PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 3 and Year 5 completed their NAPLAN tests last week. I would like to congratulate our students who tried hard and gave their best.

On Tuesday 27th May through to Tuesday 3rd June we celebrate Reconciliation Week. The theme for this year is ‘Let’s Walk the Talk’, so Australians across the nation can start putting their words into action. During the week students will be participating in some activities linked with the theme. The week will begin with a dance performance from Sean Choolburra, who trained and toured internationally with the Bungarra dance Company, and will culminate at our school assembly on Friday 31st May.

Reconciliation involves building positive, respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians; enabling us to work together to close the gaps and to achieve a shared sense of fairness and justice. The ultimate goal of reconciliation is to build strong and trusting relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians, as a foundation for success and to enhance our national well-being.

This week is National Families Week and locally there was a picnic in Simpson Park on Wednesday 21st May. Our Aboriginal Dance group and 5/6K performed at this event. At Muswellbrook South we recognise and value the important part families play both at school and in the wider community.

Yours in Education

Karen Rayner
Relieving Principal

Quote of the Week:

‘Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.’

Stewart House Money Raiser

We still have rubber balls for sale at $3.00 each. The money raised from selling these balls goes to support Stewart House. Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

We will be selling the rubber balls this Thursday and Friday at each break in the quad.

Thank you to the families who returned their envelope and donations for the Stewart House Donation Drive. Donations and entries have been forwarded to Stewart House.

Assembly

This Friday 23rd May, we will be having a whole school assembly. All parents, family members and friends are warmly invited to attend. The assembly commences at 9.45am in the school hall. The assembly item this week is by 2S. Hall display is by 3/4D, and foyer display by 5/6C.

Canteen News

As of Tuesday 20.05.14 the CANTEEN’S NEW HOURS are - Monday, Thursday & Friday Open 9-2pm Tuesday & Wednesday CLOSED. Apologies for any inconvenience created.

Meal Deal Winner: Lily Miller 5/6W
Thank you to the volunteers this week: Kelly, Vanessa and Melissa. It is very much appreciated.

Canteen Roster:

Thursday 22/05/14: Bec, Vanessa, Colleen.
Friday 23/05/14: Bec, Colleen, Emma, xxxx, xxxx.
Monday 26/05/14: Bec, xxxx.
Tuesday 27/05/14: CLOSED
Wednesday 28/05/14: CLOSED
Thursday 29/05/14: Bec, Vanessa, xxxx
Friday 30/05/14: Bec, Melissa, xxxx, xxxx.
Monday 02/06/14: Bec, xxxx,
Tuesday 03/06/14: CLOSED
Wednesday 04/06/14: CLOSED
Thursday 05/06/14: Bec, Vanessa, xxxx

(xxxx indicates canteen needs volunteers)

Snax Fundraiser
We have received the Snax lolly orders. If you have not yet collected your order please see the front office.

Uniform Shop

OPENING HOURS
MONDAY 9-10AM
FRIDAY 9-10AM

We are fully stocked for all your uniform requirements.

If you are unable to come during uniform shop hours, order forms are available in the school office for your convenience.

Volunteers – If you are able to help for an hour on Monday please see Shellie in the uniform shop

Payment can be made by cash, eftpos, or cheque Lay-by/payment plan also available

Thank you for your support

Whats happening with coaching?

Mr Jimmy Huggins gives up his Tuesday and Thursday mornings to coach Elly-May T. every week, with discuss and shot put techniques. Elly-May represented our school at State level last year. She is practising early before our Athletics carnival this year.
A BIG thank you from M.S.P.S to Jimmy for volunteering to assist our students!!!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We received back students school photos. They have been distributed by class teachers this week. If you ordered school photos and have not yet received them please see your child’s teacher.
Family photographs need to be collected by a parent from school front office.

# PLEASE BE ADVISED #

There has been a confirmed case of whooping cough in the school.

Aberdeen All Stars Presents
Winter Indoor Markets
FREE ENTRY!
With over 20 stalls to browse
WHEN: 10am-2pm Sunday 26th May 2014
WHERE: Aberdeen Sport & Recreation Club at Jefferson Park.

*Children's Clothing
*Candles
*Cosmetics
*Ladies Clothing
*Linen
*Jewellery
*Children's Toys
*Psychic
and much much more.
SAVE THE DATE...
Aberdeen Public School Inaugural Horse Sports Day
Friday 29th August 2014
Commencing at 8.00am
St Andrews Reserve Aberdeen

*Open to both Primary and Secondary Students
*Led riders of primary school age
*Ribbons to 5th place
*Prizes for highest point score and reserve highest point score in each age group

Please send an email to www.aberdeen-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to register your interest and we can forward all further information directly to you.

All enquiries:
Melissa Davis
0447 437 827
Amy Croft
0428 436 108

Millfield Public School – Horse Sports

Millfield is hosting a School Horse Sports at the Cessnock Showground on 20th June. We have entry forms at our school office.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – 2014

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| 18 June        | Science Discovery Day                                                                                       |
| 20 June        | Athletics Carnival                                                                                          |
| 23-27 June     | NAIDOC Week                                                                                                |
| 25 June        | School NAIDOC Day                                                                                           |
| 26 June        | Reports go out                                                                                              |
| 27 June        | Last day of term                                                                                            |

FUNDRAISING FETE

7th June 2014
11am - 3pm
Brookside
79 Sydney St
(next to Garlick H Hardware)

The Community Mum’s Groups @ Brookside are hosting a FETE to raise funds for an Outdoor Play area.

Kids Entry Includes:

Jumping Castles
Face Painting
Balloons +

Also on the day there will be a Sausage Sizzle, Cafe Mobilita, Devonshire Tea, Market Stalls and more.
$10 per child (or $30 per family) adult entry free.

For more information see our Facebook Event or the Brookside website https://www.facebook.com/events/359122131846089407 or http://www.brookside.org.au/ If you would like to know more about our mums groups see the website above all welcome!

Belltrees Public Schools Horse Sports Day

Belltrees Public School will be hosting the Belltrees School Horse Sports Day. The event will be held on Friday 24th October 2014, from 8am, at the Moonan Flat Recreational Grounds. Information and entry requirement forms are available from our school office. Entries close Friday 8th September 2014.
Behind the scenes of 5/6W – A Winning Classroom

In 5/6W we have been learning how to write Narratives. Yesterday we looked at writing an opening paragraph/sentence. These are some of our opening paragraphs/sentences.

Mr Sherman looked ordinary for someone who had just finished one of the world’s greatest math problems. Well actually, a little too ordinary. I knew at that moment I had to investigate. I watched Mr Sherman’s every move. At one point I saw him pick his nose. Not the smartest move for a smart person. I followed him down the alley way. As I got to the light I saw a wig on the ground. – W. O’Leary.

As the clock struck twelve it echoed around the hall. It was lunch time. The kids were happy as the raced out of the hall, all except one. A random boy nobody knows. He heard something coming from the back of the hall. – H. Charter.

The sky was the colour of dish water, dirty dish water. It seemed as if it was going to rain. We were lying under the tree for shelter in a paddock so lush and green. Cooper was about to propose when of nowhere a strange shadow appeared. Right at that moment we heard a gunshot and a scream. It was getting dark so we climbed the fence and went, with that one mystery unsolved. – I. Howden.

David didn’t know what to do, the school bully, Ted was expecting him to hand over five dollars but he only had fifty cents. This isn’t the first time he wanted money but not five dollars. He wishes he never had made a bet with Ted, if he doesn’t have the money, who knows what Ted could do! – L. Miller.

Without a moment’s hesitation, Maude Drinkwater lifted the revolver and fired and then whispered to herself, “What have I done? I’ve killed a man!” – A. Clulow.
Dear Parents

On Monday 2nd June we are having a performance by internationally acclaimed performer Colin Offord, who will be presenting "Australian Soundscape." Colin performs his music on a unique range of hand-made, invented instruments.

The concert will involve performance, explanation, and lots of hands on participation for our students.

Cost: $5.00 per student.

**This concert is open to the first 100 students who bring their money in.**

**Closing date for money to be accepted is Friday 30th May**

Class teachers        Mrs Rayner

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Please return this note and money to the class teacher

I give permission for my son/daughter............................................. of class...................................... to attend the Australian Soundscape performance.

☐ I have enclosed $5.00 as payment for this concert.

I understand that the first 100 students to return their money will attend the concert.

Signed............................................