

ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

12th September 2017, Week 9 Term 3

Website <http://www.aberdeen-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

FORTHCOMING DATES

September

Wed 13th Early Birds (12 – 3pm)
Parent workshop (12 -2 pm)
Tues 19th – 20th Games and Gadgets Workshop
Thursday 21st School Photos
Friday 22nd **LAST DAY OF TERM 3**

October

Monday 9th **TERM 4 BEGINS FOR EVERYONE**
Tue 17th – Fri 20th Canberra Excursion Stage 3

BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tuesday 12th 5/6 Magenta
3/4 Black
Wednesday 13th 3 Orange
Thursday 14th 4/5 Red
Tuesday 19th K Yellow
2 Lime
Wednesday 20th 1/2 Purple
Thursday 21st 1 Blue

Please contact your child's teacher to organise an alternate day and time if these days do not suit.

NAPLAN Online - Year 3 and 5 students

During the last week of term, Monday 18th September - Friday 22nd September, students in Year 3 and 5 will participate in the online Naplan trial. A fact sheet with further information has been sent home with these students. This is an opportunity for schools to assess their readiness for delivering Naplan tests in an online environment. At the completion of the trial schools will be provided with general feedback on technical readiness, however, student achievement will not be reported on at this time. If you have any questions about this please contact the school or visit <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment>

ATTENDANCE

A day here or there doesn't seem like much but did you know 1 day absent each week equates to 8 weeks per year? From Kinder to Year 12, this is over 2 and a half years of school.

From time to time, we understand absence due to sickness or short leave is unavoidable. If this happens, please send a note explaining the reason with your child on the first day they return to school. Students with a significant number of unexplained absences have to be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer for monitoring and supervision.

ARE YOU LEAVING US?

In planning for 2018 classes, we ask that any families who won't be returning in 2018 notify the office as soon as possible. If you know of any new families who may be considering Aberdeen PS in 2018, please ask them to contact the office to provide student details.

CHANGES TO ROUTINES

Please notify the office in writing, in person or by phone if your child's home routine changes at any time. Unless notification is received, students will be directed as per their usual routine.

CLASS SNAPSHOTS

K YELLOW have been enjoying Zumba Friday mornings.



1/2 PURPLE Stage 1 enjoying sports fun on Thursday



4/5 RED have been looking at newspaper articles in English. We read a book called Storm Whale. This story was about a Humpback Whale that became beached during a storm. We then had to write our own newspaper article about a beached whale. We looked at old newspaper articles of beached whales for inspiration.

4/5 Red Researching newspaper articles



5/6 GREEN working on Think Tank problems.



SHOWCASING STUDENT WORK

3 ORANGE

Do you want a plastic ocean?

Plastic is a marvellous invention but not when you use it unwisely.

Plastic is good and bad. It is not biodegradable which is bad for the environment because it is indestructible. But it is good because it can make life easier.

We need to reuse and recycle because we have already made a plastic patch in the Pacific Ocean called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Soon it will be called the Great Pacific Garbage Ocean if we keep going.

Plastic is great for being useful and versatile. It is strong, hard, flexible and indestructible. It can be used for the world's most important stuff to the dumbest things, from the bottom of table legs to bungee jumping.

Plastic debris carelessly blows around everywhere. More than 90% of seabirds have plastic inside them. One in three species are found entangled in plastic. More than 8 million tons of plastic go into oceans each year. It is toxic.

That is why plastic is a good invention. But remember plastic is forever, use it wisely.

By Connor S.

Congratulations, Connor! You raise some very valid points in your discussion.

Mrs Kerrigan

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION EARLY BIRDS 2018

ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN 2018 EARLY BIRDS ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Wednesday 6 th September Parent Info Session 2pm	Wednesday 25 th October Parent Literacy Workshop 12 – 2pm
Wednesday 13 th September Parent Numeracy Workshop 12 – 2pm	Wednesday 1 st November Parent Info Session 2pm
Wednesday 20 th September	Wednesday 8 th November Parent Literacy Workshop 12 – 2pm
Wednesday 11 th October Parent Numeracy Workshop 12 – 2pm	Wednesday 15 th November
Wednesday 18 th October	Please note the change to the Parent Info dates.



SCHOOL PHOTOS THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2017

School Photo Envelopes were handed out last Wednesday. Each child has their own envelope with their name on it. Please read the instructions on the envelope carefully. The school is unable to process any payments or provide change so please have the correct money enclosed in the envelope to be returned on photo day. You may also pay MSP Photographers directly online by following the instructions on your child's envelope. **(Please do not use the school website for payment)**

SIBLING OR FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH ENVELOPES CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE OFFICE.

HAPPY TOOTH VISITS KINDERGARTEN

This Wednesday afternoon, a dental team from The Happy Tooth, Muswellbrook will provide a talk and presentation to Kindergarten children about oral hygiene. All students who attend will receive a bag of goodies to take home.



ZUMBA

Thank you to all those families who have support Zumba at Aberdeen PS in 2017. Almost two hundred of our students are participating each week!



FRUIT BREAK is at 9am during the morning assembly. Challenge: To increase the number of students eating fruit and vegetables during fruit break.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

K Yellow	Thida A. - excellence in numeracy.
1 Blue	Sophie T. – consistent use of paragraphs in independent writing.
1/2 Purple	Skye H. - her use of conversational moves to clarify her understanding.
2 Lime	Teale W. – excellent attitude towards his learning.
3 Orange	Connor S. – a brilliant persuasive text.
3/4 Black	Logan S. – demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.
4/5 Red	Stevie M. – displaying diligence and enthusiasm in all KLA's.
5/6 Magenta	Coby L. – an excellent attitude towards attempting and completing all tasks in class.
5/6 Green	Phoenix McL. excellent use of mathematical language to explain his understanding.

Merit Awards

K Yellow	Grace P.
1 Blue	Jacob M.
1/2 Purple	Dominic S.
2 Lime	Ella W.
3 Orange	Gabriella P.
3/4 Black	Ethan G.
4/5 Red	Harry D.
5/6 Magenta	Koby S.
5/6 Green	Luke D.

Kids Matter Awards

K Yellow	Hunter W.	Responsibility
1 Blue	Natalia D.	Success
1/2 Purple	Ethan H.	Persistence
2 Lime	Eli F.	Responsibility+
3 Orange	Ethan W.	Honesty
3/4 Black	Emily S.	Honesty
4/5 Red	Georgie H.	Confidence
5/6 Magenta	Will H.	Respect
5/6 Green	Maddison R.	Responsibility

PBL @ Assembly

PBL Token Reward Winners at Assembly on Friday were:
PBL Winners

K Yellow	Eliza S.
1 Blue	Cooper T-M.
1/2 Purple	Cameron D.
2 Lime	Charly S.
3 Orange	Connor S.
3/4 Black	Austin McG.
4/5 Red	Mrs Grady
5/6 Magenta	Ayesha M.
5/6 Green	Isabell B.

The prize this week is drumming with Mr Hughes.

SCONE SHORT FILM FESTIVAL – Do something different for a fun and entertaining evening. 6.30-10.30pm Saturday 17th September at the Senior Citizen's Centre, Oxford Road, Scone. The evening starts with refreshments and delicious supper, then a diverse program of 10 short films, followed by coffee and slices. Meet some of the producers and directors of the films screened. Budding actors and film-makers will be able to pick up some tips. All the films

are Australian, with many award-winners and films that have screened around the world. Due to insurance requirements, under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian. Tickets are \$30 and available at Hunt a Book in Scone or from our website. Sunday 18th, 11am - a casual encore screening of the films only. Tickets \$15 from Hunt a Book or online. A delicious morning tea will be available from 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.
www.sconefilms.org.au
www.facebook.com/sconefilms Tel: 0428-508326."

ACTIVE KIDS REBATE PROGRAM

The 2017-18 Budget will allocate \$207 million over four years to establish the Active Kids Rebate program to help NSW families meet the cost of getting their kids into sport and fitness activities.

From 1 January 2018, parents will be able to claim up to \$100 per school child, per calendar year, as a voucher to reduce the cost of sport registration or membership fees for after-school, weekend and structured fitness or physical activity.

These activities could include: traditional sport such as netball, football or basketball; swimming classes or lessons; as well as other fitness or physical activities such as gymnastics or athletics.

A comprehensive list of eligible sports and activities will be finalised following community consultation ahead of the start date, to allow providers to register with the NSW Office of Sport.

The voucher will not be means-tested and available to every school child wanting to get active in their community through sport and active recreation.

Parents will be able to register online to get their voucher to a sports club or registered provider to receive the rebate.

The Active Kids Rebate program will help deliver on the Premier's Priority of reducing child overweight and obesity rates by five per cent over 10 years.

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>



HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

The Anglican Church of Muswellbrook is again holding a Messy Day Camp during the second week of the next School holidays. Dates are:- 3rd to 5th October.

Day Camp is a fun filled 3 days, held on a property along Castle Rock Road, Wybong. Children meet at designated places in Scone, Aberdeen and Muswellbrook, travel by bus to the property and return to the Bus Stops by 4.30 each day.

Activities include: Archery, Camp Cooking, Orienteering, Crafts and lots more.

Leadership – Leaders who have an approved Working with Children Check, are well trained and work with small groups of children.

For more information please collect an Information and Registration Form from School Office or phone Camp Director – Fay Barton on 0477 012 228

Fay Barton - Children and Families Pastoral Worker
Anglican Parish of Muswellbrook

LOWES EXCLUSIVE OFFER BOYS SUIT PACKAGE

SELECTED SUIT SEPARATES

JACKETS \$69.⁹⁵

TROUSERS \$29.⁹⁵

SHIRT \$29.⁹⁵

BOYS TIE \$15.⁹⁵

TOTAL
VALUE \$145.⁸⁰

NOW
\$115

SAVE
\$30.⁸⁰

*T&Cs apply. Instore only. While stocks last, styles may vary. Cannot be used with any other offer. Offer can only be redeemed with flyer. One flyer per person. Offer ends 20th December 2017.



7 STEPS

to Greater Confidence

by Sally Comerford



Take your daughter on
a journey to becoming a
better version of herself.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

MUSWELLBROOK

19th October 2017

Thursday 5pm - 7pm

Seminar Room - MBK Library

SCONE

26th October 2017

Thursday 5pm - 7pm

Location TBA

BOOK ONLINE AT www.sallycomerford.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP 2017



Tuesday 26th Sept 2017, 8.30am - 12.00pm

COST: \$40 per child

INVITE A FRIEND WHO HASN'T BEEN BEFORE
& GET \$10 OFF

For more information & to grab a rego form...

Contact Brad on: 0403195100 or email:
bradwestgatetennisacademy@yahoo.com.au

Registration forms need to be in by 19th Sept 2017.

Limited spots available

Run by: **BRAD WESTGATE TENNIS ACADEMY**

Located at Muswellbrook Park Tennis Club

ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL SKELLATAR STOCK ROUTE MUSWELLBROOK

TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH

**ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SPRING FAIR**



LEGO DISPLAYS **LEGO FOR SALE**
FREE BUILD AREA

**ENTRY \$5 EACH OR \$15 PER FAMILY
(LEGO SHOW ONLY)**



HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE
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**School
Holiday
Activities**

SEPT./OCT. SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Kids Art Days

- Monday 25th Sept. for 5 to 12 years: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Animals and Habitats - explore the wetlands to see birds & reptiles and build some large bird nests on site.
- Tuesday 26th Sept. for 5 to 12 years: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Draw it - Paint it. - Find the best places to see wildlife. Draw wetland birds & animals to create a wetlands mural.
- Tuesday 3rd Oct. for 7 to 12 years: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Sensory Walk & Journey Sticks - Go on a Sensory Garden walk, create a scented candle, and a Journey Stick that tells a story.
Cost \$25 per session per child or \$20 per session if the same child is booked into more than one session.
Bookings are essential as places are limited. Phone: 49516466

Bush Skills For 8 to 12 years: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 27th Sept. and Friday 6th Oct.
Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential Phone: 4951 6466
Make (and eat) a damper, build a bush shelter. Take a guided walk and learn basic survival skills.
Meet some of our resident reptiles.

Wetlands Explorer Club For 5 to 8 years: 10.00am to 12.30pm
Wednesday 27th Sept. and Friday 6th Oct.
Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential Phone: 4951 6466
Let's play the Magpie Geese Game, help feed the Magpie Geese & learn about their life so you can make & play the Magpie Geese Game.

Sand Art Fun (For 3 years +) Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon
Friday 29th Sept. Cost: \$5 per child (plus \$2 entry)
Drop in and use coloured sand to create an amazing picture to take home.

Plaster Fun (For 3 years +) Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon
Monday 25th Sept. Cost: \$5 per child (plus \$2 entry)
Drop in and paint a plaster model.

Wetlands Passport & Wetlands Explorer
Available any time during the school holidays. Cost: Free
Follow clues to explore the wetlands. Go in the draw for a weekly prize.

Biodiversity Day - Thursday 28th Sept. at Blue Gum Hills Regional Park
Come and say hello to us at this free family fun day.

Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre
A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!
Open 9am to 4pm

Entry \$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). Under 3s free. \$5 general entry

Activities

- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am.
- Try Dipnetting from the jetty.
- Playtime at Discovery Playground.
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
- Reptile Encounter - Children can learn about reptile behaviour & care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre. Check at front desk for times.
- Shop - snacks, ice-creams, drinks and affordable gifts for children & adults.