PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Remembrance Day
Our Captains and Student Representatives will be attending St Joseph’s for a Remembrance Day ceremony. Students remaining at school will attend a small service before 11am.

Unsafe bike riders
The school has been contacted by concerned community members who have seen students placing themselves in danger as they ride their bikes to and from school. Students who ride their bikes to school must use the crossing to walk their bikes across. There should be no bike riders on the footpath up past St Joseph’s.
I will be contacting Upper Hunter Area Command to alert them to the unsafe practices and ask them to monitor bike safety behaviour around our school. Please review the bike safety guidelines included in this newsletter.

Staff Development Day
Thank you to all parents and carers for allowing our staff to attend the professional learning opportunity with Lane Clarke last Friday and Saturday. This was a very worthwhile learning for all staff. The training was based on deep thinking and learning, with an inquiry focus.

Photo Request
If anyone has photos of our two performances (K-2 Jungle Adventure or 3 – 6 No Aliens Here) and they are willing to share them, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send your photos to aberdeen-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Michelle Floyd – Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Week 6 Term 4
K Yellow Jack D. - fantastic comprehension of texts read in guided reading groups.
K Lime Ethan N. – outstanding efforts in independent reading.
1 Blue Taj B. - an improvement in all math areas.
2 Purple Chloe C. - being an enthusiastic learner and always looking for ways to improve her work.
2/3 Red Brae M-F. - writing an excellent cricket commentary.
3/4 Magenta Riley T. - improving his effort in writing and editing.
4/5 Green Liam H. - working independently in all areas.
5 Orange Trent R. - striving to achieve his best in all key learning areas.
5/6 Black Hunter D. – always showing a consistent approach to all KLA’s and giving all tasks 100% effort.

Merit Awards
K Yellow Hunter H.
K Lime Rei I.
1 Blue Kieran O.
2 Purple Ethan G.
2/3 Red Claire J.
3/4 Magenta Brodie H.
4/5 Green Cody P.
5 Orange Jacob D.
5/6 Black Bailey G.

Kids Matter Awards
K Yellow Charly S. Respect
K Lime Emity C. Happiness
1 Blue Sonny J. Honesty
2 Purple Steven W. Responsibility
2/3 Red Georgie H. Responsibility
Thank you to all those who supported the hotdog meal deal day today. We are after “meal deal” day ideas for next year, so let us know your thoughts.

Christmas Raffle - tickets will be going home this week. All students will receive 10 tickets to sell, more tickets are available from the office for those parents able to take a book to work. Our prize pool is slowly growing but we are in need of more items. We are asking all families to donate something i.e. box of chocolates, colouring books, wine etc. If you are part of a business and able to donate something, please let us know. Raffle will be drawn at the Presentation Day morning tea.

Planning for 2016 - The P&C is starting to plan for the next year. This includes our fundraising events but also what we would like to support within the school. This year we have helped fund the Mad Food Science Program and Zumba. We have purchased new netball and football uniforms. We have upgraded the canteen with a new air conditioner, new benches and interior repaint.

What do you think the school needs in 2016 that the P&C can support?

We have already pledged to help fund Healthy Harold, Term 2 sport and Zumba in 2016. We are working hard to raise the funds for the car park upgrade but would love to hear what else we can be working towards.

Next Meeting - Wednesday 18th November - all welcome.

Keeping up to date with P&C news - We have a closed facebook group for all families and friends within our school. Please search APS - P&C to keep in the loop with what is happening and how you can support our school.
CLASS NEWS

K Yellow
Next week, Thursday 19th, is our Kindergarten excursion. We still have a couple of students who haven’t returned their note and payment to the office. If your child is able to attend please return this ASAP, as we now need to finalise numbers. We have had a few parents share their interests in coming along with us for the day, we will be doing the draw at the end of the week and letting the parents and students know. This term in K Yellow we have been focusing on informative texts and the class has been really impressing me with their informative writing, sharing lots of facts about different animals and producing some fantastic sentences.

This week in homework a maths game went home about friends of 10. Please try and play this game as it is a great way for students to be able to quickly recognise the numbers that add together to make 10.

K Lime
Kindergarten is really looking forward to the excursion next Thursday. Thankyou to all those parents who have returned their note and money. If you haven’t done so please do by Friday this week. We will advise parents if they are coming in the next couple of days. Please keep up the great work with home readers, only 5 weeks of school to go. Students will start to bring home artwork and books from our room so please keep an eye out in their school bag. We are very excited to start to decorate our room for Christmas.

1 Blue
1 Blue is very excited as we have been getting ready for our Wetlands Excursion this Thursday! A reminder note with times and things to bring will be sent home today.

In Maths, we are learning about 2 dimensional shapes and measurement using a variety of everyday objects. In literacy we are working on persuasive and informative writing as we use real events to inform and inspire our writing.

Salute
Short deck, cards 2-10 (3 players)
Deal one card each, face down. When the dealer says “salute”, each player raises the card to his or her forehead. The dealer states the total of the cards. Each player has to determine the value of the card being held to his or her forehead by looking at the other person’s card and subtracting this amount from the total.

This can also be played with multiplication

Variation
The dealer looks at the colour of the cards. If the colours are the same the dealer adds and if the colours are different, the dealer multiplies. This time, the player has to state both the colour and the value of the card being held.

2 Purple
What a busy time in 2 Purple are having. For the next month we have a prac student in our class. Miss Mahr is from Newcastle University and is very excited to be joining us.

The class have been really focussed and working hard in all subjects. They have been working on persuasive texts and are becoming very convincing. Science seems to be getting messier every week, but extremely enjoyable. In maths we are really working on our TENS and counting strategies.

This Thursday we are off to the Wetlands. Don’t forget we are leaving at 7.15am and returning and 4.15pm, and this Friday we have our assembly item. We are performing a dance to a Katie Perry song. Students are asked to wear something bright on their tops and black bottoms. Lots of hard work has been put into their practice so hopefully we pull it off on the day.

Thank you to all parents who have handed in their intensive swimming notes. Almost every 2P student returned theirs. Tomorrow is the last day to return the notes. Have a great week.

2/3 Red
Over this year students have been working very hard at improving their writing and the results speak for themselves. It has been wonderful to witness the change in attitude towards writing. Not only are students more willing to write in greater quantities but they have also been keen to work towards improving the quality of their writing through their writing goals.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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Last week we wrote some excellent sports commentaries and this week we have focused on completing a procedure for making a pizza (delicious). Well done on your fabulous writing 2/3 Red!

Regards, Mr Ramage.

3/4 Magenta

There are only 6 weeks to go and we are very busy! I have been very impressed with students’ motivation and commitment to learning recently. It makes the classroom a very nice place to be. Everyone is really enjoying our force science experiments and discussions about people and their beliefs - especially environmental and humanitarian. Students have a lot of empathy for those less fortunate than us.

Great to see so many people have paid for swimming. With the weather heating up it is going to make our days at school much cooler.

Reminder: Please make sure students have a good supply of lead pencils. There must be a black hole in the classroom as they just keep disappearing!

Thanks, Renee Jones

4/5 Green

4/5 Green have finally started working on their “Belief” artworks. Our students have reflected on the important things in their lives and looked at the works of other artists that show their interpretation of the world around them. Yesterday we painted our backgrounds and look forward to seeing the canvases evolving over the next few weeks.

It won’t be long and it will be time for a little Christmas craft. Remember if you have any toilet paper rolls and paper towel rolls we would love them to use in some craft at the end of the year.

5 Orange

Welcome to Ms McInerney. She is a teacher in training and is with our class over the next 4 weeks! We are very lucky to have her in our class and hope she enjoys her time.

The end of the term is quickly approaching and we are achieving some strong results. In literacy we are focusing on ending each of our texts effectively and with impact. In Maths we are focusing on calculating mean from a set of data. We also found out that light does not bend through an experiment.

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5/6 Black

5/6 Black are busy organising the Mini Fete.

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2016 enrolments open

The Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music is offering music lessons at school

Lessons are available during school hours in the following instruments:
- Piano, Voice, Woodwind (Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone),
- Brass (Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, French Horn, Tuba and Drums (if in school band)

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How to enjoy your ride safely

Riding a bike is a fun, fast, cheap and environmentally friendly way of getting around. But everybody, especially kids, have to think about bike safety too!

Here are some things to discuss with your class.

BIKE SAFETY TIPS

- In NSW children under the age of 12 are allowed to ride on the footpath. Even so, they should be taught what each road sign means. This will help them be aware of their environment and also educate them for when they become road users.
- Children should never make a turn without looking behind them. There may be hazards such as joggers, dogs, or other riders coming up behind them. Teach them to do a shoulder check and signal before each turn.
- It’s best to avoid riding with kids along busy roads or at night.
- When riding along the footpath children should come to a complete stop when they need to cross a road. It’s best if they walk their bike across – particularly at busy intersections or at traffic lights.
- Good bike safety stems from good overall road safety – help children understand when it is safe to cross the road.
- Pedestrians come first! Children on bikes should always give way to pedestrians.
- It’s a good idea for kids to wear bright, visible clothes while riding.

RIDING THE BIKE

Getting out and about on a bike is great fun, but don’t forget these Golden Rules.

- Wear a helmet: not only is it the law, it will help protect your noggin!
- Beware of driveways: if children are riding on the footpath they should be made aware that cars often exit suddenly and that the drivers have little visibility when reversing. Slow down when approaching driveways.
- Ride to your skill level and the conditions: most accidents occur when the rider loses control of their bike – this even happens to experienced cyclists. Watch out for hazards like a wet road after rain, loose gravel and potholes.
- City or country - doesn’t matter: many people think that because the country is quieter it is safer for children to ride in. However traffic often moves at higher speeds and there can sometimes be no footpath. It doesn’t mean children shouldn’t ride, just that they should always be accompanied and take care no matter where they are.
- Be safe, be seen: wearing bright coloured clothing and having reflectors attached to the bike will ensure children stand out and are easy to see.