

# ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> February 2018, Week 4 Term 1

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### FORTHCOMING DATES

#### February

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	P & C AGM at 6.30pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Zone Swimming Carnival
	NRL Development visit
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Life Education
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder Bus Orientation

**BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY**

### Aberdeen Public School P&C AGM

Aberdeen Public School P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 at 6.30pm in the school library.

The following positions will need to be filled for our P&C to go ahead

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

If the positions are not filled, our P&C will be forced to fold and all funds raised by students and parents for the benefit of APS must be transferred to our nearest P&C Association.

Please think about taking on one of the above positions to keep our P&C.

If you require further information please contact Corallee Kerrigan or Glen Hughes through the school office.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to encourage as many parents and friends of APS to attend the P & C AGM meeting to show your support and commitment to the school and students. The P&C play a vital role in providing the school with resources and activities for students through fundraising initiatives, Mother's day and Father's Day stalls, school discos, working bees and so on. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the meeting as I am attending a conference in Sydney for newly appointed principals. Bad timing, I know! Mrs Mooring has kindly offered to attend on my behalf.

I wish to acknowledge the tireless efforts of the outgoing Executive, Amy, Toni and Glen and express my gratitude to them for all they achieved for our students in 2017. I look forward to personally welcoming any new members to the P & C and working with the new Executive team as we continue the journey to make APS a centre of excellence in the Upper Hunter.

APS has many visiting performances and presentations coming up this term. I realise this can put financial strains on families, especially those with several children at

school. If you would like for your child/ren to participate and require assistance to meet the costs associated with these events, please contact the school to arrange a meeting with Mrs Mooring or myself.

Regards, *Corallee Kerrigan*

### HELP LUCY HELP OTHERS FIND A CURE FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Lucy is raising money to help her friend and fellow student Coby find a Cure for Cystic Fibrosis.

Lucy will be doing a 7km walk in the 65km 4 65 Roses Walkathon in Sydney and hopes to raise some money along the way. Please help Lucy help others by giving whatever you can using the link:

<https://65k2018.everydayhero.com/au/lucy> and selecting the 'Give Now' button.

Lucy will also be selling treats for 50c at lunchtime on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Week 4.

The more support we can give to Cystic Fibrosis NSW, the greater the impact we can have on the lives of people living with this condition.

### DRIVER COURTESY

Please do not park-in other drivers, this includes across driveways to private residences and the school grounds.

### SEVEN NEW SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC OFFENCES

Recent changes by the NSW Government will see seven parking-based offences with harsher punishments when committed in a school zone, with fines increasing by up to 200 per cent.

None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but in a school zone they each come with **two points**.

The changes are:

1. Stopping in intersection - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.

5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.
6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.
7. Parallel park close to dividing line - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.

### STUDENTS SHINE AT K-6 ASSEMBLY

Well done to all our swimmers, including those pictured below who were the overall champions in their age division.



Good luck to our swimmers who are competing at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday.

Thank you to 1/2 Lime for a fantastic assembly item they also received the class award for the week.



### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

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| <b>K BLUE</b>     | Oliver D. - being an enthusiastic member of K Blue and always trying his best.               |
| <b>K PURPLE</b>   | Amelia L. - for confidently demonstrating her talking and listening skills during news time. |
| <b>1/2 YELLOW</b> | Thida A. - using all resources available to her when writing.                                |
| <b>1/2 LIME</b>   | Memphis H. - excellence in creative writing.   |
| <b>2/3 RED</b>    | Samuel O'L. - demonstrating an excellent attitude towards reading.                           |
| <b>3/4 ORANGE</b> | Abbergail N. - working independently.  |
| <b>3/4 BLACK</b>  | Ethan H. - excellent contributions to class discussions.                                     |
| <b>5 GREEN</b>    | Toby S. - being an exemplary student: always ready, on task and willing to try.              |

### 6 MAGENTA

Lucy McC. - displaying our PBL values confidently and "wanting" to help a friend by organising a fundraising event.

### MERIT AWARDS

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| <b>K BLUE</b>     | Skylah H.   |
| <b>K PURPLE</b>   | Maddison N. |
| <b>1/2 YELLOW</b> | Hunter W.   |
| <b>1/2 LIME</b>   | Cohen A.    |
| <b>2/3 RED</b>    | Noah L.     |
| <b>3/4 ORANGE</b> | Preston B.  |
| <b>3/4 BLACK</b>  | Connor L.   |
| <b>5 GREEN</b>    | Georgia M.  |
| <b>6 MAGENTA</b>  | Jackson D.  |
| <b>6 Aqua</b>     | Jack G.     |

### PBL AWARDS

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|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>K BLUE</b>     | Bailey L.    | Responsible     |
| <b>K PURPLE</b>   | Lawson A.    | Responsible     |
| <b>1/2 YELLOW</b> | Morgan A.    | Ready           |
| <b>1/2 LIME</b>   | Rylan L.     | Ready           |
| <b>2/3 RED</b>    | Lexia-Lee H. | Responsible     |
| <b>3/4 ORANGE</b> | Morris B.    | Ready           |
| <b>3/4 BLACK</b>  | Kelsea R.    | Ready           |
| <b>5 GREEN</b>    | Summer D.    | Responsibility. |
| <b>6 MAGENTA</b>  | Hayley T.    | Repsonsibility  |

### PBL @ ASSEMBLY

This week's award is computer time.

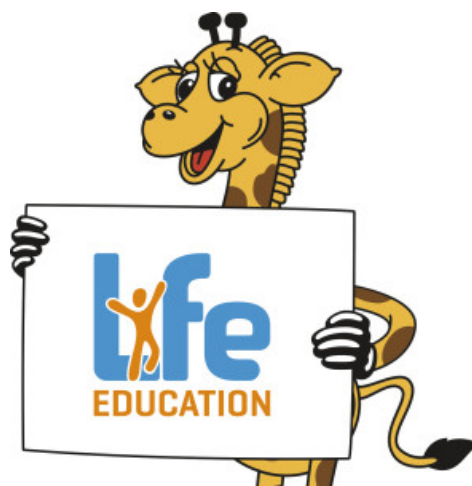
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| <b>K BLUE</b>     | Tori J.     |
| <b>K PURPLE</b>   | Lawson A.   |
| <b>1/2 YELLOW</b> | Kash L.     |
| <b>1/2 LIME</b>   | Memphis J.  |
| <b>2/3 RED</b>    | Mitchell G. |
| <b>3/4 ORANGE</b> | Reilyn G.   |
| <b>3/4 BLACK</b>  | Riley N.    |
| <b>5 GREEN</b>    | Charlie O.  |
| <b>6 MAGENTA</b>  | Hallie D.   |
| <b>6 AQUA</b>     | Shicane C.  |

### PERSONAL LEARNING PATHWAYS- Aboriginal Education

Mrs Raylene Price will be contacting parents to organise a time to meet with them and their child/ren to develop personal learning plans. These are mandatory for all Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children.

### COMING SOON - PERFORMANCES & PRESENTATIONS

26 February – 1st March 2018 – All students



Notes due back Friday 23 February. Cost \$3 per student.

6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – All students



Notes coming home next week. Cost per student to be advised.

26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Kinder and Stage 1



Note coming home soon. No Cost.

### 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 so this can be marked off at the office. Payment envelopes can be collected from the front office to assist in this process.

### CLASS NEWS

#### KINDERGARTEN – BEST START

This week Miss Lewis and Miss Purcell will commence Best Start assessments with their class. This is a one-to-one interview with each child to help gather information of each individual's skills and understanding of early literacy and numeracy concepts. This information will help the teachers to develop responsive teaching and learning programs to meet the needs of all students

#### 1/2 Yellow – Mrs Loveridge

Healthy Harold is visiting next week. Our class will be attending the van on Monday during the afternoon session.

Reminder: Home reading needs to be changed each day (Monday-Thursday) unless your child is reading a chapter book.

Students have begun to attend library lessons each week. Our class has library during the afternoon session on Tuesday.

To assist with your child's learning this year could you please ensure they have the following equipment, clearly labelled:

- paint smock/old shirt
- A4 homework book
- A4 plastic envelop
- 2 glue sticks
- headphones

Students will participate in a 30min NRL clinic this Friday. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately.

#### 2/3 Red – Miss Clendinning

Students are developing their computer skills during technology time. They are improving their typing and formatting skills when working on a word document or using the internet.



#### 3/4 Orange – Mrs Edwards

This week 3/4 Orange commenced the Stage 2 History Unit, Community and Remembrance, where we will investigate Australia's past and people who have contributed to changes in our community.



Students in 3/4 Black and 3/4 Orange developing fundamental movement skills and working as a team, through ball games.



### 3/4 Black – Mr Ramage

In 3/4 Black this term we have been examining the text, Rowan of Rin by Emily Rodda. This is a fantasy text that explores many interesting themes such as, resilience, mateship and perseverance, to name a few. We have had many interesting discussions with students using a variety of 'Focus on Reading' strategies to unpack particular aspects of the text. It has certainly opened many students eyes and minds to the fantasy genre of texts that they may wish to explore further with this author or another.

### 5 GREEN – Mrs Thackeray

This week students created their personal goals for this term. Please ask your child to share with you their personal, social and learning goals for this term.



Goal setting is gold for these thoughtful students

### 6 MAGENTA – Mrs Pennell



6 Magenta have been working with a lot of new technology this term. Steven B produced this 'tagul' of the students in class yesterday. We are revising and learning about 'colonisation' at the moment. There will a research task going home in the next two weeks about aspects of this unit.

Thank you once again to those parents who have embraced our Seesaw app. The students are quickly

becoming more confident and familiar with it and are beginning to log some great work in their journals!

For those parents who have not yet logged on, don't leave it too late - there are some great things that your children want to show you!

### SAVE THE DATE – Transition to School Meeting

An information evening has been organised for Thursday the **5th April, 6:00 – 8:30pm at the Upper Hunter Shire Council Administration Building**. This is a free event for parents and caregivers of children who have started school this year or who are starting in 2019. The evening will begin with an open forum where panel members from local schools will address questions from audience members regarding transition to school. Later in the evening, guest speakers John Waring, a Child and Adolescent Psychologist from John Waring and Associates, Janet Brown (Occupational Therapist) and All Areas Speech Pathology will present.

### COLES VOUCHERS

APS is collecting the Sport for schools vouchers. A collection box is located in the office foyer. Thank you for your support.

### OFFICE HOUSEKEEPING

#### STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS, EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Many thanks to those families who have returned their details to the office. If you have not done so, we ask that you check that the details on the form are accurate, amend if necessary, and return to the office signed even if there are no changes **by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. We want to be sure that you have seen the form and all details are correct. It is very important that our details are accurate as we may have to contact you in the case of an emergency.

### VOLUNTEERING & TRANSPORTING STUDENTS

A reminder that any person who transports children, even their own, to a school event, is required to complete an **APPENDIX 5 Declaration** and present 100 points of identification to the office staff.

The office must also have current registration and license details of the vehicle and the driver. **Many of the registration details we have on record have expired.**

### HOW STUDENTS GET HOME

All students received a form for you to complete. Thank you to those parents who have returned them. We ask that you **return it to school by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** so that we can ensure we have your child's home time travel routine correct.

### SCHOOL FEES

Voluntary School contributions for 2018 are \$35 per student or \$70 for two or more students in a family. Payments are to be made at the office.

### TRAVEL ROUTINES

If your child's travel home from school changes in any way please **notify the school office by phone or letter before lunch time**. This helps us support your child and avoids any confusion or upset at the end of a busy day.