PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
We have a number of school learning support officers working within our school in 2016.
Mrs Kaye Wright
Mrs Renee Hinschen
Mrs Mel Gardiner
Ms Nicole Brown
Mrs Catherine Henry
Mrs Bec Johnson
Mrs Teresa Keegan
Mrs Sonia Midgley
School Learning Support Officers are employed to work in classrooms to assist the teacher in enabling students, in particular those with special needs, to access the curriculum and foster positive academic, social and emotional outcomes.
Mrs Teresa Keegan has taken up our new Community Officer Position.

Assembly
There will not be an assembly this Friday due to the swimming carnival.

Fruit Break
During our morning assembly children are encouraged to participate in Fruit Break. Please pack your child some fresh fruit or vegetable that can be eaten at this time. A suggestion is to cut fruit/vegetables into smaller pieces to make them more manageable.

School Swimming Carnival
When: Friday 12th February
Where: Scone Swimming Pool
Participants: All students in Years 3-6 and Year 2 students who turn 8 this year and are capable and confident swimmers (can swim unassisted for 50 metres).

Any help you can give running this event will be greatly appreciated (time keeping, marshalling etc).

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.

Contact Details
Every student had a form sent home last week with their current contact details, emergency contacts and medical conditions. Thank you to those who have returned them. If you have not done so could you please check the details are accurate, amend if necessary and return to the office signed even if there are no changes so that we can be sure that you have seen the form and all details are accurate. It is very important that our details are accurate as we may have to contact you in the case of an emergency.

General Consent Forms
All students (except Kindergarten who have already completed the forms) were given General Consent Forms last week to have completed and signed and returned to school as soon as possible.
At various times throughout the year students from the school will benefit educationally by short local excursions. These excursions involve teachers and students walking safely on recognised paths and crossings. To overcome the requirement of constantly sending out permission notes we request that parents complete the “Blanket” permission note covering all local excursions in 2016.
Please note that you will be advised prior to these excursions taking place. All other excursions involving bus travel and water activities will require a special permission note.
Permission is also required for students to view PG (Parental Guidance Recommended) movies at school and on excursions.

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.

Bus Passes
If you have applied for a bus pass they must be picked up at Osborn’s Bus Company Office in Muswellbrook. They will no longer be given to the bus driver as too many passes were being lost.

Congratulations
To Jackie and Brett Murray who welcomed a gorgeous little boy, Benji James Murray on 19th January. Born 6:35pm. Weighing 3.35kg or 7 pound 4. Length 51cm. They are all doing well.

Michelle Floyd – Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Week 3 Term 1
K Yellow Natalia D. - excellence in reading.
K/1 Purple Alexis D. - being a committed and motivated learner.
1 Blue Jack D. - excellence in mathematics.
2 Lime Cydi W. - fantastic progress in reading.
3/4 Green Hayley T. - excellent recall of basic facts during maths.
4/5 Magenta Malaki P. - demonstrating excellent skills and understanding in English.
5/6 Orange Will H. – an awesome effort in his multiplication work in maths.
6 Black Elizabeth D. – an excellent beginning to the school year and leading by example.

Merit Awards
K Yellow Thomas R.
K/1 Purple Lacie A.
1 Blue Jagah H.
2 Lime Morris B.
3/4 Red Mia D.
3/4 Green Koby S.
4/5 Magenta Jakob J.
5/6 Orange Hayley D.
6 Black Marley P.

Kids Matter Awards
K Yellow Lars A. - Confidence
K/1 Purple Matty D. - Confidence
1 Blue Natasha B. - Resilience
2 Lime Gabriella P. - Resilience
3/4 Red Chloe F. - Persistence
3/4 Green Camden O. - Happiness
4/5 Magenta Georgina C. - Confidence
5/6 Orange Rebecca B. - Persistence
6 Black Bella-Rose P. - Happiness

LIFE EDUCATION VAN VISIT
The Life Education Van will be visiting our school from this Friday, 12th February until Wednesday 17th February. Thank you to the P&C for covering the cost of this vital learning opportunity and ensuring that every student at Aberdeen Public School will be able to listen to the important messages about health and well being that the Life Education Team spreads. Students will bring home today an order form to make purchases from the Life Education Van.

P&C NEWS
P&C AGM - Wednesday 17th February 2016 - 6pm in the library. All welcome.
All committee positions are vacant and we are looking for new members. Committee position descriptions are available from the front office or please contact our President Amanda Wilks to find out more info. All committee members are required to pay a $2 joining fee.

Fundraising timeline - we are currently looking at the timeline for 2016 and would love input from our entire school community. Please give us your ideas on what you would like us to do this year. We have our annual pie drive, walkathon and school discos but after new ideas.

Projects - The P&C are working to upgrade the school car park and to put a bus shelter near the front gates. We also support the Healthy Harold visit and Zumba in term 3. If you have an idea to help enhance our school, please let us know.
Football uniforms - with schoolboys carnival just around the corner (20th March) the P&C has purchased shorts and socks to help present our school in a full uniform with the brand new jerseys we purchased last year. The cost of both are $20 and sizes are as follows:

Please place money in an envelope clearly marked P&C football uniform - with your child’s name and class. We will be having a couple of open sessions during and out of school hours closer to the date.

CANTEEN NEWS
Thank you to all the people who have filled shifts in the last week, it is very much appreciated. If you cannot make a canteen shift please contact me ASAP. We are out of stock of spaghetti bolognaisa and fried rice until further notice.

The roster for next week is as follows:

Wednesday 10th Feb
Jodie Mayall
Teena Debrenceny

Friday 12th Feb
Natalie Hall 8.30-1pm
Kelly McMahon 12.30-2pm
Melissa Roughan 8.30-2pm

Monday 15th Feb
Kelly McMahon
Marie Tillemans 8.30-2pm

We still have some days to fill up the roster so if anyone is available even if it's only for an hour or so.

On the following dates we need someone that knows what they are doing:
- Monday 22nd Feb 8.30-2pm
- Monday 29th Feb 8.30-2pm
- Wednesday 16th March x 2 people 1-2pm

These dates can be learners:
- Wednesday 2nd March 1-2pm
- Monday 21st March 8.30-2pm
- Wednesday 30th March 1-2pm
- Friday 1st April 8.30-2pm

Please ring or message Kelly if you are able to fill one of these dates 0488134550.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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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 GYMNASTICS
- Venue: Scone Youth Centre, 105 Susan Street, Scone, 2337
- Dates: February 1 2016 to April 4 2016 (excluding March 28)
- Bookings: Online requests are processed via our Client Service Centre with confirmation of bookings sent via e-mail. Please note the initial email sent which recognises a booking submission is not a booking confirmation.

Scone Gymnastics - Term 1 2016
5-7 years 4pm start
8-10 years 5pm start
11 plus years 6pm start

All key booking information is provided on the web-links but for any further queries people can get in touch with our Client Service Centre via phone on 13 13 02.

Muswellbrook Australian Football JUNIOR CLUB

Woronora Field, Thiru Crescent, Muswellbrook:
Juniors - U11s, U13s, U15s, U17s & U16s Youth Girls
$90 (team jumper provided)
***** NO WEEKLY FEES *****
NAB Auskick: 5 Years to 9 Years
$70 (includes AFL Auskick Pack)

2016 Registration
Annual Club Open Day at Woronora Field on Saturday 13th Feb 3.00pm-5.00pm or visit club website
http://www.muswellbrook aflfacebook.com.au
For further information please contact
Annette (Auskick) on 0422 248 770
or Tracey (Juniors & Youth Girls) on 0427 400 103

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K Yellow

Congratulations! We have made it to week 3 and are all still having an amazing time in Kindergarten. I have been blown away with how clever each and every child is within K Yellow.

We have been working hard with reading and writing and already seeing amazing improvements. In Maths we have been exploring shapes and numbers. Our 'MeBags' were a wonderful way to let us get to know each other and we have discovered that many of us enjoy the same things.

Some up-coming dates to keep in mind are; Healthy Harold on Friday the 12th and on the 16th we are having a bus safety talk at school. This will be exciting and teach us all how to catch a bus and revise some road safety rules. The children will also catch a bus and follow a bus route within Aberdeen.

If you have any queries or problems please don't hesitate to come and visit me in the classroom or make an appointment at the office.

Miss Hunt

K/1 Purple

Welcome to our first class news for 2016. K/1 Purple has settled in beautifully and I feel very privileged to have such a wonderful class with a broad range of personalities who make every day exciting. Our fabulous Year One students started homework this week. If there are any questions about the new style of homework please do not hesitate to come and see me.

My kindergarten students completed their best start assessment this week and I'm very proud of how well they have all achieved.

We are lucky to have the Life Education Van coming to our school this Friday and K-1 purple will have their session after recess on Friday. Your general consent form is all that was required to allow your child to attend this event as our wonderful P and C have subsidised the cost for all of our students. You will receive a note regarding the purchase of merchandise if you wish.

I'd like to ask for your help in stocking our classroom for some upcoming learning activities. If you have any old newspapers, magazines or egg cartons then I would really appreciate you donating them to our class.

I look forward to continuing to work hard with k one purple

1 Blue

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday break. A few housekeeping items for the start of the year:

• All students need to have a home reading envelope and homework folder/book.
• Our class library day is Tuesday during the last session. The students will leave the Library to go home.
• Class news will start next week. Each week will have a topic for students to give news about.

• The Life Education Van will be visiting from Friday 12th February 2016. Our class will be participating in a Healthy Lifestyle session.

I look forward to a wonderful year. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me any time.

2 Lime

Welcome back to school for 2016! We have been busy this week settling into our room and building routines to help the rest of the term move along smoothly.

Students will have their library day on Tuesday this term and I would remind parents and guardians to ensure that students bring a library bag each week for borrowing.

I am looking for helpers to assist with reading sessions. If anyone is able to help please let me know.

I hope everyone has a terrific start to the term and I look forward to an awesome year!

Fruit break which is held every morning at assembly time needs to be just fruit.

3/4 Red

What a fantastic start to the year we have had! 3/4 Red have been getting to know a new teacher named Mrs Lewis over the past week and have been doing lots of fun and interesting things. Mrs Lewis is here for 3 weeks while Mr Ramage is on sick leave.

Homework went home this week. You need to complete your spelling words and a getting to know you sheet. Homework is due on Thursday 11th February due to the Swimming Carnival on Friday.

Students will receive spelling, maths, a reading log and something relating to the other learning areas each week from next week on.

Our Library day this term is Wednesday so please make sure to bring your books back each week.

This Friday students from 3/4 Red will be participating in the school Swimming Carnival, for some students this will be their first swimming carnival since starting school. How exciting! Please remember to bring a towel, hat, plenty of food and water.

The Life Education Van will be visiting our school next week and Years 3 and 4 will be talking with Healthy Harold about how to be Cyber Safe.

Please remember to send in the $18 payment for the Maths Plus textbook as we use this every day during Maths lessons which we started this week. Students receive this textbook after payment has been made. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me through a note or the front office.

3/4 Green

Wow! 3/4 Green are off to a flying start! We have really enjoyed getting know one another and the students have started showing Mrs Watson just how clever they are!
Homework was sent home yesterday, it is due Thursday because Swimming Carnival is on Friday. It is just spelling and a getting to know you questionnaire this week to get us back into the routine of homework and to learn more about my students. There will be spelling, maths, a reading log and something relating to one of the other learning areas each week from next week.

Our library day this term is on a Wednesday so please have books ready to return each week. We are a drink bottle friendly classroom and students are able to keep their drink bottles on their desks during learning time.

Please remember to send in the $18 payment for the Maths Plus text book. We use this text book every day during our maths lessons which have started this week. Students are issued their textbooks after payment.

If you have any questions or ideas to support your child please don't hesitate to contact me through a note or by ringing the office.

**4/5 Magenta**
Welcome back for the 2016 school year. Our class is in full swing and we are getting know our new routines and class members. Mrs Stephne Edwards will be in our class during term 1. Mrs Edwards is completing her final practicum and will be leading many of our learning experiences during this time. Students will have the opportunity to fine tune their drama skills on Wednesday afternoons this term with Mrs Christy. Our library day will also be Wednesday and I encourage all students in our class to become regular borrowers from our school library. Homework will begin next week. We are all looking forward to a busy, challenging and successful year!

**5/6 Orange**
Welcome back for 2016! Since returning to school, the students in 5/6 Orange spent the first few days re-acquainting themselves with classmates and a new teacher with some fun “getting to know you” activities. Following this, the students have spent the past week beginning to build their understanding of the CAFE (Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding Vocabulary) and Daily 5 techniques in English lessons, which will look to help improve their abilities with the way they comprehend, understand and write different text types.

We have also been discussing the rights and responsibilities of students, teachers and parents, and what the expectations in the classroom and school are.

In Mathematics, we have begun the term by focusing on different addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies. This will help to give the students a refresh of skills they learnt last year, while trying to extend them with new strategies.

Looking forward to the year ahead!
# Aberdeen Public School Term 1 2016 Calendar

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What is a P&C

The P&C Association is open to everyone: parents, grandparents, caregivers, teachers and members of the whole community. Crucially P&C’s are a window to your child’s education. Participation in the education process is one of the best expressions of support you can give your child.

Not only do P&C’s support the school as a whole, but they are a great support for the parents who get involved too. There are many ways to help out our P&C. We need volunteers for the canteen, to help out at P&C run events, stamp raffle tickets, bake cakes.... The list is endless.

All money made by the P&C is put back into the school.

P&C Projects for 2016 (so far)
* Sponsor Healthy Harold visit.
* Sponsor Term 2 sports program.
* Sponsor Term 3 Zumba
* Install a bus shelter near front gates.
* Upgrade the existing carpark.
* Purchase Horse Sports uniforms.

Long term goal
* Extend current carpark.

P&C Projects in 2015
* Purchased 5 sets of Football Jerseys
* Purchased netball shirts.
* Paid for Zumba in term 3.
* Sponsored the Mad Food Science Program.
* Donation towards the sesquicentenary pathway.

Stay up to date with P&C activities via our facebook group.
A.P.S - P&C

P&C Meetings open to all parents, grandparents, caregivers and the community.

Wednesday 17th February 6pm in the School Library

Meeting is child friendly.
(all meeting for a maximum of 2hrs)
Did you know that Aberdeen Public School P&C has contributed over $75,000 back into the school in the last 5 yrs? This wouldn't have been possible without our school community all working together.

* Installed the play equipment on the top oval
* Purchased computers for the computer room.
* Purchased XO computers for K-2 students.
* Upgraded the school canteen.
* Purchased sporting uniforms for football and netball.
* Resurfaced the all weather court.
* Supported many in school programs.

Meetings not for you?
There are many other ways to help out the P&C.

Baking for our cake stall, manning our Mother's Day or Father's Day stall, cooking the barbeque at the school disco's, helping out on our meal deal days. Contact one of our friendly committee members today to find out more info or look out for our parent survey going out soon.

Canteen News:
Our canteen is ran purely by volunteers. All profit made from the canteen goes back into the school via the P&C.

We have included a kiddies room to help make volunteering easier for busy parents.

Our canteen runs Monday and Friday all day and Wednesday for lunchtime only!

We are after more volunteers, please contact Kelly 0488134550 or leave your name at the office. Even just volunteering one shift a term, helps keep our canteen open. Without volunteers we will have to start closing.

By working together, many people can make a difference.