



# ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Week 7 Term 1

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## FORTHCOMING DATES

<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>March</b>
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>LOWES 20% OFF SALE</b>
	P & C Meeting 6.30pm
	Kia Ora Music Camp
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Responsible Pet Program K – 2
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Good Friday (No school)
	<b>April</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Easter Monday (No school)
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of Term 1
	<b>May</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Students return for Term 2

## BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

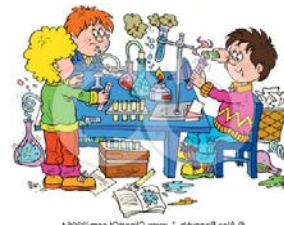
I hope everyone who is wearing pink today understands that it is to raise awareness of bullying. I encourage anyone who witnesses bullying to take a stand and speak up for those who can't find their own voice. We want students who have been bullied (subjected to repeated incidents of negative behaviour towards them by the same individual or group of individuals) or witnessed someone else being bullied this year to let us know.

Paper and pencils will be placed on the wooden table outside the office this week along with a box. Please record the details of the incident, including the victim and bully's names and when and where the incident occurred, then place it in the box provided. The information provided will be cross-referenced with school data to help us address bullying issues at school.

I love the photos of our Stage 3 Aboriginal students enjoying the Sharing Culture afternoon at Scone High School last Monday. I guess we know what the boys will be wearing when the winter weather strikes! I'm not sure who had the most fun though... the students or Mrs Price? Seriously, thank you Mrs Price for your enthusiasm and for accompanying students to Scone HS for this wonderful experience presented by Gwenda Stanley. Thanks also to Scone HS for organising the event.

Last Friday, Year 6 visited Scone HS for the first of four orientation days planned for this year. By all reports, a fantastic day was had by all and I was thrilled to receive very positive feedback from Mrs Pennell and Mr Stewart on our

students' behaviour and enthusiastic participation. I am very proud of every single student who embraced the high school experience, although a little worried someone let Riley and Jack loose in the science lab!



Thank you to all our families for your efforts to follow our school uniform policy. If you need to purchase additional school uniform items, **Lowes Muswellbrook is having a 20% off sale on uniforms** (and everything else) this Thursday. Lowes is the only stockist of the Aberdeen PS polo shirt. This sale is a perfect opportunity to lay-by your child's winter uniform supplies.

Aberdeen PS invites parents and carers to a Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop on Tuesday 3 April in the canteen. The Cancer Council of Australia presents this workshop and all participants will receive a free recipe book. Please refer to the enlarged copy of this flyer for details.



Thank you to 5 Green for your item performance at last Friday's assembly. Many of you have lovely voices and it was great to see so many of you enjoying the opportunity to perform for an audience. I am looking forward to this week's item by 2/3 Red.

Congratulations to Mia D. who has qualified as a Regional Representative at the State Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park in April. Mia achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 50m freestyle and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50m backstroke. Fletcher D. also did well ranking 8<sup>th</sup> in 50m backstroke. Well done and the best of luck at the next stage Mia.

Many of our students are busy on weekends participating in various sports across NSW. Last week Mia, Fletcher and Ethan W. competed at separate swimming carnivals in Sydney. I hope all three enjoyed the experience and

achieved their personal best. I would love to hear from other students what they are doing on their weekends.

Mrs Mooring, Mrs Pennell and I are attending PBL training in Tamworth on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mr Ramage and Mrs Loveridge will share executive duties on these days and will be available for appointments if required.

Have a wonderful week, everyone. See you on Friday.

*Mrs Kerrigan*



*to these students on their achievements:*

#### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

<b>K BLUE</b>	Sienna L. - her thoughtful contributions in mathematics and English lessons.
<b>K PURPLE</b>	Rubi B. - an excellent attitude towards her learning.
<b>1/2 YELLOW</b>	Thomas R. – making connections between his observations and prior knowledge to form scientific theories.
<b>1/2 LIME</b>	Eliza S. - striving for excellence in her learning.
<b>2/3 RED</b>	Alexis D. – striving for excellence when providing constructive feedback to her peers during writing.
<b>3/4 ORANGE</b>	Gabriella P. – a well structured persuasive text.
<b>3/4 BLACK</b>	Lily R. – providing excellent feedback to her peers.
<b>5 GREEN</b>	Hayden R. - an outstanding effort in the class assembly item.
<b>6 MAGENTA</b>	Mia D. – outstanding commitment to completing all tasks to the very best of her ability.

#### MERIT AWARDS

<b>K BLUE</b>	Ethan T-F.
<b>K PURPLE</b>	Dean O'L.
<b>1/2 YELLOW</b>	Natalia D.
<b>1/2 LIME</b>	Zack J.
<b>2/3 RED</b>	Matty D.
<b>3/4 ORANGE</b>	Emily McM.
<b>3/4 BLACK</b>	Rylee D.
<b>5 GREEN</b>	William G.
<b>6 MAGENTA</b>	Seth F.
<b>6 AQUA</b>	Shene K.

#### PBL AWARDS - RESPONSIBLE

<b>K BLUE</b>	Phoebe H-B.
<b>K PURPLE</b>	Sonny D.
<b>1/2 YELLOW</b>	Sophia H.
<b>1/2 LIME</b>	Riley B.
<b>2/3 RED</b>	Jacob M.
<b>3/4 ORANGE</b>	Ethan N.
<b>3/4 BLACK</b>	Jett P.

<b>5 GREEN</b>	Sebastian M.
<b>6 MAGENTA</b>	Brae M.

#### PBL @ ASSEMBLY

*This week's award is icecreams*

<b>K BLUE</b>	Beau D.
<b>K PURPLE</b>	Arly L.
<b>1/2 YELLOW</b>	Sophia H.
<b>1/2 LIME</b>	Bailey B.
<b>2/3 RED</b>	Sophie T.
<b>3/4 ORANGE</b>	Reilyn G.
<b>3/4 BLACK</b>	Blyhe D.
<b>5 GREEN</b>	Toby S.
<b>6 MAGENTA</b>	Jackson D.
<b>6 AQUA</b>	Riley T.

<b>BRONZE BAR</b>	Madison G.
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#### Sharing Culture at Scone HS







#### K BLUE – Miss Purcell

A very big thankyou to all Kindergarten Blue parents who attended the parent teacher interviews last Wednesday. It was lovely to meet you all. We have had a busy few weeks, with a visit to Healthy Harold, Bus Safety and the Snake Tails show. All students enjoyed these learning experiences. When visiting Healthy Harold, students learnt about friendship, and how we should interact and speak nicely to our friends.



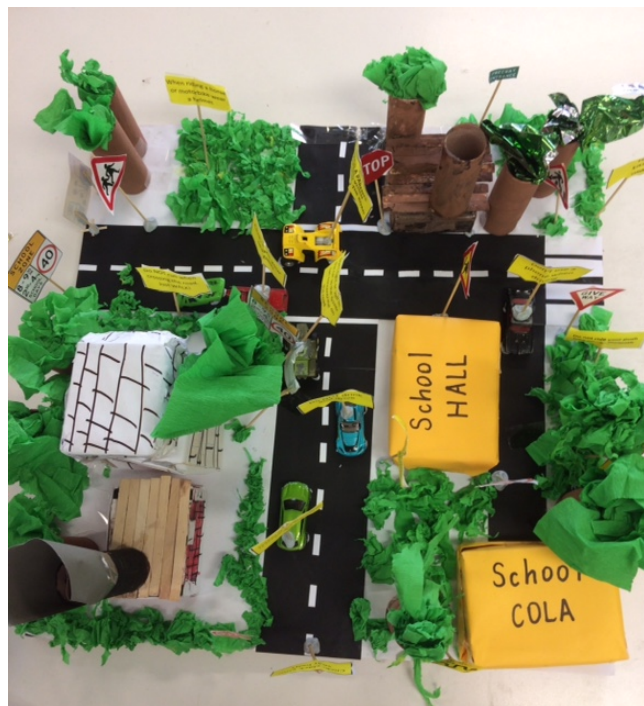
Excited to be visiting Healthy Harold!

#### 1/2 Lime – Miss Faras

1/2 Lime have learnt about Road Safety this week as part of creating our Upper Hunter Regional Show 3D model entry. We researched road signs and wrote important road safety messages to include in our model. Students created a birds-eye-view of parts of the school and the surrounding areas. If you wish to see our entry, it is in the Handicrafts (School) section and class number 48. The Upper Hunter Regional Show is on at the Muswellbrook Show Ground on Friday 16th March and Saturday 17th March.

In mathematics, we are using counters and other materials to solve subtraction problems. Students are working with Base Ten blocks to build numbers and enhance their understanding of place value. This week we will be looking at multiplication and developing knowledge around 'groups of' as well as learning different ways multiplication can be represented e.g.  $3 \times 3$  can also be  $3 + 3 + 3$  or created using arrays etc.

1/2 Lime really enjoyed attending Snake Tails and Healthy Harold recently. We are now looking forward to the Responsible Pet visit on the 26th of March. Please ensure that notes come back ASAP.



1/2 Lime's entry for the Upper Hunter Regional Show



1/2 Lime picking up rubbish around the school grounds for Clean Up Australia Day



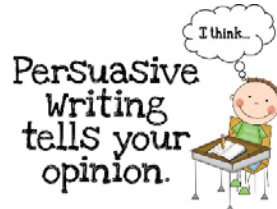
#### 2/3 Red – Miss Clendinning

This week in 2/3 Red we began to work on 'wow words'. These words are typically strong adjectives that students use to improve their developing vocabulary and language used in their writing. Harper, Matty, Sophie and Samuel found 10+ words from their guided reading text to add to our word wall. This Friday, 2/3 Red will be performing a dance of their choice at the whole school assembly. We hope to see you in the audience. I am proud of the way the class is working and would like to take this opportunity to encourage every student in 2/3 Red to keep up the great work.





Writing at a desk is over-rated!



### 3/4 Black – Mr Ramage

We have almost finished the text, Rowan of Rin. Students have enjoyed this imaginative text immensely. As part of our unit of study, students developed their own 'Rowan of Rin' character and over the last fortnight, they have written a **persuasive text** about why their character should be chosen to journey up the mountain at Rin. Students then worked a second draft before publishing their text onto palm cards ready to present to the class. It has been wonderful to see students embracing the challenge of speaking in front of their peers.

In Science, 3/4 are learning about forces. Emily, Chloe, Shania and Reilyn demonstrated the action of forces, showing what can happen when forces are unbalanced. Thanks girls for helping to demonstrate this concept.



Demonstrating balanced and unbalanced forces in science

### 5 Green – Mrs Thackeray

Wow! What a busy week we have had in 5 Green. After a lot of deliberation and discussions, we eventually agreed to what the students wanted to do for their class item. Splicing two songs seemed to make a lot of them happy. I hope those of you who could make it to the assembly last Friday, enjoyed their singing.

In writing, we have been looking at interesting ways to expand sentences to make them more interesting, as well as working in pairs to practise being 'persuasive' in our opinions. Yes, 5 Green, I still believe children should do chores at home!!



### 6 Magenta – Mrs Pennell

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Scone High School on Friday. What an experience! A reminder to all Year 6 that your Expression of Interest Forms for High School next year are due to the office on Friday.

Year 6 shirt orders are steadily coming in. Week 9 is our cut off date. Please be aware that no orders can be made after this date.



## ENHANCE SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

If you haven't already, please download the Skoolbag App to enhance communication from the school.

**Have you downloaded our latest communication tools?**

**Skoolbag**  
Smartphone school to parent communication

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

Like our Facebook page and keep up to date with what's happening at A.P.S.



## P&C NEWS

Thank you to everyone that has put their hand up to help get all the smaller committees going. Many hands make light work and everything we do benefits all students at our school.

We would love your feedback on what the P&C should focus on this year, this could be an activity or purchasing and installing something within our school. There is a P&C box located in the office foyer, pop your suggestions in there.

## Easter raffle

By now each family should have received their raffle books of tickets to sell. More tickets are available from the office. We have 3 fabulous prizes all done up and with the extra donations, we will create a few more prizes. All donations can be left at the office.

## Canteen

Thank you to those who replied to our online survey. To date we have had a positive yes we would like the canteen reopened. The canteen committee is in the process of making sure we comply with all the new rules and regulations. Keep an eye out for our canteen helper note going home this week, it would be great to see all families put their name down to help out once a term. Our canteen will solely run on volunteer helpers. A reminder that all helpers must complete an appendix 5 form at the office and provide 100 points of identification.

## Fundraising

Thank you to those who came along to our fundraising meeting last week. Some great suggestions were made. We would still love to gain more feedback from other families, so keep an eye out this week for a note to tell us what you would like us to hold this year. As with any fundraising we will need helpers, so be sure to get your name on the list, you might want to help cook the bbq for our events, or bake goods, or man the disco. We need lots of helpers to achieve all the great things we want to this year.

## Carpark

The new P&C is looking into where the carpark is up too and will be calling upon interested parents to help form a carpark committee to work alongside with Council. If you are interested, please let us know.

If you are on Facebook - please join our fb page APS - P&C Assoc.

## P&C Easter Raffle

**The P&C are holding a Easter raffle with all proceeds going towards covering the costs of the Mother's Day BBQ.**

**Each family will be sent home a book of 10 tickets @ \$1 each on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. More books will be available at the front office.**

**We currently have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prize. The P&C encourage all families to make a donation of Easter themed goods, to be dropped at the front office.**

**All tickets and donations are due back to the office by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, ready to be drawn on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.**



## STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE

Thank you for supporting Stewart House. All donation envelopes need to be returned to school by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Entries of \$2 or more give you a chance to win a \$4000 holiday of your choice!

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

**THIS THURSDAY 15/3 AT LOWES MUSWELLBROOK**



**LOWES**

Exclusive offer to  
**ZERO & REWARDS  
CARD HOLDERS**


**20%  
OFF  
SCHOOLWEAR  
AND  
EVERYTHING ELSE**

**INSTORE & ONLINE - THURSDAY 15TH MARCH**

\* Excludes gift cards & all suit packages. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Offer ends midnight (AEDT) 15/3/18. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.



19<sup>th</sup> March



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**Competition Commences 7<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Divisions  
**U7s** (mixed)  
**U12s** (mixed)  
**U17s** (mixed)  
**Men's**  
**Women's**

Senior Team nominations will be emailed out and to be returned by 2<sup>nd</sup> April

All games played on Saturdays

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**  
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## SCONE HOCKEY

### COME & TRY DAYS

(EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR NEW PLAYERS TO TRY)

**Bill Rose Sporting Complex**  
 (on the training fields between the park and oval courts)  
 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 4:00pm – 5:15pm  
 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 4:00pm – 5:15pm

2018 Fee's:  
 U7s \$35.00 – U12s \$55.00 – U17s \$70.00 – Seniors \$110.00  
 All Juniors will receive a pair of funky socks & a hat  
 Your fee is based on the age that you are on the 1<sup>st</sup> January

NOW IN STOCK @ Scone Sports Store – Sticks, Shin guards, mouth guards, hockey shoes & MORE!

## COMING EVENTS IN APRIL

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Please contact the school to register for this event.



### The simplest way

to improve the health of your family and save money

## Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

**Date:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018  
**Time:** 9:15am – 10:15am  
**Venue:** Aberdeen Public School

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- 🕒 **Save time and money making healthy meals**
- 🕒 **Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters**
- 🕒 **Get a free recipe book simply by attending**

Don't miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 27/03/18 by:  
 Calling or visiting the school front office or register online at [cancercouncil.com.au/find-a-fruit-veg-sense-workshop](http://cancercouncil.com.au/find-a-fruit-veg-sense-workshop)



26<sup>th</sup> March



**Very soon**  
**the Responsible Pet Education Program**  
**is coming to visit you at your school!**



My pet dog will be coming to help teach you how to be safe around dogs and how to say hello to dog with their owners!



There will be lots of listening, role plays, singing and some dancing.



My dog may even meet you during the visit.

**21 MARCH**  
**HARMONY DAY**  
 CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA'S DIVERSITY



[www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)  
**EVERYONE BELONGS**

## 5th April - 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.





Country Arts Support Program



Upper Hunter Youth Council presents

## "MAKE IT BIG" ART WORKSHOP

23-24 APRIL @ SCONE YOUTH CENTRE

Work with prominent Hunter Region artist Ken O'Regan to construct horse sculptures from recycled materials. Completed artworks will be exhibited during Scone Horse Festival in May. Ken O'Regan has created many successful workshops for children that combine art education with waste reduction and recycling message.

**Got a question?**  
 Call Melissa Brown, 0428 971 208 or Mary Spira, 0439 090 891 or ask us on Facebook [facebook.com/sconeyouthcentre](https://www.facebook.com/sconeyouthcentre). Workshop confirmation and details will be emailed to all fully booked students.

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**  
 Numbers are limited!  
 Only \$20 for both days  
 Includes morning tea and lunch  
 Download a booking form from [www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](http://www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au) or pick one up from your nearest Upper Hunter Council office, library or youth centre during business hours.  
 RSVP by Friday 13 April  
 Return your completed form in person or via email by Friday 13 April 2018.  
[youthevents@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthevents@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)

**FOLLOW YOUR LOCAL YOUTH CENTRE FOR THE LATEST EVENTS AND INFORMATION**

Scone Youth Centre: 105 Susan St, Scone

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