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ABERDEEN
PUBLIC SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
8th March 2016, Week 7 Term 1

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
The school is currently working with Upper Hunter Council to improve the safety of students being picked up and dropped off in Graeme Street. We are looking at establishing a kiss and drop zone and an alternate parking zone. We should have an interim measure in place in 4 weeks while the council looks at a permanent solution. It is important that all parents are alert and take care when dropping off and picking up our students.

Responsibility
The education of our students is the key element in all schools, however, we do have an obligation to support students to become good citizens at school and in the wider community.

At times it may be necessary to have consequences for children who do not display school and community values. These consequences are not imposed without thought. They are necessary tools in reinforcing the need for appropriate behaviour.
All families should have received a copy of our Student Wellbeing and School Information booklets upon enrolment. These detail our school well-being plans and policies. If you have misplaced these a copy is available on our school website or call in at the school office to pick up a hard copy.

Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2017
Each Year 6 student will have received an information guide and expression of interest form. These are to be completed and returned to the office by Friday 18th March, even if you intend to send your child to St Joseph’s.

Tell Them From Me Survey
We are asking our Stage 2 and 3 students to participate in the ‘Tell Them from Me’ survey this term. The survey data will give us valuable information about our students and their views on:

- engagement with learning
- positive relationships at school and their sense of belonging
- homework
- bullying, how it is dealt with and the support given
- student behaviour

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.

Travel Routines
If your child’s travel home from school arrangements change 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. If students are unsure of travel home arrangements and the school has not been notified of any change the student will be advised to follow their usual procedure.

Assembly
Assembly will be held this Friday at 9.10 am in the hall. Award recipients are listed in this newsletter.
Asthma
If your child has asthma, and you have not already done so, please provide the school with a current asthma action plan from your doctor. This will advise us on how to manage your child’s asthma if they have an attack at school. The staff are trained in asthma first aid and the school always has reliever medication and a spacer in the first aid kit. However, if your child requires a reliever during school hours it would be advisable if they provided a personal use reliever to the office or kept one in their bag.

Blandford Horse Sports

On Friday 4th March six students were fantastic representatives of Aberdeen Public School competing at Blandford Horse Sports.

* Georgina C. rode her fast grey pony and came home with some ribbons, she had a great time at her first horse sports day.

* Candy B. had a tough start with her great big horse Earl standing on her toes but then managed to place in a couple of events.

* Jordon H. rode extremely well, this was her first competition riding all by herself and she ended up with a medallion for Encouragement Rider.

* Harry D. was up against some strong competition, he rode exceptionally and also took out some placings.

* Luke D. was on a new horse for horse sports, he rode like a professional and ended up with the 11 Year Boy CHAMPION Trophy.

* Mikayla C. had her first horse sports day on her big black horse and was so excited to win the 10 Year Girl CHAMPION Trophy.

Congratulations to these children, they all had a fun filled day and were a pleasure to take to Blandford Horse Sports.

Michelle Floyd – Principal

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Week 7 Term 1

K Yellow  Sammy D. - being an encouraging friend and always trying his best.
K/1 Purple  Ella W. - excellent work with trading tens and ones.
1 Blue  Emity C. - excellence in writing.
2 Lime  Travis D. - outstanding contribution to class discussion and commitment to school life.
3/4 Red  Chloe C. - always being a happy and cheerful class member.
3/4 Green  Jacob B. - excellent display of Aberdeen Public School values in the community.
4/5 Magenta  Isabell B. – commendable improvements in English.
5/6 Orange  Brooke W. – great effort in revision of 2 digit division.
6 Black  Josh E. – commitment to his school work and organisation.

Merit Awards
K Yellow  Darius G.
K/1 Purple  Skye H.
1 Blue  Cameron D.
2 Lime  Reilyn G.
3/4 Red  Cameron B.
3/4 Green  Hallie D.
4/5 Magenta  Abby P.
5/6 Orange  Molly J.
6 Black  Bryson J.

Kids Matter Awards
K Yellow  Dean M.  Happiness
K/1 Purple  Isabell W.  Success
1 Blue  Chloe W.  Responsibility
2 Lime  Vagus G.  Responsibility
3/4 Red  Charlotte B.  Resilience
3/4 Green  Toby S.  Honesty
4/5 Magenta  Georgie H.  Respect
5/6 Orange  Tyler J.  Persistence
6 Black  Shantelle B.  Confidence

Merit Badge
Sarah McM.

CANTENE NEWS
Kelly is absent from canteen duties at the moment, any questions regarding the canteen roster can be forwarded to Melinda Jordan 0438437008. If you cannot fill your shift please contact ASAP.
Canteen roster for the following week:
Wednesday 9th March
Fiona Walton-Gilbert
Nat McCamley

Friday 11th March
Nat Hall
Marie Tillemans

Monday 14th March
Sandy Morrison
Adam Morrison
P&C NEWS
Easter Raffle
Easter raffle ticket books have gone home. There are still more ticket books at the office if you need more. 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.

Next Meeting
The next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 16th March at 6:30pm in the school library. Please note that the time has been put back to 6:30pm. All are welcome. It is child friendly.

FORTHCOMING DATES

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DRAMA CLUB NEWS
Rehearsals on a Tuesday are progressing well. Students are practising how to introduce their item formally and memorising the first 10 lines of their script.
Thank you to Mrs Henry, Ruth Williams and Amanda Hill for their assistance at practice on Tuesday lunch.
L. Christie

MUSWELLBROOK SPEECH AND DRAMA EISTEDDFOD
If you would like your child to be coached at school to enter a Poem for One in the Eisteddfod in June, please send a note to me by Friday 18th March and I am happy to assist. L. Christie

FIVE CENT DRIVE

Dear Girls and Boys,
There are over 150 Million dollars worth of 5 cent coins in Australia and we need your help collecting them.
We need you to collect as many 5 cent coins as you can this month and bring them to school each day and drop them in your class bucket, then at the end of the month our P&C will collect them and see which class has raised the most money!!!!
When the tally is done for the month the winning class will get an afternoon tea. (P&C will advise what that will be)
Don’t forget to ask friends, aunts, uncles, nan, pop and all your other family members.
All money collected will go toward the car park up grade.
Thank you for all you help.

Aberdeen Public School P&C President
Amy

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!

Share a world of Food on Harmony Day

Join us at the table on Wednesday 23rd March 2016
Venue: Stone Grammar School, Kingston Street entrance
Time: 5.30pm
Register your dish at www.smr.com.au
Phone 6545 2562 or call in and let us know your dish.
Come in traditional dress......Enjoy all the Entertainment
**CLASS NEWS**

**K Yellow**

K Yellow is continuing to work hard as the weeks pass us by. We have been working hard on sounds and learning sight words.

Our news days are very exciting and it was lovely to hear about everyone’s family. The topic for this week is sport. If you're not sure what day your child has news, come and ask.

We have been doing lots of art that we hope to have entered into the Muswellbrook Show.

It was lovely to meet all the parents at the interviews on Thursday. For those who could not attend, please feel free to visit anytime to discuss your child’s progress.

Enjoy the beginning of Autumn.

Miss Hunt

**K/1 Purple**

I can’t believe we are over half way through Term 1. We have just started our science unit which we will work on for the next 5 weeks called “From Paddock to Plate”. We are looking forward to learning all about where our food comes from.

With less than 3 weeks until Easter we are getting excited to decorate our room for Easter and maybe even have a visit from the Easter Bunny himself?

Thank you to all the students and parents who are regularly reading home readers. Reading every day is so important so please keep this up.

If any parent or relative would like to come along and help out it would be very much appreciated. Monday mornings from 9-11 is group rotation time so any helpers at this time would be great. Alternately between 9 and 10 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday Kindergarten are in group mode and an extra pair of hands would be great. If you are interested please let me know.

Mrs Keating

**1 Blue**

Reminder: Our school uses the Maths Plus program which requires each student to have a text book. This costs $18 and is paid directly to the office.

Reminder: All students need to have their own set of headphones, clearly labelled, to use in the classroom.

We are starting a new science inquiry unit this week called ‘Paddock to Plate’. This unit will explore the ways farm produce is packaged prior to moving from place to place.

We welcome any help from our parents and the community. If you would like to help in our classroom please contact me to negotiate a time and day.

**2 Lime**

Congratulations on your effort so far this Term. The term is well underway and I am very impressed with the diligence and determination that students have shown to complete set tasks.

A reminder that homework was sent home on Friday and will be due on the 18th of March. Thank you to those who support their child to complete the tasks each fortnight.

There has been a little confusion over home readers. Home readers are expected to be changed daily. Students are required to read a new book each night and parents are expected to complete the reading log. All home readers should be returned on a Friday and re-borrowed on a Monday.

Thank you to those who have made payment for the maths text book. We really appreciate this. If you have not yet done so, please can you make arrangement to pay for your child’s text book at the office as soon as possible.

I am pleased to say that ten dioramas were entered into the Children's Handicrafts section at Upper Hunter Show in Muswellbrook last Friday. Children worked in groups of three to complete a representation of Past and Present Family Life. Well done on a fantastic effort, I look forward to seeing them when the show commences on the 11th of March.

**3/4 Red**

I would like to congratulate 3/4 Red students on their behaviour and participation at the King of the Rangers Stockman Challenge in Murrurundi. We were lucky enough to have gained an insight into a part of local history. Students really enjoyed watching the stockman show, watching stock handling and the pack saddle event. Some of our students even had the chance to learn to crack a whip. They also demonstrated some fantastic bush dancing skills and did a beautiful rendition of ‘give me a home among the gum trees’.

Just a reminder that if you intend for your child to travel home any way other than their normal way please remember to send a note in or ring the office. Otherwise children will be sent home as per normal.

Interviews will be commencing Week 10. Notes should go home shortly.

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

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

**3/4 Green**

The Year 3/4 students displayed excellent behaviour at the Kings of Ranges. The students enjoyed bush dancing, whip cracking, chainsaw wood carving and much more!
Mrs Glenn will be joining us for the rest of term. She is a student teacher from the University of Newcastle. I know the children will make her feel very welcome.

Students have been asked to bring in cardboard tubes from paper towels for our PDH unit on Teamwork. Please don’t bring in any toilet rolls as we are not able to use those.

Rachelle Watson

**4/5 Magenta**

This week we are going on a walking excursion to the Hunter River at Aberdeen. This will be a great opportunity for us to explore the river ecosystem that we have been examining in class. We will be using dip nets to find plants and animals in the river and should be able to make some great observations while we’re there. There is an information note about our excursion being sent home today with this newsletter, however, no permission note is required for students to attend.

In HSIE, we have been researching immigration into Australia. We have been discussing our own heritage. A number of students have been asked to find out more information about their family tree and we would love to hear about these discoveries. We can already identify a variety of nationalities from around the world that make up part of Australia’s heritage.

**5/6 Orange**

We have done some great work in the past two weeks. Our class has been doing some awesome work in English. We have been doing work based upon a YouTube clip called “Sport doesn’t care who you are”, which shows the dedication and effort that Paralympians have to put into their training. Following this, we have put students into groups to research in class an Australian paralympian of their choice for a class presentation.

Students have been given homework at different times as I want to prepare them for high school, where they can receive homework at any given time. Currently Year 6 has been set up to complete their homework using OneNote.

If there are any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

6 Black

What a busy few weeks we have coming up. Please remember that Scone High School Orientation Day is on Wednesday. Students should be in full school uniform, have enough food and drink for the day and a pencil case. The Scone High School canteen will also be operational for Year 6.

All the very best to our peers who are trialling for PSSA Rugby League and Netball this week.

Don’t forget to use Google Classroom. There are files uploaded and some of your peers are sending messages and reminders regularly to you all.

For those who have not paid for their maths textbooks, could you please do so ASAP as we are nearly at the end of Term 1 and these books are crucial to your child’s maths consolidation.

**NEW RUGBY LEAGUE 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: 3-(s), 2-(m), 7-11(l), 12-14(xl).

For those students playing in the Group 21 School Rugby League Knockout on Sunday 20th March the correct uniform would be appreciated. School socks and shorts are available to purchase at the office for $20. But for all those who intend to play in future league games representing the school in correct uniform is essential.

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