PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Term 4 is off to a flying start and we have already begun some planning for the 2016 school year. One of the most exciting parts of planning for next year will be the transition of our current Year 5 students towards leadership roles and their participation in leadership nominations and speeches. On Friday all current Year 5 students have been invited to attend a Leadership Day at Scone High School. There is no cost for this event and I strongly encourage each student to come along. I am confident our students will enjoy the day and be given opportunity to develop and reflect on their leadership aspirations.

Thank you for taking the time to read our weekly newsletters. It is going to be such a busy term with school photos, our P & C disco and the Year 6 Fete all coming up along with a range of other activities and events on our school calendar. Our newsletter is a very valuable link between home and school as we strive to keep our school community informed and updated about what’s on at school on a regular basis.

Welcome back to our Year 5 and 6 students who travelled to Canberra last week on their excursion. Mrs Pennell and Mr Larnach were extremely proud to have travelled away with such exemplary school representatives. According to our teachers, student behaviour was excellent and I am sure you have all heard many stories about the student’s experiences while on excursion. Well done Stage 3!

School Photos
School photo day is Wednesday 21st October. Personalised student envelopes have been handed out today. Each child is expected to return their envelope on photo day regardless of whether they are purchasing photos or not. Please enclose the correct money as no change is given.

Please ensure your child is looking their best in full summer school uniform (black shoes, black or gold hair accessories only, plain silver or gold stud earrings) and a smile!

Family group envelopes are available at the front office.

say cheese
School Photo Day is
21 October 2015
Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:
- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us
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www.msp.com.au
Our school is participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October.

A letter was sent home with the eldest student to all families last term detailing an individual username and password. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. If you would like to participate and have lost your username and password please contact the school and we can reissue these to you.

Principals' Awards

Week 2 Term 4

K Yellow  Eli F. – fantastic work in guided reading groups.
K Lime  Rei I. - wonderful fluent reading.
1 Blue  Alice D. – outstanding effort in writing and class discussion.
2 Purple  Samson E. – an enthusiastic start to term and for sharing his amazing knowledge about science with the class.
2/3 Red  Max M. - demonstrating enthusiasm in writing.
3/4 Magenta  Cameron B. - striving to improve his fluency when reading and multiplication recall in maths.
4/5 Green  Jakob J. - showing commitment and initiative.
5 Orange  Millie H. - demonstrating leadership qualities and being a positive role model for her peers.
5/6 Black  Dan McC. – showing initiative and school leadership values.

Merit Awards

K Yellow  Abbergail N.
K Lime  Anora D.
1 Blue  Emily McM.
2 Purple  Jacob B.
2/3 Red  Harry D.
3/4 Magenta  Maci G.
4/5 Green  Lillian D.
5 Orange  Bella Rose P.
5/6 Black  Bailey G.

Kids Matter Awards

K Yellow  Ella W.  Responsibility
K Lime  Cameron D.  Success
1 Blue  Ethan W.  Respect
2 Purple  Candy B.  Confidence
2/3 Red  Jae D.  Responsibility
3/4 Magenta  Tyson C.  Success
4/5 Green  Jayden J.  Responsibility
5 Orange  Hayden L.  Persistence
5/6 Black  Brenna C.  Respect

Merit Badges

Steven W.
Hallie D.
Annabelle M.
Malaki P.

P & C News

Family Fun Bowls Day - is on THIS Saturday 17th Oct at the Aberdeen RSL Club. We still have spots for teams, these can be parents, students etc. Grab a few friends together and help us raise some money to go towards the car park upgrade. $10 per player. Teams of 4. 11am-3pm. Tickets are available from the office.

Halloween Disco - NEXT Thursday 22nd Oct in the school hall. Years K-2 5.30pm-6.45pm. Years 3-6 7pm-8.30pm. Prizes for the best dressed. Meal deal notes have gone home and the slip is again included.

Bianca Mooring – Relieving Principal
in this newsletter. Please return to the office by next Monday for catering purposes. We are still after 2 helpers for the Yrs 3-6 disco, please let the office know if you can help out.

Family Photos - Saturday 31st Oct and Sunday 1st Nov. We still have 5 spots to fill. Saturday 11.45am, 1.15pm, 3.15pm and Sunday 9am. Please phone/text Jodie 0407766364 if you want to book in. $20 booking fee needs to be paid asap. All photos are being taken at St Andrew's Reserve (Aberdeen Rodeo Grounds) weather permitting, otherwise in the school hall.

Chocolate Drive - thank you to all the families that have sold their chocolates. Please drop all outstanding money to the office for collection asap.

P&C Meeting - Next meeting will be Wednesday 21st October at 6pm in the school library. All parents and caregivers welcome to attend.

Christmas Raffle – we will be holding a Christmas raffle. Please bring any items for donation to the front office.

CANTEEN NEWS

Roster for the coming week.

Wednesday 14th October
Nat Hall
Jodie Mayall

Friday 16th October
Toni Partridge
Kate Surawski

Monday 19th October
Sandy Morrison
Kristen Lobb

We still have vacancies on this terms roster, if we cannot find parents to help out, the canteen will need to close on those days. Please contact Kelly McMahon if you can help.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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The importance of arriving at school on time:
- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

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Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II
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CLASS NEWS

K Yellow
What a busy start to the term we have had! It seems everyone enjoyed their holidays and are ready for their last term of Kindergarten!! Homework and home readers are continuing this term. Please continue with assisting your child in completing these. Thank you to those parents that have offered to assist with Gross Motor this term.
Next week we have the school disco and I look forward to seeing everyone there. We also have school photos next Wednesday 21st.
Mrs Keating and I are currently planning an excursion for all of kindergarten. This will be on in week 7, 19th November. More information will be sent home soon.

K Lime
Welcome back to term 4. We have a very busy term ahead including a Kindergarten excursion. Details for this will be out very shortly.
We started Gross Motor again this morning and thank you to the parents who have offered to help out again this term.
We have run very short of glue sticks in K Lime so if parents could possibly buy a glue stick next time you are shopping for our class supplies box, I would appreciate it very much.
A reminder that Library is on Wednesday again this term so please continue to borrow lots of books.
On a Thursday afternoon all of Kindergarten will be doing dancing in the hall so please collect students from the hall on this day.

1 Blue
Welcome back! We have a very exciting and action filled term. Not only is the Stage 1 Wetlands excursion quickly approaching, but we also have school photos, a disco, Yr 6 Mini Fete and Presentation Day.
This week in Literacy we have begun a super hero themed writing unit. The students are having a lot of fun creating super heroes and using adjectives to describe them.
In Numeracy this week we are learning about number patterns and pentagons.
With the weather getting hot please remember to send your child with a water bottle. If your child has a water bottle they can bring in, they will be allowed to have it in class to stay hydrated throughout the day. Cordial will not be allowed inside the classroom.

2 Purple
I was glad to hear that everyone had a very enjoyable and safe holiday. Term Four is finally here and there is a huge amount of exciting things in store that will make the time fly by.
This term we are changing the way we do home reading so please make sure you have a look at the new contracts that should be in your child’s bag and make yourself familiar with it. It is very similar to what we do in reading groups in class. Any questions please come and see me.

Don’t forget that next week we have school photos on Wednesday. We also have our excursion next month. We have lots of notes coming in, but if you require another note please visit the office.
With the heat of summer upon us, please don’t forget hats and water bottles.
Great to have everyone back. Have a great term! Please come and visit me if you have any questions or concerns.

2/3 Red
This term we are continuing to work towards achieving our writing goals. Each student has their own specific writing goals and are able to identify these each and every time they write. Currently we are writing about everyone’s favourite topic, ice cream. We completed an ad for a new ice cream flavour last week and are working on an adaption of Paul Jennings’s “Smart Ice Cream” this week.
Just a reminder for year 2 students, Wetlands Excursion note and money is now due to be returned. Regards, Mr Ramage.

3/4 Magenta
Welcome back to Term 4! The class has written about the interesting adventures they have had over the holidays. Some were very exciting!
This term we will be learning about beliefs and religions in HSIE and forces and magnetism in Science. Be prepared to hear about all of our fun experiments! If you have connected with your child's class dojo account, you can now see what they are doing in our "class story", as well as keep track of their success with dojo points. Please keep logging in as the class is very keen to show you what they are getting up to!
Reminders: There are a number of students that have everything in their pencil case except for the things they need! Please check they have 2-3 lead pencils (so a breakage doesn't impact their productivity), an eraser, a glue stick and a red pen. Also Class Photos 21/10 and the Halloween Disco 22/10 are next week.
Regards, Renee Jones

4/5 Green
Welcome back to everyone. It is going to be a very busy end to the year. We are running low on student supplies and a number of pencil cases need restocking...maybe even replacing!
Please make sure students have at school the basics; pens and pencils, an eraser and a sharpener. A reminder that students need to have their school hat at school each day so they can play on the oval and participate during sport and PE.
I hope to see everyone at the Halloween Disco next Thursday night.
We had the most amazing experience in Canberra. On Tuesday morning we all clambered onto the bus at 5:45 am and drove all the way to our nation’s capital. Our first stop in the afternoon was Parliament House where we saw the Upper House and the Senate. We role played how to pass a bill in the Upper House about “Should Junk food ads be banned when children shows were on TV”. The bill was successfully passed. After that we returned to our accommodation. After dinner we went to Telstra Tower and saw the amazing night sky filled with stars and the lights.

Early Wednesday morning we went to the Australian Institute of Sport and looked at all the new facilities. After that we went to the National Gallery of Australia to look at some AMAZING artworks and sculptures. Next was the Australian Mint where a machine called Titan makes new currency for us to use. And then we got to Questacon. After dinner we travelled to Iplay Australia and had unlimited arcade games, laser tag and dodgem cars. Very fun!

We had a late start on Thursday morning and went to the National Museum of Australia, the National Capital Exhibition, had lunch at the National Workers Memorial and finally had a night tour of the National Dinosaur Museum.

On the last day we packed up and went to Cockington Green and Old Parliament House. Then after all that had a LONG bus Trip home.

A huge thank you to Tom from Osbournes and our parent helpers; Nat McCamely, Kelly McMahon, Brad Baker, Brian Henry and Brian Flaherty.

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**Good for Kids good for life**

**Active as a Family**

Busy lives and long work schedules can mean that many families spend time apart during the week and exercise on their own.

Here are some ways to connect as a family, revive energy levels and feel fit and healthy:

- A simple walk after dinner
- Join an all ages group like a fun run or cycling group
- Play touch football or cricket in the backyard on weekends
- Go for a hike or bike ride around local walking tracks
- Spend the day at the beach or your local swimming pool.
Thursday 22nd October

PGC DISCO

3-6 Disco

7.00pm-8.30pm

K-2 Disco

5.30pm-6.45pm

$5 entry includes sausage sandwich and popper

$2 entry for those not requiring dinner.

Enclosed is entry fee.

My child will be attending the school disco on Thursday 22nd October in class

Please return to the office by Monday 19th October

For purchase on the night:
Lolly bags, chips, poppers and glow sticks are available.

Please note:

0 $2 Just entry.
0 $5 includes sausage sandwich and popper

PGC DISCO