



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FORTHCOMING DATES

December

Wednesday 18th Last day of school for students.

January

Wednesday 29th Students K – 6 return to school.

February

Tuesday 11th Swimming Carnival (Years 3 – 6 and any Year 2 students who are 8 years old and can swim 25m)



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



MRS SELMAN

Mrs Robyn Selman, our most dedicated and longest-standing volunteer, is retiring her services at the end of this year. Robyn has been a volunteer in our school library for the last 30 years, covering and repairing our newest and most loved books and running the Scholastic Bookclub. In fact, there probably isn't a book in our library that Robyn's hands haven't touched at one point or another.

Over the years, Robyn has worked alongside many of the school's teacher-librarians. Her contribution to our school, students and staff cannot be measured in hours and minutes, nor books covered. Working a full day every Wednesday to ensure our students have access to a quality library service, Robyn's impact is best measured by the countless children who have for the past three decades, enjoyed a book from our school library.

Robyn, we will never be able to express enough gratitude to show you how much we have valued your commitment to the education of children at Aberdeen PS. Thank you doesn't seem enough for all that you have done over so many years. We are forever grateful to you and wish you all the best for whatever your future brings.

MR WRIGHT

We are so proud of Mr Adam Wright, who will be leaving us this year to take up full time study at Newcastle University. During his time at Aberdeen PS, Mr Wright has discovered his passion for teaching. On behalf of the students and staff, I congratulate him on successfully completing his bridging year and wish him all the very best as he begins his teaching degree in 2020. Mr Wright has been a wonderful asset to our school community and an inspiration to our students. I am confident he will be back to visit us in the future, perhaps teaching in our classrooms one day.

LEAVING OUR SCHOOL?

If your child/ren (other than our Year 6 students who are off to high school) won't be returning to APS in 2020, please contact the school on Thursday or Friday to inform us so we can update our records in preparation for next year. Your prompt response is appreciated as we need to finalise our enrolments.

PRE-SCHOOL VISIT TOMORROW

K-2 students will walk to the Aberdeen Pre-School tomorrow morning. Our students will be entertaining the pre-schoolers by singing some Christmas carols. Students are to wear their school uniform.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Thank you to our amazing students, their families and our dedicated staff for another fantastic and productive year at Aberdeen PS. Every year I think it can't get any better and every year, I am blown away by the achievements of our students and the generosity of our school and wider community. Many projects will carry over into 2020 as a result of the hard work carried out this year, including the shade shelter on the top oval and installation of some sensory playground equipment. Improvements will also be made to the car park area in Graeme Street, thanks to the initiative of Alice D. whose letter to Mt Pleasant Mine requesting assistance, was positively received. 2020 looks like it is going to be another busy at APS. I am looking forward to catching up with you in the new year and on behalf of all staff, wish you and yours a very safe and happy Christmas.

COMMUNITY WATCH REQUESTED

We have had several break-ins recently and although we have increased our onsite security measures, nothing beats 'neighbourhood watch'. Please contact the local police or the School Safety and Security 24-hour hotline on 1300 88 00 21.

Mrs Kerrigan

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform caters more appropriately for the needs of today's students. The 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 – for when children have accidents and need a change of clothes.

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

Voluntary School contributions for 2020 are \$35 per student or \$70 for 2 or more students in a family. Payments are to be made at the office.

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.



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 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.

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