Principal’s Message

Contact Details
At the beginning of the term we sent home with each student a copy of their current contact details, emergency contacts and medical conditions to be checked and returned to the office. Unfortunately a number of families have not done this. It is imperative that we have accurate, current contact details for every student. While we would like to think we do not need this, accidents do happen and we may need to contact you. It is distressing for both your child and school staff if they are unable to contact you in an emergency. If you have not already done so return the forms to the office signed even if there are no changes as soon as possible.

Assembly
Assembly will be held this Friday at 9.10 am in the hall. Award recipients are listed in this newsletter.

Travel Routines
If your child’s travel home from school changes in any way please notify the school office by phone or letter. This helps us support your child and avoids any confusion or upset at the end of a busy day.

Payments to the Office
When sending money to school for payments could you please enclose the money in a clearly marked envelope with your child’s name, class and what the money is for. Payment envelopes can be collected from the front office to assist in this process.

School Fees
Voluntary School contributions for 2016 are $30 per student or $60 for 2 students or more in a family. Payments can be made at the office.

Maths Text Books
At Aberdeen Public School, our whole school follows a maths program called Maths Plus. It is a fantastic program that incorporates a textbook to consolidate learning that students do within maths lessons. Text books are $18 each. Please make this payment to the office as soon as possible so that your child may be issued with their text book.

Michelle Floyd – Principal

Principal’s Awards

Week 5 Term 1
K Yellow    Molly W. - excellence with her writing and illustrations in all subjects.
K/1 Purple  Abbergail N. - excellence in interview question writing.
1 Blue      Ethan N. – excellence in Literacy.
2 Lime      Kieran O. – showing consistent improvement with his reading.
3/4 Red     Kate S. – outstanding effort in all her work.
3/4 Green   Matilda H. – excellent independent work habits.
4/5 Magenta Brodie H. - outstanding work in Maths and HSIE.
5/6 Orange  Calley G. – producing a fantastic piece of “Surrealism” artwork.
6 Black     Sarah M. – excellent communication and class discussion skills.
Merit Awards
K Yellow       Harper H.
K/1 Purple     Hunter H.
1 Blue         Mitchell G.
2 Lime         Blyhe D.
3/4 Red        Riley T.
3/4 Green      Noni B.
4/5 Magenta    Tate S.
5/6 Orange     Jacob D.
6 Black        Hollie D.

Kids Matter Awards
K Yellow       Cohen A-A.       Honesty
K/1 Purple     Samuel J.       Success
1 Blue         Anora D.       Success
2 Lime         Shania T.       Respect
3/4 Red        Lexie W.       Respect
3/4 Green      Kristen S.     Resilience
4/5 Magenta    Stevie M.    Respect
5/6 Orange     Lillian D.     Happiness
6 Black        Dylan C.       Confidence

P&C NEWS
At our recent meeting, we elected the new P&C committee for 2016.

President:     Amy Hall
Vice President: Amanda Wilks
Secretary:     Toni Partridge
Treasurer:    Adam Morrison
Canteen Manager: Kelly McMahon
Fundraising Officer: vacant

If anyone is interested taking on the Fundraising Officer role or joining a fundraising committee, please contact our new President Amy Hall on 0419437741.

Easter Raffle
Easter raffle ticket books went out last week. All families are asked to donate easter eggs, colouring books, reading books and anything else that you think would be appropriate for the raffle. All tickets sold or unsold are due back into the office by Tuesday 16th March 2016. The raffle will be drawn Tuesday 23rd March 2016.

Canteen News
Kelly is away for 6 six weeks, any questions regarding the canteen roster can be forwarded to Melinda Jordan 0438437008.

Volunteer For Fundraising
The P&C has had a suggestion that some people would like to help with fundraising but would rather do certain activities and events. There is a form with this week’s newsletter to be filled in and returned to the office if you would like to help.

Schoolboys Football Uniforms.
The P&C has purchased socks and shorts for all representatives of the school in the local schoolboys football carnival. Socks and shorts are $20.
Sizes are as follows:
Shorts: 8,10,12,14,16
Socks: 13-3(s), 2-8(m), 7-11(l), 12-14(xl).

Please clearly write on an envelope your child’s name, class and sizes required and enclosed the correct amount of money.
We will be holding an open afternoon in the near future for parents to come along and purchase them.

FORTHCOMING DATES

March
Thursday 3rd     K Yellow Interviews
Friday 4th      K Purple Interviews
              Blandford Horse Sports
Wednesday 9th   Scone High Orientation
Friday 18th     Willow Tree Horse Sports
Friday 25th     Good Friday Holiday
Monday 28th     Easter Monday Holiday

PAINTING WITH MAX AT THE PCYC
Max Watters is a local artist who teaches children the art of painting.

Age Group 5 - 15

Tuesday 3.30 to 5pm

Cost- Free, but you do need to be a member of the club.

PCYC Muswellbrook | PCYC Muswellbrook
T 02 6541 1434 | F 02 6541 1974 | M | Cnr Carl &
Market Streets, Muswellbrook NSW 2333

SCONE FILMS
Scone Films will be screening the Australian comedy/drama, The Dressmaker, starring Kate Winslet, rated M, at 7.30pm Friday 26th February, at their pop-up cinema at the Senior Citizen’s Centre, Oxford Road, Scone. Scone Films are marking Oscars Night with a red carpet Oscar themed event. Dress up if you wish and enter into the Oscar spirit. Tickets are $12. This event is expected to be popular, so to be sure of a ticket, purchase in advance at Hunt a Book, Scone. Doors open 7pm. Oscar Night Refreshments will be available $5. Running time is 2hrs. Everyone is welcome. Details www.sconefilms.org.au
www.facebook.com/sconefilms
SCONE JUNIOR RUGBY UNION
If you know anyone who is interested in playing Junior Rugby for Scone contact below:

- Tor Killman – President
  0437 974 735 - fionaandtor@bigpond.com
- Angus Patterson - Vice President
  0427 443 250 – angus@maccallumgillis.com.au
- Amanda Darling – Registrar
  0403 293 277 – adarling@sgs.nsw.edu.au

An information sheet can be picked up from the front office.
K Yellow have had an exciting past week. Our visit to Healthy Harold was exceptionally exciting with all students thoroughly enjoying this experience. We also had our Bus Safety Talk which was fabulous. Students received an educational bus trip around the block and learnt the safe ways to enter and exit the bus and what to do once on the bus. We now have several K Yellow students applying these new skills when they catch the bus to and from school.

In class students have been working really hard with reading and letter formation with their writing. They are working hard with sounds and sight words and all proving to be very clever. In maths we have started using our new Maths Plus Text books. These are $18 and to be paid for in the office.

The week ahead is expected to be hot, so please don't forget to pack a drink bottle and hat.

This week we will also begin news in class. A letter will be sent home with topics and the day your child will be able to share this with the class.

I would like to remind you all that in week 6 our Parent Teacher interviews will be conducted. More information about this will be sent home soon.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any concerns.

I hope you all have a splendid week.
Miss Hunt

2 Lime

Year 2 Lime has continued to work diligently in the last couple of weeks putting into practice routines, responsibilities and expectations.

Last week in literacy and history we focused on looking at life in the past, exploring memories through the story Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge. We wrote a persuasive paragraph on the topic do you prefer toys from ‘now’ or ‘then’. What an interesting read! In mathematics we studied repeated addition as
multiplication, skip counting, orientations and half past in time.

This week in literacy we are exploring the life of an 8 year old boy and his family from Morocco. Students will write a persuasive letter to the boy persuading him to swap families for a week. In mathematics we will be working on addition, multiplication, chance and capacity.

Parents and guardians who have not already paid for the mathematics text book are reminded to pay for it as soon as possible.

Year 2 Lime will be entering a diorama in the children’s handcrafts exhibition at the Upper Hunter Regional Show at Muswellbrook commencing 11th of March. I would ask that each child bring in a cardboard box to work on in the next couple of weeks. Our History Unit - Past and Present Family Life will be the stimulus for our diorama design. This activity will be mostly worked on during class time.

Homework was sent home on Friday. This homework is due on Thursday 3rd of March. However the interview with an elderly family member is due on Friday the 26th February. We will be working on the interview in class that day.

For homework the expectation is that students complete reading and activities in the first column labelled ‘to do’ every night. The other activities labelled ‘optional’ are not compulsory but I strongly recommend that these activities be completed also. Spelling words will be sent home each Friday and home readers should be read at least three times before being returned. Home readers are expected to be returned and changed each Thursday.

3/4 Red
Congratulations on your effort so far ¾ Red. I have really enjoyed being able to work with you this term. Homework is fully underway. Each student has received homework for the past two weeks and I am very impressed with the amount of homework that is coming back completed each week. Well done!

This Friday students from ¾ Red will be attending King of the Ranges with other Stage 2 students. If you have not brought you money and note back in yet please do so tomorrow. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the students as it relates to the history unit we are studying this term about our local communities.

On the 16th February students visited the Life Education Van. They learnt a lot from Silvia and Healthy Harold about being Cyberwise. They learnt how important it was to not share personal information, how to make a strong and secure password and whether or not they were being cyber safe.

I would like to say how impressed I was by the behaviour and sportsmanship that was displayed at the School Swimming Carnival. It was great to see so many ¾ Red students attending and supporting their team and friends. Congratulations to Mia Dial who continued on and represented our school at Zone. Our class is very proud of you.

Just a friendly reminder to please send in the $18 payment for the Maths Plus.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me through a note or the front office.

3/4 Green
We are off to King of the Ranges this Friday as a part of our HSIE unit. We are very lucky to have been offered the opportunity to attend this event and permission notes and bus money are now due to the office.

There are still a number of students who have not paid for their maths text books. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please ring the office to discuss.

Homework is now in full swing. Thanks to those who support their child to complete the tasks and remind them to hand it in on a Friday.

In Maths this term we have learned a number of maths games to practice our addition and subtraction basic facts and place value. These games only require a set of dice or a pack of cards to play. Ask your child to teach you one of these games for some fun maths at home! Handy Hint: There are many free dice apps to download if you don’t have real dice at home. (They are much less likely to get lost down the back of the lounge, or sucked up the vacuum cleaner too!)

Parent - Teacher interviews are coming up at the end of the term but please remember you are more than welcome to come and chat about your child at any time.

4/5 Magenta
Year 4 will be attending the King of The Ranges Schools Day on Friday with Mrs Watson, Miss Lewis, Mrs Edwards and Miss Brown. Get your notes and money in tomorrow if you want to come along (they were due back on Monday).

We have been working so well during our writing lessons. This week we are writing informative texts and learning about lots of different places around the world.

In Science, we are finding out about the water cycle and how we impact on it through our use of water every day. Last week we completed a water usage survey and this week converted this data into a column graph during Maths.

We are still waiting for the last few remaining payments for Maths Plus text books. Please send your $18 to the office.
5/6 Orange

Hello parents!

Over the past two weeks we have had plenty going on in 5/6 Orange. Last week we had the Life Education van in the school, and our class had a session in the van learning about different types of drugs and their effects. We also learnt the importance of being cyber-wise when having a presence online. We also had our swimming carnival on the 12th of this month, and I would like to extend a big thanks to the parents that helped with the organisation and running of the day. I would also like to thank the students for taking part in the events and making it such a successful day.

In class, over the past 2 weeks we have begun our Science and HSIE lessons for the term. Our Science lessons will be focusing on Biological Science, and we have recently been working through activities on the differences between plant and animal cells. In our HSIE lessons, we have begun to talk about the Australian Colonies. Our lessons have so far have consisted of class discussions about why Britain sent colonies of people to Australia.

6 Black

Devices have begun being brought to class and are being utilised in the classroom already. Devices need to be accompanied with a BYOD policy and are not permitted to leave the classroom.

Permission notes for school visits, orientation days and rep sport will be coming home thick and fast over the coming weeks.

Please return these ASAP so that we can make sure the organisation for the event is well paced.

It is imperative that all information is given to the school when you transport children to an event. Please make sure that you can provide your current driver’s licence and vehicle registration to the office. You will also be required to log on to www.kidsguardian.com.au and complete a working with children check.

Support Will H. in his effort to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation’s WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

Donations may be made at the front office!

Incidents at School

We encourage all our students to report any incidents which happen at school to the teacher on duty or their classroom teacher. If your child comes home and informs you of an incident which happened at school, please ask them if they spoke to a teacher and did the teacher deal with the issue. If not and you are concerned, please inform the school.

Tips to help your child to drink more water

• Take a refillable bottle of water when you go out.
• Put a bottle of water in with your child’s lunch.
• Keep cold water in the fridge at home.
• Give your child a water bottle when they play sport.
• Serve water for everyone with the family meal.
• Show your child that you enjoy drinking water.
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The Aberdeen Public School P&C Committee has had a suggestion brought to their attention that