PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

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.

Teacher parent interviews will commence next week. Notes will go home with this newsletter. Please return them to school as soon as possible please.

Tuesday 17th
• Kinder Lime – the interview will be held in the office area.
• Kinder Yellow - the interview will be held in the Computer room.
• 1 Blue - the interview will be held in the library.
• 2 Purple – the interview will be held in Band room.

Wednesday 18th
• 2/3 Red - the interview will be held in the office area.
• 3/4 Magenta – the interview will be held in the computer room.

• 4/5 Green – the interview will be held in the library.

Thursday 19th
• 5 Orange – the interview will be held in office area.
• 5/6 Black – the interview will be held in the computer room.

School Fees
Voluntary School contributions for 2015 are $30 per student or $60 for 2 students or more in a family. Payments can be made at the office.

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health
We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

Michelle Floyd – Principal
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Merit Badge – Kristen S.
Merit Student Bronze Bar – Summer D.

Week 5 Term 1
K Yellow
Ella W. – always doing her best in guided writing and reading.
K Lime
Anora D. – excellent work counting to ten.
1 Blue
Ava R. - demonstrating our school rules of honesty and respect.
2 Purple
William G. – fantastic writing.
2/3 Red
Rossi L. – excellent effort in reading.
3/4 Magenta
Kate S. - returning outstanding homework every week without fail.
4/5 Green
Tyler J. - being responsible and enthusiastic towards learning.
5 Orange
Marley P. – always demonstrating excellent sportsmanship in all class sport and games.
5/6 Black
Delta H. – excellent contributions to all set class tasks.

Merit Awards
K Yellow
Natasha B.
K Lime
Chloe W.
1 Blue
Aaron F.
2 Purple
Ziggy T.
2/3 Red
Max M.
3/4 Magenta
Ayesha M.
4/5 Green
Brody K.
5 Orange
Dylan C.
5/6 Black
Mason C.

Kids Matter Awards
K Yellow
Isabell W. Persistence
K Lime
Braydon C. Responsibility
1 Blue
Taj B. Responsibility
2 Purple
Steven W. Honesty
2/3 Red
Matilda H. Persistence
3/4 Magenta
Chloe F. Responsibility
4/5 Green
Ella C. Resilience
5 Orange
Jye F. Persistence
5/6 Black
Mally M. Respect

P & C EASTER RAFFLE
Easter raffle ticket books were handed out yesterday to the eldest student in a family. Tickets will be $1 each for a book of 10. All tickets (sold and unsold) are to be returned to the office by Friday 27th March. Raffle will be drawn Tuesday 31st March. All proceeds will go to improvements within the school.

All families are asked to help us by donating chocolate eggs, colouring books, pencils, anything that can be added to the prize pool. We are hoping to have 5 prizes. All prizes can be left at the office or with your class teacher.

All students will receive a book of 10 tickets next week to sell.

CANTEEN
All lunch orders are to be put in the yellow box outside the canteen from 8.45am onwards. Lunch orders are to be at the canteen no later than 10.30am.

Volunteers
We are still in need of canteen volunteers. If you can spare sometime on a Monday Wednesday or Friday, even if it’s only for an hour or so, please leave your name and contact details with which day and time suits you at the office or you can contact Kelly McMahon on 0488 134 550. Small children are welcome to come with you.

CRICKET
On Thursday the cricket team went to Jefferson Park to play Scone Public School. Our team consisted of; Tommy D. (c), Hunter D. (v.c.), Daniel M. (w.k.), Matt J., Ben J., Jack F., Lawson E., Monique D., Kasey-Leigh P., Callum D., Josh E., Bailey G (12th man). The wickets were Ben. J - 2, Hunter D. – 1. Our top two run scores were Tommy D. (29) and Daniel M. (21). Our score was 87 runs for 5 wickets and Scone was 79 runs for 4 wickets. So we won!

Well done to all who participated.

P & C NEWS
Attention all parents and caregivers.
Our next P & C meeting will be held at 4pm on Wednesday 18th March. This meeting will include our AGM.

We need to form a committee as the P & C provides a vital service to our school community including a canteen for our students. It is through their fundraising efforts that we have the many resources we currently have.

Please make the effort to come along to this important meeting and see our refurbished library.

Children are welcome (The P 7 C will provide dinner for all children. Please RSVP).

Amanda Wilks – President

FORTHCOMING DATES

March

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Book club brochures were given out last week. They are due back tomorrow – Wednesday 11th March. Please send your order and payment to the office in a labelled envelope tomorrow morning or alternately read the information below for another ordering method – the Loop.

ARE YOU IN THE LOOP?
LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Club. It’s the NEW, Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

- Why not split your school into 5 LOOP clubs? It’s easier for everyone!
- At LOOP, orders will be sent to your school directly to your email account.
- Books are still distributed to the other older students.
- No need for parents to fill out any forms or receipt numbers – they do not need to return anything to the school.
- At payments are directly to Scholastic, scholastic.com.au/loop

NEW how-to webinars!
Need help running Scholastic Book Clubs?
Join us for one of our Book Club webinars on all things Book Club, including creating your new Book Club Ordering Group and updating your Book Club catalogue requirements. There are Q&A opportunities, so email us a list of your top questions in advance.
For more information, or to register visit
scholastic.com.au/organisers

FREE - books to borrow for your child.
Plus story time with songs, rhymes, puppets, music and much more...

When: Thursday afternoons in school term 2015
Starting 5th March 2015
Time: 3.30pm - 4.15 pm
Where: Aberdeen Public Library
Moray St, Aberdeen NSW 2336

For more information phone Anne on 6541 3000 or anne@familyinsight.org.au
Elizabeth at scene Library 6540 1183

THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP
Relaxing  Fun  Great value  Safe
Entertain the kids these school holidays with a fantastic camp. Outdoor activities include fishing, kayaking, archery, campfire singing, face painting, rock climbing, sports and more.

Kids’ Day Camps start from $45 per day for kids over 6 (8-10 year old day fee is $35). Book soon to save.

KIDS CAMPS
For more information or to book please contact your local camp.

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Why connect at school?

Peter held his daughter Rachel's hand tightly. It was a first for him to be taking Rachel to school. His heart was pounding as they made their way to the classroom. There was the teacher, Ms Lim. She smiled at them, “Welcome Rachel, hello Peter.” Another child waved at Rachel. She seemed happy to have a friend to play with. So why was Peter still nervous?

“We’re having a morning tea for parents next week. Will you come?” Ms Lim asked. “I’ll try,” Peter said. “It all seems different from when I went to school,” he thought as he headed out the door. “They seem to want parents to be involved. I wonder what else has changed?”

Schools can be scary places, and not just for children

Parents and carers also need to feel welcome and at ease to get the most out of being involved with their children’s school.

When parents and carers are involved and connected with school, children are better learners and have better mental health and wellbeing. This is an important emphasis in schools nowadays that may be very different from what parents or carers remember, or what they may have experienced in another country.

Connecting at school

Being connected at school is not about having mobile phones and computers. It’s about knowing you can get support, that you will be listened to, and that you can work together with school staff to help your child learn and develop. Working together to care for children is the best way for schools and parents and carers to support children’s mental health and wellbeing.

- When schools and parents and carers work together, children find it easier to understand what is expected from them and are better able to manage. They have fewer behaviour problems and do better at school.
- When parents and carers are connected to school it helps them get support when they need it. Support may come from talking with teachers or other school staff, or from making connections with other parents and carers. Schools help families to connect through having lots of different activities that parents and carers can get involved in.
- Being connected to the school helps keep parents and carers informed. Parents and carers who are informed about what their children are learning at school and about opportunities to get involved are able to support them better at home.
School is a place for adults to make new friends too!

Having opportunities to get to know other parents and carers, to find out how to support children's learning, or to get involved in class activities can help parents and carers feel connected to the school.

Working together is the best way to support children's mental health and wellbeing.

How parents and carers can get connected to the school

- Make contact with your child's teacher and keep in touch. Ask for help if you don't understand something.
- Check for notices that are sent home and keep informed about school activities through the school newsletter.
- Attend information sessions and social activities at the school whenever you can.
- Make contact with other parents and carers at your school: perhaps meet up informally with parents or carers of other children in your child's class, find out about parent social groups that meet at or near the school, or join a parent committee.
- Take an interest in the school council and consider joining it if you have the time and skills.

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary Information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au

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SCHOOL RULES

• BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME DOING THE RIGHT THING
• BE HONEST
• ALWAYS BE POLITE AND USE GOOD MANNERS
• FOLLOW TEACHERS’ DIRECTIONS
• RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS
• PLAY SAFELY, WORK SAFELY
• LEARN AS MUCH AS YOU CAN
• LET OTHERS LEARN AS MUCH AS THEY CAN