PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 2.

This term we have employed a drama teacher, Mrs Larnie Christie, to work with all students across the school. Her focus for the first 5 weeks will be with our K-2 students and Mr Ramage’s Year 3 students as they will be performing in a concert later in the term. Mrs Wither will continue to work with these students on the musical aspects of this concert. The focus will shift to all students in Years 3 to 6 later in Term 2 and into Term 3.

I would like to congratulate Miss Louise Birch who was engaged during the school holiday and wish her and her fiancé Hamish, a happy and prosperous future together.

I would like to thank all those parents who have contacted the school already this term to update their contact details and notify us of changes in their family circumstances. If there have been changes to your family details and you have not already done so please advise our office staff or contact me.

Safe Travel To And From School
Just prior to the holiday a number of parents and community members contacted the school with concerns for the safety of students coming to or going home from school. Some of our students are not riding their bikes or scooters in a safe way and are putting themselves at risk.

To support students in travelling in a safer manner we will be having a ‘Safe Travel To and From School’ focus over the next week.

I have included an overview of this focus below. Can you please discuss and reinforce these points with your child.

Focus: SAFE TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Walking
Walk straight to school and home
Walk on the footpath
Cross at the proper crossing where possible
Wait, watch, and walk

Riding
Obey all the road rules
Wear a helmet
Ride sensibly
Look before you cross the road

Bus
Stay seated at all times
Ask the driver to drop you off in a safe place
Take care getting on and off the bus

Car
Wear a seat belt

ATTENDANCE:

Holidays
As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose. Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations.

School ANZAC Day Ceremony
Aberdeen Public School will hold their commemorative assembly on Wednesday 22nd April at 10.30am. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Michelle Floyd – Principal
ANZAC DAY SERVICE REMINDER

The Aberdeen R.S.L. Anzac Day Service will be held Saturday 25th April, commencing at 9.00am.

Students wishing to participate are asked to assemble at 8.30am in Bedford Street in front of Aberdeen Pre-School. The March will commence at 9.00am from Bedford Street to the New England Highway and down to the RSL Club in Moray Street. Mrs Floyd, Mrs Dunn and Mrs Kerrigan will be marching with the children.

The Anzac Day Service will commence at 9.30am and be finished by 10.30am. Refreshments will be provided following the ceremony. Students will need to be in full summer school uniform, and will need to be collected promptly at the completion of the service.

Children are encouraged to wear a close relative’s medals on the right hand side.

There will be a dawn service at 6 am.

Michelle Floyd
Principal

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Mrs Floyd

I give permission for my child/ren
to participate the Anzac Day March on
Saturday 25th April. I understand that I will be responsible for transporting my child/ren to & from the service.

Signed:

Date: _______________

N.B. Please return this permission note by Thursday 23rd April if your child/ren will be participating.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Week 1 Term 2

K Yellow  Jack D. - fantastic effort in learning his sight words.
K Lime  Ethan N. - fantastic writing skills!
1 Blue  Jett P. – trying his best in all KLA’s.
2 Purple  Hayden R. – excellence in writing.
2/3 Red  Kristen S. – demonstrating enthusiasm in all areas.
3/4 Magenta  Coby L. – wonderful improvements in maths.
4/5 Green  Savanna W-G. – displaying a conscientious attitude at all times
5 Orange  Drew W. – showing empathy and kindness.
5/6 Black  Hannah F. – showing consistent responsibility and confidence during class activities.

Merit Awards

K Yellow  Sienna H.
K Lime  Grace G.
1 Blue  Kiara G.
2 Purple  Claire M.
2/3 Red  Hallie D.
3/4 Magenta  Stevie M.
4/5M Green  Isabelle B.
5 Orange  Seth B.
5/6 Black  Rhys N.

Kids Matter Awards

K Yellow  Eli F.  Respect
K Lime  Ruby T.  Happiness
1 Blue  Travis D.  Success
2 Purple  Georgia M.  Persistence
2/3 Red  Brydie B.  Respect
3/4 Magenta  Jack G.  Success
4/5 Green  Toby G.  Responsibility
5 Orange  Meagan P.  Persistence
5/6 Black  Matt J.  Persistence

P & C NEWS

Uniforms.

We have had a stocktake over the holidays and still have a few items to sell.

Drill shorts (black) Now $2ea
Size 8 – 8
Size 12 – 8
Size 16 – 5

Skorts (black) Now $2ea
Size 12 – 4
Size 14 – 2
Size 16 – 5
Size 18 – 9

Long pants (black) Now $2ea
Size 8 – 2
Adult small – 5

Vest (black with the A on it) Now $3ea
Size 12 – 3
Size 14 – 11
Small adult – 14
Anzac Commemorative Ribbons
There will be Anzac commemorative ribbons for sale on Wednesday to coincide with our school Anzac service. Cost is $2.00 per ribbon with proceeds going to Aberdeen Care Package Cadets and Aberdeen Lions Club.

Canteen News
All school members that participate in any voluntary activity relating to the P&C (ie canteen, fundraising etc) need to have filled in a working with children check and supply the office with the 100 points ID. This needs to be done asap. Forms have been sent out to canteen helpers and additional forms can be collected from the office.

Thank you to all those who put their name down for the term 2 canteen roster, this will go home today via your child. Should you need any clarification, please speak to Kelly.

Wanted
A 2nd hand kitchen table in good condition either free or cheap. Ours in the canteen needs an upgrade. We are also after some second hand toys for the canteen kids room, if you have anything please let Kelly know.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held this Wednesday 22nd April. Topics on the agenda include the constitution, meeting frequency and upcoming fundraising. We are always welcoming new members. 6.30pm in the library.

ANZAC MOVIE. Film Screening of The Waler; Australia’s Great War Horse, rated M, on FRIDAY 24th April at 7.30pm. It tells the story of the Australian Light Horse in WW1 in Palestine, and involves Guy Haydon from Blandford, and his horse Midnight. Peter Haydon shares stories and memorabilia. Senior Citizen’s Centre, Oxford Road, Scone. Details at www.sconefilms.org.au Advance tickets from Serendipity, Scone, or at the door. $15 including after film refreshments. Doors open 7pm. As always, there is a warm welcome for everyone. You don’t have to be a member. Come with some friends, or come on you own and make some new friends there. For insurance, under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class 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

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principal may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.
If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, Information and brochures:

The school leaving age:

Do you need an interpreter?
Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team
T 131 536

Learning and Engagement
Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships
T 9244 5129
www.deo.nsw.gov.au
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My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:
- Compulsory Schooling Conferences
- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.
- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.
## Aberdeen Public School
### Canteen Menu 2015

(The canteen is open for lunch orders on Mondays and Fridays)
(Snacks are available on Wednesdays)

### HOT FOOD

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### Sandwiches/Wraps

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### Salad Bowls

| Salad Bowl               | $6.00 |
| (regardless of ingredients) |

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