



# ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

30<sup>th</sup> October 2018, Week 3 Term 4

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



## FORTHCOMING DATES

### October

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Early Birds

### November

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Halloween Disco  
**Kinder-Year 2** 5:30-6:45pm  
**Year 3-6** 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Early Birds

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Early Birds  
Parent Information Session

### December

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Presentation Day  
Mini Fete  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Farewell  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Last day of school for students.

**BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wow! So much has happened in my absence. I am loving the new additions to the playground; thanks to some hard-working members of our school community who made and painted a selection of new 'tyre pot characters'. They look fabulous! If you haven't spotted the tea-cups, lady bugs, frogs, bumble bees and minions, please look out for them next time you visit the school. Great work and thanks to those involved.

I would also like to welcome Mr Jason Impey to Aberdeen PS. Jason was successful at interview for the General Assistant position in Term 3 and commenced duties at the start of this term. I would like to acknowledge the contribution Mr Ty Turnbull made to APS during his time relieving in the position.

Regards,  
*Mrs Kerrigan*

## FRIDAY CATCH-UP

Thank you to parents who were able to stay for a chat after last week's assembly. Mr Stuart and I enjoyed your company and hope to see others after next week's assembly. **1/2 Yellow will be performing for your pleasure and Mrs Loveridge will be available after the assembly for a catch up with parents.** Due to the warmer weather, we will be offering juice and water as well as tea and coffee.

## INTENSIVE SWIMMING

All students who handed in their expression of interest note were given a pink Intensive Swimming permission note last Thursday. Permission notes and payment of \$40 is due by next Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November so that organisation may be finalised. No late notes or payments will be accepted.

## STUDENT ABSENCE

A significant number of our students have an attendance rate below 85%. We understand that sometimes children are unwell and are not able to attend school. Many students report absence due to other reasons such as weekend getaways, visitors, birthday, family holidays, etc. Prolonged and regular absence from school impacts directly on your child's academic and social growth at school. As illustrated in the table below, every minute counts. If your child is well send them to school, get them to school on time and arrange appointments and holidays out of school time whenever possible.



## 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 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ 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...



## PLAY SCHOOL PLAY GROUP IS FUN FOR EVERYONE!

I had the pleasure of chatting with parents and children who are joining us at Play School each Monday from 9am until 12 noon. The feedback was extremely positive and I know much of that is due to Mrs Keating's organisation of sessions and the welcoming environment created in our school library. We had parents join us from Scone as well as Aberdeen. The secret is out, Aberdeen is a great place to be!



## POSITIVE EDUCATION

This Friday is 'Colour your threads for Pos. Ed.'. Students can come to school out of uniform, wearing brightly coloured clothes (no singlets, mid-drift tops, mini-skirts, sandals or thongs) and enclosed shoes. A gold coin donation is appreciated in support of 'Where There's a Will.'

## FASHION FOR FARMERS ON CUP DAY

Our SRC are organising a special hat and bowtie day on Tuesday 6 November, Melbourne Cup day. Students are invited to come to school wearing either a fascinator/ fancy headwear or a spectacular bowtie or tie as per the fashion on the fields in Melbourne. Participants are asked to donate non-perishable foods or household products to the Drought Relief Appeal. A basket will be placed outside the office for students to place donations.



## SILVER BADGE – Emily M.

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

<b>K BLUE</b>	Payton R. - fantastic improvement when using the computer to type up her stories.
<b>K PURPLE</b>	Skylar C.- for always having a go.
<b>1/2 YELLOW</b>	Morgan A. - explaining her thinking using mathematical language.
<b>1/2 LME</b>	Elli C. - seeking clarification and advice independently to improve her writing.
<b>2/3 RED</b>	Jai Dee A. – explaining his thinking when using different strategies to problem solve during maths
<b>3/4 ORANGE</b>	Ava R. - using critical thinking skills in mathematics
<b>3/4 BLACK</b>	Riley N. – improved effort in writing.
<b>5 GREEN</b>	Harry D. - working hard to improve his writing and independent work
<b>6 MAGENTA</b>	Brae M. – improved effort and confidence when learning new concepts in maths.
<b>6 AQUA</b>	Jack G. – outstanding participation during class item rehearsals.

### MERIT AWARDS

<b>K BLUE</b>	Tye-Leslie M.
<b>K PURPLE</b>	Lawson A.
<b>1/2 YELLOW</b>	Oliana L.
<b>1/2 LIME</b>	Aiden H.
<b>2/3 RED</b>	Matthew D.
<b>3/4 ORANGE</b>	Travis D.
<b>3/4 BLACK</b>	Blyhe D.
<b>5 GREEN</b>	Rossi L.
<b>6 MAGENTA</b>	Malaki P.

## PBL AWARDS

<b>K BLUE</b>	Holly T.
<b>K PURPLE</b>	Dean O.
<b>1/2 YELLOW</b>	Hunter W.
<b>1/2 LIME</b>	Lilli W.
<b>2/3 RED</b>	Sophie T.
<b>3/4 ORANGE</b>	Shania T.
<b>3/4 BLACK</b>	Lucas D.
<b>5 GREEN</b>	Claire M.
<b>6 MAGENTA</b>	Griff L.

## RESPECT

## PBL @ ASSEMBLY

These students won the class PBL prize draw. The reward is extra play time.

<b>K BLUE</b>	Tye Leslie M.
<b>K PURPLE</b>	Skylar C.
<b>1/2 YELLOW</b>	Lochlan S.
<b>1/2 LIME</b>	Brydie S.
<b>2/3 RED</b>	Jagah H.
<b>3/4 ORANGE</b>	Kieran O.
<b>3/4 BLACK</b>	Grace G.
<b>5 GREEN</b>	Angus S.
<b>6 MAGENTA</b>	Charlotte P.
<b>6 AQUA</b>	Ayesha M.

## CLASS NEWS

### K BLUE – Miss Purcell

K Blue's Recount of the Hunter Valley Zoo.

On Thursday we went to the Hunter Valley Zoo for our excursion (Tori). We went on a big bus (Nixon). When we arrived we had recess and we got to meet a zookeeper (Bailey). We saw 2 white lions (Ethan), there are only ten white lions in the wild (Holly). The zookeeper let us pat a snake named Winx (Skylah) and an alligator called Hunter (Oliver); it had sharp teeth and bumps on its back (Beau). We got to meet a wombat; it looked like a koala (Tyson). There were lots of birds at the zoo and we went inside their cage and feed them ice-cream cones (Hudson). Boston enjoyed riding on the back of a goat and meeting the monkeys (Lucas). We went into the kangaroo paddock and feed them with special kangaroo food in ice-cream cones (Tye). The kangaroos grabbed the cones and held them in their hands (Sienna).

We saw lots of animals like meerkats, koalas, alligators, monkeys, lions, emus, wolves, birds, a cheetah, bats, kangaroos, lizards, goats, wombats, tortoises, dingos and peacocks (Payton and Phoebe).

Then it was time to have lunch and get on the bus (Cooper). Boston Bear and some KB students had a nap on the bus back to school (Emelia).

A big thank you to Mrs Loveridge for organising a fantastic excursion, we all had an amazing day!

K Blue :)





### 1/2 Lime – Miss Faras

Hunter Valley Zoo was such a magical day. We learnt about a variety of animals and have been busy since the excursion putting together a class 'encyclopedia' of animals from around the world.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the disco this Thursday. 1/2 Lime will start singing this week as we prepare for our visit to Strathearn at the end of the term. Please remember if you are in Year 2 to return your intensive swimming note. It is such a fabulous program that will help ensure your child gain confidence in and around water.

### 2/3 Red – Miss Clendinning

The term is disappearing already! We have hit the ground running and I can see all our hard work for the year coming together. 2/3 Red have enjoyed researching celebrations around the world and have broadened their general knowledge. Please make sure you return your child's intensive swimming permission note and money by next Tuesday.



*Mixing things together! On Friday we made blue play dough. We will never be making such a mess on a Friday afternoon again!*

### 3/4 Black – Mr Ramage

This term in science, we have been exploring the concepts of solids, liquids and gases. We have been investigating that even though gases may not be visible they still contain matter. Students conducted an experiment where they combined a solid with a liquid to create a gas. The results speak for themselves.





## Magenta – Mrs Pennell

A reminder that the 2<sup>nd</sup> information sheet for the Science Fair is due to be returned NEXT Friday.

Students are enjoying "The High School Experience". This will run until week 9.

Thank you to those who returned an expression of interest for the Intensive Swimming Program. I'm sure that you will enjoy the cooler water temperatures when the weather is quite warm.



Stage 3 are working with the book "Mechanica".

Keep an eye out for new animals creeping around the classrooms!

## SUNSCREEN STATIONS IN PLAYGROUNDS

Aberdeen PS has been gifted two sunscreen stations.

These will be placed in the playgrounds for student use.

Students, even those wearing a hat, will be encouraged to apply sunscreen as they enter the playgrounds at recess and lunch. If your child has an allergy to sunscreen, please write a note to inform the school so that your child is not instructed by staff to apply sunscreen. We hope to have the stations installed in the next fortnight.



## FIVE SUNSMART SYMBOLS



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

Do you know what these symbols mean?

1. **Slip** on clothing that covers your arms and legs
2. **Slap** on a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat
3. **Slop** on 30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen
4. **Seek** shade
5. **Slide** on wrap around sunglasses (if you can manage them)

Go to the Cancer Council website to find out more:

[www.cancercouncil.com.au/primary](http://www.cancercouncil.com.au/primary)

## P & C NEWS

### Rainbow Colour Run

Slight confusion with last weeks newsletter - both the P&C and 208 Fire Station each received a cheque for \$3494.64 from funds raised from the 2018 Rainbow Colour Run. We are so grateful to all those students who helped raise these funds.

Prizes have now been handed out. If your child was away on Friday, they have been left with the classroom teacher.

### Halloween Disco

Is on this Thursday night. We are in need of some helpers for the 3-6 disco. If you can help, please let Jodie know or contact the school.

### Gardening

The P&C has recently added some painted tyres to the K-2 playground area and we are in need of hearty plants to put in them. If you are able to donate any, please let us know.



**Aberdeen RSL sub-Branch will be laying a 'Field of Remembrance' to commemorate Remembrance Day 2018.** A service will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 10:30 at the Aberdeen RSL and Citizens Club where names and poppies will be put on the crosses for people who served in the defence force and either during their service, or since serving, have passed away. The 'Field of Remembrance' will be available for all community members to visit until sunset on Remembrance Day.

We would like to invite all community members to this service and to the Remembrance Day service which will be held at 10:45am on Remembrance Day- 11<sup>th</sup> November.

We would like to invite any members of the community who would like to put a name tag and poppy on a cross for a particular person, to contact Sandy Morrison on 0410 446340 with the name and details. A name tag will then be made for you to lay over the cross. You are welcome to do this during the service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, or any time before sunset on Remembrance Day.

### FAMILY DAY CARE – ABERDEEN

2019 Before and After School Care (School Aged)

Julie's Family Day Care in Aberdeen is taking enrolments now for before and after school care in 2019.

Starting February on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Registered with Holistic Approach Family Day care.

Centrelink CCS child-care benefits apply to all eligible families.

All enquiries Phone Julie on 0436 014241





HUNTER VALLEY DISTRICT  
HUNTER & COASTAL REGION  
SCOUTS AUSTRALIA NSW BRANCH



### MEETING to REVIVE ABERDEEN SCOUT GROUP

Community support is required from local parents and adults to recommence Scouting activities in Aberdeen.

Adults are needed as a vital step for the future of Scouting in Aberdeen to help young people and contribute to the local community.

Scouting can provide exciting indoor and outdoor activities with adventure and character building for boys and girls from 5 to 18.

Please join others and come to a public meeting on:  
FRIDAY 16th November 2018 at 7pm  
at ABERDEEN BOWLING CLUB

For further information please contact Hunter & Coastal Region Office  
Phone 49500999 or Email: [hc.region@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:hc.region@nsw.scouts.com.au)

### Muswellbrook & Upper Hunter Eisteddfod Inc November, 2018

Dear Parents and Friends of the School,

Your school has provided many entrants into the various Divisions of the Eisteddfod over the years. Thank you for your support!

As we move into preparations for the 2019 Eisteddfod year we, the Eisteddfod Committee, invite you to join us, to boost our numbers in volunteers and vacant spots for Convenors and office holders.

Our policy goal is to have two Convenors in each Division (School Choirs, School Bands, Instrumental, Speech, Drama & Public Speaking, Vocal, Piano & Pipe Organ, Dance and Creative Writing).

Will you become part of our Committee?

We will be there with you all the way!

It's a very self-fulfilling experience to see students and adults perform and to appreciate your involvement has been responsible for the success of the Eisteddfod and the contentment of both competitors and audiences alike.

We look forward to welcoming you to our AGM on Thursday, 15th November at 7.00 pm at the Muswellbrook RSL Club. Come and experience!

The more offers of help we have the lighter the load!

Would love to hear from you so If you would like to have a chat, please don't hesitate to contact me as below.

Kind regards,  
Graham Turvey  
**Vice President**  
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[gturvey@aapt.net.au](mailto:gturvey@aapt.net.au)



**WHERE THERE'S A WILL  
INVITES YOU TO THE  
*Inaugural Rainbow Ball***

**SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2018**  
6.30PM to MIDNIGHT  
Pays Aircraft Hangar, Scone

\$250 per person, \$2500 per table of 10  
Ticket price includes canapés on arrival followed by dinner & dessert, beer & wine.  
Auctions during the evening & entertainment by one of Sydney's hottest DJs Brett Martin  
Dress Code: Black Tie with a Touch of Colour!

Buses will run throughout the evening.  
Visit [www.uhwheretheresawill.com.au](http://www.uhwheretheresawill.com.au) or Facebook for more details.

**PURCHASE TICKETS**



**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID  
COURSES NOW AVAILABLE  
2018**

Registration is now open for Mental Health First Aid courses.

In partnership with Glencore Community Fund, Where there's a Will are pleased to offer the following workshops (valued at \$500 per person). The courses will be delivered **FREE** by presenter Philippa Baker, from Ripple Effect Mental Health Education.

**SCONE - YMHFA**  
Date: Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 25 October  
Venue: Scone Council Chambers

**MERRIWA - YMHFA**  
Date: Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 October  
Venue: Merriwa Central School

**ABERDEEN - YMHFA**  
Date: Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 November  
Venue: St Joseph's Catholic High School Aberdeen

Both days are from 9 – 3pm with a ½ hour break for lunch.

**Please bring the following:** a pen, notepad, water, morning tea and lunch with you for both days.

**Please note:** If these dates don't suit and you can arrange a group of 10 or more people, then we can tailor sessions to suit your needs, this could be night sessions or over a couple of weeks.

**CONTACT:**  
Kathy Burns  
Email: [mhfa@uhwheretheresawill.com.au](mailto:mhfa@uhwheretheresawill.com.au) or 0409 417 202



**BECOME AN  
AUSTSWIM TEACHER**

**COURSE INFO**  
**VENUE:**  
Scone Memorial Pool

**DATE & TIME:**  
10th & 11th November  
8:30am- 5:30pm

**COST:**  
\$412 - work for us it's FREE!

**BOOKINGS:**  
[training@lifeguarding.com.au](mailto:training@lifeguarding.com.au)

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# Get Involved!



PESA and Where there's a Will are delighted to announce Australia's first ever Positive Education Day, to be celebrated this year on **Friday 2 November 2018**.

The day's theme - *Colour Your Threads for Pos Ed* - invites students and teachers to wear colourful clothes to make Positive Education visible in schools.

Let's work together to *raise awareness and understanding of Positive Education* in our schools and communities, and to encourage students, teachers, families and the community to learn and talk about how to grow their own wellbeing, and support the wellbeing of those around them.

Our goal is to *support disadvantaged schools* and their communities to undertake a journey of Positive Education and wellbeing. We can do this by providing access to:

- Education about Positive Education and why it is important
- PESA Memberships
- PESA Conference tickets
- Resources to support their school's Positive Education journey

Positive Education Day will be *celebrated annually* on 4 November. This year we are celebrating on Friday 2 November to align with the school week. We look forward to growing Positive Education Day with you!

## Register your interest....

Please click [here](#) to register your interest (no obligation). There is no cost to schools to participate, but we will ask that schools collect a gold coin donation from participating students.

Further information about this exciting event will be sent to all registered schools in early October.

Enquiries to [PosEd@UHWhereTheresAWill.com.au](mailto:PosEd@UHWhereTheresAWill.com.au)