PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

ANZAC Day Ceremony
Over 100 of our students joined the march and attended the commemoration outside the Aberdeen RSL Club last Saturday. Many of these students represented the school and a number representing other community groups. They were all outstanding and respectful ambassadors for the youth of Aberdeen. Mrs Kerrigan and I were very proud of the way they conducted themselves.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN assessment, for Years 3 and 5, will be conducted from Tuesday 12th – Thursday 14th May. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this assessment with me please contact the school.

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.
Bad Language
Bad language will not be tolerated at Aberdeen Public School. Students who use bad language will be placed on detention. Parents will be contacted if their use of bad language persists.

Michelle Floyd – Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Week 1 Term 2
K Yellow  Noah L. – great improvement in his counting skills.
K Lime  Chloe W. - fabulous work in interactive writing.
1 Blue  Connor S. – fantastic use of adjectives in his writing about the recent rain we have had.
2 Purple  Dakota B. – making some very sensible decisions.
2/3 Red  Claire J. - excellent contributions towards our class assembly item.
3/4 Magenta  Vanessa H. - striving for excellence in writing.
4/5 Green  Brooke W. - being ready to help out others and working hard in mathematics.
5 Orange  Trent R. – continually being well organised and attentive in class and always doing his best.
5/6 Black  Brianna H – excellent organisational skills and attitude to classwork.

Merit Awards
K Yellow  Ella W.
K Lime  Georgia N.
1 Blue  Nikau M.
2 Purple  Liam D.
2/3 Red  Charlotte W.
3/4 Magenta  Abigail M.
4/5M Green  Jakob J.
5 Orange  Sarah McM.
5/6 Black  Hunter McG.

Kids Matter Awards
K Yellow  Lucas D.  Success
K Lime  Ethan H.  Responsibility
1 Blue  Chloe A.  Happiness
2 Purple  Lexie W.  Confidence
2/3 Red  Malakai P.  Happiness
3/4 Magenta  Ryan P.  Persistence
4/5 Green  Jayden J.  Respect
5 Orange  Mia T.  Respect
5/6 Black  Tommy D.  Happiness

P & C NEWS

Monthly Meetings
To help boost our numbers we are going to trial bi-monthly meetings during the afternoon, opposite month will be on a Wednesday evening. Our next meeting will be Friday 22nd May at 2pm. These meetings will go for 1hr in the library. We would love to see some new members come along.

Canteen
Our canteen is looking to have a mini makeover. We are still in need of a 2nd hand kitchen table, and some toys for the kids area. Please contact Kelly McMahon if you can help at all. We would also love to hear what you as the parents think we should improve in the canteen. If anyone is still wanting to volunteer in the canteen for Term 2, please contact Kelly to have your name added to the roster.

Mother’s Day stall
The Mother’s Day stall will be held next Thursday morning. Items will be from $1-$7. All students have access to the stall on this day. Please ensure your child comes with some change.

Uniforms
We still have a few pieces of uniform left in the canteen, drill shorts, skorts, vests, culottes. All items are either $2 or $3. Please call into the canteen on Wednesday 1-2pm or Friday 8.30am-2pm. Grab a bargain today.

Skorts (black) Now $2ea
Size 14 x4
Size 14 x 2
Size 18 x 9
Vest (black with the A on it) Now $3ea
Size 14 x 8
Small adult x 15

Drill shorts (black) Now $2ea
Size 4 x 6
Size 10 x 1
Size 12 x 5
Size 16 x 5
Rugby Tops Now $3ea
Size 16 x 1
Size 18 x 3

Culottes (black & yellow) Now $2ea
Size 16 x 3

APS P&C clean out
all items MUST go

P&C News

APS Sesquicentenary Shirts
available for purchase:
2 x size 4 $10 each
1 x size 6 $10 each
1 x size 10 $10 each
1 x 5XL $15 each
Please contact the school office 65437271 if you are interested.
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<td>Friday 1st May Assembly 9am (Item by 2/3 Red)</td>
<td>K Yellow has settled in well to Term 2 and it sounds like everyone enjoyed their holiday. This term our literacy session will be in the morning 9-11am Monday – Thursday. Parent helpers are really appreciated during this time. If you are interested in helping with computers, writing, word work or having students read to you, please let me know what day suits you best. Thank you to those parents who have already offered to assist with gross motor groups again this term. Our Library is Thursday. Yesterday I sent home the new home readers, students are asked to read these books to their parents each school night. I have provided an information booklet in the folder to assist you with reading. If you have any other questions please don’t hesitate to ask. Home readers will be sent home Monday–Thursday nights. Reading nightly will assist your child to develop and strengthen their reading skills.</td>
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<td>Tuesday 12th May NAPLAN</td>
<td>Welcome back to Term 2. Kinder Lime have settled in wonderfully! Thanks to the parents who have offered to help with Gross Motor on Tuesday afternoons. I am also chasing some parent helpers for Literacy Rotations in the mornings. If you would like to help with computers, reading to students, helping with word work, etc, we would love to have you. Literacy groups operate from 9:00am Monday–Thursday. Let me know if a particular day suits you best.</td>
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<td>Wednesday 20th May Soccer Gala day at Scone</td>
<td>It is great to see that this week is looking a lot warmer than last week. Homework will begin this week and home reading will recommence next week. Library is again on Wednesday so please remind your child to return their books each week. News will formally begin next week and I will issue a new roster with a weekly news topic.</td>
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<td><strong>PIERCHEFIELD PASTURES</strong></td>
<td>Welcome back! I hope that everyone had a lovely holiday. In week 7 this term we will be competing in the Upper Hunter Eisteddfod at St James Catholic School, Muswellbrook. In week 9 we will be running for our lives at the Athletics Carnival. This term I would like everyone to know their left and their right, and be able to tell the time on the half hour eg. six thirty. Can you please support your child in consolidating this skill. <strong>Home Readers</strong> We are missing quite a few home readers. Could you please have a look at home to see if you have any? Thanks, Louise Dunn.</td>
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[Released links](http://www.foxnews.com) article 480152  health benefits of drinking camel milk/
CLASS NEWS Continued

2/3 Red
Welcome back to an exciting Term 2 in 2/3 Red. I hope you had a fantastic holiday and are ready for another busy term to begin. In Science we will be studying the Earth. In History we will be investigating the arrival of the First Fleet. In English we will be looking at several texts based on the theme of the Environment.

For Year 3 students Naplan is just around the corner so plenty of practise opportunities will be provided in the areas of spelling, grammar, reading, writing and numeracy.

2/3 Red will be performing at assembly this Friday.

3/4 Magenta
Welcome back everyone! It was good to hear about all the exciting things people got up to in the holidays. This term we will be studying the Earth’s crust and the First Fleet as well as taking part in Highland dance lessons and special drama activities. Year 3 also have NAPLAN on May 12-14th. It is a very busy term.

I would like to thank everyone who made such wonderful playdough for the class over the holiday. The class has really enjoyed making their claymation models and will start experimenting with sound recording and digital photograph manipulation with computers over the next few weeks.

As part of their homework this week students have been asked to collect and label a soil sample and some rocks from around their home to bring into class by Friday. Please see the homework sheet for more details.

Also, please remember to keep up with our Great Aussie Bush Camp excursion payments.
Thanks, Renee Jones

4/5 Green
We have started the term with enthusiasm and determination, welcome back! Everyone in our class is looking ready to learn and trying their best as we start our new units of work. This term we are looking at some interesting new topics including “Beneath Our Feet” and “First Contacts”. We will be learning lots about exploration, scientific discoveries and navigation.

Our public speaking program will begin this term and students are being encouraged to come up with some interesting topics that they are comfortable talking about.

5 Orange
Welcome back! We have a very busy term ahead. We are preparing our assembly item for Friday 8th May. Students are practicing their lines and also creating their costumes.

Secondly we are preparing for NAPLAN in mid May. All units of work have begun and it seems the students are enjoying their learning.

Please make sure your child reads a “good-fit book” for at least 20 minutes a day. This will build their reading confidence and further consolidate their reading skills.

5/6 Black
Does it seem like Term 2 will be over and done in no time? This means that Canberra will be upon us before we know it. The 3rd $50 payment (including the deposit) was due to the office last Friday. It is very important that all payments are kept up to date as we have already begun to pay deposits for venues and accommodation.

Students are learning about Australia’s history this term. Our early inhabitants, settlers, the Gold Rush and other features including culture are on the agenda. We will also be covering the Earth and Space Sciences unit which looks at volcanoes, tsunamis and earthquakes.

SRC members are attending the GRIP Leadership day in Tamworth with Mrs Mooring on Monday 4th May, please make sure your notes are handed in.

Best of luck to the touch players at Zone trials on Wednesday night and to the cricketers in their match against Denman on Friday.