PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

ANZAC Day Ceremony
Aberdeen Public School will hold their commemorative assembly on Wednesday 22nd April at 10.30am.

Core Rules for Students in NSW Government Schools
Students in NSW government schools are provided with a high quality education so that they may learn to the best of their ability and become self-disciplined, tolerant, enterprising and contributing members of the school and community.

Core rules for student behaviour have been developed to establish consistent expectations in all government schools in support of these aims. These rules are based on our core values of integrity, excellence, respect, responsibility, cooperation, participation, care, fairness and democracy.

The critical role of parents and caregivers is recognised as the primary influence on each child’s character and behaviour and as essential partners in supporting the core rules and the successful education of their children.

The Department is committed to supporting principals and school staff in the implementation of these rules through statewide policies and programs, together with regional support staff, professional learning and alternative provisions, in order to promote the highest standards of behaviour and learning in our schools.

THE CORE RULES
All students in NSW government schools are expected to:

- Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.
- Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school’s uniform or dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously, cooperating with instructions, and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect.
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.

Behaviour that infringes on the safety of others, such as harassment, bullying and illegal or anti-social behaviour of any kind, will not be tolerated.

Our school takes great pleasure in receiving many favourable comments from the general public regarding student behaviour when attending events outside the school such as excursions, sporting events and overnight camps.

All students and staff at Aberdeen Public School have the right to be treated fairly and with dignity in an environment free from disruption, intimidation, harassment and discrimination. To achieve this, Aberdeen Public School will maintain high standards of student behaviour.

Be in the right place at the right time doing the right thing.

- Learn as much as you can
- Let others learn as much as they can
- Always be polite and use good manners
- Respect the rights of others
- Follow teachers’ directions
- Play safely – work safely
- Be honest
TO RECOGNISE AND REINFORCE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT our staff:
- Recognise and reward student achievement through assembly merit awards, Kidsmatter awards and principal’s awards, privileges, the school’s ‘merit’ system, Presentation day etc.
- Use verbal praise to reinforce achievement / behaviours
- Model consistent and caring behaviour

TO PROMOTE AND REINFORCE POSITIVE STUDENT BEHAVIOUR our staff:
- Use verbal and non-verbal praise
- Use the classroom and playground reward system
- Exhibit good work in class, through other classes and/or assemblies
- Acknowledge students’ efforts and work with certificates of merit at assemblies and/or with Kidsmatter awards and slips.
- Give students special responsibilities e.g. messenger, monitor, helping peers, jobs
- Promote working harmoniously as a class and/or group with special privileges such as excursions, special event days, praise, and whole school acknowledgement at assembly and in newsletter.

To deal with unacceptable behaviour staff employ the strategies of:
- Verbal reprimand
- Reminder of “School Rules”
- Restitution (paying for items)
- Time Out (missing out on a period of outside play and/or in class activities)
- Formal Detention at lunch times. Reflection of rules broken and what should have been done)
- Withdrawal of privileges (attendance at sporting events, excursions etc)
- Suspension and/or Expulsion
- Student and/or parent interview with teacher/principal

To monitor student behaviour, staff will complete playground incident folder and classroom white notes for incidents of unacceptable behaviour – cumulative records are maintained. Consequences for incidences of inappropriate or unacceptable behaviour are administered in accordance with the school’s processes. Both student and parents are always informed if a privilege is withdrawn or a suspension is required.

CRICKET
Congratulations to our APS Cricket Team on their success over Muswellbrook Public School. They are due to play their next match against Denman Public School next term.

SPARE UNIFORMS
Occasionally students have accidents and require a change of clothing. We have a limited number of spare items in our clothing pool and ask that if your child is sent home in a change of clothes that the items are washed and returned as soon as possible. Most of these items are size 4 and 6.

If your child has grown out of their uniform and they do not have a sibling to hand them down to please consider donating them to our clothing pool.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Easter.
Students return on Tuesday 21st April.

Michelle Floyd – Principal

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Fundraising Officer – Rebecca Adams.

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Congratulations to all!!!!!!

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Easter Egg Hunt
An Easter Egg hunt will be held this Thursday for Kinder to Year Two students. According to our medical records, no child in K-2 has a reported intolerance to milk or chocolate products. If your child has such an allergy or do not wish your child to participate, please contact the school.

Class News

Kindergarten Classes
Well, here we are at the end of term one! It has gone so quickly and has been extremely rewarding. Kindergarten have settled into the routine of school beautifully. We truly are very lucky teachers. This Thursday is world Autism Awareness day and Kindergarten will be doing some colourful activities to show our support for this day. If you have a colourful hair ribbon, you could wear that to show your support. We hope you all have a fantastic Easter and a well-deserved holiday, get lots of sleep and read lots of books. School resumes on Tuesday, 21 April and we look forward to seeing you all then.
Mrs Keating & Mrs Murray.

1 Blue
End of Term 1! Wow, this term has disappeared quickly! A reminder that there is no homework this week. Please return all home readers and all library books this week. Students will have library on Wednesday where they can return their books. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday over Easter. I look forward to seeing everyone return with many great news stories to share.
Year 1 had a great excursion to the Aberdeen library today.

2 Purple
Welcome to the last newsletter for the term. We have had a busy and productive time and all of us are ready for a good break. Due to the short week, there will be no homework given this week. Could all home readers be brought in please so that I can exchange them ready for next term.
Next term the children will be performing at the Muswellbrook Eisteddfod in early June. We don't have any set dates as yet because the entries haven't closed. I will let you know as soon as possible.

3/4 Magenta
The term is winding down and 3/4 Magenta have been having a bit of fun! We made play dough in class last week before going out for an exciting afternoon doing science experiments with Mrs Cutler from SHS. I would appreciate it if students could make some play dough at home over the holidays to bring in for our stop motion life cycle project next term. As for assigned homework, all I ask is that students continue to read, read, read over the holidays to keep up their reading stamina. If parents/carers could give students a few comprehension questions before they read the passage it will also help them prepare for NAPLAN which is coming up early next term. A trip to the town library would be a great holiday outing as all 3 town libraries, Scone, Aberdeen and Muswellbrook, are putting on wonderful activities for the kids. Students can pick up a couple of books from the Premier's Reading Challenge list while they are there. Please ensure students come back next term with a fresh supply of lead pencils as many students have run out or lost theirs, as well as any other equipment they may need.
Have a safe and happy holiday, Renee Jones

2/3 Red
Term 1 has really flown by and the students in 2/3R have worked hard. We are concluding our unit on Charlotte's Web and are just about to finish the book. In addition, students have completed comprehension and writing tasks related to the text. We are also hoping to watch the movie at the end of the week. Thank you to all the parents that indicated an interest in attending the Aussie Bush Camp Excursion. Due to being inundated with parent numbers we had to use a lottery system in order to decide who could attend. If you were lucky enough to be drawn out you will be contacted at some stage this week. As a reminder please keep up to date with payments for the excursion. Enjoy the holidays!
4/5 Green
What a busy term it has been. Thank you to all students and parents for the overwhelming support we have had for our Stage 2 excursion. We are finalising a payment plan and will be contacting those parents who have been selected from the draw to come along. During Term 2 we will be focusing on strengthening our skills in literacy and numeracy. If you are a parent who would be available to assist with group work next term, please leave your name and phone number with the ladies in the front office and Mrs Mooring will contact you. We would like to wish everyone a safe and restful Easter break and look forward to seeing you in Term 2.

5 Orange
What a busy term it has been for the students of 5O. This week we are presenting our ‘Foul Fungi’ Presentations and there have been some interesting results found by the children.
In Literacy, we have been furthering our knowledge of Persuasive writing and breaking down the structure of what a great persuasive text looks like.
A big thank you for the consistent effort this term and always completing most homework!

5/6 Black
A big reminder to all parents that homework has been set for the holidays. Students have a research project on a Daintree animal that is due the 1st Friday of Term 2. We have gone through this assessment in class and students have had question time on this task.
Notes have been added to Edmodo. If you have lost a note or are looking for information on an event, please look here first.

Have a fantastic and safe holiday!

House For Rent – Aberdeen
Available for long term rental $250 per week.
Enquiries please phone Denim on 0407 700303

Holiday Soccer Coaching Clinic and Inflatable Field
WHEN: Monday 13th April
WHERE: Bill Rose Sports Complex, Scone
TIME: 10-12pm
COST: $10 per player
To book a spot call 0414-806074 or email nwestern@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Easter Special
available at
Mystical Nail & Beauty Only!
(Offer Ends close of business this Thurs night 7pm)
Peanut, egg and gluten free Rocky road.
8 different flavours to choose from.
Check out Facebook page for details. Or Call Carly on 0459542910.

Good for Kids
Lunchbox fillers
Searching for some inspiration for creative, easy lunch ideas for your children? Below are a few ideas:

- Homemade vegetable muffins
- Turkey, lettuce, cream cheese and cranberry sauce
- Chicken, lettuce, cheese, tomato and mayo
- Tuna, cucumber and cottage cheese
- Boiled egg, lettuce and mayo
- Homemade left over fried rice with ham and vegetables
- Homemade left over vegetable pasta
- Salad wrap with cream cheese
- Cheese, tomato and avocado crackers
- Cheese and vegemite
- Salmon, Spanish onion, alfalfa and lettuce
- Chicken and rice noodle salad
- Left over lamb and couscous salad

Making lunches the night before can often alleviate some of the stress of the morning rush.
Writing a shopping list before hitting the shops can help ensure you have purchased everything you need for the week.
Giving your child some choice in what they have each day may help reduce wastage.