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ABERDEEN
PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
2nd September Week 8 Term 3 2014

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

The Sesquicentenary Celebrations are fast approaching. We have had an excellent response to the Sesquicentenary Dinner on the Saturday night and unfortunately there are no more seats available.

Sesquicentenary Program of events:

Saturday 13th September
11am Welcome and official opening
11:15 Opening of the time capsule
   - Open classrooms
   - Memorabilia Display including the contents of the time capsule
   - Art Exhibition
   - BBQ Lunch available or BYO picnic lunch
   - Performances by current students
   - P & C Fete 11:30 – 3pm
3pm Conclusion of daytime events
6:30 Sesquicentenary Dinner

Sunday 14th September
9am BBQ Breakfast
   - Open classrooms and memorabilia display
10am Burying of new time capsule
11am Close

Early Birds Kinder 2015 Orientation Program
Our Kindergarten Early Birds Orientation Program to assist children with a smooth transition to big school starts next Wednesday 10th September from 12pm – 3pm and the Parent Information Session is from 2pm – 3pm.
The Program will run over nine weeks from 12.00 noon – 3.00 pm as follows:
   - Wednesday 10th September
   - Wednesday 17th September
   - Wednesday 8th October
   - Wednesday 15th October
   - Wednesday 22nd October
   - Wednesday 29th October
   - Wednesday 5th November

If you wish to enrol your child in Kindergarten for 2015 please contact the school on 6543 7271.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on the following days. Notes will be sent home with students today so that you can request your preferred time.
   - KK Thursday 18th September
   - 1/2B Tuesday 16th September
   - 1WH Tuesday 16th September
   - 2L Wednesday 17th September
   - 3R Friday 10th October
   - 3/4J Thursday 18th September
   - 4A Monday 15th September
   - 4/5M Monday 15th September
   - 6P Wednesday 17th September

Power FM Breakfast
Thank you to Mrs Mooring for coordinating the Power FM Breakfast. It was a great experience for all.

Book Week Parade
Thank you to Mrs Thompson for organising the many book week activities. The children looked great as their favourite book characters.

Mrs Floyd is attending a training course and will be out of the school until Friday.
Michelle Floyd - Principal
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Week 6 Term 3

KK  Chloe A. – being an extremely helpful class member
1/2B  Hayley T. - always being in the right spot at the right time.
1WH  Callum H. - showing enthusiasm and success in writing.
2L  Coby L. - always being responsible for her actions and guiding others to make the right choices.
3R  Lara E. - excellent work ethic in reading groups.
4A  Cody P. - improved editing skills in his 20 Minutes writing sessions.
4/5M  Hunter D. - confidently sharing his knowledge in our HSIE presentations.
6P  Brayden R. - excellent questioning skills.

Week 7 Term 3

KK  Joan R. – fantastic development in her writing skills.
1/2B  Amelia W. - always being a courteous and kind friend to all peers.
1WH  Angus S. - great recall of doubles and basic facts in maths.
2L  Koby S. - greater effort to apply new knowledge and work more independently.
3R  Brody K. - excellence in science.
3/4J  Toby G. - striving for excellence in Spelling Bee practice.
4A  Haylee D. - confidently and effectively using paragraphs in her writing.
4/5M  Lawson E. - outstanding spelling results.
6P  Jonah P. - improvement in his use of communication skills.

Merit Awards

KK  Connor L., Cydi W.
12B  Summer D., Ethan G.
1WH  Chloe C., William G.
2L  Riley T., Claire J.
3R  Zara K., Brock P.
3/4J  Elizabeth D., Hannah F.
4A  Tyler F., Trent R.
4/5M  Bailey G., Rhys N.
6P  Cain F., Ashley F.

Kids Matter Awards

KK  Blyhe D.  Success
12B  Hayley M.  Happiness
1WH  Chloe F.  Happiness
2L  Logan S.  Happiness
1/2B  Tamika R.  Happiness
3R  Ryan P.  Resilience
3/4J  Brodie H.  Confidence
4A  Daniel McC.  Resilience
4/5M  Delta H.  Confidence

6P  Macey L.  Persistence
Nathan S.  Happiness

Merit Badge – Bella-Rose P.

P & C NEWS

Fete: We are still in need of helpers for the mini games being run on the front oval. Any parents or older siblings or Yr 5 or Yr 6 students who can help, please let us know.
Fete meeting: This Thursday 2pm at the hall. All welcome. With less than a week away we need to make sure we are on track.
Raffle: We are still after donations for our raffle. We have some great prizes but are in need of more. If you can donate anything, please leave it at the office for collection.

CANTEEN NEWS

NEW MENU ITEMS
The following items have been added to our canteen menu. All dishes have been prepared in the canteen by volunteers and have been assessed by the Hunter New England Healthy Canteen Dietician. Not only are these new items tasty but they are healthy with no additives and plenty of fresh goodness. The new items are in the GREEN category for canteen foods. This makes them one of the healthiest items on the menu.
The new dishes are precooked and ready to be reheated by our canteen volunteers. We hope you like them.

Bolognaise: small $2.50  large $3.50

Fried rice SMALL ONLY $2.50 large $3.50

POSITIONS VACANT
There are urgent vacancies on the canteen roster. Due to some of our volunteers change in work and family circumstances we are in need of new volunteers.
If you can help out on Fridays for a morning 8.30-11.20am lunch 11.20-2.30pm all day or to serve at the recess rush 11.00-11.30am the children and our volunteers would be very grateful. Some Friday shifts are down to one worker. This makes the day impossible and without volunteers the canteen cannot open.
Mum’s, dad’s, friends, family. If you or someone you know can help please leave details at the office or email me on colleencowley@live.com.au or contact 0400275580.

THANK YOU
Thank you to all the volunteers who have filled in shifts while the flu season has affected our volunteers and their families. Often this is short notice and your commitment is greatly appreciated by the students.

DAD’S DO LUNCH
A big thank you to Steve, dad of Chloe in KT, for being our first brave dad to help out in the canteen this year. We would like to have more dad’s. If you are a dad and have a couple of mates we can roster
you on together with a regular volunteer and have a Dad’s Do Lunch Day at the canteen. Please contact me if you are interested.
Colleen Compton
Canteen Roster Coordinator

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**Friday 5th September**
- Kelly McMahon
- Melinda Jordan
- Toni Partridge
- Kate Surawski

**Monday 8th September**
- Leah Bateman
- Sandy Morrison

**FRUIT AND VEG MONTH**
Friday is officially ‘Crunch Day’. On assembly each Friday we will be attempting to lift the cola roof with an enormous crunch as we hoe down on the noisiest fruit we can bring to school. Celery, apples, carrots..... We hit 90 decibels last Friday but are going for a new PB this week. Please save the crispiest piece of fruit for Friday!!

**LIBRARY NEWS**
**Book Week**
Thank you all for making the Book Week celebrations so successful and so much fun.

The winner of the Bake-a-Book Competition was Macey I. and runner up was Cassidy L. Thank you to all of those who entered there were some amazing cakes.

The winner of the Extreme Reading Photo Comp was Takira W-G and runner up was Brooke W. Well done and thank you to all who entered.

**Hunter Valley Garden Butterflies Competition**
Over the last couple of weeks the children in K-2 classrooms have been very busy creating beautiful butterflies to enter in a completion run by the Hunter Valley Gardens. We are really looking forward to seeing them on display when we head to the Hunter Valley Gardens for our excursion on the 15th September. The notes and money are due in today for this excursion. Please let your child’s teacher know if you need an extra copy of this note.

**MUSWELLBROOK LADIES, MIXED AND JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL**
Muswellbrook Ladies, Mixed and Junior Touch Football will commence their 2014/2015 competitions on Monday 8th September.

Team nomination forms for both Senior and Junior competitions will be available from Fine N Dandy and can also be downloaded from the Muswellbrook Touch website.

[www.muswellbrookmambas.sportingpulse.net](http://www.muswellbrookmambas.sportingpulse.net)

Forms must be completed and returned at one of the Registration days listed below. This year where possible, players should register online. Details will be explained to the person entering the team.

Team registration days will be held at the Muswellbrook RSL.
- Thursday 21st August between 5.00pm and 7.00pm
- Tuesday 26th August between 5.00pm and 7.00pm
- Saturday 30th August between 10.00am and 1.00pm

Age divisions for both Junior Boys and Girls are as follows.
- Under 6 years, 7-8’s, 9-10’s, 11-12’s, 13-14’s and 15-17 years.

No team entries will be accepted after Saturday 30th August 2014

We will be holding an afternoon Touch Football skills session on the 1st September between 4.00pm and 5.30pm for any juniors and their parents, that would like to come along and see if the great game of touch footy appeals to you.

**JUNIOR STATE CUP**
All youngsters along with your parents, who have their names down or would like to put their names down for next year’s Junior State Cup are urged to come to the above session.

All players past and present, who are interested in representing Muswellbrook at next year’s Junior State Cup at Port Macquarie in February, must register their names by the first week of competition.

If you have any questions, please ring Paul on 0411278244, Nicola on 0407746701 or Betty on 65432477.
FORTHCOMING DATES

September

Wednesday 3rd – 5th  Stage 2 Excursion  Band Workshop  Sesquicentenary Meeting  5.30pm

Thursday 4th   Cricket Gala Day

Friday 12th   APS Horse Sports

Saturday 13th   Sesquicentenary Opening Fete  Spit Roast Dinner  Sesquicentenary BBQ  Breakfast & Time Capsule Burying

Sunday 14th   Stage 1 Hunter Valley Gardens Excursion

Wednesday 17th   Regional Spelling Bee

Scone Touch Football Rep Trials

Scone Touch are holding trials for their rep teams on Tuesday 16th September for girls teams, and Thursday 18th September for boys teams, at 4pm at the Bill Rose Sports Complex. If you are interested in playing rep touch this season come along and try out. The rep teams will be attending a gala day in Scone on Sunday 23rd November, Gosford on December 14th and Nelson Bay on 7th and 8th February 2015. For more information contact Nicky Western on 0414-806074.

Sesquicentenary Merchandise

300ml ceramic coffee cups - (similar to the design below) are available for pre-order through the school office for collection at our celebration.

We have ordered a limited number. So get in quick to place your order early.

Name: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________

Quantity Required: @$5 each. _______

(Money enclosed)

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CLASS NEWS: Class KK

What's On:
Last week as many of you would be aware I was unfortunately away for the week. I have injured my knee and am currently wearing a brace and am on crutches. I am very glad to be back in class this week, and I hear that last week Kindergarten had a wonderful time with Mrs Forbes and Mrs Kerrigan. Homework has gone out today. Permission notes and payment for the excursion were due today; I hope that everyone was able to get them back in time.

Class 1/2B

What's On:
Last Thursday was a very busy day starting off at 7.30am with the Power FM Breakfast. Many students from 1/2B came along to enjoy the early morning breakfast and a chance to show off their very creative book week outfits. Followed by the book parade, Father's day stall and Zumba! Today infants enjoyed a visit from the Responsible Pet Ownership program. All students had a terrific time and I have no doubt some will be asking for a furry friend when they get home.
Supplies needed: We are still in need of more rocks so we are able to design our cars as part of our HSIE transport unit. Please bring in any smooth, medium sized rocks that are suitable for painting. The rock should be about the size of your child’s palm.
Excursion reminder: Don’t forget to hand in excursions notes and money for the Hunter Valley Gardens excursion on the 15th September. Notes and money were due to the office by today!
Change to Routine
Due to Stage 2 being away this week there have been some changes to the timetable, 1/2B will now have their library on Wednesday this week.

Class 1WH

What’s On:
Thank you to those who brought in extra rocks for our art lessons. We have done the first coat of paint and they are already starting to resemble different kinds of transport! The excursion notes and money were due today. If you have not returned it yet please do. An extra note will be sent home to those who are yet to bring it back.
The students of 1WH have caught the writing bug! They are all producing longer, quality pieces of writing. It is a pleasure to read their fabulous stories. You are more than welcome to come in and read some of your child’s super stories.
Fruit and Veg month continues. We are making a record number apple slinkies for fruit break! Each Friday will be ‘Crunch Day!’ Children are encouraged to bring in the noisiest piece of fruit to snack down on.

Class 3/4J

What’s On:
Stage 2 excursion to Newcastle IS TOMORROW!! I hope everyone is packed and ready to go! Remember to use your green checklist to make sure you have everything you need. Put your recess and lunch, water bottle, hat, sunscreen, camera, book (if you are taking one) and anything you will need during the day in your back pack to take on the bus with you (don’t make it too heavy though as you need to carry it all day). Everything else should be in your suitcase/big bag to go under the bus. The bus is due to leave at 7:15am so set your alarm nice and early to arrive at school just before 7am. Come to the table and get your name marked off and hand in any medication to Miss Jones who will be loading your luggage onto the bus. We are due to arrive back at school at 2:45pm Friday.

Everyone looked spectacular last week for the book parade! Lots of very colourful characters! The School Spelling Bee yesterday went well too. Congratulations to Callum and Will for making it through to the next round. Everyone did a great job practicing and for some it was just the luck of the draw- there were some very tricky words!
Thanks, Renee Jones

Class 3R

What’s On:
Everyone in Stage 2 is very excited with the prospect of our upcoming excursion. Please read all the information that has been provided and ensure you have everything you need. We still have some McDonald’s money outstanding which needs to be provided in an envelope with your child’s name and class on it first thing tomorrow morning. If your child requires medication on the excursion please provide this to their teacher with instructions on when it is to be taken before we leave. No electronic devices are allowed on the excursion with the exception of cameras. If you have any queries or concerns about the excursion please contact the school before we leave. Well done to all the students who participated in the Spelling Bee competition.
Regards, Mr Ramage.
Class 2L

What’s On:
I’m back! Mr Larnach is back on board, a bit sleep deprived but ready to finish this term with a bang! We have a few things coming up in the last few weeks of term. Today we have a visitor coming to talk to us about responsible pet ownership. Lastly, we need all our notes back for our excursion to Hunter Valley Gardens, as soon as possible to confirm numbers.

Class 4A

What’s On:
This is a very exciting week for 4A and all of Stage 2 as we are off on our excursion tomorrow. We leave at 7:15am in the morning so please make sure you are here on time. Students will need to find Miss Jones at the desk to have their name marked off and hand in any medication required (with instructions). Then please find myself and Mr Ramage to start packing the bus. We are all looking forward to the trip. If you need to contact us or your child during the excursion for an emergency please call the school and they will contact us. I will try to send Mrs Pennell some photos each day for her to upload on the Aberdeen Public School facebook page so keep an eye out for that. We will endeavour to be back by 2:45pm on Friday however this could be delayed. We will contact the office once we have left McDonalds Greta with an eta, so please do not call the school until at least 2pm as they will not know our eta before then. Interviews will be happening in week 10 and notes will go home for this today.

Class 4/5M

What’s On:
Congratulations Lawson and Breanna, Premier’s Spelling Bee Stage 3 winners!
Our class has been practising almost every day for this year’s Premier’s Spelling Bee. We were very proud to watch the Stage 2 and 3 finals on Monday as we had seen how hard these students had tried to progress through to the next round. Good luck in Singleton Breanna and Lawson.

Tomorrow many students from our class will head off on excursion with Mr Ramage, Miss Anderson and Miss Jones. Happy travels, we know you will have plenty of “holiday stories” to tell when you get back. Term 3 Parent and Teacher Interviews; a note outlining interview times will be sent home soon. Please return your preferred time or feel free to let the office staff know if you would like to make an appointment on an alternate day or time.

Class 6P

What’s On:
Notes for the Stage 3 excursion to Walkabout Park, Calga have gone out and we have had some returned already. It is great to see some enthusiastic students already booking their seats on the bus. This week we have planted some “stocks” in the garden and in cups. We are looking at how salinity affects the growth of plants. Hopefully the sun comes our long enough for the plants to benefit.