



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11th September 2018, Week 8 Term 3

Website <https://aberdeen-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>



FORTHCOMING DATES

September

Wednesday 12 th	Early Birds Kindergarten 2019
	Orientation & Parent Session
Wed 12 th – Fri 14 th	Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion
Wed 19 th – Fri 21 st	Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
	Early Birds Kinder Orientation
Friday 28 th	Last Day of Term 3

BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On Sunday, the P&C hosted its first **Working Bee** for 2018. We had five families turn out to assist with some much needed pruning, mulching and paving. We are working on opening up a new play space for the children and now have two new playground games for the students to access during break times, Hopscotch and Tic-tac-toe. This was a great start to our **school improvement** plans. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the date of the next Working Bee. **Many thanks** to the Sullivan, McLeod, Marshall, Caddies and Ratahi families and Miss Lewis. I would also like to thank Mrs Stutchbury for her help with painting pavers on Saturday.

If there are any families wanting some mulch for gardens, we have plenty at the school. The **mulch** is quite chunky so would probably be most suitable for native gardens. Contact the office on 65437271 if you would like to load up your trailer.

Congratulations to our students who participated in the **Public Speaking finals** last week. It was great to hear about so many **interesting topics**! Well done, to all our students who did their best to be an **attentive audience** over an extended period. It was wonderful to also have parents and friends join our audience. Check out our Facebook page for photos of our finalists.

Thank you to Mr Turvey for adjudicating, Mrs Mooring for assisting on the day and Miss Faras for her organisation of the event.

Last week I had the pleasure of visiting **3/4 Orange and 3/4 Black** with Mr Andrews to observe a combined **STEM lesson**. We were both impressed by the student's engagement in the set task and the teachers' ability to draw out the students' prior learning to assist with their **problem solving**. It was wonderful to see students drawing on their **creative and critical thinking skills** to determine if air has mass. Well done teachers and students!

Good luck to our **touch footballers** tomorrow. Mr Stuart will be accompanying the students to Scone for the Touch Gala Day.

Our students will be getting creative over the next few weeks, designing **artworks** that represent different character strengths. The artworks will be judged at school and the overall winning entry will be entered in the **Where There's A Will Art Competition**.

This week Mrs Loveridge will be available to chat with parents prior to the assembly. Mrs Kerrigan will also be available should you wish to raise any ideas or concerns you may have regarding the school. **1/2 Yellow** will present at this week's assembly.

Regards,

Mrs Kerrigan



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

K BLUE	Cooper McL. – his happy, helpful and enthusiastic attitude towards Sports Fun.
K PURPLE	Arley L. - reaching her personal best by persevering to speak confidently on the microphone during Public Speaking finals.
1/2 YELLOW	Scott L. - showing perseverance when tackling maths problems.
1/2 LIME	Lacie A. – 100% effort in all subjects.
2/3 RED	Natasha B. – always being a kind and caring class mate.
3/4 ORANGE	Emily McM. - excellence in public speaking.
3/4 BLACK	Connor L. – displaying excellent independent working skills.
5 GREEN	Logan S. - going above and beyond to be a caring and helpful student.
6 MAGENTA	Mia D. – outstanding maths test results.

MERIT AWARDS

K BLUE	Sienna L.
K PURPLE	Sam W.
1/2 YELLOW	Holly G.
1/2 LIME	Memphis H.
2/3 RED	Ella W.

3/4 ORANGE Jack D.
3/4 BLACK Tamika R.
5 GREEN Austin M.
6 MAGENTA Linden T.

PBL AWARDS

K BLUE Payton R.
K PURPLE Maddison N.
1/2 YELLOW Morgan A.
1/2 LIME Lily R.
2/3 RED Samuel J.
3/4 ORANGE Sam G.
3/4 BLACK Emily H.
5 GREEN Ziggy T.
6 MAGENTA Brydie B.

PBL @ ASSEMBLY

These students won the class PBL prize draw. The reward is a Crofts treat.

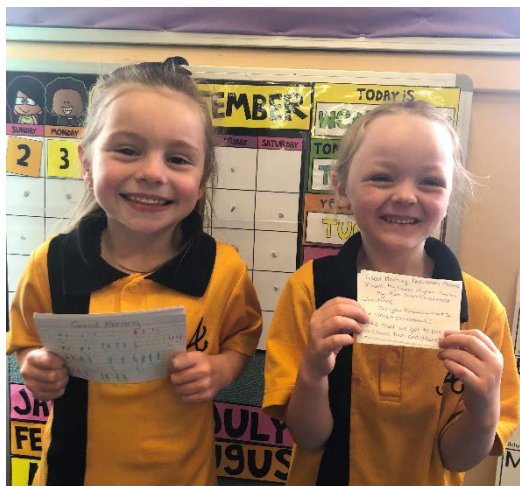
K BLUE Beau D.
K PURPLE Skylar C.
1/2 YELLOW Jazmine M.
1/2 LIME Zack J.
2/3 RED Sam O.
3/4 ORANGE Nikau M.
3/4 BLACK Ethan H.
5 GREEN Logan S.
6 MAGENTA Hayley M.
6 AQUA Ayesha M.

CLASS NEWS

K PURPLE – Miss Lewis

I can't believe that there are only 3 weeks left of Term 3, where has the term gone? Parent Teacher Interviews will be on Thursday 20th September and notes will go home this week advising you of your interview time. If you have not returned your preference note as you are unable to attend on that day, please give the school a call as I am happy to organise another time that is more suitable to meet.

Thankyou to all the students that wrote a speech on seasons or weather. It was fantastic to see all the reasons why you choose your subject and why you love it. Congratulations to Skylar and Arley who progressed to the school finals. You both did a fantastic job and should be proud of your success.



Arly and Skylar celebrating their success in public speaking

1/2 YELLOW – Mrs Loveridge

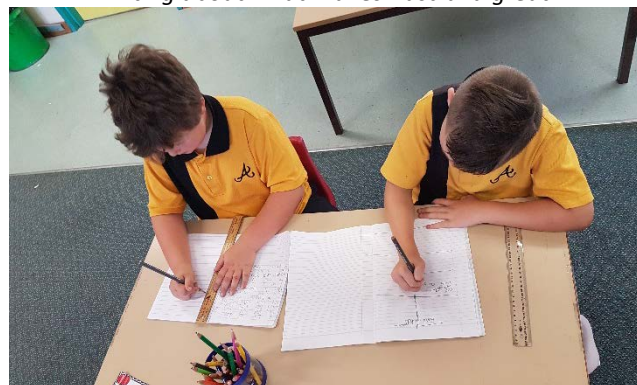
We will be performing a musical item at this week's assembly. Please come along and and be entertained!

Parent Teacher interview notes were sent home last week. These will occur on Thursday 20th September and are a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Please return these notes as soon as possible.

K-2 will be travelling to Hunter Valley Zoo Thursday 18th October (Term 4, Week 1). Please return notes and payment as soon as possible.



Writing about what makes Australia great.



3/4 ORANGE – Mrs Edwards

In week 8, 3/4 Orange and Black had a visit from two very special guests; Mrs Kerrigan and Mr Sean Andrews (Director/Education Leadership - Upper Hunter). The two classes were engaged in a STEM activity where they worked in groups to design and build a set of balance scales. The children then used the balance scales to determine whether or not air had any weight. Both visitors were very impressed by the students' critical thinking and problem solving skills.



Building a set of balance scales.



5 GREEN – Miss Lenton

5 Green have been taking great care of me after returning from a sprained ankle. They have gone above and beyond to make sure that the room was accessible and even kept a watch on the time to make sure that I wasn't standing too long. I really appreciate their care.

The class were given an art challenge last week where they had to use whatever craft or recycled scraps they could find to create an aquatic creature of their choice. They did a fantastic job and used their imagination to create a myriad of fish and microscopic organisms. These will be added to our class display along with some interesting facts. Well done to our public speakers, nearly everybody gave it a go and presented on a range of interesting topics.



6 AQUA – Mr Stuart

This week in Aqua we are continuing our biome learning. We are excited to learn about rainforests in the coming weeks and compare that to our learning about desert environments. In mathematics, we have been growing our skills with measuring length and area. It is tricky but we know perseverance is key to success.



Aqua are creating an artwork about Honesty for the 'Where There's a Will Foundation.

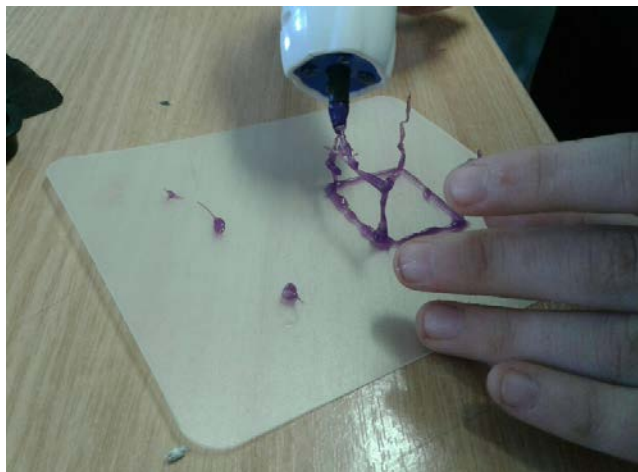
6 MAGENTA – Mrs Pennell

Students have been given a Rainforest homework book and work grid. Their task is to have at least 2 activities from each column completed by Term 4, Week 2. All books are expected to be brought in to school every Friday for a check-in with Mrs Pennell.

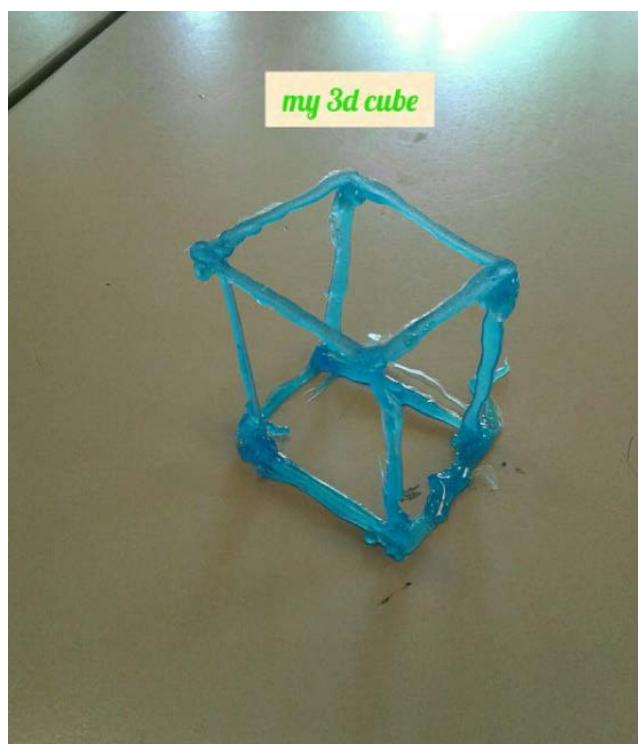
Thank you to those who have returned all of their paperwork for the Bathurst excursion. The final payment of \$30 is due to the office on Friday in readiness for next week.



Magenta have been working with 3D shapes and isometric drawings.



We also attempted to "draw" 3D objects using Mrs Pennell's 3D gel pens!



P & C NEWS

One of the areas our P&C is focusing on is building partnerships with the school and extended community. We are all working together to make our school a better place and provide more opportunities for all our students.

Thank you:

Thank you to all our families that came along to our working bee on Sunday. We achieved so much and will hold another working bee next month. Please remember we are all working to make our school a better place for all our students.

School canteen:

Needing helpers for this Friday! We are in desperate need for more casuals to be added to the roster. If you can offer 1 day a term, we would love to hear from you. For the second week in a row, we are looking at closing the doors as our regular helpers have sick children. If you can help, please contact Bree or leave your name at the office.

Breakfast Club:

Our breakfast club has been running successfully most of the Term. Do you have 1 hour free each week or fortnight? We are open 8.10 – 9am Tuesday & Thursday and would love your help.

Rainbow Colour Run:

Less than 3 weeks until we all get our colour on. How are you going working towards your sponsorship goal? There are many prizes up for grabs. Yes, we need helpers on the day, please either contact Jodie or leave your name at the office. All money is to be returned Wednesday by 26th September.

CANTEEN SPECIAL

CARTON OF OVEN BAKED POTATO WEDGES
With sour cream and your choice of sauce –
sweet chilli, bbq or tomato

\$4

Available Friday 14th September and Monday 17th September. Lunchtime orders only.



Happy Fruit & Veg'tember!

Answer to last week's 'Who am I?' question.... watermelon!

Who Am I?

In some places I am called an alligator pear.
You can use me instead of butter on your sandwich.
I grow on a tree.

Well, we certainly have an ever-growing selection of fruits and vegetables appearing in our lunch boxes! Remember, you can only earn one sticker a day, even if you have a

wonderful and varied selection of fruits and veg in your lunch box.

Having claimed a sticker a day, the max amount of trading cards possibly earnt, so far, would be 2, as two stickers = 1 trading card and we started this incentive last Tuesday.

Last Tuesday, fresh pineapple was available for tasting at the morning assembly....now everyone is wondering what will Mrs Hill find on sale for this week?

Free slinky making is available each Wednesday and Thursday morning, before school, for anyone with an apple in hand. Apples also will be on sale, 20c an apple, for those disappointed the supply at home has run out.

-----Tear off and return to office-----

PARENT FORUM

Next term I wish to hold a parent and community forum. I want to hear your thoughts, opinions, ideas, expectations and suggestions on **communication** within the Aberdeen Public School community. I am looking at holding the forum in the evening so that as many people as possible can attend and if interest warrants, I will organise babysitting and dinner at the school for your children on the evening of the forum. I would like to hold the forum in the week commencing on 19 November.

Please circle the day that would be most suitable for your family and return the slip to the school office.

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

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WEBSITE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

EARLY BIRDS KINDERGARTEN 2019 TRANSITION

Parent Information Sessions		Student Program Sessions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 12th September 2pm - 3pm • Wednesday 19th September 12pm - 2pm • Wednesday 17th October 12pm - 2pm • Wednesday 21st November 2pm - 3pm 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 12th September 12pm - 3pm • Wednesday 19th September 12pm - 3pm • Wednesday 26th September 12pm - 3pm • Wednesday 17th October 12pm - 3pm • Wednesday 24th October 12pm - 3pm • Wednesday 31st October 12pm - 3pm • Wednesday 7th November 12pm - 3pm • Wednesday 14th November 12pm - 3pm • Wednesday 21st November 12pm - 3pm



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www.aberdeen-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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ABERDEEN ATHLETICS

Registrations for the new 2018/2019 season are now open. All registrations must be done on line via the Little Athletics NSW website. If you are experiencing difficulty with this requirement please phone Max Bell, (02) 65437537 who will either talk you through the process or you can make an appointment to call at the Bell household in St Andrew Street and use their internet connection to complete the process – Max is willing to help either way.

Remember, if you haven't used your child's Active Kids \$100 voucher this year for sport you can use it for athletics (every school age child is entitled to one voucher per year). If you haven't claimed your child's voucher you need to do so through My Service NSW.

The season in Aberdeen runs from Friday 19th October 2018 to late March 2019. There are NO activities during designated Public School holidays, i.e. over the Christmas break.

Competition is held on Friday nights, commencing at 6pm, at Harrison Oval, Jefferson Park, Aberdeen (the grounds are behind the Aberdeen Sport & Rec clubhouse).

For Little Athletics, the child MUST BE AT LEAST 3 YEARS OF AGE and under 18 years of age. However, older athletes are most welcome but will need to join our senior club.

Submitted by Denise Bell, Hon. Secretary, Aberdeen Senior & Little Athletics Centre Inc, c/- 77 Saint Andrew Street, Aberdeen NSW 2336, phone (02) 65437537.

SCONE SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Do something different for a fun and entertaining evening. 6.30-10.30pm Saturday 22nd September at the Senior Citizen's Centre, Oxford Road, Scone. The evening starts with wine and delicious supper, then a diverse program of 8 short films, followed by coffee and dessert. All the films are Australian, with many award-winners and films that have screened around the world. Films star Boori Monty Prior, Tara Morice, Liv Hewson, John Wood and Dan Wyllie. Meet our film guests and vote for our People's Choice Award. 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 23rd September, 11am - a casual encore screening of the films only. Tickets \$15 from Hunt a Book or from our website. A delicious morning tea will be available from 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

www.sconefilms.org.au www.facebook.com/sconefilms
Tel: 0428-508326.



UHYC - Colour Fun Run Friday 5th October Student helper information / permission

Dear parents,

The Upper Hunter Youth Council will be running a Colour Fun Run at Bill Rose Oval, Scone, from 9.30am on Friday 5th October – the first Friday of the school holidays. This note is a request for you to confirm whether your child will be attending to help at the event. Would you please reply either by email – mspora@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or text to 0439 090 891?

Below is some information about the Colour Fun Run and the roles which the Youth Council students will undertake. I have also attached last year's promotional flyer so you can see what the event will be about.

- The Colour Fun Run is a non-competitive event open to all members of the public. It commences with registration at 9.30am and the event will start at 10.00am. I am expecting all runners to have finished by 11.00am when we will have a BBQ. We might try to have some other games and activities depending on how many helpers we have.
- All helpers to be at the oval by 9.15am. They should be finished by midday.
- The students will be in charge of roles such as: taking registrations, giving a course briefing, manning water stations and throwing the colour. They could also be asked to help with the BBQ and clean-up.
- At no time will they be left to make decisions or take actions beyond their brief. I will be there at all times. Upper Hunter Shire Council Youth Staff will also be supervising and providing first aid.

I am hoping you can RSVP by email to mspora@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or text to 0439 090 891 if your child will be helping with the Colour Fun Run.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Spora

Mary Spora
Youth Services Supervisor, Upper Hunter Shire Council
0439 090 891

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Install the Aberdeen Public School App for FREE in the App Store and Play Store.

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to love your freezer.

To help beat the morning school rush, spend a couple of hours on the weekend doing a big cook up of freezer friendly lunches and snacks that can be ready on hand to add to the kid's lunch boxes.

Home-made baked goods such as muffins, scones, pikelets, bliss balls, pizza, frittata and mini quiches can be made in advance, then wrapped individually and frozen.



Items such as sandwich bread, milk poppers, yoghurt tubs and smoothies can be frozen. They will be thawed and ready to eat at lunch time and keep other lunch box items cold.

Many vegies in season can be cut up and frozen to save time with food prep later on (i.e. spinach, zucchini and pumpkin).

Visit healthylunchbox.com.au for more freezer-friendly recipes.



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MEGA CREATURES

29 SEPTEMBER - 14 OCTOBER 2018

FEATURING NEW BABY DINOSAURS, DRAGONS AND THRILLING RIDES.

Come and see all of your favourite creepy crawlies, dragons and roaring dinosaurs, including our giant T-Rex, Stegosaurus, Triceratops, Spinosaurus and more! This event is truly MEGA, with our mega creatures and our amazing rides such as the Ferris Wheel, Swing Chair, Carousel and Super Slide joining forces to ensure a big day out!

For details visit hvg.com.au

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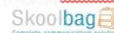
WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

1. On the day your child is absent, you can notify the school in the following ways:

✓ Phone the school on 65437271



✓ Use the Skoolbag app ⇨ e-Forms ⇨ Absentee Form



2. If you do not contact the school on the day of absence, an absentee note should be written and sent in to the SCHOOL OFFICE when your child returns to school.

Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Schools in partnerships with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, record and monitor part and whole day absences.

Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedures
School Attendance Policy - PO 2005 0259
Learning and Engagement Directorate 2015

If your child arrives at school late, they must be brought to the SCHOOL OFFICE by a responsible adult and signed in.

3. For those absences that are not explained, a formal letter to request a valid reason for the absence is sent home in the mail each fortnight. This is to be completed and returned the next day to the SCHOOL OFFICE.

