



# ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



11<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Week 9 Term 4

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## FORTHCOMING DATES

### December

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Farewell  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> K-2 Carols at Strathearn & feast  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Last day of school for students.

### January

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Students K – 6 return to school.

STUDENT BANKING HAS FINISHED FOR THE YEAR



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING APS IN 2019

Thank you to our families who have supported our students through the many and varied school and P & C activities. I would like to acknowledge and thank our P & C Executive and their team of volunteers for their planning, organisation, fundraising and collaboration with the school throughout the year.

### SCHOOL LEADERSHIP IN 2020

It is my pleasure to congratulate to the following students, who were elected as our school captains for 2020:

**Blyhe D., Fletcher D., Emily M. and Maximus O.**

These students will be supported in their roles by the following members of the Student Representative Council:

**Chloe A., Taj B., Jett P., Kelsea R., Connor S., Darcie W.**



*Our Captains for 2020*

### PRESENTATION DAY 2019 ROUND-UP

Congratulations to all our award recipients for 2019. It is wonderful to acknowledge the outstanding achievement and effort of our students and we could not do it without the generosity of our local community. The school is

appreciative of the sponsors who made it possible to finance this special event.

## Thank You

Aberdeen Cellars  
Aberdeen Community Caring  
Aberdeen Public School P & C  
Aberdeen Lions Club  
Aberdeen Sports and Recreation Club  
Aberdeen Remedial Massage  
AGL Macquarie  
All Seasons Irrigation  
Barton's Newsagency  
Bengalla Mining Company  
Commercial Hotel Aberdeen  
Crofts Pies  
Dimmock's Quality Meats  
Howards Bus & Charter  
Hunt-A-Book  
Mr Barnaby Joyce M.P.  
Mrs L. Gardiner & Mrs J. Wild  
Mr Michael Johnsen M.P.  
Muswellbrook Amateur Theatrical Society  
Reg Osborn Pty Ltd  
Upper Hunter Shire Council

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our 2019 captains for the outstanding job they did today running the 3-6 and K-2 assemblies. The performances by the Stage 2 and K-2 students were a highlight and it is great to see the students performing confidently in front of such a large audience.

Days like today do not happen without a lot of work behind the scenes by some key people. Many thanks to Ms Imbi Holdsworth for making the APS Presentation Day the wonderful event that is year after year; and to Mrs Bianca Mooring and Mrs Teresa Keegan for supporting Ms Holdsworth to ensure the day runs smoothly. Thanks also to our teachers and support staff for your work with our students throughout the year and finally, thank you to our amazing students who continue to make me proud every day.

This is our final newsletter for 2019. A flyer will be distributed next Tuesday to advise families of our return to school details for 2020.

Regards,  
*Mrs Kerrigan*

## PRESENTATION DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS 2019

### MAJOR AWARDS



*Dux – Toby S.*



*Maths & Science Award – Toby S.*



*Student of the Year – Rochelle M.*



*Year 6 Incentive Award – Harry D.*



*Citizenship – Charlie O.*



*MATS Award for Dance & Drama – Charlotte W.*

*Congratulations and well done to all students who received an award at today's Presentation Day. Your contribution to your learning environment and the school are admired and appreciated. – Mrs Kerrigan*





Senior Sportsperson – Fletcher D.  
& Junior Sportsperson – Thomas R.



K/1 Purple



Most consistent Library Users



1/2 Lime



## CLASS AWARDS

K Red



1/2 Yellow



3/4 Black





3/4 Orange



5/6 Green



5/6 Magenta



Thank you to our outgoing Captains Summer & Angus and our Vice Captains Charlotte & Toby

### SCHOOL HOURS

School hours commence at **8.55am** and conclude at **2.55pm**. A teacher is on duty from 8.30am to supervise students as they arrive at school. No supervision is provided prior to 8.30am. Any students who arrive before 8.30am must sit in the undercover area until the teacher commences duty at 8.30am.

**Recess:** is taken from 10.30am until 11.05am **Lunch:** is taken from 1.05pm until 1.40pm.

### DONATIONS TO THE POP UP PANTRY

Aberdeen PS will be donating \$500 worth of food vouchers to the pop up pantry to support our drought-affected communities over the Christmas period. If you are experiencing financial hardship due to the drought and need a helping hand, please pop in and see the team at the pantry in Murrurundi.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform caters more appropriately for the needs of today's students. This uniform is bright and attractive, and truly reflects the school colours of black and gold. **Uniforms can be purchased from Lowes in the Muswellbrook Market Place. Hats and caps are available for purchase at the school office for \$12.**

### SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

If you have any old school uniforms that no longer fit your child and cannot be passed on to a sibling or friend, could you please donate them to the school. We are always in need of clothes – particularly shorts or skorts - when children have accidents and need a change of clothes.

### P & C NEWS

#### Water for Murrurundi:

A huge big thank you to all our students for supporting our ice-block and cake stall days. We raised \$509 to buy water for our farmers.

Thank you to Rochelle M, Charlie O & Connor S, who gave up their lunchtimes to help man the stall for us over the last 3wks.

The P&C will also contribute \$500 towards this cause.

### Breakfast Club:

This is our last week for breakfast club for 2019. Big thank you to Aberdeen Treasures for sponsoring this project for us. Thank you to our adult volunteers Carole Johnston, Amie Riley, Nikki McLeod, Linda Turner & Tasi Kalolo who have helped out all year and to all the students that have helped.

### Canteen roster:

Wednesday 11th - Jamie Lonergan

Friday 13th - Tara Mohr & Courtney Dever

Monday 16th - Julie Lonergan & Toni Partridge

Wednesday 18th - Tracey Malone

Thank you to all our volunteers who have done one or many shifts this year to help keep the doors open. We are looking for volunteers to be added to our Term 1 calendar for 2020.

THANK YOU to the students, parents, teachers and volunteers who have supported the canteen this year it is very much appreciated.



Wishing you all a merry and safe Christmas.

#### Thank you:

A heartfelt thank you to each family that has supported our many activities during 2019. We have been a very active P&C and achieved quite a few things. A big thank you to all the P&C committee, whether your contribution has been large or small, we value it all. To everyone else, please consider joining the P&C in 2020. By working together we can achieve great things for all our students.

#### BUS TRAVEL

##### Bus Conveyance:

You need to live a minimum distance from your school to be eligible for a free school travel pass. The minimum distance varies according to the year/grade you are enrolled in, in that calendar year:

- Years K to 2 (Infants): no minimum distance
- Years 3 to 6 (Primary): 1.6 kilometres straight line distance or 2.3 kilometres walking or further.

Eligible cards are automatically updated for the new school year, so you'll only need to apply if you're:

- applying for a school travel pass for the first time
- changing name, school and/or address, or
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.
- bus pass is only valid for use between home and school on the transport operators specified in your original application.
- If you don't qualify for free travel to and from school, you may purchase a Yearly Pass, Term Bus Pass, weekly pass or pay daily.

If you believe there are special circumstances about your application, you may request a review. Special circumstances include:

- The pedestrian infrastructure between the student's home and school/TAFE is unsuitable for safe walking. You need to include information on the walking route when applying for a review on pedestrian infrastructure grounds, i.e. roadworks, parks or walkways where an obstruction is present.
- The student has a medical condition which prevents them from walking to and from school/TAFE. You need to include an SSTS medical report when applying for an exemption on medical grounds
- Legal/Child Services. You need to include supporting documentation when applying for an exemption on Legal/Child Services grounds, i.e. Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) or letter from Department of Family and Community Services outlining the student's situation and requirements.

#### 2020 SCHOOL TRAVEL APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Applications for student travel in 2020 opened on Friday, 11 October 2019.

Students progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 no longer need to re-apply if they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the **new distance eligibility**, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an **entitlement approved under a medical condition** which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

**Term Bus Pass holders** will receive a notification to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to:

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

It is **IMPORTANT** that parents advise the school when children stop travelling on school buses.



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WISH EVERYONE A MERRY  
CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE  
HOLIDAY!

## Lost Property

We have many items in lost property at present. Please come and search for missing items. If items are not claimed they will be washed and kept in our clothing pool or given to charity at the end of term.

**Please label your child's clothing so that we can return it to them.**



ALL YOU NEED IS  
THIS VOUCHER!

**\$9.90\***  
ALL TICKETS

Bring this coupon to Majestic Cinemas Singleton for a \$9.90 movie ticket  
Valid Until: 28th January, 2020

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**Aberdeen Public School aims to prepare students for life by equipping them with the ability to lead and succeed at school and in the broader community. We are dedicated to promoting respect, responsibility and striving for personal best in a safe and positive environment.**

## RESPECT



Be polite  
Be proud  
Be kind



## PERSONAL BEST



Be willing to try  
Be determined  
Be your best self



## RESPONSIBILITY



Be safe  
Be proactive  
Be a team player



*Right Place, Right Time, Right Thing*

