PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The school year is quickly drawing to a close but we still have a busy few weeks ahead of us. The weather is hot and our students are getting tired. Please assist our students by ensuring they are getting the 10 hours sleep growing children need each night.

Intensive Swimming
Swimming school is concluding this week and it has been amazing to see the growth in student confidence and skills. Miss Hunt has done a terrific job of coordinating this valuable program.

Year 6 Mini Fete
Congratulations to Mrs Pennell and Year 6 for organising a very successful mini fete last week. They raised $1700.
They would like to use this money to purchase a new Year 6 table and replace the shade cloth roof over the Year 6 area with a solid roof.

A big thank you to our hardworking staff for their support of Year 6 during this venture. Thank you also to the many parents that supported this event.

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 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.
The value of RESPECT continues to be a school focus. We would like RESPECT to underpin all interactions across our school community. It is important that we Respect each person and each person’s right to learn at school. Respect the property of others as well as our own property; and Respect ourselves.

Bringing Technology to school
The only students that have permission to bring their technology to school are students in 50 and 5/6B, who have signed the school’s Bring Your Own Device Policy. This policy is for classroom use only and all devices must be left in the classroom at all times. They are not for use in the playground!

School Photos
We trust you received your school photos last week. With the photos was an invitation to purchase group photos. These are on display in the front office foyer.
- Student Representative Council
- School Captains
- School Band
- Whole School
- Dance Group
- 5/6 Black Fun Shot
If you wish to purchase a photo you may purchase on line or have your payment of $15 per photo to the office no later than Friday 4th December so that they may be ordered and received by the end of the school year. Orders received after this date will incur a $20 search fee.

Michelle Floyd – Principal

PRINCIPALS AWARDS
Week 9 Term 4
K Yellow  Sienna H. – excellence in her reading and writing.
K Lime  Dylan S. - outstanding improvements in communication.
1 Blue  Nikau M. - excellence in reading,
2 Purple  Candy B. - being an enthusiastic learner and seeking ways to help her improve.
2/3 Red  Matilda H. – demonstrating excellent listening skills.
3/4 Magenta  Ryan P. - excellent improvements in confidence and public speaking.
4/5 Green  Will H. – writing engaging persuasive texts.
5 Orange  Ethan P – excellence in creative writing.

5/6 Black  Breanna C. – for a continual excellent attitude and approach to all aspects of school life.

Merit Awards
K Yellow  Lexia-lee H.
K Lime  Ruby T.
1 Blue  Aaron F.
2 Purple  Annabelle M.
2/3 Red  Hayley M.
3/4 Magenta  Chloe F.
4/5 Green  Brooke W.
5 Orange  Zoe B.
5/6 Black  Tommy D.

Kids Matter Awards
K Yellow  Abbergail N.  Honesty
K Lime  Jagah H.  Success
1 Blue  Bronx G.  Responsibility
2 Purple  Austin McG.  Responsibility
2/3 Red  Faith R.  Responsibility
3/4 Magenta  Stevie M.  Responsibility
4/5Green  Phoenix McL.  Persistence
5 Orange  Seth B.  Success
5/6 Black  Mally M.  Happiness

Merit Badge
Roy H.
Matilda H.
Cody P.

Bronze Bar
Jye F.

P & C NEWS
Raffle Tickets - Just a reminder that we need all raffle tickets returned to the office by this Friday. Thank you to the parents that have been able to sell down the street for us to help bump up our ticket sales. Our goal is to hit $1500, we are currently $212 short. All last minute prize donations should be brought in by this Wednesday please.

CANTEEN NEWS
The Canteen roster for next week:
Wednesday 2nd December
Nat McCamley

Friday 4th December
Kelly McMahon
Mel Jordan

Monday 7th December
Nat Hall

The canteen is now out of spaghetti bolognaise and fried rice. There will be no more of this made this year as we are nearing the end of term. We have a supreme pizza available at the moment. I don't think we will have any cheese and bacon or ham and pineapple pizzas available until the New Year. Sorry for the inconvenience but it's out of my hands.

Don't forget to hand your canteen notes back to the office so I can do up the new roster ASAP
Any questions contact Kelly 0488134550
Upper Hunter Kia-Ora Youth Music Camp Competition

Students of all ages are encouraged to design a logo for the annual UHS and Kia-Ora Youth Music camp, which will be held from Wednesday, March 16 through to Friday, March 18 2016. The theme for 2016 will loosely be focused on sport. The camp is an excellent opportunity for budding musicians, as well as those who wish to try something new in the creative arts area. There are many places set aside for students who have no previous background in voice, dance or instrumental tuition. The camp is offered to all students from year 3 through to year 12 from schools across the Upper Hunter Shire.

A wide variety of enrolment options are available with classes on concert band, strings, choir, keyboards and the Amazing Voice Competition. Other electives may include cheer-leading and circus skills. Include the words “Upper Hunter Shire & Kia-Ora Youth Music Camp 2016”. The logo needs to represent the Youth Music Camp, horses and/or Sport. Keep your design very simple in black and use clear, defined lines. Please do not include fine detail or colours. The judges decision is final. The winner will be notified by Friday 18 December 2015.

An entry form can be collected from the school front office.

FIRST PRIZE: Free entry to the Upper Hunter Shire & Kia-Ora Youth Music Camp 16 to 18 March 2016, free t-shirt depicting your logo, framed copy of your logo, free tickets to the Upper Hunter Shire & Kia-Ora Youth Music Concert 2016.

OSBORNS 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

FORTHCOMING DATES

**DECEMBER**

Friday 4th Intensive Swimming last day
Wednesday 9th Presentation Day
Thursday 10th Year 6 Farewell
Monday 14th K – 2 Strathearn Visit
Tuesday 15th SRC Out of Uniform Day
Wednesday 16th 1B & 2P Muswellbrook Cinema
Thursday 17th Last day for Students & Teachers
Friday 18th Last day for SASS

**JANUARY 2016**

Wednesday 27th Staff Return
Thursday 28th Students Return

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)

**Contact us:** (02) 6543 4888 | www.uhcm.com.au

**FORCHRISTMASS IN THE PARK**

The Scene Neighbourhood Centre presents our annual CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK Saturday, December 19th From 5pm At Elizabeth Park East Street, Stone

Santa photos, FREE entertainment for all and a FREE Christmas movie on our 6 metre outdoor screen!
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 63432371
   - Use the School App or e-Forms or Absentee Form

2. If you do not contact the school on the day of absence, an absentee note should be written and sent 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 partnerships 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 part and whole day absences.

   School Attendance Policy - PS 2000 0319
   Learning and Engagement Directorate 2015

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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Holiday Clinic Fun

JOIN IN THE FUN! REGISTER YOUR CHILD IN A NETBALL NSW SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC NEAR YOU!

GREAT HOLIDAY FUN FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 10
- 3-hour clinic run by accredited coaches
- Tailored to all abilities
- Learn and improve your netball skills
- Make new friends
- Get lots of exercise in a safe environment
- Receive a Netball NSW goodie bag and Certificate of Participation

ONLY $40 PER CHILD

When: Friday 22nd January, 2016
Time: From 9:00am - 12:00pm with Registration at 8:30am
Where: Muswellbrook Netball Association
Address: Kanola Park, Hastings Street, Muswellbrook, NSW, 2333
Bring: Healthy snacks, drink bottle, sunscreen and a hat
Closing date for registration: Thursday 7th January, 2016

For further information or to register visit netball.nsw.com.au
Call 0409 1931 000 or email netballmentornsw.com.au

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