



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



21st August 2018, Week 5 Term 3

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FORTHCOMING DATES

	August
Thursday 23 rd	Book Week Activities
Friday 24 th	Fairy Tale Ball
Thursday 30 th	Assembly at 2.15pm Father's Day breakfast
	September
Wednesday 5 th	School Photo Day
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
Friday 28 th	Last Day of Term 3

BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY

PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Our focus on **kindness** is coming back to us in so many wonderful ways.

Two groups within our community approached me last week to discuss making a donation to the school to help children from farming families who may be finding the financial demands of schooling a little harder to meet during the drought. I would like to on behalf of our school community, express my sincere gratitude to the residents of **Willow Grove Village** and the members of the **Aberdeen Women's Bowling Club** for their kind donations to the school.

ZONE ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our amazing athletes who braved the windy conditions last week in Singleton to compete in the Zone trials. Thanks to Mr Ramage and Mr Stuart for supervising and coordinating our students.



Aberdeen in action at Zone Athletics Carnival

DEBATING GALA DAY

From all accounts, our debaters had a great day at Scone PS last Thursday. Miss Faras did a great job organising our involvement in the Gala Day. The teams received some positive and constructive feedback, which I am sure the students will apply to improve their skills. Thanks to Mrs Keegan and Mrs Mooring for helping to transport and supervise students. Many thanks also to Mrs McCamley for assisting with travel.



Hashing out arguments at the debating Gala Day in Scone.

P & C MEETINGS

As principal of your child's school, I encourage you to become involved in the P&C. I realise everyone is busy with work and family, but your child's education is an investment in your child's future. Our P&C do a fantastic job supporting the school in so many different ways and every little bit of support they get, helps your child.

When the P&C looked like having to fold at the end of last year, we were overwhelmed by the numbers who turned up to the AGM so we know you value the function of the P&C and for that we thank you. Unfortunately, that alone is not enough and we need you back! Our numbers at meetings are dwindling and the same band of helpers, who are also busy with work and family, are doing the lion-share of the work.

If babysitting is an issue please contact the school and if the need is there, I am happy to provide a babysitting service at the school on the evening of the P&C meetings.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

I am looking forward to seeing our school full of grandparents, parents and family members during Book Week. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the school

and engage with your child/ren in some fun activities as we celebrate the world of books!



Enjoy your week!

Regards,
Mrs Kerrigan

CHANGES COMING TO K-6 ASSEMBLY TIME

Due to the Gymnastics program running in the morning on Fridays from Week 5, our assembly will be held after lunch as of this Friday 24 August, starting at 2.15pm.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

K BLUE	Sienna L. - excellent effort and focus in Reading Groups.
K PURPLE	Sonny D. - consistently working hard across all key learning areas.
1/2 YELLOW	Lacie-May H. - re-reading multiple times when editing her writing to improve its quality.
1/2 LIME	Gabriela R. - excellence at public speaking.
2/3 RED	Mathew D. - striving for excellence in mathematics by using learnt strategies.
3/4 ORANGE	Kieran O. - a fabulous effort when delivering his speech to the class.
3/4 BLACK	Chloe A. - excellent effort when writing a persuasive text.
5 GREEN	Caitlyn T. - working hard on independent art activities.
6 MAGENTA	Amelia W. - working hard with fractions.

MERIT AWARDS

K BLUE	Tori J.
K PURPLE	Dean O'L.
1/2 YELLOW	Thida A.
1/2 LIME	Rylan L.
2/3 RED	Jarred M.
3/4 ORANGE	Preston B.
3/4 BLACK	Ryley D.
5 GREEN	Logan S.
6 MAGENTA	Coby L.
6 AQUA	Destiny P.

PBL AWARDS – Personal Best

K BLUE	Phoebe H-B.
K PURPLE	Lawson A.
1/2 YELLOW	Isaac Gilbert
1/2 LIME	Cohen A.
2/3 RED	Jacob M.
3/4 ORANGE	Ethan N.
3/4 BLACK	Emily S.
5 GREEN	William G.
6 MAGENTA	Georgie H.

PBL @ ASSEMBLY

These students won the class PBL prize draw. The reward is an Out of Uniform pass.

K BLUE	Beau D.
K PURPLE	Dean O'L.
1/2 YELLOW	Dominic S.
1/2 LIME	Riley B.
2/3 RED	Sam O'L
3/4 ORANGE	Sam G.
3/4 BLACK	Ethan W.
5 GREEN	Maddison G.
6 MAGENTA	Linden T.
6 AQUA	Chloe F.



say cheese

School Photo Day is

Wednesday 5th September 2018

Student envelopes will be handed out tomorrow.

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Credit card payments are available online – You will need your personalised shoot key located on your child's envelope to place your order online.
- Do not use the school website to pay for photos.
- The school is unable to process any payments or provide change so please have the correct money enclosed in the envelope.
- Full summer uniform is to be worn including black shoes and socks. (No Year 6 Shirts)

CLASS NEWS

K BLUE – Miss Purcell

K Blue have been working hard on their writing. Students are learning to use capital letters at the beginning of a sentence, spaces between words, punctuation marks at the end of sentences and to re-read their work.

In class we have been learning about Whales. Students have learnt that the length of a Humpback whale is 12-16 metres long. They measured the length of the whale on the basketball court.

On Thursday, students will participate in the Book Week Parade. The theme this year is 'find your treasure', please come dressed in a costume. Also on Thursday is the Fairy Tale Ball, please remember to return your note and money.

A reminder that students will be presenting their speeches in class during Week 6.

Miss Purcell



Fun at Zumba



Our class is the length of a Humpback

1/2 Lime – Miss Faras

Thank you to the parents who have worked hard to ensure their child has prepared a speech for the public speaking competition. Most children have been practising in class over the past couple of weeks. If your child does not have a speech prepared yet, please work with them to prepare one at home. It is encouraged that students write about people and places based on our Geography unit, however children can choose a topic of free choice. A reminder that the speech needs to be 1 minute in length.

In class, we have written incredible persuasive texts on 'Why we love Australia'. Children will have the opportunity

to publish this text on to palm cards to ensure they have a speech to deliver in Week 6. However, it is great for students to have a selection of speeches which they have written and can choose to present in the class finals. As the saying goes....practice makes perfect!

We are looking forward to Book Week this week and hope to see you on Thursday at the Grandparent's breakfast.



Practising our Public Speaking

2/3 Red – Miss Clendinning

The term is fast disappearing before our eyes. Please make sure that your child has everything they need for their pencil case. This week Year 3 starts gymnastics on Friday (make sure you have returned your note and money - \$20). Speeches are being presented this week (as was mentioned in last week's homework). Students have chosen their day to present their speech but to make it fair all students were told to have their speech ready by last Friday.

Year 2 have been participating in Zumba however, some students have still not returned their note and money and are unable to participate with the rest of Stage One.

Please check your child's bag for any information or permission notes. Year 2 will be participating in the 'Fairy Tale Ball' as a part of the Book Week celebrations on Thursday. Please ensure your child has returned the \$2.00 for the party food they will be preparing.

Year 3 parents please keep an eye out for additional information on the Stage Two excursion and check you are up to date with payments.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday if you are able to attend the Book Week celebrations.



Year 2 working on the multiplication and division skills with counters.

3/4 Black – Mr Ramage

Students in 3/4 Black have been busily preparing to present their speeches based on the environmental issue they have chosen. We will be presenting our speeches to everybody this week. Another exciting thing we have coming to school this week is the gymnastics program. We have not had a gymnastics program at Aberdeen for a few years so we are all looking forward to it.

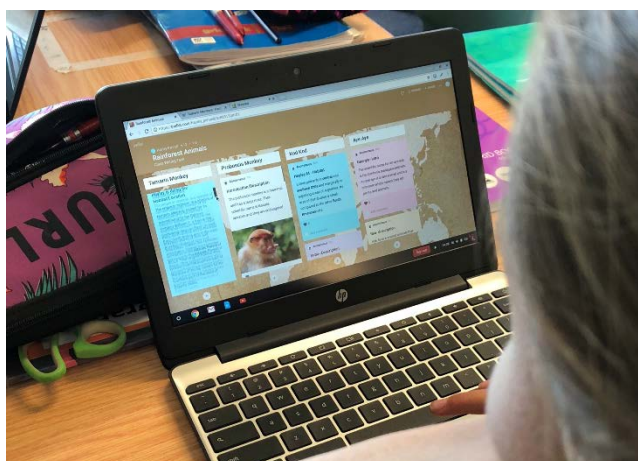


Listening to a Dreamtime Story during Naidoc Week

6 Magenta – Mrs Pennell

We have transformed our classroom into a rainforest for our “Mechanica” unit this semester. It looks fantastic and the students have done a wonderful job.

The excursion is fast approaching. Payment reminders and medical notes have been sent home with students today.



Collaborating using Padlet

P & C NEWS

Rainbow Fun Run

Last week all students received their sponsorship book and letter outlining our exciting fundraiser. We have had a little hiccup with the online fundraising but are hoping it is resolved by today. We will post in the P&C facebook group as soon as it is.

Further notes will be going out over the next few weeks. Keep an eye on your child's bag. This is our P & C's major fundraiser for the year and we are excited to have joined in partnership with Aberdeen Fire Station 208. We hope to organise for these guys to visit us again soon.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club runs each Tuesday & Thursday morning and we are in desperate need of more parent helpers to come on board and help us out. If any parent is available from 8.30am-9.10am, we would love for you to come and give us a hand, even just once a term. We have around 50 students who come along and have either cereal or toast for breakfast. The P&C was lucky enough to receive a \$2000 donation towards the running costs from Aberdeen Treasures. We all acknowledge the importance of breakfast.

Father's Day breakfast

Thursday 30th August. Save the date, get all our dads and pops up early, the P&C is shouting them breakfast. Notes will go out later this week to gain numbers for catering. Jodie is still after a few helpers, if you can help that morning, please let her know.

Father's Day stall

Also on Thursday 30th August. A more detailed list of what will be on offer, will go home in next week's newsletter. Please send some change with your child as there will be no credit given on the day.

To keep up to date with all that is happening with our P&C, please find us on Facebook - APS P&C.

Canteen Special

CHICKEN MOZZARELLA PASTA BAKE
\$4.00

PIECE OF GARLIC BREAD
\$0.50

Only Available
Friday 24th August and Monday 27th August
Lunchtime orders only



TRUTH



Fruit & Veg Month 2018 is September!
The theme for this year is 'Happy Fruit & Veg'tember!'

Fruit & Veg Month 2018 runs for the last 4 weeks of Term 3, Monday 3rd to Friday 28th September.

As part of Fruit & Veg Month, students may be involved in various classroom and school based activities which encourage them to eat more fruit and vegetables.

If you require more information on what activities our school is doing for Fruit & Veg Month, or your child has any known allergies to fruit and vegetables please contact the school or your child's teacher.

We appreciate the financial assistance provided by our P & C, to purchase a range of interesting and delicious fruits and vegies for students to sample.

Kimberley Hill
Fruit & Veg Month School Coordinator

LOST PROPERTY

Please label all your child's clothing and items so that we can get them back to their rightful owners. The front office has a permanent marker and is happy to write on any jumpers or jackets to help eliminate lost property. Please come and check lost property if your child has lost items. Any items that are not claimed by the end of term will be washed and given to charity.

SCONE FILMS

Scone Films will be screening the popular thriller, OCEANS 8 starring Sandra Bullock, Anne Hathaway and Cate Blanchett. Danny Ocean's (George Clooney) estranged sister Debbie (Bullock) attempts to pull off the heist of the century at New York City's star-studded annual Metropolitan Gala. Her first stop is to assemble the perfect crew. Rated M, it will screen at 7.30pm Friday 24th August, at the pop-up cinema at the Senior Citizens' Centre, Oxford Road, Scone. Tickets are \$12. To be sure of a ticket, purchase in advance from our website or at Hunt a Book, Scone. Running time is 1hr 50. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments available.

Details www.sconefilms.org.au
www.facebook.com/sconefilms



Library News

Book Week 2018

The theme for book week this year is

'Find Your Treasure'

Book week Activities will take place on

Thursday 23rd August

Book week activities will include:

- * Bake-a-Book Competition
- * Extreme reading Photo Competition
- * Grandparents Breakfast
- * Book Week Parade



ROOM TO READ

WORLD CHANGE CHALLENGE

Our school will be taking part in the **Room to Read World Change Challenge**. We will be one of 50 schools raising money to educate a girl, from one of the 10 poorest countries in the world, for a whole year. The challenge is to raise \$365 and we will be doing this by taping Mrs Kerrigan to a wall ☺ ☺ ☺

I will let you know soon, the date and time that this will be happening.

If the amount raised exceeds \$365, the **additional funds will be donated to a school in a drought-stricken area to support children of Aussie farmers** who are doing it extra tough, with school fees, excursions, and educational supplies, etc.

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EARLY BIRDS KINDERGARTEN 2019 TRANSITION

Parent Information Sessions

- Wednesday 12th September 2pm - 3pm
- Wednesday 19th September 12pm - 2pm
- Wednesday 17th October 12pm - 2pm
- Wednesday 21st November 2pm - 3pm



Student Program Sessions

- 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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EVERY DAY COUNTS...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

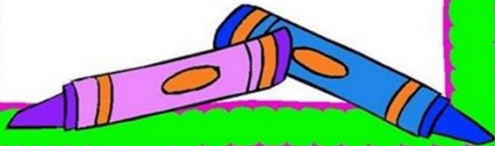
When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...



The importance of arriving at school on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption



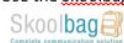
WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

- 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



- 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 - PD 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.

- 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.



Did you know that you can send in your child's absence on Skoolbag?

➔ eForms

➔ Absentee Form

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