PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will again participate in the Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents
The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.
I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.
If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 11th September. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.
The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey
Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.
Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.
The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Those families who already receive our newsletter via email will automatically be sent an email containing their own individual username and password. For all other families, a letter will be sent home detailing an individual username and password. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.
Visiting Our School
We strive to ensure that Aberdeen Public School is a welcoming environment for all of our students to come to each day. During the last two weeks it has been wonderful to see so many parents attending our Parent Teacher meetings. These meetings are an important line of communication between school and home. Our teachers are always willing to organise a time to meet with you to discuss any concerns you may have about your child’s education. From time to time you may need to come into the school for other reasons, please ensure that your first stop is at our front office to sign in. This is a requirement of the Department of Education and is in place in the best interests of all of our students.
Bianca Mooring – Relieving Principal
PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Week 9 Term 3
K Yellow  Mia K. – great improvement in her reading.
K Lime  Adeline H. – focusing on her learning goals and working hard.
1 Blue  Chloe A. - using adjectives to make her writing interesting.
2 Purple  Jordan H. - being a supportive class member and a positive role model.
2/3 Red  Georgie H. – excellent effort in spelling.
3/4 Magenta  Molly J. - striving to do her best in mathematics.
4/5 Green  Haylee D. – displaying a polite and courteous classroom manner at all times.
5 Orange  Maxyne E. – always being enthusiastic and helping her peers.
5/6 Black  Connor P. – an excellent attitude and efforts in drama this term.

Merit Awards
K Yellow  Jack D.
K Lime  Emity C.
1 Blue  Gabriella P.
2 Purple  Sienna B.
2/3 Red  Madison R.
3/4 Magenta  Stevie M.
4/5 Green  Aiden N.
5 Orange  Trent R.
5/6 Black  Kane T.

Kids Matter Awards
K Yellow  Lauchlan D.  Success
K Lime  Ethan H.  Success
1 Blue  Sonny J.  Persistence
2 Purple  Austin McG.  Persistence
2/3 Red  Kristen S.  Responsibility
3/4 Magenta  Koby S.  Persistence
4/5 Green  Seth I.  Confidence
5 Orange  Hayley M.  Persistence
5/6 Black  Bailey G.  Success

Merit Badge  Vanessa H.

KINDERGARTEN 2016 EARLY BIRDS
All students entering Kindergarten in 2016 are invited to join our Early Birds transition program for a nine week period to socialise and undertake learning and familiarization activities. The program commences this Wednesday 9th September. Children will participate in learning activities and meet new friends. They will be given opportunities to explore and play in their new learning environment which will assist in helping them feel happy, safe and secure. We ask that all children bring a packed lunch including a drink (water only please) on these days.

A Parent Information Session will take place from 2-3pm in the school Library during the transition session on Wednesday 9th September and at the final session on Wednesday 18th November.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING
A reminder for students in Years 2 – 6 to please bring in their expression of interest note for intensive swimming. The note must be in by Friday or there may be no swimming program.

PRIMARY CONCERT

"No Aliens Here"
Primary Concert
Wednesday 16th September (Week 10) at 10.00am
50 minutes of song, movement and drama.
All welcome.

P & C NEWS
Thank you
Thank you to all the parents that cooked and manned the cake stall at the Big Boys Toys on Saturday. We raised over $350 from the day.
We are looking for some parents to help bake for the morning tea next Wednesday for the Yrs 3-6 ‘No Aliens Here’ performance.

Upcoming Events:
Family Photos - Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September
We still have 3 spots available on the Saturday 4pm, 4.15pm, 4.30pm. If you are interested in a spot, please let phone Jodie 0407766364 to book in. Booking fee is $20 and all photos are taken down at St Andrews Reserve (Aberdeen rodeo grounds) near the river.

Bowls Fun Day - Saturday 17th October 11am-3pm.
We are on the hunt for teams of 4 - $10 ea (only 14 team spots available) for a fun filled day of lawn bowls. Please contact Amanda 0418566285 or Kelly 0488134550 for more information or to reserve your team spot.

Halloween Themed Disco - Thursday 22nd October.
We are planning a spooky time and hope lots of our students can join us. More information to come in early term 4.

Fruit and Veg Month
GO GREEN
TRY MORE GREEN
BE GREEN

How many slinky's can be made in a day!
Supported by our local fruitier, in one day, we have made 63 slinkys!
Going solo, our best is 34....
We are out to make PB's this week!

Gardening Club has started a vegie patch and now have potatoes, strawberries, snow peas, carrots, and spinach growing.

We have started recycling our waste. Scrap buckets have been placed in classrooms and in the playground to collect fruit break and lunch scraps. The school has purchased a composter to support the garden, and reactivated an old worm farm.... Bella bought in the worms. Thanks Bella.
The aim of Fruit & Veg Month is to encourage everyone to eat more fruit and vegetables and develop healthy eating habits that last a lifetime.

Who Am I?
I grow on a tree.
I am really a berry but you wouldn’t think so by how I look.
I can be green or yellow.

Who Am I?
I grow on a vine.
I can have furry or smooth skin.
My flesh can be green or gold.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP 2015**

Tuesday 22nd Sept. 8.30am – 12.00pm  
**COST:** $40 per child  
For more information & to grab a rego form...  
Contact Brad on: 0403915010 or email: bradwestgate@tenniscamps.com.au  
Registration forms need to be in by Tues 15th Sept  
Limited spots available.
Family Fun Day
Scene Park
Hill Street, Scone
Thursday 24 September 2015
10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Families with children aged 0-8 years
Join us for a fun filled community family event.
Meet our emergency services,
Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade
Activities include:
Storytelling, craft, music, reading and games
Free Sausage Sizzle
cooked by the Aberdeen Men’s Shed

Supporters:

Enquiries anna@familyinsight.org.au or lee@snrc.com.au

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KIDS CAMPS

SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS
DON’T MISS OUT

✓ New friendships✓ Fun✓ Great value✓ Safe

Our popular Spring Kids and Family Holiday Camps are hitting fast! Find out what’s in including our popular Cooking 2 Kids, Adventure Kids Club and Duke of Edinburgh camps plus lots more.

Laid back instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids’ Camps are suitable for the kids aged 7 and over and range from 11 to 5 days.

Residential Kids’ Camps include:
- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

Family Camps include:
- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Use of all facilities: BBQ area, pool, tennis courts etc.

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2nd Muswellbrook Scout Group and Bricks at the Bay present

UPPER HUNTER BRICK SHOW
A LEGO FAN EVENT

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2015
9AM TO 2PM
MUSWELLBROOK SCOUT HALL
80 FORD STREET, MUSWELLBROOK

LEGO DISPLAYSLEGOFORSALE
FREE BUILD AREA
DISPLAIS BY BRICKS AT THE BAY AND MEMBERS OF RAINBOW LUC AND SYDNEY LUC
SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINKS AVAILABLE
ENTRY $5 EACH OR $10 PER FAMILY

Free Parking available in Ford Street and Aberdeen Street