PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Year 6 Mini Fete
Year 6 and Mrs Pennell have done an excellent job of planning the Mini Fete so come along at 4:30 on Wednesday to enjoy the fun.

Band and Vocal Workshop
Yesterday we had 25 students attend the band and vocal workshop at Muswellbrook High School. Our 6 vocal girls did a great job as they learnt 3 songs to perform at the evening concert.
The school band did a fabulous job learning and performing both new and familiar songs. Thank you all who came, it was a great day and evening.

Community Officer Position
APS is seeking to employ a Community Officer in 2016. This will be a part time position for 6 hours per week. A probationary period of 1 term will term apply.

The Community Officer’s role will include liaising with our school and wider community, assisting in the organisation of school events and school participation in community events and assisting in managing school communication tools.

The successful applicant will need good verbal and written communication skills, a willingness to work as part of a team, a sound working knowledge of social media, an open mind and understand the need for confidentiality.

If you would like more information about this position please contact the school office.

Applicants need to apply in writing by Wednesday 9th December.

Michelle Floyd – Principal

Darley Stud Visit
1B had the opportunity to visit Darley Stud on Friday. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to see a working horse stud. The children had a fantastic time and even got to meet the famous stallion Lonhro! We thank Darley for this very special experience.

Lonhro and Host Jimmy Unwala

Breaking Barn with Manager Scott Eeles
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Week 8 Term 4

K Yellow  Alexis D. – outstanding effort in her independent writing.

K Lime  Ethan N. - excellence in writing.

1 Blue  Ava R. - excellence in reading.

2 Purple  Ziggy T. - helping others with their reading during reading groups.

2/3 Red  Madison R. - excellent effort and attitude in all areas.

3/4 Magenta  Abigail M. - striving for excellence in all areas.

4/5 Green  Savanna W-G. - application and effort in all learning areas.

5 Orange  Lizzy D. - excellence in mathematics.

5/6 Black  Kasey-Leigh P. – excellent behaviour and attitude to school activities.

Merit Awards

K Yellow  Lexia-Lee H.

K Lime  Adeline H.

1 Blue  Rylee K.

2 Purple  Takowah K.

2/3 Red  Angus S.

3/4 Magenta  Lucy McC.

4/5 Green  Seth I.

5 Orange  Cullen S.

5/6 Black  Kobe P.

Kids Matter Awards

K Yellow  Amelia I.  Responsibility

K Lime  John D.  Happiness

1 Blue  Shania T.  Resilience

2 Purple  Sienna B.  Honesty

2/3 Red  Tyson T.  Persistence

3/4 Magenta  Ayesha M.  Confidence

4/5 Green  Cailey G.  Confidence

5 Orange  Kynan B.  Persistence

5/6 Black  Jasmine A.  Respect

Merit Badge

Takira W-G.

Mikayla C.

Kynan B.

Savanna W-G.

P & C NEWS

We are currently seeking someone within our school community with an accounting background to audit our books in 2016. If you are interested or know of someone, please contact our president Amanda Wilks on 0418566285.

Christmas Raffle is well underway. Check out the updated prize list in today’s newsletter. Please remember to sell all your tickets and return them to the office asap. All profits go towards the car park upgrade.

Christmas is a time of sharing.... We are collecting non-perishable food ideas to be given to Aberdeen Treasures to distribute to needy families in the community. If you have a few items to spare please place them in the box located in the office.

CANTENE NEWS

Canteen roster is as follows:

Wednesday 25th November

Kelly Maher

Friday 27th November

Mel Jordan

Monday 30th November

Sandy Morrison

Term 1 canteen roster is up on the wall in the canteen. If you are available please fill in what day suits you best.

There are still no cheese and bacon pizzas available, we do have ham and pineapple and I’ve also ordered bbq meat lovers. Please make sure that your child doesn’t order an ice block on their lunch order bag as we cannot put ice blocks with their hot lunch orders.

Any questions please contact Kelly 0488134550

WORLD OF MATHS

The World of Maths Roadshow was an outstanding success. Thank you to all involved especially to those parents, friends and students from SHS who came to assist the younger levels helping ensure they got the most out of their session.

The activities were highly engaging and showed the children that Maths can be fun!

SINGING PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to the 12 girls who performed for the students at Aberdeen Pre School. Thank you to Karen and Amy Croft who assisted the excursion with makeup and costume. The students were outstanding ambassadors for the school. Sweet tunes!

Larni Christie

OBSORNS BUS COMPANY - BUS PASSES

All children starting Kindergarten, Year 3 and Year 7 will need to fill in a New Bus Application Form for next year. Also, if you have a new address or change of school you will need to apply for a new bus pass. Bus application forms can be collected from the office, otherwise parents can get application forms from Osborn’s Depot.

Osborn’s are accepting 2016 applications now BUT they will not be processed until January and will be ready for collection when the bulk of passes are processed.

All bus passes need to be collected from Osborn’s office from mid-January (53-55 Maitland Street Muswellbrook, located behind Beaurepairs).

No application will be processed unless it is signed stamped and dated by the school.

If you are unsure if a child will be eligible for FREE travel in 2016 please feel free to contact Osborn’s office and we will help with this process. 6543 1271
I hope to see lots of K Lime families on Wednesday evening. This Friday, and next, assembly will be held in the afternoon session from 2pm as our stage 2 students will be at intensive swimming in the morning. Today is our last session of Gross Motor with small groups and parent helpers as our final 2 weeks at school we will be using all the skills we have learnt this year to play full games such as soccer, cricket and touch football. Thank you very much to all the parents who have helped throughout the year.

1 Blue

1 Blue has had a fantastic and busy few weeks. Everyone really enjoyed the wetlands excursion – thank you to our great parent helpers! Students were also very lucky to be invited to Darley Stud last Friday. Year 1 did a fabulous job representing Aberdeen Public as they displayed wonderful manners and behaviour. In literacy this week we are continuing our focus on informative texts and fluency when reading. In numeracy students are working on problem solving and identifying 3D shape features.

Connor S. had the opportunity along with many other students to be measured with a special ‘hand’ ruler.

2 Purple

It is a very busy time in 2 Purple. Our excursion to the wetlands was extremely enjoyable. Thank you to all the parents for joining us on the day. Intensive swimming has begun with almost all of our class participating. With the warm weather, it is a great start to the day. This week we have the mini fete. Something exciting to look forward to.

Miss Maher has been spoiled with kindness from the class. Miss Maher has 2 more weeks and many more intensive swimming have begun. We are working on problem solving and identifying 3D shape features.

Miss Hunt has ensured it is very affordable by completing a successful grant to lower the cost for all. Please remember to bring all the things you need for intensive swimming. I’m sure everyone is looking forward to the Year 6 mini fete, don’t forget to tell all your friends and family!

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### INTENSIVE SWIMMING

With the hot sun shining could all students please wear a rash shirt at swimming. Sunscreen works but not as well as “rashies”. It has been a great start – 8 more days to enjoy! Miss Hunt

### CLASS NEWS

#### K Yellow

K Yellow had a fantastic time on their excursion last Thursday. Thank you to all of those parents that came along and helped out on the day. This Friday at the school assembly it is K Yellow’s turn to present an item; so we thought we would share our excursion experience with everyone. We hope you can come along to watch. The assembly will be held in the afternoon instead of the morning due to intensive swimming. Next week will be the last week of homework and home readers, after that we will need to start collecting home readers for the end of year.

#### K Lime

Kindergarten had a wonderful time on our excursion last week and they were all extremely well behaved. I was very proud of all the students and it was lovely to receive positive comments about our students from the general public. We are very lucky to have been able to go to the dairy farm of Jim and Nel Lonergan and we thank them very much for this experience. The students will be doing some informative writing this week reporting all the things they learned on the day. Thanks again to the fabulous parent helpers who had on the day, you were brilliant.

Tomorrow afternoon at 4:30pm is our Year 6 Mini Fete. This event is run entirely by our current Year 6 students to raise money towards their farewell and their departing gift to the school. The fete runs until 6pm and there are loads of exciting things happening.

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#### 2/3 Red

I’m very pleased that we have so many students participating in the intensive swimming program from our class. Learning to swim is a critical life skill that everyone should have the opportunity to develop. Miss Hunt has ensured it is very affordable by completing a successful grant to lower the cost for all. Please remember to bring all the things you need for intensive swimming, I’m sure everyone is looking forward to the Year 6 mini fete, don’t forget to tell all your friends and family!
family to come along so we can raise as much money as possible.
Regards, Mr Ramage.

3/4 Magenta
I was extremely proud of everyone in 3/4 Magenta last week when they got up on stage for our assembly item. Their confidence and interest in science shone as they performed their skits and taught the whole school about some of the forces they have explored this term.

It is getting closer to end of term so we are starting to wrap up our units and do a few tests. Can I please have all home readers returned by Friday so we can get them checked off. That is no reason to stop reading though. You can still borrow from the library and the town library has heaps of interesting books to keep you entertained all holidays.

4/5 Green
We have had a phenomenal response to intensive swimming this year. Almost every member of our class is attending. This is a great opportunity to build up our skills in and around the water, not to mention a welcome relief from the warmer weather.
Our Year 5 students have been commended on the effort they have shown during dance practice for the Year 6 Farewell. Don’t forget to send in your money to the office to cover dinner on the night.
I look forward to seeing lots of students and their families at the Year 6 Mini Fete on Wednesday afternoon.

5 Orange
It has been a very busy fortnight for 50. This week in HSIE we have been discussing migrants and refugees in the world. The students were very insightful and compassionate about both their circumstances. On Monday in art we used air dry clay to make pinch pots based on animals. The results were amazing! Later this week we will paint the potted and send them home for the students to enjoy.

5/6 Black
Year 6 Farewell is on Thursday 10th December. Your permission notes and money ($25) are due this Friday 27th November.
Year 6 is busy organising the mini fete. See you all tomorrow afternoon!
SCONE FILMS
Friday 27th November at 7:45pm, at Scone Films pop-up cinema at the Senior Citizen’s Centre, Oxford Road, Scone. Shane Jacobsen and Deborah Mailman star, but it’s the dog and the cute fairy penguins that steal the show. An eccentric chicken farmer trains his dog to protect an endangered fairy penguin colony from fox attacks. Scone Films will screen the family comedy, ODDBALL, rated G, advance tickets $10 from Serendipity, Scone, or at the door. Drinks and delicious snacks and refreshments will be available for $5 from 7pm. Everyone is welcome. For insurance, under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Details are on the website www.sconefilms.org.au
**WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL**

1. On the day your child is absent, you can notify the school in the following ways:
   - Phone the school on 0249272721
   - Use the Skoolbag app → e-Forms → Absentee Form

2. If you do not contact the school on the day of absence, an absentee note should be written and sent in to the SCHOOL OFFICE when your child returns to school.

   Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Schools in partnership with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, record and monitor poor attendance.

   **Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedure**
   - School Attendance Policy - PP 2005 1206
   - Attendance and Engagement Decisions 2019

3. If your child arrives at school late, they must be brought to the SCHOOL OFFICE by a responsible adult and signed in.

4. For those absences that are not explained, a formal letter to request a valid reason for the absence is sent home in the mail each fortnight. This is to be completed and returned the next day to the SCHOOL OFFICE.

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**SAFEBOOK**

**THINK**

- Think before you post
- Only connect with friends
- Don't share your password
- Don't be hurtful towards others
- Keep your settings private
- Be kind to others

**TELL**

- UNFRIEND
- BLOCK
- REPORT

**PARENTS & TEACHERS**

- Don’t stay silent
- Do: help your friend
- Report the bully
- Tell your parents
- Tell your teacher

**FRIENDS**

- Don’t: Reports
- Do: Care what they say
- Help the person
- Talk: More
- Tell a friend
- Tell your parents

**THE BULLY**

- Don’t respond
- Do: Care what they say
- Help the person
- Talk: More
- Tell a friend
- Tell your parents

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**NSW Police Force**

**In support of White Ribbon**

**25 November 2015**

Simpson Park Muswellbrook from 11am
Join the SELF DEFENCE demo with Rod & Kim Hunter Central Academy
Followed by a FREE community BBQ before the White Ribbon Walk and Balloon Release at the Library.
STAND UP & SPEAK OUT, prevent violence against women.

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**KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE**

IT'S THE LAW THAT PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH YOUR CHILDREN MUST HAVE A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK.
Office of the Children's Guardian
Download a free parent's brochure from our website:


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**Health Hunter New England Local Health District**

**Love Bites**

High School Art exhibition opens at the library 1:30pm, for 16 days of activism.

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**CHECK OUT WHAT OUR YOUTH THINK**

**Upper Hunter Regional Library**

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**Muswellbrook Shire Council**

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Christmas List Prizes list keeps growing...

2 $500 Holiday Vouchers
$150 Dinner Voucher for Carmen’s in Muswellbrook
50 Kwik Beds Voucher
Family movie voucher from Muswellbrook Cinema
$50 Bloom & Flourish Voucher, Aberdeen
Mystical Nail & Beauty Gift Pack, Aberdeen
Little Love-Lees & Nutrimetics Gift Pack, Aberdeen
Whispers from Heaven ¼ Hour Reading, Muswellbrook
Whispers from Heaven 15min Reading, Muswellbrook
Load of Top Soil from Allday Concrete, Aberdeen
Load of Wood from Wendy and John Henry, Aberdeen
½ Kilo of Coffee Beans & 250g of Chocolate from Café Mobilita
A Wheel Barrow donated by LPNDT
A Beautiful Scarf and Toiletry Bag from Ruby’s Girl, Scone
A gorgeous Candle and Earrings from Amante, Scone
$20 Voucher from Kakao Dream, Scone
$30 Voucher from Chocolate & Moss Florist, Scone
2 Blitz Healthy Slushie makers
A Knife Sharpener
2 x $50 hampers from Foodworks, Aberdeen
Half leg of ham with some bottles sauces from Dimmocks Meats, Aberdeen
Wine, Beer, Chocolates
and more....

$1 per ticket

Drawn: Wednesday 9th December

All profit goes towards the carpark upgrade.
Dear Parents,

Re: Volunteering in the School Canteen for 2016.

Every year the P&C appeals to mums, dads, grandparents, carers and extended family to help support our canteen. The canteen is fully staffed by volunteers and managed by a volunteer committee.

Without volunteers we will have to start shutting the doors and it is our own children as well as the school community that miss out. Please consider offering at least 1 shift per term to help our canteen stay open. Our canteen is family friendly with a kiddy room full of toys, books and fun things to do. **We need two people on duty at all times.**

Can you help?!

If you can help, even if it is only 1 day a term, please fill in the below info and return to the office:

Name: __________________________
Child’s Name & Class ______________________
Contact Number ______________________

Days I’m available:

Monday (8.30am-2pm) ____________
Wednesday (1pm-2pm) ____________
Friday (8.30am-2pm) _____________

Please indicate if only available half days.

*Please circle*

1 day per term OR once a month OR as needed.

Would you be happy to put on a casual standby call list (used when people call in sick etc, limited notice given)? ______________

I prefer to be rostered on with ________________.

**Whilst we will try to pair people up with their friends, sometimes we need to put more experienced volunteers on with new ones to show them the ropes first.**

Thank you

Amanda Wilks  
President  
0418566285

Kelly McMahon  
Canteen Manager  
0488134550

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