PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Stranger Danger
Please follow up the workshops that Sheree Gray ran with our students earlier in the term by talking to your children about stranger danger. Our teaching staff are doing the same.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Notes regarding parent teacher interviews will be sent home this week. Interviews will be held in week 8 and 9.

Mayor for a Day
Congratulations to Brooke W. who was our school winner in the Upper Hunter Shire Council ‘Mayor for a Day’ Competition. Brooke has been invited to read her entry to Council members on Monday 24th August.

Book Week Parade
Don’t forget our Book Week Parade which will be held on Wednesday 26th. The parade will be followed by a Grandparents Morning Tea. I hope you have been reading the information outlining the many Book Week activities Mrs Thompson has organised.

School Uniform
It is the Aberdeen community’s expectation that every child wear correct uniform at all times, unless a letter has been sent home from school offering an out of uniform day. The wearing of school uniform encourages good school tone, pride in oneself and a sense of belonging to the school. Please help us by reinforcing our community’s uniform expectations with your child/ren. Particularly the wearing of black school shoes or black joggers. Please Note: if children wear black leather school shoes they are able to wear joggers on Friday for sport, black joggers are preferred but white ones are acceptable on a Friday.

Jewellery: Jewellery can be a safety issue at school and depending on the item can affect a child’s attitude and behaviour. Plain silver or gold studs or small sleeper ear rings only to be worn at school. Dangly large items of jewellery are not acceptable.

Labels: As you know students often misplace personal items. To help ensure our ability to return lost items to students, please label all property with your child’s name.

Inappropriate use of online social media
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. Last week information about Instagram was included in our newsletter. This week the focus is Snapchat.

The P & C Meeting set down for Wednesday 19th August has been changed to Tuesday 18th August (TONIGHT).

Michelle Floyd - Principal
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Week 6 Term 3

K Yellow
Abbergail N. - great development of her fluency when reading.

K Lime
Mitchell G. - including 2 ideas in his writing!

1 Blue
Shania T. – her excellent attitude towards learning.

2 Purple
Logan S. - his effort in all key learning areas and being a supportive class member.

2/3 Red
Mason B. - identifying ways to improve his writing.

3/4 Magenta
Maci G. - settling in well and making excellent contributions to our class.

4/5 Green
Luke D. - application and excellence in English.

5 Orange
Bella-Rose P. - showing leadership skills and initiative all the time.

5/6 Black
Delta H. – excellent organisational skills and independent work.

Merit Awards

K Yellow
Aimee R.

K Lime
Jarred M.

1 Blue
Preston B.

2 Purple
Dakota B.

2/3 Red
Caitlyn T.

3/4 Magenta
Cameron B.

4/5 Green
Declan B.

5 Orange
Sarah McM.

5/6 Black
Hannah F.

Kids Matter Awards

K Yellow
Sienna H.  Responsibility

K Lime
Lily B.  Confidence

1 Blue
Aaron F.  Success

2 Purple
Jordan H.  Confidence

2/3 Red
Hayley T.  Persistence

3/4 Magenta
Ayesha M.  Resilience

4/5 Green
Liam H.  Confidence

5 Orange
Hayden L.  Responsibility

5/6 Black
Hunter D.  Confidence

BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES
WEDNESDAY 26TH 2015

Book Fair
Grandparents Morning Tea
Book Week Costume Parade

Bake-a-Book Competition
Bake a cake based on a book

Extreme Reading Photo Competition
Take a photo of yourself in a funny, strange or extreme situation

ENTRIES MUST BE IN BY TUESDAY 25TH

P & C NEWS

P&C Meeting will be held tonight Tuesday 18th August, due to the stage 2 excursion. 6pm in the library all welcome.

Walkathon - What a great result. Over $3800 was raised, with more money still coming in. Congratulations to all our winners

Major Prize Winner – Ella W.

Top 9 fundraisers

KL  John D.
KY  Sienna H.
1B  Connor S.
2P  Ziggy T.
2/3R  Kristen S.
3/4M  Lucy McC.
4/5G  Liam H.
5O  Bella-Rose P.
5/6B  Daniel McC.

Class 5 Orange were the winners of the special lunch and this will be honoured next Tuesday 25th August.

Father’s Day stall - Thursday 3rd Sept. We are after some parent helpers 9.30am-11.30am on the stall. Please let Bec know if you are free.

Big Boys Toys stall - we have been asked to hold a cake stall at the BBT show on Saturday 5th September 9.30am-2pm. We are in need of helpers to man the stall as well as many bakers for the day. If you can help, please phone or text Bec 0400791667.

Family Photos (outdoor photos) - we still have a few spots left between 12pm-1.30pm. $20 booking fee and you receive a 10x13 coloured framed family photo. No obligation to purchase anything further. Please let Jodie 0407766364 know if you would like to book in.

CANTEEN NEWS:
Don't forget your fruit or veggies each morning to receive a sticker. Every 2 stickers, earns you a coloured pencil. There are 7 to collect.

Roster:

Wednesday 19th August
Nat McCamley
Nicole Brown

Friday 21st August
Kelly McMahon
Toni Partridge

Monday 24th August
Sandy Morrison
Jaclyn Geerin 8.30-10.30
Jess Duggan 10.30-2pm

*Please contact Kelly 0488134550 if you are able to assist in the canteen or would like to be added to the roster.
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: _______________________________

FRUIT AND VEG MONTH
Our school is participating the fun of Fruit & Veg month, which runs for the last 4 weeks of this term – Monday 24th August to Friday 18th September.
As part of Fruit & Veg month, students will be involved in various classroom and school based activities that aim to encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables.
We will be measuring our food waste hoping to see over the month an improvement in consumption of fruit & vegetables.

Student Banking Reward Recall
Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read
Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

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: ____________________________

NOT SURE WHAT TO DO DURING THE NEXT SCHOOL VACATION?
How about coming to MESSY DAY CAMP?
Messy Day Camp is three days of fun and excitement within a Christian Environment for children in Grades 1-6.
Each day the children travel by bus to the Day Camp site at Spring Creek.
The Day Camp program offers a chance for campers to discover more about nature, about themselves, about God and to learn new skills and yet have the security of sleeping at home each night.
The Day Camp is organized by the Anglican Parish of Muswellbrook

DATES: - TUESDAY 29th SEPTEMBER to THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER
REGISTRATION FORM & MORE INFORMATION AT YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE OR - CONTACT FAY BARTON, Children’s & Family Pastoral Worker, Anglican Parish of Muswellbrook --- 0477 012 228

Digi Ed CLAYMATION WORKSHOP
REGISTRATION FORM
Saturday 12 September @ Aberdeen Public School
Sunday, 13 September @ Murrurundi Public School
Time: 9:30am to 3:30pm Cost: $15.00 – workshop & lunch
Registrations for the Digi Ed Claymation Movie Making workshop close Tuesday, 9 September. Please return the form to your school.
DIGI ED CLAYMATION MOVIE MAKING WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Name: ____________________________
Student Name: ____________________________
Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________________
Parent/Guardian Email: ____________________________
Phone No: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________

Digi Ed CLAYMATION MOVIE MAKING WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

Regional AER caravan park
Trailer & Van Parked in a Christian Environment
For more information on regional caravan park or church premises / services, please contact your local church or the caravan park manager.
FORTHCOMING DATES

AUGUST

Tuesday 18th
P & C Meeting 6pm
Year 6 Orientation at Scone High School

Wednesday 19th
Great Aussie Bush Camp

Wed 19th – Fri 21st
Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition
Grandparents Morning Tea

Wednesday 26th
Book Week Parade
Regional Athletics

Friday 28th
Grandparents Morning Tea
Book Week Parade

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2nd
School Spelling Bee

Friday 4th
Cricket v Denman
Scone Touch footy rep trials will be on Tuesday 8th September at 4pm, at Scone Sports Complex (Bill Rose).

If you know in advance that you will not be able to make it, but are keen to play please email Nicky Western at nwestern@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or call on 0414-806074.

Training for most teams will be on Tuesday afternoons at 4-5.15pm. Carnivals that we will be attending this year are:

Scone – 1st November
Gosford – probably 13th December
Nelson Bay – Feb 6 & 7th
Junior State Cup – Port Macquarie 19/20/21st Feb
(U12 boys and girls only at this stage)

Class News

K Yellow
The term is certainly flying by! Well done to everyone who is getting homework finished and returned on time, and also continuing with their home readers nightly. I hope that families are enjoying the maths games that are in the homework each week. Next week we will have the school book parade. Students are asked to dress up as a character from a book and wear it to school that day. I know I have my costume ready!

Just a reminder the school fruit break time is during the morning assembly, please remember to pack your child something to have at this time, it’s a great way to start the day! They also have the opportunity to collect stickers and prizes at the moment.

Lastly, a message for next week (week 7); K Yellow will have their library time Wednesday afternoon, the 26th August, instead of Thursday. This week is as normal.

K Lime
Kindergarten had a fabulous time today watching the Quintet performance, they were very well behaved. Next Wednesday is the Book Week Fair and Parade, be sure to come along dressed up. The theme is “Books Light Up Our World”. If you have any questions about the book week fair please ask Mrs Megan Thompson or the office.

K Lime will have a university student starting with us next week and she will be with us for the remaining 4 weeks of this term. If you see her in our room please say Hi.

All students are encouraged to eat fruit each morning during our assembly and are being rewarded with a sticker for each piece of fruit. 2 stickers entitles them to a free pencil with a fruit rubber.

1 Blue
This week in literacy we are learning the spelling generalisation “when ‘ing’ comes to stay, ‘e’ flies away”. We are also focusing on using speech marks and adding up to 3 characters in our stories.

Thank you to everyone who helped their child complete the fortnightly homework grid. If you have any dramas at all, please let me know. I hope to see many more homework books come back with 4 or more activities completed.

Home reading began again this term and although many students are doing a great job borrowing and returning books, there are some students who are yet to return their first or second book. Reading at home with your child is very important as it allows you to take part in your child’s education and enjoy their success when they finish each book. If you are having trouble with the home readers or believe they are too hard or too easy please let me know and I can change the books they are reading.

If your child has not got a paint shirt and headphones yet – please look into getting them as soon as possible.

Maths Game – Salute
Short deck, cards 2-10 (3 players)
Deal one card each, face down. When the dealer says “salute”, each player raises the card to his or her forehead. The dealer states the total of the cards.
Each player has to determine the value of the card being held to his or her forehead by looking at the other person’s card and subtracting this amount from the total.

2 Purple
Time in 2 Purple is flying by ever so quickly. Leading into Week 6, we are looking ahead to a very busy rest of term. This week 2 Purple are being visited by the Year 2 students from 2/3 red while Year 3 enjoy their excursion for three days. Next week is book week with the book parade on Wednesday. It would be a great idea to start thinking about your favourite book character and what you could wear next week. Also next week Year 2 will have library on Tuesday instead of Wednesday. A reminder will be sent home Monday so we don’t forget. In class the focus on writing is evident with the fabulous descriptions and work that is being produced. Math is becoming very hands on to ensure we can really connect with what we are learning and in science we have been making lots of mess with a variety of mixtures.

2/3 Red
Only one sleep to go until the Great Aussie Bush Camp! For those students attending, please ensure you have packed everything on the checklist and are ready to go. Students in Year 2 will be working in Miss Hunt’s class for the remainder of the week. At the moment we are focusing a lot of work on improving our writing. We are using rich texts and the Seven Steps writing program to help us with this process. Each student is working with me to identify goals that they need to work towards in order to become better writers. We are also learning to become better editors by providing valuable feedback to others about their writing.

3/4 Magenta
The Great Aussie Bush Camp is tomorrow and 3/4Magenta is very excited! I am sure everyone has all of their belongings labelled with their name and packed ready to go. Please make sure you have everything on the checklist and you are at school by 8am to get your name marked off, hand in any medication, put your belongings on the bus and be ready to wave goodbye at 8:15.
We are running low on tissues and glue sticks again. Please help replenish our supply. Thank you to those students who brought some more in last week when we were down to our last box of tissues!

4/5 Green
We have been enjoying our unit on “Old Ridley”, especially finding all of the hidden clues Gary Crew has left us. We have learnt a lot about cicadas and the way they change and continue on into adulthood like the character of Old Ridley. It’s been great to read the sizzling starts students have written for their narratives.
One more sleep!!! Yes it’s finally time for the Great Aussie Bush Camp. See you all bright and, not so early, at 8am in the morning. Remember to have everything packed and labelled, especially a hat and drink bottle. The weather forecast is looking like it will be perfect for outdoor activities and adventures.

5 Orange
Well done students who are consistently publishing their 100 word challenge onto One Note. Any students who have not successfully completed this task as yet need to ensure they get it done. If the students are having trouble at home they are more than welcome to try at recess and lunch time. The following 100 word challenge is by Danielle S. She wrote from the perspective of a small boy named Manuk, and describes his emotions when seeing a train for the first time.

Stomp, stomp, stomp went my massive feet as I run along the footpath, I check to see if any trains are coming I can’t see any trains. I put my head down on the rails I can’t hear anything. I go up to the stairs and sulk quietly. Bang, bang, bang I look up and there’s a train with army tanks on the carriages, I feel excited and suspicious. I smell the burning smoke as the train gone past. In my head I remember dad going to the terrifying war, I rub my nose as I start to cry.

5/6 Black
Unfortunately there are a number of students who are coming to school each day without the necessary equipment to attempt tasks. Basic essentials such as pens and pencils are a requirement in Stage 3. Without these, your child finds it extremely hard to attempt, let alone complete activities.
Thank you to those students who have been completing their homework each night. What a great way to get ready for the rigours of high school. For those who are yet to establish good homework habits, there is not much time left to do so.
This year’s book week theme is “Books Light Up Our World”. What character will you be dressing up as? Students in 5/6 will also be required to bring/borrow the book that their character is from. The parade will be held in Week 7.
For those Year 6 students attending Scone High School in 2016, don’t forget that your 3rd Orientation Day is on tomorrow. Have a great time!
Frequently Asked Questions: Parents

Snapchat

What is Snapchat?
Snapchat is an application which is free to download on iOS and Android devices that allows users to send images (‘snaps’) to each other. Operating the app requires use of the device’s data plan or wireless internet connection. Images can be drawn on using a whiteboard-style tool and can be given a caption. Images can be sent to other users for up to 10 seconds before they ‘dissolve’.

What is the age restriction for Snapchat?
Snapchat is restricted to users over the age of 13. If children under the age of 13 sign up for an account they are given access to ‘SnapKidz’ which is a limited version of Snapchat that doesn’t allow images to be sent to other devices.

How are kids using Snapchat?
Snapchat is used by many young people to keep up with their friends and to send photos to each other. Snapchat can however be used for inappropriate purposes and it is important to sit down with your child and explain to them that it is not okay to share images that are rude, offensive or sexualised.

Should I be worried if my child is using Snapchat?
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 of the dangers of communicating with people they don’t know via any mobile application.

Does an image really delete on Snapchat?
There are many ways an image can be saved, even on Snapchat. iOS and Android devices have a feature which allow the device to take a photo of what is on the screen (‘screen capture’). Snapchat notifies the sender if an image they have sent has been captured, however you are not always notified. There are also many other ways images can be saved without the sender being notified so it is important to encourage children to think before they post.

What are the privacy settings on Snapchat?
Snapchat has very limited privacy settings and it is important to monitor your child’s usage of the application. One privacy setting that is available is the ability to restrict who can send your child’s snaps. This can be enabled by going into the Settings menu, select Who can send me snaps…, then select My Friends. This will ensure that only users on your child’s contact list can send images.

Is Snapchat a ‘safe sexting’ application?
It is important to know that there is no such thing as ‘safe sexting’ and Snapchat is no exception. Young people need to be aware that as soon as they send an image they have lost control over where it ends up. Sending sexually explicit images of someone under the age of 18, with or without their permission, could be an offence under State and Commonwealth legislation.

What are the potential problems with Snapchat?
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.

Sexting is commonly defined as the sharing of sexualised or naked images via the internet or mobile phone, this includes mobile applications like Snapchat. Children need to realise that as soon as that image is sent they have lost control of it. Quite often we see images uploaded to the internet, including on various social networking sites, that have been shared between two people privately. Taking, sending and saving these sorts of images can also constitute child pornography offences and can have long term legal ramifications on a child’s future.

If these images become public, the child in the image can, and often is, subject to bullying and cyberbullying. This may happen face-to-face at school or even online with people posting and sharing the image. It is extremely important that parents and carers are aware of the issues associated with various apps and websites so that they can openly communicate with their child about safe and responsible usage.

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

To delete a Snapchat account you can go to www.snapchat.com/a/delete_account and enter your child’s account username and password. If you do not have your child’s password you can put a deletion request into Snapchat.

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 few opportunities for you to support them.

For more information visit www.thinkuknow.org.au
Dear Parents

There have been reports recently of an outbreak of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease in Aberdeen. It is not a serious illness and has nothing to do with the animal disease called foot and mouth disease.
This note is to inform you of actions we can all take to halt the spread of the virus.

How is the infection spread?
Hand Foot and Mouth Disease is spread through close personal contact. This can occur when there is direct contact with nose, throat, and faecal discharges of infected persons. It is also spread by direct contact with the fluid in blisters. It usually takes between 3 and 5 days after contact with an infected person before blisters appear. As long as there is fluid in the blisters, they remain infectious.

Do I need to keep my child home?
Yes, until the blisters have dried.

Who gets hand, foot and mouth disease?
Anyone can be infected, but the disease does seem to occur predominately in children under the age of ten years.

When can a person spread the virus to others?
A person may spread the virus to others just prior to the onset of symptoms, during the acute stage of the illness and perhaps longer, since the virus may persist in the stool for several weeks. The incubation period is usually 3 – 5 days.

How can it affect you?
Hand, foot and mouth disease may cause no symptoms at all or only very mild symptoms. When symptoms do occur, they include blisters that start as small red dots which later become ulcers. Blisters appear inside the cheeks, gums and on the sides of the tongue as well as on the hands and feet. In infants, sometimes blisters can be seen in the nappy area. Blisters usually last for seven to ten days. Children can sometimes have a low fever, sore throat, tiredness, feel off colour and may not eat for a day or two.

How is it treated?
Usually no treatment is needed. Paracetamol will relieve fever and discomfort. If the headache is severe, or if fever persists consult a doctor.

How can it be prevented?
• Particular attention should be paid to hand washing and personal hygiene.
• Avoid sharing cups, eating utensils, items of personal hygiene (e.g. towels, washers, toothbrushes) and clothing (especially shoes and socks).
• Ensure the mouth and nose are covered when coughing and sneezing. Wipe the nose and mouth with tissues, dispose of used tissues and then wash your hands.
• Thoroughly wash any soiled clothing.
• The illness should be reported to the School Principal.

Michelle Floyd
Principal
Information taken from NSW Health www.health.nsw.gov.au