



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27th March 2018, Week 9 Term 1

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FORTHCOMING DATES

Friday 30th	March Good Friday (No school)
Monday 2nd	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 11th	Half-Day Public Holiday
Friday 18 th	Stewart House Donations Due

BANKING DAY IS THURSDAY

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well done to Lucy, Vanessa, Amelia and Kelsea who participated in **Kia Ora** at Scone High School last week. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend the concert but by all reports, it was a fabulous night of celebration for the students. Thank you Miss Birch and Mrs Hill for supporting our students and assisting at the event.

Due to the Easter long weekend and no school this Friday, assembly awards will be presented at the assembly on Friday 6th April. The list of award recipients will be published in next week's newsletter. We hope you will join us to celebrate our students' achievements.

Next Tuesday, the Cancer Council will be running a Fruit and Veg Sense workshop in the school canteen. This is a free event for parents and carers. The session will be a great opportunity to share ideas for making fruit and vegetables more appealing to your children as well as catch up with other parents of APS. Please contact the office before 6pm today if you wish to register, we need a minimum of three people to proceed with this event.

We continue to celebrate the success of our students at the recent Upper Hunter Show. This week, Brydie and Lucy stand proudly next to their class model, which took out first place. Congratulations, 1/2 Lime and Miss Faras! Our hens were also successful, their six white eggs taking out second place. Grace P. was recognised for her keen eye in the photography section, receiving several placings and an encouragement award.

Thank you to our students and their families who shared their culture with us on Harmony Day. The displays were of high quality and the students did a wonderful presentation to their peers. We hope to grow this event in

2019 and invite any families who are interested in being part of a Celebrating Culture group to contact the office.

A number of our students seem to be experiencing hunger earlier than our 11 am break time. Despite this, many students are reluctant to eat breakfast before school or have their fruit during our morning assembly. As such, we will be trialling a change to our session times for the next two weeks. Recess will be earlier at 10.30 -11.05 am and lunch will be from 1.05 -1.40 pm. Both breaks will be 35 minutes, including 10 minutes eating time. **The starting and finishing times of 8.55 am and 2.55 pm will not be changing.** We will then evaluate the changes at the end of the term to see if they have had a positive affect.

We will also be trialling a change to our current home routines, in particular bus duty. From next week, bus travellers will line up in the large COLA in their bus line to have their name marked off. **We ask parents not to wait in this area for their children. The pick-up area is located in the covered area outside the hall.** Walkers and riders will wait at the small COLA area for a teacher to escort them out of the grounds. All teachers will be on duty and unfortunately, this means they will not be available for catch-ups immediately after school. Please arrange to see them after their duty or contact the office to make an appointment.

Lastly, on advice from the Department of Education **Aberdeen PS will close at 12 noon on Friday 11th May.** A half-day local public holiday for the Scone Cup has been declared in the Scone Shire. **Please refer to the letter included in this newsletter for further information.**

OUR BUDDING PHOTOGRAPHER



Congratulations to Grace on her fantastic photos in the Muswellbrook Show. Grace received a 2nd, 3rd and Encouragement Award.



Brydie and Lucy admiring their class' winning entry



Second place for our six white hen eggs

Wishing everyone a very safe and happy Easter.
Regards,

Mrs Kerrigan

Parent Teacher Interviews

Notes went home last week for parents to request times for Parent/Teacher interviews. Parents need to select three time slots that suit them and the class teacher will send a slip home advising of the interview time. Of course, if the day that your child's class teacher is holding interviews does not suit, you may contact the office to organise a suitable time. **Interviews will be held on the following days:**

6 Aqua	Monday 26 th March
3/4 Orange	Tuesday 3 rd April
5 Green	Tuesday 3 rd April
6 Magenta	Wednesday 4 th April
3/4 Black	Wednesday 4 th April
2/3 Red	Thursday 5 th April
1/2 Yellow	Tuesday 10 th April
1/2 Lime	Wednesday 11 th April



K BLUE – Miss Purcell

Class KB have been working hard on counting forwards and backwards to ten. Students have enjoyed playing the game 'Go Fish'. Why not challenge your child to a game! KB joined KP to celebrate Harmony Day. The students learnt about different cultures, read the story 'I'm Australian Too' and learnt how to eat rice using chop sticks. As you can see by the photo, students were very excited to use chopsticks!

Due to the Easter break, KB will present their class item on Friday 6th April.



Kinder students enjoyed eating rice with chopsticks.



A big happy birthday to Tye! KB celebrated his birthday with some yummy cupcakes.

1/2 Lime – Miss Faras

Many congratulations to 1/2 Lime for winning first prize at the Upper Hunter Show for their Road Safety 3D model. In the Children's Handicraft section. I am very proud of the children's efforts and hard work to put it together.

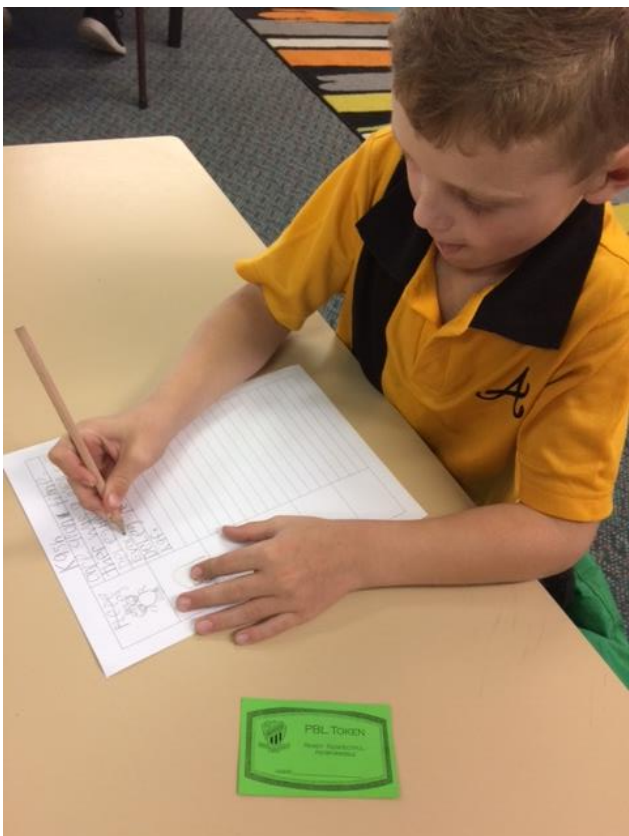
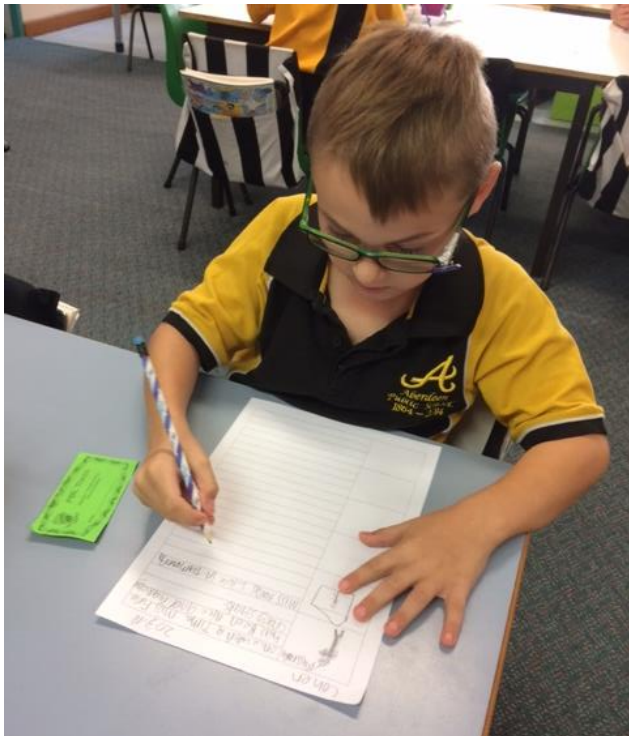
In class over the last few weeks of school, we will be learning to tell the time. Students are encouraged to wear an analog watch. We will be practising reading hour, half-

hour and quarter-hour time. If you can also assist your child with this, it would be helpful to their learning.

1/2 Lime have been constructing various text types. We learnt how to use 'OREO' to write persuasively. We also created an imaginative story to entertain and an information text to inform people about reptiles, such as snakes and lizards that we saw at the Snake Tails show.

I am looking forward to meeting with parents on Wednesday the 11th of April (Week 11) for parent teacher interviews. Please return your 3 preferred times as soon as possible. A confirmation of the time will be sent home this week.

Miss Faras



Writing a 6 sentence imaginative text

2/3 Red – Miss Clendinning

2/3 Red have been experimenting with friction and air resistance in science. To test the effect of air resistance, our class made water bomb parachutes with some very interesting results. During Week 8, Mrs Stutchbury came to 2/3 Red for English. She introduced 2/3 Red to the Lord Howe Island phasmid (we are now practically experts on this unique insect). Thank you to Charly and Natasha who participated in presenting a Harmony Day display. Please remember, interview request sheets are due tomorrow.

I hope all families have a safe and happy long weekend. Happy Easter, I hope the Easter bunny finds you.

BOMBS AWAY in 2/3 RED!



Water bomb parachutes



Making a model of a phasmid insect

3/4 Black – Mr Ramage

When we are reading in class we often use 'Focus on Reading' strategies to help us form a deeper understanding of a text. During the task pictured below, students were asked to read a section of a text. Then they were asked to complete a visual representation of what they just read. Afterwards, they shared their work with peers and had to comment on what they believed was happening in the representation. This strategy is called 'visualising' and allows students to share what they are reading with one another in a fun and interesting way.



3/4 Black are developing visualising skills

5 Green – Mrs Thackeray

This week during the Shake-a-Leg program, the class learned the interesting and upsetting fact that 1 in every 4 kids are bullied at some point in their life. Types of bullying were looked at and discussed, such as verbal, physical, psychological and cyber. Reasons for bullying helped to clarify student understanding of why some people are mean to others. This, in turn, could help them with resilience against bullying. Strategies for dealing with bullies, such as telling an adult, ignoring or walking away, created interesting discussion amongst students. Good work, Year 5.

6 Magenta – Mrs Pennell

We have been writing about the importance of Harmony Day and why it should be celebrated. Look out in next week's newsletter for a sample of our work.

A reminder that money and orders for our Year 6 shirts are due this week. Please make every effort to get your order in to the office by Thursday as we will be only placing one order this year.



6 Magenta is hard at work

TRAVEL ROUTINES

Please let the office know by 2pm if your child's home routine changes for any reason. This way, the office can advise your child and the bus duty teachers. Please do not send messages to your child's mobile device.

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE

All donation envelopes need to be returned to school by Friday 18th May.

P&C NEWS

Volunteer forms

All our families should have received our canteen and fundraising volunteer forms late last week. We encourage every family to help out in some way or another. We are happy for grandparents to volunteer. All volunteers must fill in the Appendix 5 form at the office and provide 100 points of identification.

Canteen news

At our last P&C meeting, the canteen committee gained permission to purchase an oven and have it installed. We are now calling for volunteers to fill the canteen roster for Term 2. Our menu will be out soon.

Fundraising

Easter raffle - we are so happy with how many tickets have been sold and returned. We managed to raise approximately \$1140.00. Many thanks for supporting our Easter Raffle. A big thanks to Mrs Kerrigan for donating the first three prizes and to our generous school community for the rest.

EASTER RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS:

1ST: Mikayla C, 2nd: Ashleigh T, 3rd: Ray J, 4th: Ashleigh T, 5th: Stacey P, 6th: Burton Family, 7th: Leanne N. 8th: Wendy D, 9th: Lucas M. 10th: Balin W, 11th: Violet M.

Mother's Day Breakfast – we are on the hunt for some dads and pops to help run our breakfast for all our fabulous Mums and Nans. If you can help, please leave your name at the office.

Uniform

The uniform committee have contacted Lowes, suppliers of our school uniform to enquire about the the rising cost of the uniform and explore the possibility of changing the uniform and/or changing suppliers. Having weighed up our options, the Uniform Committee passed a motion to stay with the current supplier of our custom made school polo. As this is a custom design, owned by Lowes they can control design elements and dye lots. If we were to move to a less expensive polo, we would need to select from an off-the-shelf polo which could be changed or withdrawn from sale at any point at the discretion of the supplier. Lowes as stockists and the school as a client would not have any control. In light of this information, Aberdeen PS will maintain the current agreement with Lowes to supply our school uniform.

Thank you
Jodie Mayall

COLES SPORT FOR SCHOOLS

The race is nearly over!

Only one week left to collect vouchers. Please make sure all vouchers are handed in by Tuesday 3rd April 2018.



COMING EVENTS IN APRIL

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.

Fruit and Veg Sense Workshop -Tuesday 3rd April.

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

Eat It To Beat It

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOP

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.

Get a question?
Call Melissa Brown, 0428 971 208 or Mary Spore, 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 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 to youthevents@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

FOLLOW YOUR LOCAL YOUTH CENTRE FOR THE LATEST EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Instagram: @scone_youth_centre
Facebook: @sconeyouthcentre
@sconeyouthcentre
@upperhuntercouncil

Scone Youth Centre: 105 Susan St, Scone

Congratulations to our P&C Raffle Winners



- 1st Mikayla C
- 2nd Ashleigh T
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- 5th Stacey P
- 6th Burton Family
7. Leanne N
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Thank you to all who supported our Raffle.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

SATURDAY 14TH APRIL 2018

\$45 per child

8.30AM - 12NOON

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

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

Ph Brad: 0401 195 100 or email: bradwestgateacademy@yahoo.com.au

Registration forms need to be in by 7th April 2018

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



Aberdeen Public School

Goodness Truth Beauty

Tuesday 27th March 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The following schools will be sending this information to parents also; Scone High School, Scone Public School, Murrurundi Public School, Blandford Public School, Belltrees Public School and Ellerston Public School.

The Upper Hunter Shire Council has applied for, and successfully been granted that Friday May 11 be gazetted as a half day local public holiday from 12.00pm.

After consultation with the Department of Education Industrial Relations Department and the Director of Public Schools – Wollemi Cluster, schools in the area below will be adhering to this ruling.

Friday, 11 May 2018 Half-day from 12 midday	Towns of Aberdeen, Blandford, Bunnan, Ellerston, Gundy, Moonan Brook, Moonan Flat, Murrurundi, Parkville, Scone, Rouchel, Timor and Wingen within the Upper Hunter Shire Council area
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These are the designated areas included in this declared public holiday. Please refer to this site for more information, if needed:

http://www.industrialrelations.nsw.gov.au/oirwww/NSW_public_holidays/2018_Local_Public_Holidays_in_NSW.page

I have communicated this to all of the bus companies who service this, and they have advised me that they will be completing their normal schedules for this day i.e. picking up at school as normal from 2.55 pm. Please contact your individual bus company if you have any further questions regarding bus pick-up times. Howards 6546 6178, Osborns 6543 3041 and Cumberlands 6545 2110.

Aberdeen Public School will operate as usual from 8.30 until 12.00pm. At this time, all staff will complete their duties and commence the local public holiday. From this time onwards, the school will be closed. You will need to make arrangements for your child to be collected at 12 pm.

Please contact myself, or the main office to discuss any issues that have been raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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