PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Congratulations to our Netballers and Mrs Murray who enjoyed a fantastic day at the Gala Day on Monday. I believe the students conducted themselves in a manner becoming of Aberdeen Public School, both on and off the field. Thank you to the P & C who sponsored the uniforms for the team.

All teaching staff are attending a Professional Learning meeting in Scone on Thursday after school so they won’t be available after 3.30pm.

Bus Safety A gentle reminder to all students who travel to and/or from school on buses to remain seated at all times until the bus comes to a stop. Should your child have any issues on the bus please report these to the bus company and the school.

2/3 Red and our school band are participating in the Upper Hunter Eisteddfod in the coming week. I wish them, along with our K – 2 classes good luck in their performances and hope they have a wonderful experience.

The Soccer Gala Day that was cancelled last week due to wet weather will take place tomorrow at Scone. Arrangements are as per last week. Good luck teams!

I would like to praise the children for their improved efforts to speak appropriately in the playground. Using kind talk helps to make others feel comfortable and enjoy their time at school.

Corallee Kerrigan – Acting Principal

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PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Week 6 Term 2
K Yellow
Eden H. - fantastic effort in guided reading groups.

K Lime
Georgia N. - being an excited learner.

1 Blue
Tamika R. - always showing enthusiasm and working hard in all key learning areas.

2 Purple
Ziggy T. - fantastic results in Reading.

2/3 Red
Malaki P. - outstanding effort and attention in class.

3/4 Magenta
Brooklyn M. - striving for excellence in mathematics.

4/5 Green
Toby G. - striving to complete his work to a high standard.

5 Orange
Millie H. - being a responsible student and fantastic role model.

5/6 Black
Jazmin S. - her mature approach to classwork and independent tasks.

Merit Awards
K Yellow
Amiee R.

K Lime
Mitchell G.

1 Blue
Travis D.

2 Purple
Hayden R.
Merit Awards continued
2/3 Red Harry D.
3/4 Magenta Ayesha M.
4/5 Green Phoenix M.
5 Orange Ethan P.
5/6 Black Bailey G.

Kids Matter Awards
K Yellow Hunter H. Respect
K Lime Grace G. Persistence
1 Blue Emily McM. Respect
2 Purple Jacob B. Success
2/3 Red Jackson D. Responsibility
3/4 Magenta Riley T. Responsibility
4/5 Green Will H. Persistence
5 Orange Ben J. Confidence
5/6 Black Delta H. Persistence

P & C NEWS
Who is welcome to join the P&C?
The P&C Assoc. is open to anyone: parents, caregivers, grandparents and members of the community. P&C’s are a window on a child’s education.

How do I find out more?
Come along to a meeting or speak to one of our committee members. Our day meetings are capped at 1hr and night meetings at 2hrs.

Meetings not for you?
There are other ways you can help your school P&C. The P&C runs the school canteen, we organise the P&C disco and hold the Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, as well as other fundraisers throughout the year. You can volunteer at any of these or even just offer to stamp the raffle tickets or notes that go out. Any help regardless of how much or little is welcomed by our committee who, like you, are also volunteering.

Reminder:
Pie Drive orders are due back in next Tuesday 2nd June with payment.

Canteen News
Canteen helpers
We are in desperate need of more helpers on our canteen list. Unfortunately if we do not get more parent helpers, we will need to start shutting the canteen. New volunteers will be put with current volunteers to help learn the ropes. The children love seeing their parents or grandparents in the canteen. So if you can spare a day once a term, please leave your name and contact details at the office or return the note sent out last week.

Canteen Roster:
Wednesday 27th May
Nat McCamley
Melinda Jordan

Friday 29th May
Kelly McMahon

Help needed

BAND REMINDER
The school band is performing this Thursday at St James Primary School, Muswellbrook. Travel is by private vehicle. I ask that all students are at St James Primary School by 12:30pm for a 1.00pm start. Students will need to bring their instrument and music sheets. All students will need to be in full school uniform with black shoes.

Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Eisteddfod 2015
K Lime, K Yellow, 1 Blue and 2 Purple will be competing at the Eisteddfod on the 1st June at St James Primary School. We will need to leave school as soon as possible after Morning Assembly to enable us to be there on time. I estimate that we will compete from approximately 9.30am onwards. The students need to have their recess and lunch with them as well as a drink. The students will need to be in full school uniform.

The organisers do not allow any photography or recording of any kind inside the hall. Please ensure that you have your phone on silent as unexpected noises distract the students who are performing. The convenors also ask that parents/carers of babies or pre-schoolers take them outside if they are crying or noisy so that the performers are not interrupted. Admission is $6 per adult. Families welcome.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. See you on the day!

FORTHCOMING DATES

May
Wednesday 27th
Simultaneous Story Time at Aberdeen Library

Thursday 28th
Soccer Gala Day at Scone

Friday 29th
School Band to Muswellbrook Eisteddfod

June
Monday 1st
Eisteddfod K - 2

Tuesday 2nd
2/3 Red Eisteddfod

Wednesday 3rd
Scone HS Orientation Year 7

Wednesday 17th
The Great Jungle Adventure – Infants Performance

Thursday 18th
School Athletics Carnival

Friday 19th
Science Day

Friday 26th
Infants Athletics Carnival
On Friday K Yellow will be visiting the Aberdeen Preschool to sing our 2 nursery rhymes we will be performing next Monday at the Muswellbrook Eisteddfod. The students have done a wonderful job in learning the 2 songs. For the Eisteddfod on Monday, 1st June, please ensure permission notes are returned to the office with payment, they are due in tomorrow. Students are to be in full school uniform for the Eisteddfod.

Just a reminder, please label your child’s clothing so it is easy to return.

On the last day of the term, 26th June, we will have the K-2 Athletics Fun Day. It will be held at school starting at 11:30pm. Please keep this day in mind as parents are welcome to come along to join in the fun!

K Lime
Eisteddfod is on Monday. Please remember to return your note and money.

We are working on the “The Great Jungle Adventure,” which we will perform along with other classes on June 17.

1 Blue
I just have a few reminders for everyone this week:

• Wednesday this week is not only school library day, but 1 Blue and K Lime are also going to walk to the Aberdeen town library for National Simultaneous Story Time.

• Friday we are going to practice our Eisteddfod item at the school assembly.

• Monday we are going to the Eisteddfod to perform our amazing nursery rhyme. If you have not returned your child’s Eisteddfod note, please do so ASAP. On the day of the Eisteddfod, please ensure your child is in full school uniform with black shoes.

• Everyone should have seen yesterday that their child has a science project! This is our first project for the year and we are very excited. Presentation of the project will replace news in Week 8. Each student will have 3 minutes to persuade us to save the environment!

2 Purple
We are currently rehearsing for our big day out at the Eisteddfod on Monday 1st June at St James Catholic School. The students will be performing The Ning, Nang, Nong! Please come along to support the children.

I have just updated the students’ reading levels and I am pleased to say that most students have improved immensely! Jordan K rose by 5 levels! Congratulations to Jordan! Please ensure that you listen to your child read each night from Monday to Thursday. It does make a difference.

I would like to start Public Speaking with the children in the coming weeks. The first topic will be interviewing a grandparent to find out what life was like when they went to school. It’s often a big shock to the children to learn that computers haven’t been around for ever! I will send home a proforma to guide their preparations.

Mrs Christie has asked that the children wear all black for our end of term concert please. The shirt needs to be long sleeved without any designs on it. A black skivvy would be perfect. The children could wear their school track suit pants for the bottom part of the costume.

2/3 Red
We have been very busily preparing for our performance “The Thirsty Frog” for the Muswellbrook Eisteddfod. Students have worked very hard to learn all their parts and actions, so we would love to see as many familiar faces as possible. Travel to the venue is by private transport, so if you have not already returned the note please indicate if you are able to take more than your own child.

Please ensure your child has a black outfit for the day (All black school uniform is fine). All other parts of costumes have been made at school. Regards, Mr Ramage.

3/4 Magenta
What a big 2 weeks! Congratulations to everyone who sat the NAPLAN tests. I was very impressed by many students’ efforts and determination! Thank you to Mrs Hateley for coming in to teach us about different rock and soil types. Everyone really enjoyed having a close look at the very interesting rock samples and learning how to test the clay content and pH of the soil. We have also been getting very involved in our dance unit, great to see all the enthusiasm!

I will be away for the next 2 weeks. Miss Hunt will be in to help you continue all the great work. This week students will be learning about erosion and looking for sites in the school where it may be occurring. I know all students will show Miss Hunt their best Aberdeen PS manners and make the next 2 weeks a pleasure for her to teach. Remember, please keep up Aussie Bush Camp payments and homework is due Friday. Thanks, Renee Jones

4/5 Green
A huge congratulations to all our class members for their outstanding presentations during our assembly item.

Thank you to all families who are keeping their payments for The Great Aussie Bush Camp and Canberra excursions up to date.

Students have been asked to bring in coloured pens to use in class, please remember this does not mean textas, only fine line pens or gel pens.

5 Orange
Well done to all the students in 5O for their effort in NAPLAN. Brilliant!

For our literacy unit we are reading “Boy Overboard” by Morris Gleizmann. We are only early into the text but the children have found it very engaging.

Reminder to ALL Stage 3 students that the next part of the Stage 3 Science Fair is due on Friday. Must come in – no excuses!
What a big couple of weeks 5/6 Black has had. Representing our school, whether it be for sporting, academic or leadership pursuits is very demanding and time consuming. Our students have worn the black and gold with pride and displayed good sportsmanship and leadership skills continually over the past two weeks at GRIP leadership, debating, youth council, rugby league, soccer and netball (just to name a few). Congratulations for also keeping up with your work, as this is a great lesson for high school.

Science Fair Activity 2 is due this week. Please note that this task is to be word processed.

The Upper Hunter Youth Forum, Muswellbrook Eisteddfod, Science Challenge Day and Scone High School Orientation Day are all coming up very quickly. Notes should have already been returned for these excursions.

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2016 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS
Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken by Aberdeen Public School for 2016. If your child will be five by 31 July 2016 and you wish to enrol at Aberdeen Public School, please return slip below or contact the office on 6543 7271.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2016:
Child’s Name: ____________________________
Date of Birth: _____________________________
Parents Names: _____________________________
Address: _________________________________
Phone No: ________________________________

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ATTENTION PARENTS & CAREGIVERS
When your child arrives to school late, they need to be signed in at the office by an adult or a note must be written explaining their lateness and given to the office on their arrival.

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Did you know that you can send in your child’s absence on Skoolbag?

- eForms
- Absentee Form

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The simplest way
...to get your kids eating more fruit and veg.

Fruit and veg are one of the most important parts of a healthy diet. They’re full of nutrients, fibre and vitamins – and should be part of every meal. If you have a fussy eater, try:

- Cutting fruit and veg into small pieces – some kids prefer their food in smaller pieces
- Serving raw vegies – young children often prefer raw to cooked vegies
- Being patient – kids take an average of eight times to try something new!
- Be a role model – children like to copy their parents, so make sure you’re eating plenty of fruit and veg
- Get your kids involved – ask your children to pick their fruit and veg out each day, so they feel in charge of what they eat.

Remember! Aim for two serves of fruit, and five serves of vegetables – every day!

For more information visit
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