennial Committee
Natalie McCamley, Denise Bell, Dawn Jamieson, Janet Parsons, Louise Birch and Corallee Kerrigan did an amazing job of publicising our birthday celebrations, collecting and collating photos and other memorabilia organising displays etc.

At each event a willing band of helpers supported the organising committees; these included the wonderful people from the Lions Club of Aberdeen.

To each and every one of you I extend my sincere thanks for all that you have done.

Thank you Mr Croft for the cake – the unanimous verdict was delicious!

I would also like to thank our school staff, our office ladies who supported all the organising committees and the many staff members that made themselves available to assist over the course of our celebrations.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Week 8 Term 3

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<td>Aaron F.</td>
<td>Great development in his fluency when reading.</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Dakota B.</td>
<td>Being a great representative of Aberdeen Public School on her excursion to the Hunter Valley gardens.</td>
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<td>1WH</td>
<td>Charlotte B.</td>
<td>Excellent efforts in spelling.</td>
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<td>2L</td>
<td>Mason B.</td>
<td>Continually striving to reach his goals.</td>
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<td>3R</td>
<td>Tyler J.</td>
<td>Positive work attitude.</td>
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<td>3/4J</td>
<td>Matt J.</td>
<td>Substantial improvement in maths diagnostic results.</td>
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<td>4A</td>
<td>Dylan C.</td>
<td>Learning to love maths!</td>
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<td>4/5M</td>
<td>Monique D.</td>
<td>Being an outstanding role model, showing fairness and respect at all times.</td>
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<td>6P</td>
<td>Darci D.</td>
<td>A more focussed approach to new concepts.</td>
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<td>Blyhe D.</td>
<td>Working to her best across all areas.</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Travis D.</td>
<td>Following instructions and being in the right place at the right time.</td>
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<td>1WH</td>
<td>Jordon H.</td>
<td>Using a nice clear voice in readers theatre.</td>
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<td>2L</td>
<td>Georgie H.</td>
<td>Consistently producing high standards of work.</td>
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<td>3R</td>
<td>Courtney C.</td>
<td>Excellent effort in maths.</td>
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<td>Hannah F.</td>
<td>Substantial improvement in maths diagnostic results.</td>
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<td>Marley P.</td>
<td>Excellent stage 2 excursion recount.</td>
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<td>4/5M</td>
<td>Jye F.</td>
<td>Working cooperatively and respectfully with his peers.</td>
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<td>6P</td>
<td>Jordan B.</td>
<td>Always being a willing contributor and helper during all class activities.</td>
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Merit Awards

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<td>KK</td>
<td>Rylee K., Preston B.</td>
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<td>Liam Debreceny., Hayley Mohr</td>
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1WH Austin McG., Sienna B.
2L Lucy McC., Matilda H.
3R Toby B., Abigail M.
3/4 J Luke D., Callum D.
4A Zoe B., Cullen S.
4/5 M Jasmin S., Seth B.
6P Jayden F., Ashley F.

Kids Matter Awards
KK Cody P. - Honesty
Cydi W. - Confidence
1/2B Liam D. - Honesty
Brydie B. - Confidence
1WH Ziggy T. - Confidence
William G. - Honesty
2L Brae M. - Respect
Brae M. - Resilience
3R Zara K. - Resilience
Declan B. - Persistence
3/4 J Jacob D. - Responsibility
Will H. - Respect
4A Brianna H. - Resilience
Jack F. - Happiness
4/5 M Takira W-G. - Confidence
Hunter McG. - Persistence
6P Peter C. - Responsibility
Maycee R-I. - Success

Merit Badge – Danielle S.

P & C NEWS
Fete
A huge thank you to everyone that came and supported our fete on Saturday; the local businesses that donated prizes for our raffle, the stall holders that helped create the fair effect, the lions club, the coffee van and rides for supporting us and donating a percentage back to us, the parents that cooked for the cake stall, the character kids for sweating in the sun to entertain us and most of all the awesome parents that helped bring this day together. Without you, it wouldn't have happened. At this point we are unsure of our profit but will update this after the holidays.

P & C Meeting
Next meeting is this Wednesday 17th September 6.30pm in the library. All welcome.

Coffee Cups
We still have some coffee cups available to purchase, please stop by the office to purchase one today. They are $5ea.
If you pre-ordered yours, they are awaiting collection at the front office.

CA NTEEN ROSTER
Friday 5th September
Kelly McMahon
Melinda Jordan
Toni Partridge
Kate Surawski

Monday 8th September
Leah Bateman
Sandy Morrison

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
THIS THURSDAY 18th September
WATERMELON DAY
In support of Hunter Melanoma Foundation
...use your melon & save your skin.
Come dressed in red, white and green
Gold coin donation
Watermelon 50c

LIBRARY NEWS
Can all students return their outstanding books by the end of the week.

SRC NEWS
Soldiers Care Packages Donation Drive
As many of you will be aware, a number of our students have been working together to collect and organise packages to be sent to service men and women who are working overseas. These packages are a wonderful reminder of home and also provide much needed basics for serving troops.
The SRC would like to support this valuable community group by running a donation drive from Week 10 until Week 2 in Term 4. All donations will go directly into Soldiers Care Packages. Students are asked to bring an item from the list below to add to their class collection box. All non-perishable foods can be included, however please no aerosols or breakables. Here is a list to give you some suggested items to donate; Tim Tams, Shapes, Arnotts biscuits, 2 minute noodles, small tins of tuna, spaghetti, baked beans, health bars, fruit or custard cups, lollies, chewy gum, toothbrushes, toothpaste, roll-on deodorant, sunscreen, lip balm, pens and note pads, hand sanitizer, shower caps, liquid soap, moisturiser, dental floss, tubes of vegemite or condensed milk, tea, coffee, milo, shampoo or conditioner, cups of soup.
If you would like to make a cash donation please return it to the front office. All other donations can be sent to the classroom.
Thank you for supporting your SRC and the Aberdeen Soldiers Care Packages Cadets.
HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS EXCURSION
What a wonderful excursion to the fabulous Hunter Valley Gardens!
We had an interesting talk with David the horticulturalist and spotted good bugs throughout our day walking through the gardens.
The Fairy Tale Garden was a favourite spot. The children had lots of fun exploring the gardens and did a wonderful job of performing their fairy tale readers theatre items.
Thank you to the parent helpers who came along with us. We really appreciate your support!
It was a lovely day out for our students.
**FORTHCOMING DATES**

**September**
- Wednesday 17th: Regional Spelling Bee Singleton
- Friday 19th: Last day of Term 3!

**October**
- Tuesday 7th: First Day Back Term 4
- Wednesday 22nd: School Photos

**CLASS NEWS**

**Class KK**

What’s On:
The term is quickly coming to an end. It has been a very busy term and I am delighted to share with you all that I have seen some fantastic progress with all students’ literacy and numeracy skills this term and I look forward to seeing what they can achieve next term. Yesterday on the school excursion, I hear that all students had a fantastic time at the Hunter Valley Gardens.

This Thursday, parent/teacher interviews are on and I look forward to meeting with you. All notes confirming interview times were sent home last week, if you are unsure of your interview time please contact the school. This week there will not be any homework, although home readers will continue until Friday. I hope you all have a lovely time over the school holidays and enjoy the break, keep safe!

**Class 1/2B**

What’s On:
Wow! Term 3 is already coming to an end. We have had a fabulous time in 1/2 B this with lots of fun learning and discovery opportunities. Students have enjoyed Zumba and Sports Fun with St Josephs. This term students had the opportunity to learn about Miss Birch’s worm farm and go on their own insect safari around school.

The School Excursion yesterday was fabulous! Students behaved themselves very well and had a lovely time exploring the gardens and performing their reader’s theatre plays. Thank you to all students and parents that came along to make the day a success.

Reminder: There is no homework this week and home readers will stop Wednesday this week in the hope that all home readers can be returned before the term ends.

If your child also has any library books please make sure they come back to school this week to be returned.

Students in front of the waterfall at Hunter Valley Gardens.

On Monday we went to the Hunter Valley Gardens. On the way we watched the Lorax. When we got there we learnt about insects. Then we got to look around. My most favourite bush was HVG2014. My group is group 7. After my group went on a type of maze my group went past the water fall. Soon we went to Story Garden. Everybody did their plays there. On the way back to school we watched another movie. When we got back we had another cake.

Work of the week!
The students were able to transform their rocks into transport vehicles last week. Don’t they look great!
Class 1WH
What’s On:
Our trip to the Hunter Valley Gardens was a lovely way to start the last week of term. The children were a delight to take, the gardens were beautiful and the weather was superb. We are now looking forward to reading all the writing recounts.
Parent teacher interviews are today. If you were unable to attend please don’t hesitate ringing the school and organising some other time.
No homework this week. Please return any home readers or overdue homework. Have a lovely holiday!

Class 3/4J
What’s On:
Last week of term is here! Everyone is getting excited for the well-earned holidays! Good luck to Cal and Will tomorrow at the Spelling Bee and thank you to everyone for their help and support over the weekend at horse sports, the fete and sesquicentennial celebrations.
Just a couple of reminders: Homework is due tomorrow! (Wednesday) Parent-teacher interviews are on Thursday! Parents; please see the notice board outside the office to find out where the interviews will be conducted. Students should have given you the time confirmation slip last week. If you are unsure of your interview time please send a note in tomorrow and I will reconfirm. Thanks, Renee Jones

Class 3R
What’s On:
3R has been very busy over the past couple of weeks! Congratulations to Mikayla and Toby for a wonderful effort at Horse Sports last week. It was very exciting for 3R to meet your horses. In science we have learnt about what happens when certain liquids and substances are frozen. We are still enjoying our study of Nanberry in English. We have been making some interesting comparisons between the late 1700s and now, life was certainly a lot different back then! A reminder that parent teacher interviews with Mr Ramage are the first week back next term on Friday 10th October Please continue to return the note. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Class 2L
What’s On:
It has been a brilliant term and all the students deserve a well-earned break. We are finishing up our units of work for the term. For this Thursday I would like to ask parents to send in a plastic bag so we can send home some work and art, and start fresh next term.
On Friday we will have a class party to celebrate our achievements this term, so parents please send a small packet of something to help with the celebration. I will provide the drinks. Also, we have been revamping our morning literacy sessions. We previously had literacy rotations but have changed to ‘Daily 5’. This style of learning is to encourage independence with each student monitoring their daily progress through 5 activities.
These activities include Read to Self, Read to Someone, Work on Writing, Word Work and Listen to Reading. This system is flexible and encourages student choice. I am looking for parents who are willing to donate their time to helping enrich this process. First I need parents who will come in and read to students, as part of Listen to Reading. Also I am asking parents with skills to donate play dough. Any help is appreciated.

Class 4A
What’s On:
As another terms draws to a close I’d like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday. We had a wonderful time on the stage 2 excursion and I thank all the students and especially our parent helpers for making it wonderful. We have an author visit to attend this Friday in Muswellbrook so please remember to return that note - it was yellow!

Class 4/5M
What’s On:
We can’t believe it’s almost holidays time again, what a busy term we have had.
Good luck to Breanna and Lawson who will compete in the Regional Premiers Spelling Bee on Wednesday.
A few quick reminders;
Your author visit note is due back, there is no cost for this event just return your note ASAP.
Out of uniform day, this Thursday, dress in red, white and/or green. Bring along a gold coin donation to support the Hunter Melanoma Foundation.
Stage 3 (Year 5) Day Trip notes and money need to be returned to school ASAP.
Have a safe and happy holiday everybody, see you in Term 4.

Class 6P
What’s On:
Thank you to 6P for a wonderful Term 3. We have well and truly begun our final semester at Primary School.
A reminder that the Stage 3 excursion is Week 3, Term 4. All monies should be finalised by the end of the week.
Term 4 will also see the organisation for the Year 6 mini fete, so hopefully the holidays will bring some great new games ideas as well!
SESQUICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS