



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20th March 2018, Week 8 Term 1

Website <http://www.aberdeen-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>



FORTHCOMING DATES

Wednesday 21 st	March Harmony Day – items on display from lunchtime at the Hall P & C Meeting 6.30pm Kia Ora Music Camp
Friday 23 rd	Assembly 9am 1/2 Yellow performing P & C Easter Raffle tickets due
Monday 26 th	Responsible Pet Program K – 2
Friday 30 th	Good Friday (No school)

Monday 2 nd	April Easter Monday (No school)
Tuesday 3 rd	Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop
Friday 13 th	Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 1 st	May Students return for Term 2
Friday 18 th	Stewart House Donations Due

BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well done to our students and classes who submitted artworks in the Upper Hunter Show exhibit. I hope you were able to visit the show and see your work on display. Congratulations to those of you who took out a place or received highly commended. Aberdeen PS certainly has some very creative and talented artists, such as Jack G. who took out 1st place in the 10-12 Years section.

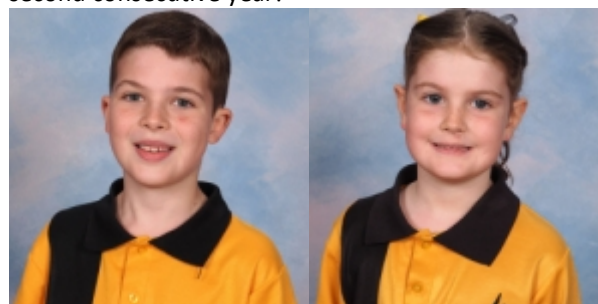


Jack G. winning drawing at the Upper Hunter Show



Talented artist, Jack G. has a promising future.

Toby S. also had a great weekend at the show, not only did he come 2nd to Jack in the 10-12 Years Art section, he and his sister Bridie competed in their first Rodeo. Bridie came equal 3rd in her age division in the Paddy Calf Ride, and while Toby didn't place in the arena on this occasion, the siblings certainly cleaned up in the pavilion, taking home several ribbons in the Art, Craft and Lego sections. I also believe mum, Stacey has the recipe for some award winning mayo after being awarded Champion for the second consecutive year!



Toby and Bridie followed dad's example over the weekend, entering in their first rodeo.

There was plenty of horsin' around for Emity C., Mikayla C. and Jordan H. when they represented Aberdeen PS at the Willow Tree Horse Sports last Friday. Jordan has been working with a new horse and it great to hear that all went well. I believe all of the girls collected some ribbons for their efforts on the day but I must give special mention to Emity, who took out a very special title (see report on following page). It was lovely to receive updates and photos from Miss Faras throughout the day, who reported the girls did themselves, their families and their school proud. Great work, girls!

Last week, Mrs Mooring, Mrs Pennell and I attended three days of training in Tamworth on Positive Behaviour for Learning. In the next few weeks, we will be asking for your feedback on our core expectations before we move forward with more permanent and prominent signage around the school. A huge thank you to Mr Ramage, Mrs Loveridge and teachers for taking on extra responsibilities during our absence.

To date, we have received a response to our Community Survey from less than 8% of our families, with only 11 of our 140 families participating. If you would like to share your opinion with us, please return your survey to school by the end of this week.

APS is part of a 3-year wellbeing project sponsored by Where There's a Will, known as Visible Wellbeing. Last Friday, Miss Lewis attended training to learn more about the project. Watch this space for future updates.

I am looking forward to celebrating **Harmony Day** on Wednesday with our students. Several students have indicated they will be setting up a display in the hall. Displays could include items such as traditional costume, musical instruments, language, food, music, tools, etc. Parents are able to assist students to set up the display in the morning before school. Classes will be able to visit the hall during the middle and afternoon sessions as well as at lunchtime. **Students will need to be able to talk about the items they have displayed and where they come from.** I am especially looking forward to seeing some traditional dance at Lars' display.



Scone Horse Festival is fast approaching and I have been advised that the horse parade, normally scheduled for Saturday morning, will take place on Sunday this year. Organisation of the **float** is a huge undertaking for our volunteers so before we commit to an entry, I would like an indication from families whose children would be available on the day and willing to participate. Please complete and return the slip on the back of this newsletter to the office by **Friday 6th April**.

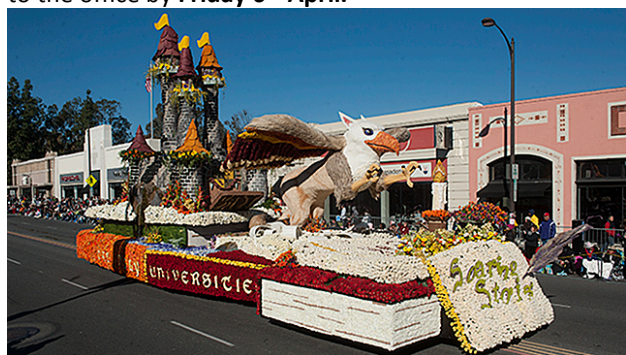


Photo used to get your attention, this not our float!

This week, we also have several students attending the Kia Ora Music Camp. This is a fantastic opportunity for our budding musicians to work with some amazing musicians. I cannot wait to see and hear what you have learnt from the experience. I look forward to attending the performance on Friday evening.

Wishing everyone a very happy week.

Regards,

Mrs Kerrigan

A Message from the Bus Company

All students in K-2 are eligible for FREE travel BUT they MUST apply and have a pass to travel.

Bus passes must be shown morning and afternoon or travel may be refused.

If a child has misplaced their pass there is a \$10.00 replacement FEE which can be paid to the driver or dropped into Osborn's office.

Children who are NOT eligible for free travel must pay \$1.00 PER trip (not 10c, not 20c).

If the child does not have money, travel WILL be refused.

TRAVEL ROUTINES

If your child's travel home from school changes in any way, please **notify the school office by phone or letter before lunchtime**. This helps us support your child and avoids any confusion or upset at the end of a busy day. If the school is not aware of changes in routine, your child will be placed on their normal mode of transport home.

[Please do not send messages to your child's mobile device.](#)

THE POWER OF PINK

Students wore Pink last Tuesday to show their support for the national campaign against bullying.



Vanessa, Coby and Lucy peace out in pink!



Connor, Logan, Angus, Ziggy, Will and Jett prove that tough guys wear pink!



Looking pretty in pink, the girls send a powerful message against bullying.



WILLOW TREE HORSE SPORTS SUCCESS

Mikayla C., Jordan H. and Emity C. participated in a variety of rider and horse events last Friday. The girls showed incredible determination, sportsmanship and skill, taking home several ribbons each. Emity also won the Reserve 9yo Champion Rider. WELL DONE!

I thoroughly enjoyed watching the girls compete and it was a pleasure to support them throughout the day.
Miss Faras



Emity and Mikayla are ready for competition.



Mikayla, Jordan & Emity take a break from competition

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE

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



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

MERIT BADGE Lilly B., Ethan N.

SILVER BAR Noni D.

K BLUE

Tori J. - excellent improvement during speaking and listening.

K PURPLE

Maddison N. - always being ready, responsible and respectful.

1/2 YELLOW

Morgan A. - using a range of skills to decode words when reading.

1/2 LIME

Kash L. - excellence in producing an informative text.

2/3 RED

Natasha B. - demonstrating an improved attitude towards English.

3/4 ORANGE

Jack D. - delivering a highly entertaining and amusing prepared speech.

3/4 BLACK

Grace G. - willingness to use feedback to improve her writing.

5 GREEN

Tiarna W. - effort during Reading Rotations and bookwork.

6 MAGENTA

Phillip S. - demonstrating determination to learn new skills and successfully implement them.

MERIT AWARDS

K BLUE

Holly T.

K PURPLE

Arley L.

1/2 YELLOW

Dominic S.

1/2 LIME

Joseph V.

2/3 RED

Dean M.

3/4 ORANGE

Kieran O.

3/4 BLACK

Cydi W.

5 GREEN

Angus S.

6 MAGENTA

Madison R.

6 AQUA

Shene K.

PBL AWARDS - RESPECT

K BLUE	Hudson W.
K PURPLE	Brax C.
1/2 YELLOW	Thida A.
1/2 LIME	Lucy N.
2/3 RED	Jarred M.
3/4 ORANGE	Nikau M.
3/4 BLACK	Sophie W.
5 GREEN	Caitlyn T.
6 MAGENTA	Jordyn F.

PBL @ ASSEMBLY

This week's award is Croft's Treat

K BLUE	Kenzie H.
K PURPLE	Tye-Leslie M.
1/2 YELLOW	Morgan A.
1/2 LIME	Gabriella R.
2/3 RED	Sammy D.
3/4 ORANGE	Preston B.
3/4 BLACK	Eli F.
5 GREEN	Maddison G.
6 MAGENTA	Steven B.
6 AQUA	Chloe F.

P&C NEWS

P&C General Meeting – this WEDNESDAY 6.30pm in the library. All welcome.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to those who have returned their sold raffle tickets, please remember **ALL tickets need to be back at the office by this Friday**. We are still taking donations to go into the Easter bundles, it looks like we may have 5 or 6 prizes now up for grabs.

Mother's Day Breakfast and Stall

Book the date into your diaries – Thursday 10th May. We will be holding a Mother's Day breakfast for all our important Mums, Nans, Aunts or carers in our lives. We need some dads/pops to help us out by cooking for us. More details to follow.

Our annual Mother's Day stall will be held on Thursday 10th May, all items available will be between \$1 - \$5. A reminder will be sent out closer to the day.

Helpers Needed

Two forms will be going out this week. We would really like all families to complete these forms and return them to the yellow P&C box located in the school office.

One note is for canteen helpers; please consider putting your name on the list for Term 2, even if it is for just one shift. The canteen committee is working hard to make sure we can reopen in Term 2, but it will come down to parents helping out.

The other form is our fundraising form, all profit made from fundraising goes back to the school and most importantly our students. We have listed a few things that are coming up that we will need helpers for. Again, these events cannot run without helpers, and unfortunately the P&C committee itself can only do so much. Helping out is a great way to meet new parents and most of our fundraising events are kid friendly, so you can bring your other little people.

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 7th March. More books will be available at the front office.

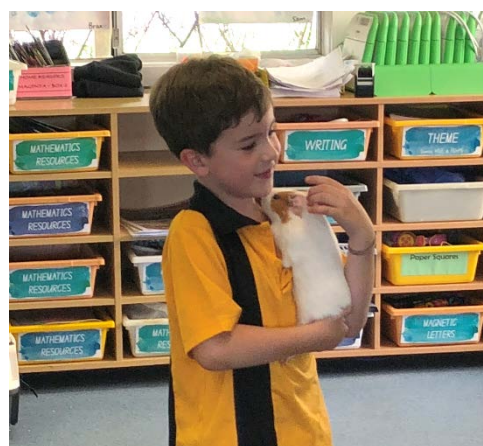
We currently have 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize. The P&C encourage all families to make a donation of Easter themed goods, to be dropped at the front office.

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



K PURPLE – Miss Lewis

Last Wednesday Kindergarten Purple were visited by the animal kingdom. Clancy brought in his pet guinea pigs, Snowflake and Betty. We learnt that guinea pigs need to have a friend or they get lonely. Snowflake liked licking Clancy's fingers.



We were very scared when Lawson pulled out his Python skin that he found in a tree at his aunty's house. It felt very bumpy and made a crinkly sound when you touched it. We measured it against our class height chart and it was taller than Mrs Stutchbury and Miss Lewis.



1/2 YELLOW – Mrs Loveridge

Our students are currently researching an animal of interest. These will be displayed on our windows and inside the classroom. Please come along to share in your child's work.

- Harmony Day - Students are invited to set up a table on Wednesday to share their heritage with their peers.
- The Responsible Pet Program will be held on the 26th March. This activity did not require you to return a note, but if you DO NOT want your child to attend please provide a written note advising such.
- 1/2 Yellow will be performing an item at this week's assembly.



1/2 Yellow fact finding for our information reports

3/4 ORANGE – Mrs Edwards

This week in 3/4 Orange, we have been using toy cars and coins to test different surfaces to determine which one provides the greatest amount of friction. In the process the students discovered that some tests are fair, but sometimes the results may be influenced when we change too many variables. We have also been investigating changes in the landscape around Sydney Harbour so quiz your children about the Sydney Opera House. Hopefully they will be able to tell you some interesting facts about the land that it was built upon.



Emity from 3/4O Reserve 9yo Champion Rider

5 GREEN – Mrs Thackeray

It has been another busy and productive week. We have begun focusing on revising and improving our recall of the dreaded times tables!! Parents, please encourage your child to practise repeating the tables sent home for homework – it'd be great if they are saying them in their sleep!

In Visual Art, we are looking at the elements of line forms, including horizontal, spiral, wavy and so on. The students created some terrific 'handprints', then decorated them with lines to show abstract shapes.





5 Green students hard at work, drawing and designing

6 AQUA – Mr Stuart

This week in Aqua we tackled possibly the grossest cook off ever! We investigated the brains of 'zombies' before turning them into delicious banana pancakes. We researched the importance of sleep and furthered our knowledge on developing a growth mind set.



Koby and Riley cooking zombie brains. Yum!




Jack looks impressed with his serving of zombie brains.

ENHANCE SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

If you have not already provided your **email address** to the school and would like to receive the newsletter via email please contact the office.

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


Have you downloaded our latest communication tools?



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

SOCCER REGISTRATION

Scone Football (Soccer) Club Inc for players 5-16 years played in Scone Saturday mornings. **Registrations CLOSE on Saturday March 24.** No registrations will be taken after this date. Active Kids voucher for \$100 can be used towards rego, apply at www.service.nsw.gov.au before you register for soccer. Register for our club at www.playfootball.com.au please ensure you answer all additional questions. Team lists & draw emailed out late April then Comp Starts 5th May.

We are also urgently seeking some players turning 13 or 14 this year to play in our U14's Interdistrict team (starting April 28, play 7 games at Scone, & 7 away at Newcastle/Lake MacQuarie or Hunter Valley venues, including some school holidays). To join this interdistrict team please choose the "interdistrict 12-16yrs" option.



21 MARCH
HARMONY DAY

EVERYONE BELONGS
www.harmony.gov.au

Harmony Day is held every year on 21 March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It's a day to celebrate Australia's diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

EVERYONE BELONGS AT ABERDEEN PS

Join us on Wednesday 21st March to celebrate Harmony day

Aberdeen PS students and families are invited to assemble a cultural display in the hall. The display should showcase the student's cultural background and may include musical instruments, traditional costume, artefacts, photographs, food, fabrics, art, etc.

A table will be placed in the hall for the display to be set up in the morning before school. Students will man their display during the middle and afternoon sessions. Classes will visit the hall during these times. Students should prepare a short presentation about their display to present to their peers.

When: 21st March
Where: APS Hall
Who: Interested students
 Parents are invited to assist their child with their display on the day.

There are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity that can be good conversation starters. Did you know...

- around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- apart from English the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Tagalog/Filipino, Spanish and Hindi
- more than 60 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia
- 92 per cent of Australians feel a great sense of belonging to our country

PREPARING FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION IN MUSWELLBROOK AND THE HUNTER
 Community Perspectives

By Dr Janet Roden (NSW NURSES & MIDWIVES ASSOCIATION) & Dr James Whelan (ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AUSTRALIA)

WEDNESDAY
21 MARCH 2018
 Uniting Church Hall
 108 Bridge Street, Muswellbrook
 2.30 – 5.30pm: for supportive nurses, midwives and health workers
 6 – 8pm: for general community

THURSDAY
22 MARCH 2018
 Muswellbrook RSL
 113 Bridge Street, Muswellbrook
 2.30 – 5.30pm: for supportive nurses, midwives and health workers
 6 – 8pm: for general community

An opportunity to attend a lively discussion on pros and cons, your issues and ideas around the need to prepare for this transition.

Around Australia, coal-fired power stations are closing. Hazelwood in Victoria, Munmorah, Redbank and Munmorah in the Hunter region. And the planned 2022 closure of the Liddell power station. With each closure, the renewable energy transition moves a step closer.

A planned transition allows a community to develop new industries, training courses and other support services. This hasn't always happened when other Australian industries have transitioned, resulting in poor outcomes for communities and workers.

What are your visions and ideas?
 What opportunities and obstacles do you see?
 A summary of the workshop and survey will be communicated to state and Federal governments and to the media and help inform grants to fund community projects.

GET INVOLVED!

We're seeking volunteers to help administer a survey to learn how community members feel they will be affected by the energy transition and how they will adjust economically, socially and emotionally. Nurses, midwives and health workers are especially invited to actively participate.

There will be a workshop for volunteers during the afternoon (2.30-5.30pm) on both Wednesday and Thursday. Then during the community workshops, volunteers will help attendees to complete the questionnaire. We also hope volunteers will continue their involvement throughout the project to help with focus groups and other activities. What a great way to learn about and support your community!

REGISTER NOW
https://hunter_energy_transition.eventbrite.com.au

Refreshments will be held at both venues.

CONTACT
 Janet Roden
 Email: jrodan@nswma.asn.au
 Phone 0447 472 154

SCONE HOCKEY
COME & TRY DAYS

(EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR NEW PLAYERS TO TRY)

Bill Rose Sporting Complex
 (on the training fields between the park and netball courts)
Monday 19th March 4:00pm – 5:15pm
Thursday 26th March 4:00pm – 5:15pm

2018 Fee's:
U7s \$38.00 – U12s \$58.00 – U18s \$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 1st January

Competition Commences
7th April 2018

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

Senior Team nominations will be emailed out and to be returned by 2nd April

All games played on Saturdays

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
Kim Parkinson
 Scone Sports Store
 02 6545 2425
 0418 432 539
sconeohockey@ozemail.com.au

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

26th 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.

COMING EVENTS IN APRIL

Tuesday 3rd April. Please contact the school to register for this event.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

SATURDAY 14TH APRIL 2018

145 per child

8:30AM - 12:00PM

INVITE A FRIEND WHO HASN'T BEEN BEFORE & GET \$10 OFF

For more information & to grab a rego form...

Ph Brad : 0403 195 100 or email: bradwestgate@tennisacademy@yahoo.com.au

Registration forms need to be in by 7th April 2018

Run by:
BRAD WESTGATE TENNIS ACADEMY
Located at Hurvellbrook Park Tennis club
(where the camp is held)



The simplest way

to improve the health of your family and save money

Come to our

FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

Date: Tuesday 3rd 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



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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOP



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 being 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 visit us on Facebook [facebook.com/upperhunteryouthcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/upperhunteryouthcouncil)

Workshop confirmation and details will be emailed to all fully booked students.

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

Workshops are limited to 20 places.

Only \$20 for both days includes morning tea and lunch

Download a booking form from www.upperhunteryouthcouncil.com.au or pick one up from your nearest Scone Hunter Council's office, library or youth centre during business hours.

RSVP by Friday 13 April

Return your completed form to person or via email by Friday 13 April 2018.

youthevents@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

FOLLOW YOUR LOCAL YOUTH CENTRE FOR THE LATEST EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Scone Youth Centre: 105 Susan St, Scone

SCONE HORSE PARADE 2018 NOTE

Please be advised that I intend for my child/ren to be part of the Aberdeen Public School float at the Scone Horse Parade on Sunday 6th May. I am aware the parade commences at approximately 9am.

Parent: _____

Signature: _____

Child/ren's name:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Please RSVP to office by Friday 6th April.