PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Student safety when riding bikes and scooters

Sometimes I receive calls from community members regarding concerns they hold for student safety while riding scooters or bikes to school. Yesterday, I was contacted by a lady concerned for the welfare of a group of our students riding their bikes down the middle of the road and not attending to traffic on cross streets that they pass through. If your child rides or would like to ride a bike or scooter to school please talk to them about road rules and safe riding, I have included some material below to assist you and we will also be following up with this at school.

Key Points to Remember:

Helmet and safety on wheels
- Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place - it's the law.
- Your child's helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.
- Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels - bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.
- Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.
- Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.
- When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the 'STOP ! LOOK ! LISTEN ! THINK !' procedure.

School beautification project

Many thanks to the Emery and Hateley families for the fantastic job they have done mulching and planting out the gardens around the hall and in front of the library last weekend. The gardens will look fantastic once they are established.

Sesquicentenary

Our inaugural horse sports day is this Friday, keep your fingers crossed for good weather. Our staff and I hope you are able to join us this weekend to help celebrate our 150 years of serving the Aberdeen Community.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN information will be sent home today with this newsletter.

Michelle Floyd – Principal

P & C NEWS

Fete

Not long now until our huge celebration this Saturday! We are still in need of some arty parents to help out on face painting. Please leave your name at the office.

Raffle

All raffle tickets need to be returned this Wednesday. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday and the prize pool has grown to include vouchers from local...
businesses, coffee machine, weather station, esky, meat voucher, metal detector and much more. Tickets are $1ea.

Cake Stall
We still need some parents to put their hand up to bake for the P&C cake stall this Saturday. All donations can be taken to the canteen Friday or from 8am Saturday morning. Please remember to include a list of ingredients used.

 Helpers:
Anyone that is able to come and help set up on fete day, we will be at school from 8am. Many hands make light work.

 Donations:
We are still in need of donations. Please drop to the office asap.

K-2 Jelly Beans, 3-4 Minties, 5-6 Chocolates

Coffee Cups:
Coffee Cups have arrived, make sure you get your order into the office asap. All cups can be collected from the merchandise table on Saturday.

Canteen Roster
Friday 12th September
Colleen Compton
Julie Hill
Fiona Walton-Gilbert

Monday 15th September
Kate Surawski
Toni Partridge

Early Birds Kindergarten 2015 Orientation Program
Our Early Birds Program commences this Wednesday 10th September and 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
- Wednesday 12th November
- Wednesday 19th November

The Parent Information Session will be held this Wednesday 10th September at 2pm and another session on Wednesday 19th November. We look forward to welcoming our new students to Aberdeen Public School.

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

SRC Care Package Drive
Aberdeen Public School Student Representative Council are holding a drive to support the Aberdeen Care Package cadets. Please keep an eye out in next week’s newsletter for a list of things students can donate.

Library News
This year’s Annual Coal & Allied author visit to the Hunter will be in WEEK 10 of this term. Once again, Coal & Allied are generously sponsoring the author visit, so all costs are covered including travel. On Friday 19th Sept, APS students will travel by bus to St Mary’s Primary School in Scone to meet the very talented Frances Watts which works out really well following David Legge’s wonderful visit last year. Frances and David have collaborated on many books together including: Kisses for Daddy, Parsley Rabbit’s Book about Books, Captain Crabclaw’s Crew and The Fearsome, Frightening, Ferocious Box.

(Check out her website http://www.franceswatts.com/)

The three sessions will be on at the following times:

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Please return your notes as soon as possible.

Forthcoming Dates

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**October**

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Special Offer:

**MAJESTIC CINEMAS SINGLETON**

21 Ryan Ave

ALL YOU NEED IS THIS VOUCHER!

$9.90

Valid Until 07/10/2014

*Conditions - coupon must be surrendered to receive ticket offer. Not valid with any other offer. Coupon valid for up to 4 tickets per code.*
Sesquicentenary Merchandise

300ml ceramic coffee cups - (similar to the design above) 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)
September School Holiday Program 2014

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Holiday activities are limited to School Age Children unless accompanied by a carer.

Newspapers Essential
For bookings and information please contact:
Aberdeen: 6560 1303  Casillas: 4375 8295  Morriwa: 6521 7087
Murrumundi: 6540 1361  Scone: 6540 1363

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FAMILY FUN DAY

26TH SEPTEMBER 2014
COME ALONG FOR A LOOK AT AUSTRALIA’S FIRST AND OLDEST PARLIAMENT HOUSE

NO NEED TO BOOK
ALL WELCOME!
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MACQUARIE ST. SYDNEY
www.parliament.nsw.gov.au
ENQUIRES: 02 9230 2047

FUN ACTIVITIES
PRODUCE AND CRAFT OPPORTUNITIES
TOURS OF THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS
MISTERY QUEST/CODE CRACKING
SAUSAGE SIZLE (MINIMUM CHARGE)
ROVING HISTORICAL CHARACTERS
ART AND OTHER DISPLAYS

FREE ENTRY

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A.P.S Sesquicentenary Celebrations & Fete
COME JOIN US
Saturday 13th September
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NSW Health Hunter New England Local Health District
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Families, Carers, Health Professionals, Service Providers, Teachers/Assistants, & the General Public
Calling All!
HNC Care Education & Support Program – Hunter
Invites you to the
2014 Expo for Families & Carers

What's in it for you?
• Support & Information for Families & Carers in their caring role
• Information for Professionals to support Families & Carers
• Opportunities to Network & Promote Carers Week Activities

Venue: Aberdeen Public School
Segalson Street, Aberdeen.

When: Saturday 13th September
Time: 11am-3pm

ALL WELCOME

For more information, please call Aberdeen Public School on 02 6842 2271

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