



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



5th February 2019, Week 2 Term 1

Website <https://aberdeen-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

FORTHCOMING DATES

February

Tuesday 12th Swimming Carnival Year 3 - 6
Tuesday 19th P & C AGM in Library 6pm

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Aberdeen PS and the 2019 school year. It's fantastic to see the return of students from last year and to welcome some new faces to our school community.

This term, we are trialling some changes to our morning routines. Students will now start their school day from Monday to Thursday with a short fitness routine before going to classrooms. The daily student assembly will now be held at the end of recess. The K-6 Friday assembly time remains the same, starting at 9.05 in the hall and finishing at approximately 9.45am.

I would like to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Miss Tess McAllister to Aberdeen PS. Miss McAllister will be working closely with Mrs Mooring, Mrs Stutchbury and myself in the Executive Team. Miss McAllister will be leading Curriculum Development this year and supervising K-2. Mrs Mooring will continue in the Wellbeing role in 2019 and will be supervising 3-6. Mrs Stutchbury will continue to lead Effective Practice in her role as Instructional Leader. We have a strong team of classroom teachers working with your children, including our support staff – Miss Lewis, Mr Stuart, Mrs Hill, Miss West, Mrs Wright, Mrs Hinschen, Mr Wright and Mrs Grady. Our amazing Administration Team of Mrs O'Rourke, Ms Holdsworth, Mrs Keegan and Mrs Johnston will again, attempt to keep me organised in 2019. I feel very privileged to work with such enthusiastic, dedicated and talented staff.

I am looking forward to celebrating with your child their successes and failures in 2019. I say failures because it can take many tries to learn something new, and each unsuccessful attempt provides an opportunity for learning and potentially gets you one step closer to achieving your goal. Perhaps, you could ask your child to tell you one thing they failed at today and talk to them about setting this as a personal goal for them to work towards.

Our Kindergarten children are settling into class and school routines and I would like to express my gratitude to their parents and carers for their flexibility with end of day arrangements. Whilst we normally like Kindergarten students to participate in the Bus Safety program before commencing travel to and from school on the bus, we understand that some parents' work commitments make this difficult. If you are able to pick your Kindergarten child

up from school at 2.55pm from the covered area outside the hall, I would prefer for you to do so unless you have already discussed travel arrangements with me. The school is waiting for confirmation of a date for the bus program to run and parents will be informed as soon as details are finalised.

If your child is unwell please keep your child at home. Please be mindful that our new kindergarten students do not have a fully developed immune system and can be susceptible to illness. Advise the school of any illnesses your child may have so that we can notify parents of any contagious conditions. Please ensure your children are fully immunised and that the school has a current immunisation certificate. Should an outbreak of a contagious condition occur, unimmunised children will have to remain at home.

I am looking forward to another busy term at APS.

Regards,
Corallee Kerrigan
Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A new permission note for the swimming carnival is required due to a change of date. If payment has already been made, simply sign and return the note. If money is owing, please send payment with note to the office before Friday 8th February.



At Aberdeen Public School

A play-based group for 0-6 year olds, focused on parent education and child development, run by a qualified primary school teacher

Free

Every Monday during school terms, beginning Week 3,
February 11th 2019

9:30am- 11:30am

Tea and Coffee provided

Please bring your own morning tea, hats and water bottles.

Guest speakers/ presentations
throughout the term

For further information or to register your interest, please contact Aberdeen Public School on 0265437271 or email Aberdeen-PS@det.nsw.edu.au

OUR CLASS TEACHERS FOR 2019

K Red – Miss Purcell

Miss Purcell's background is in early childhood education and she brings to the role a wealth of knowledge and skills to ensure each child in her class enjoys their first year of school.



K/1 PURPLE – Miss Lenton

Miss Lenton was appointed to Aberdeen Public School in Term 2 of last year. She taught multi-age classes in a small rural school before taking over the reins of 5 Green in 2018. Miss Lenton is enthusiastic about all things technology and science. I know she has some fun learning planned for her students in 2019.



1/2 Lime – Mrs Loveridge

Mrs Loveridge is fast becoming a veteran of Aberdeen Public School with substantial teaching experience ranging from Kindergarten to Year 6. Committed to developing her classroom practice, Mrs Loveridge is always striving to provide the best educational opportunities for her students.



1/2 YELLOW – Miss Clendinning

Heading up our list of young guns, Miss Clendinning is not shy of hardwork. She fully commits herself to her class and builds good relationships with students across the school. Her students adore her and she works well to bring out the best in them.



3/4 ORANGE – Mrs Edwards

Mrs Edwards strives to create a positive learning environment and seeks to develop a thorough understanding of her students as learners and as individuals so that she can nurture their strengths and talents. With a keen interest in STEM-based learning, Mrs Edwards has many exciting opportunities planned for Stage 2.



3/4 Black – Mrs McTaggart

Super organised and ever-resilient, Mrs McTaggart is super keen to get to know her students and establish routines.



Everyone is settling in well to 3/4 Black and we are all looking forward to a great year.

If you have any questions regarding routines or homework please feel free to get in touch.

House-keeping: Students are able to take home their Topic and Handwriting books to be covered. We will be creating

book covers in class for our other books and would appreciate any parent helpers who would be able to come in and help us cover our books in class.

5/6 GREEN – Mr Ramage

Mr Ramage is our resident king of sports. He has experience teaching middle and upper primary students and is keen to engage more with technology in 2019. He is committed to instilling in children the values of sportsmanship and active citizenship.



5/6 Magenta – Mrs Pennell

Honest and down-to-earth, Mrs Pennell is committed to ensuring students are well-equipped for 21st century learning. She has many talents from technology to creative arts to sport and is always looking for ways to engage her students and give them ownership of their learning.





PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

K RED	Jett P. - making a wonderful start to Kindergarten.
K/1 PURPLE	Bailey L. - striving to reach his goals in 2019.
1/2 LIME	Lochlan S. – striving to achieve his goals.
1/2 YELLOW	Rubi B. – demonstrating a positive start to the new year by taking on new challenges willingly.
3/4 ORANGE	Lilly R. – an enthusiastic and thoughtful start to 2019.
3/4 BLACK	Matthew D. – kindness towards others.
5/6 GREEN	Chloe A – displaying a positive attitude towards her learning.
5/6 MAGENTA	Jordon H. – displaying a mature approach & beginning Year 6 confidently.

MERIT AWARDS

K RED	Annabella M.
K/1 PURPLE	Nate H.
1/2 LIME	Tyson G.
1/2 YELLOW	Samuel M.
3/4 ORANGE	Jazmine M.
3/4 BLACK	Matisse M.
5/6 GREEN	Aaron F.
5/6 MAGENTA	Fletcher D.

PBL AWARDS

K RED	Logan F.
K/1 PURPLE	Coby R.
1/2 LIME	Morgan A.
1/2 YELLOW	Lucas M.
3/4 ORANGE	John D.
3/4 BLACK	Jarred M.
5/6 GREEN	Ta’Kaya C-H.
5/6 MAGENTA	Tamika R.

PERSONAL BEST

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. 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 skirts - when children have accidents and need a change of clothes.

BUS TRAVEL – A MESSAGE FROM OSBORN'S

2019 bus passes are ready for collection. However if you applied during the school holidays, bus passes will not be ready at this stage as there has been no one at the school to approve these. As soon as these applications are processed and approved, parents will receive an email from TfNSW notifying them that it has been approved. We will then be notified after this and can print those bus passes.

For any questions please contact our office 02 6543 1271.

Bus Conveyance: All children from K-2, are entitled to free bus travel. Primary age children, who live within a 1.6 km radius, 2.3 km walking distance or less from the school, pay \$1 each way or \$8 per week. Distances outside this incur \$2 per trip unless the student presents a current bus pass. Parents requiring bus travel for their child should complete an application online.

Bus Application Process: School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) online applications can be completed online via www.transport.info/school-students

When selecting the forms, select 'Travelling Outside the Opal Network' section. Please note Opal is NOT in our area. Once the form is completed online the school is notified via email so that it can endorse the application so it may be processed by Transport NSW.

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

Aberdeen Public School P&C will be holding its AGM on Tuesday 19th February 2019 @ 6pm.

All positions are vacant and need to be filled for the 2019 school year. Positions include:

President
Senior Vice President
Junior Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Fundraising Officer

Also looking for people to join:

The canteen committee
The fundraising committee

Remember, many hands make light work and together we can make a difference~

P&C NEWS

Welcome back to 2019. The P&C is always looking for new members to join us. We are a small group with big plans. The P&C is a great way to be a voice within our school. As they say many hands make light work.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is being held on Tuesday 19th February at 6pm in the library. All positions are vacant. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Canteen

Our canteen runs every Monday & Friday 8.30-2.30. Our canteen runs solely on volunteers and we are on the lookout for parent helpers to join us. Please contact our canteen manager Bree Gorrell on 0488064041 to put your name on the list.

Breakfast Club

We hold breakfast club, every Tuesday & Thursday morning 8am-9am. We are in need of parent helpers to be added to the weekly/fortnightly roster to help keep it open. Please contact Jodie Mayall 0407766364 if you are interested.


Fundraising Committee

We are also looking for interested parents/grandparents to join our fundraising committee. In 2018, this committee organised the school discos, mother's/father's day stalls, meal deal days, colour run etc that are held within our school to raise money for school upgrades. Please contact Jodie Mayall 0407766364 if this interests you.

We look forward to working with all our existing and new families at APS this year.


Jodie Mayall
2018 P&C President

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.



Register now!

 **Muswellbrook Cats AFC**

Donna Mullane 0488 435 119
sdmullane@bigpond.com
Open for boys and girls 5-17yo

 Sign up for junior footy **play.afl**

Good for kids good for life

Helping Improve Your Child's Health

Aberdeen Public School has been partnering with the Good for Kids, Good for Life program to encourage children's healthy eating and physical activity since 2006.

In order to assess the impact of this program and inform future opportunities to improve child health, you are invited to take part in research being conducted within the school.

An information and consent form (one per child) will be sent home this week. If you choose to participate in this research you will need to complete one consent form per child enrolled at this school by Friday 8th March 2019.

EMAIL: hnelhd-goodforkids@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Look out for your information and consent form that will be coming home soon.



Safer Internet Day 2019 | Tuesday 5 February

Together for a better internet

RESPECT • RESPONSIBILITY • REASONING • RESILIENCE



Safer Internet Day 5th Feb - 7pm-8pm

Join us for our FREE internet safety presentations delivered by NSW Police. Suitable for children 8 - 18 years of age and their parents held at the PCYC Club from 7pm - 8pm.

Safer Internet Day (SID) is an annual, worldwide event will be held on Tuesday 5 February 2019 to help encourage a better internet, with this year's theme—'Together for a better internet' encourages individuals to create a better internet by developing four, critical skills. We call these skills the 4Rs: Respect, Responsibility, Reasoning and Resilience.

Contact the club for more information.

+ Responsibility



I've got your **back** mate...
online and off



+ Reasoning



I question what is **real** and
what is not... online and off

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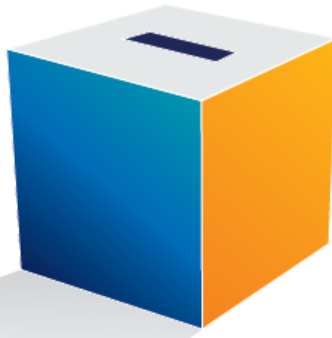


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Physie EMPOWERING GIRLS FOR LIFE

Physical culture - "Physie" - is a dance sport for girls and women from ages 3 and up. Physie fuses all different dance and aerobic disciplines while boosting confidence and self-esteem.

It helps develop core strength, improve flexibility & cardio fitness, in a fun, family-friendly environment. Classes are designed for any level of skill or fitness & we LOVE welcoming new members into our family! Our club is the longest standing in the local area with a rich and successful history. We offer classes all across the Upper Hunter with annexes in **Muswellbrook, Denman and Merriwa.**

If you are looking for a sport that provides the perfect balance of fitness, empowerment, strength and competition - **Muswellbrook Physie** is the place for you!

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Belltrees Vs Rouchel CHARITY CRICKET DAY Saturday 23rd February 2019 Belltrees Cricket Ground



9am Belltrees Bushrangers vs Bunnan
MAIN GAME

12.30pm BELLTREES vs ROUCHEL

BBQ Lunch and drinks will be available to purchase. Please no BYO food or refreshments as all proceeds for the day will be donated to the Where There's a Will Foundation and Aussie Helpers.

Chocolate Wheel running all day with cash prizes!

Monster Raffle and Auction
will be held after the main game

Ellerston Golf Package, Round of Golf for 4,
Cricket Memorabilia & much more up for auction!

Donations to both Where There's a Will Foundation
and Aussie Helpers can be made on the day.



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