PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Inappropriate use of online social media is a huge issue in our society, particularly among young adults. Unfortunately it is even impacting on primary school students. In the coming weeks I will be including specific information for our parents and carers on internet safety and information on the social media tools our students are using, in this newsletter. This week we will focus on Instagram.

Did you know that students under 13 should not have accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Kik and Snapchat?

The school is currently negotiating to host a Cybersafety information session for parents and are planning to hold Cybersafety workshops for our students.

BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY 26th August 2015

Book Week Costume Parade at 9.30am
Book Fair
Grandparents Morning Tea at 10.45am
Bake-a-Book Competition
Extreme Reading Photo Competition

Michelle Floyd - Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Week 5 Term 3

K Yellow
Alexis D. – always doing her very best during literacy group rotations.

K Lime
Chloe W. - being a pleasant, hardworking member of K Lime.

1 Blue
Kiara G. - an outstanding commitment to the MiniLit program.

2 Purple
Ethan G. - being a responsible class member and always trying his best.

2/3 Red
Brydie B. - wonderful contributions during spelling activities.

3/4 Magenta
Lara E. - excellent improvements in reading and comprehension.

4/5 Green
Phoenix M. - enthusiastic participation in drama lessons.

5 Orange
Trent R. – reflecting on his own learning a setting new goals in literacy.

5/6 Black
Kane T. – an excellent attitude and work ethic this term.
Merit Awards
K Yellow   Skye H.  
K Lime    Ethan H.  
1 Blue    Vagus G.  
2 Purple  Madison G.  
2/3 Red   Tate S.  
3/4 Magenta    Lucy McC.  
4/5 Green Isabell B.  
5 Orange Kynan B.  
5/6 Black Jayden H.  

Kids Matter Awards
K Yellow   Eli F.   Happiness  
K Lime    Braydon C.  Resilience  
1 Blue    Cydi W.  Confidence  
2 Purple  William G.   Persistence  
2/3 Red   Jackson D.   Responsibility  
3/4 Magenta    Abigail M.   Confidence  
4/5 Green Courtney C.  Responsibility  
5 Orange Jye F.   Respect  
5/6 Black Daniel McC.   Confidence  

Merit Badge
Bronx G.  

P & C NEWS
Walkathon - Please remember that all walkathon sponsorships forms and money need to be in by THIS Friday.
We have $20 gift cards for the highest sponsorships per class and all forms returned by this Friday go into the draw for a camera similar to a go pro.
Plus don't forget that the class that has the highest amount raised in sponsorship will win a special lunch on us

Family Photos - Sunday 20th September. We have 3 spots left 12pm, 1.30pm, 1.45pm. $20 for the booking fee, which entitles you to a 10x13 framed family photo. Phone Jodie on 0407766364 to book in today!

Canteen News:
The canteen would love to offer, 3 times a term, a meal deal day (will be on a Wednesday) where the students will have the opportunity to try different foods. The deal will also include a drink.
To help make this happen, we need parents that are happy to come along and cook a different meal i.e. lasagna, nachos, stir fry etc.
We would like to take advantage of the variety of nationalities within the school. If you think you can help, pop in and see us at the canteen or give Kelly a call.

We are trying to encourage the children to eat more fruit and vegetables every day. Starting on Monday 17th August if your child brings a piece of fruit or vegetables to school to eat at fruit break (morning assembly) they will receive a sticker off their teacher or the teacher on duty. They then stick it onto an entry form, which they will also receive from the teachers. Once they have two stickers on the form they bring it to the canteen and exchange it for a pencil with a character eraser. There are 7 different colour pencils to collect each with a different character eraser, however all the pencils are lead.

Once we have run out of stock, all entry forms will be sent to Fresh For Kids in Sydney. The forms will go into the draw with other schools for prizes. The draw will take place on Wednesday 14th October at 12 noon at their office in Sydney.
1st Prize: Home entertainment pack including a 32 inch LED LCD TV and a 3D Blu Ray player.
2nd Prize: 3 x ipad mini 16GB with WiFi
3rd Prize: 10 x Fresh for Kids gift pack - which includes backpack, lunch box cooler and drink bottle
4th Prize: 20 x Event Cinemas Gift Cards

We only have minimal stock so once we run out that's it. The canteen will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays at recess only so the children can bring their stickers down to exchange for the pencils.

Canteen Roster:
We need help in the canteen on Friday 21st August. If you are available please give Kelly a call on 0488134550.

Wednesday 12th August
Jodie Mayall
Teena Debreceny

Friday 14th August
Kelly McMahon
Mel Jordan

Monday 17th August
Kelly McMahon
Megan Ginn

COMING SOON - FRUIT AND VEG MONTH
Focus: encouraging children to choose fruit and vegetables every day.
It seems Aussie kids don’t eat enough vegetables. In fact, only 6.8% of children aged between 4-8 and 4.6% of those aged 9-13 eat the recommended serves of vegetables each day. (ABS, 2013)
Fruit and Veg Month runs for the last four weeks of term 3, from 24 August – 18 September.

Super Star Acrostic Poetry by 1 Blue
Super stars shoot around
The universe
And drop
Really fast
By Blyhe D.

Shooting star so small
Twinkling in the sky, won’t you come with me
All the way to the moon little star
Rain is coming little star, the rain is coming.
By Alice D.

Shooting stars
Twinkle
Around
Ruby skies
By Preston B.
Early Birds Kinder 2016 Orientation Program

Our Kindergarten Early Birds Orientation Program to assist children with a smooth transition to big school starts on Wednesday 9th September from 12pm – 3pm and the Parent Information Session is from 2pm – 3pm.

The Program will run over nine weeks from 12.00 noon – 3.00 pm as follows:
- Wednesday 9th September
- Wednesday 16th September
- Wednesday 7th October
- Wednesday 14th October
- Wednesday 21st October
- Wednesday 28th October
- Wednesday 4th November
- Wednesday 11th November
- Wednesday 18th November

If you wish to enrol your child in Kindergarten for 2016 please contact the school on 6543 7271 or complete and return the slip below.

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: ______________________________

COMMUNICATION BY EMAIL
If you would like your newsletter and other important information emailed to you please supply your email address to the school.

Name: ______________________________
Student Name: __________________ Class: __
Email address: ____________________________

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2015
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

LOWES SALE THIS THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST
20% OFF – STOCK UP ON UNIFORMS!

CHILDREN’S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2015
ST JAMES CATHOLIC PARISH MUSWELLBROOK AND ABERDEEN
This is an invitation to families who would like to prepare their children for the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation and Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2015.

We will be holding one parent information session on Wednesday 12th August, 2015 at 7.00pm the CUSA Rooms, Sowerby Street Muswellbrook.

Please contact the parish office on 02 6543 1167 or muswellbrookparish@mn.catholic.org.au, for further information.

FORTHCOMING DATES

AUGUST
Wednesday 19th Year 6 Orientation at Scone High School
Wed 19th – Fri 21st Great Aussie Bush Camp
Wednesday 26th Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition
Grandparents Morning Tea
Book Week Parade
Friday 28th Regional Athletics
What is Instagram?
Instagram is a photo-sharing app which allows users to take photos, apply a filter and share content with either followers or the general public. Users are able to ‘like’ and comment on photos as well as send these images directly to individual followers. Instagram also allows users to post short videos.

What is the age classification for Instagram?
Instagram is recommended for users aged 13 years and above, however there are many underage users.

How are young people using Instagram?
Instagram is being used by young people to share photos, occasions and situations with their friends. The ability to like and comment on photos provides a useful communication function for young people as they explore and express their personality.

Should I be worried if my child is using Instagram?
Any application when used incorrectly, has the potential to cause harm. It is important that you openly communicate with your child about how they may be using an application and the legal and ethical ramifications of inappropriate use. They also need to be aware the dangers of communicating with people they don’t know via any mobile application.

What are the privacy settings on Instagram?
Accounts on Instagram can be shared with anyone, or with those you approve as followers only. This can be done via the Instagram app on your mobile device. First select the Profile option on the lower right-hand side of the screen. In the Edit Your Profile section scroll to the bottom of the screen and ensure Photos Are Private is in the On position and select Save.

What could be revealed through an image?
A concern with photos which are taken and shared via a mobile device is that they may contain geolocation information. Geotagging refers to the embedding of location data, such as GPS coordinates, in images taken on smartphones and some digital cameras. When these images are shared online, the location data is often also shared. This may allow others who have access to the file to determine where the image was created, potentially revealing your home address.

How can my child limit geolocation information?
It is important for your child and you to know how to disable the geolocation function for the camera on the smartphone or mobile device your child utilises. For iOS devices, this can be disabled by accessing Settings>Privacy>Locations and disabling for Camera. On Android devices, users need to open the Camera app, access Settings and disable GPS tagging. If you are unsure how to do this on your device, please access the online user guide for the model of device.

It is also useful to discourage children and young people from using the Photo Map function on Instagram. This capability plots users’ photos on an interactive map and could reveal sensitive location information.

What are the potential problems with Instagram?
It is important that young people only allow people they know and trust to access their photos and learn how to block and report inappropriate users. You can block users via the Instagram app on your mobile device. Open the profile page of the offensive user and select the Further Options icon on the upper right-hand side of the screen. Select the Block User option and when prompted by the dialog box, select Yes, I’m sure.

Sharing images that are rude, offensive or sexualised can see young people in breach of State and Commonwealth legislation that carry serious legal consequences. Ethically, young people need to be aware of the impact that their online behaviour has on others as well as their own reputation.

How can I delete my child’s account?
If after talking with your child about the ethical use of Instagram and your family’s rules around technology, you may think it’s appropriate to delete the Instagram account.

To delete an Instagram account log into the account at instagram.com, click the account username in the top right and select Edit Profile, click I’d like to delete my account in the bottom right.

Note: Accounts cannot be reactivated and photos may be lost. Open and supportive discussions around technology usage are vital in ensuring your child understands their responsibilities when using technology. Simply removing the technology is not the best response as it could potentially drive your child’s usage underground where there are fewer opportunities for you to support them.

For more information visit www.thinkukknow.org.au