



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



19th March 2019, Week 8 Term 1

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

FORTHCOMING DATES

March

Wednesday 20th P & C Meeting 6pm Library
Thursday 21st Harmony Day
Friday 22nd Willow Tree Horse Sports
K/1P item at assembly

April

Monday 1st Vegetable Week
Friday 12th Last day of Term 1
Thursday 25th ANZAC Day march
Tuesday 30th Students return for Term 2

May

14th – 16th NAPLAN Years 3 and 5

SPORTING SUCCESS FOR APS TEAMS

Congratulations to our netballers and footballers who recently represented APS in their respective competitions. Our netballers netted themselves a couple of wins at the Netball Gala Day in Scone last Friday. By the smiles on their faces, I think it is safe to say a great time was had by all. Well done to those players who drew on the strength of bravery and tried netball for the first time; I'm sure our more experienced players were great mentors. Thank you to Miss Purcell for organising our teams and for supervising on the day.



Likewise, our Under 8s rugby league players had success when they took to the field on Sunday in the Upper Hunter School Boys competition. After winning their first two games, the crowd was treated to a nail-biting final against Scone PS. A try to Scone in the final minute sealed the deal for the opposition. Our boys played with commitment until the very end and never gave up on the chance of a win. Well done to all players, with special mention to Sammy D. who was named 'Player of the Match' for Aberdeen PS. Special thanks to Mrs Loveridge for her organisation and to Mr Daniels for coaching the team. *(Photo next newsletter)* Congratulations also to Fletcher who was selected to represent the Hunter Under 11's in rugby league. Fletcher was one of several students who participated in trails in Muswellbrook yesterday. Well done to all players for trying out and giving it your best effort on the day.

APS Selected for Quality Teaching Research Project

I am pleased to confirm that our school will be participating in an exciting new research project on teacher professional development. The research is being undertaken by the University of Newcastle, commencing in Term 1, 2019. Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) students received their invitation to participate in this project yesterday.

Participating students will complete some surveys and assessments as part of their usual school activities. All names will be removed and only student numbers will be given to the research team so that they can link survey and assessment results with NAPLAN and school attendance data. If you do not want the research team to have access to data, you can opt-out on your child's behalf. For further information about the research, please visit the research website at www.newcastle.edu.au/QTR or call the research team on (02) 49215351.

PINK SHIRT DAY – SAY NO TO BULLYING & VIOLENCE



Please, please, please share your cultural heritage with us at school, return your Expression of Interest.

PBL CORNER

CORE EXPECTATION: RESPONSIBILITY

DESIRED BEHAVIOUR: Own your actions

You are always
responsible for how
you act, no matter
how you feel.
Remember that.

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MERIT AWARD SYSTEM

Each time your child presents 5 Principal Awards or any combination of 10 Merit and/or PBL awards to the office, they progress to the next award level and receive their award at the Friday K-6 Assembly. Award recipients will be advertised in the newsletter every Tuesday so that families can arrange to be in attendance.

Award Level 1 = Merit Badge

Award Level 2 = Bronze bar

Award Level 3 = Silver Bar

Award Level 4 = Gold Bar

Award Level 5 = Copper Disc for Excellence

Award Level 6 = Silver Disc for Excellence

Award Level 7 = Gold Disc for Excellence

WHOOPIING COUGH

Keep coughing kids at home and see your GP.

School-aged children who are infected with whooping cough usually experience a troubling cough that can persist for months, but they rarely get severe illness. However, they can spread the infection to younger siblings and other more vulnerable people, who are at higher risk of severe disease. Whooping cough can be a life-threatening infection in babies.

What can you do to prevent whooping cough?

1. Make sure vaccinations are up to date for all family members.
2. Be alert for symptoms of whooping cough.
3. Keep coughing kids home and see your GP to get them tested for whooping cough.

For more information visit the NSW Health Website (<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>)



What is The Big Veggie Crunch?

Primary schools across NSW will be joining together to break the record for the most students crunching vegetables simultaneously. Only around 5% of NSW children eat enough vegetables. To help our community do better, our school will be taking part in The Big Veggie Crunch (part of Vegetable Week) at **10am on Thursday 4th April**. Last year 50,260 students crunched together.

What can you do to help?

- Start thinking about what vegetable/s (**not fruit**) to pack a for your child to eat on Thursday 4th April
- Keep serving up the vegetables at home and in your children's lunchboxes



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

K RED	Hannah A. - displaying enthusiasm when completing learning tasks.
K/1 PURPLE	Arley L. - focus and determination in guided reading.
1/2 LIME	Kash L. - working hard to improve the quality of his writing.
1/2 YELLOW	Hudson W. - working to achieve his writing goals by focusing on himself.
3/4 BLACK	Cohen A. - his thought provoking contributions to class discussions.
3/4 ORANGE	Ethan N. - writing a sizzling start to his news article.
5/6 GREEN	Ethan W. - excellent effort when using feedback to improve his writing.
5/6 MAGENTA	Sam G. - confidently attempting new tasks and asking questions when needed.

MERIT AWARDS

K RED	Sarah R.
K/1 PURPLE	Payton R.
1/2 LIME	Lucy N.
1/2 YELLOW	Aiden H.
3/4 BLACK	Zack J.
3/4 ORANGE	Cameron D.
5/6 GREEN	Jacob B.
5/6 MAGENTA	Sienna B.

PBL AWARDS

K RED	Inanna V.	Respect
K/1 PURPLE	Dean O'L.	Respect
1/2 LIME	Kenzie H.	Responsibility
1/2 YELLOW	Lynk W.	Personal Best
3/4 BLACK	Lars A.	Personal Best
3/4 ORANGE	Tommy R.	Responsible
5/6 GREEN	Emily M.	Personal Best
5/6 MAGENTA	Ava R.	Responsibility

PBL @ ASSEMBLY

These students won the class PBL prize draw. The reward is 'Acts of Kindness'.

K RED	Tyson D.
K/1 PURPLE	Tye-Leslie M.
1/2 LIME	Morgan A.
1/2 YELLOW	Noah M.
3/4 BLACK	Dean M.
3/4 ORANGE	Mia M.
5/6 GREEN	Ta'Kaya C.
5/6 MAGENTA	Ethan G.

STEWART HOUSE

Stewart House donation drive envelopes have been sent home today. Entry into the draw is only \$2 for your chance to win a family holiday valued at \$4000 to the destination of your choice. **Please return your completed envelope entry with \$2 enclosed to the office by Friday 5th April.** Your donation supports NSW & ACT public school students.

HERE'S THE NEWS

K/1 PURPLE – Miss Lenton

Last week in K/1 Purple we had a close look at the Rainbow Fish and were very excited to continue this learning in library time.

Year 1 have been working hard on their spelling work in class. It is their responsibility to approach me when they feel confident enough to progress to a new level, and likewise it is their responsibility to take a list home or copy one out if needed. Please encourage them to do so before sending a note in as it allows them to take ownership of their learning.

We will be presenting our class item at this Friday's assembly and we'd love to have you there. I am unable to be there myself as I am out of the school undertaking some professional development.

1/2 YELLOW – Miss Clendinning

As each week passes, 1/2 Yellow are making improvements. I'm looking forward to meeting parents this evening at our 'Meet the Teacher' event. A friendly reminder to parents to ensure students are working on their home reading and 'animal' word lists at home. I understand everyone is busy but please remember it should be a priority. When students return their spelling list to be tested, please understand that it may not come back the next day as there are many students in 1/2 Yellow and it can be very difficult to test every student each day (these lists can be used for a week not just one night). With this in mind, students can revise previous spelling lists, because I have found that students who are 'rushing' through their 'animal' word lists are not consistently transferring this knowledge to written tasks in class.



Working on our measuring skills with trundles.

3/4 Black – Mrs McTaggart

Students have been enjoying learning to play lawn bowls over the past few weeks. Here's what some students from our class have to say about it:

Over the past three weeks K-6 have been learning lawn bowls. I've learned a lot and I wish it could go for the year!

Thank you. – Lars

We have been learning about how lawn bowls is a game about skill and aim. Thank you, Doc and Butch for helping us. I wish I played lawn bowls for the Aberdeen team. – Sammy

I have really enjoyed the past 3 weeks learning about lawn bowls, so I would just like to thank the school and the lawn bowls teachers. –Teale

English Focus

In English we have been reading 'Chooks in Dinner Suits' and 'One Small Island'. We have been learning about the little penguins on Macquarie Island and writing about life on Macquarie Island in the early 1900's. – Lexia-Lee Hall

Housekeeping

Excursion notes with a payment schedule were sent home in last week. If your child's note has disappeared or they were absent and haven't brought a note home yet, please let me know and I can send a note home ASAP.



3/4 Black enjoying some special birthday cupcakes for Mrs McTaggart's Birthday! Thank you, for the lovely surprise! The cupcakes were amazing!

5/6 Magenta – Mrs Pennell

We have been learning about complementary colours in visual arts. Did you know that complementary colours are found opposite each other on the colour wheel and that when you place them next to each other in an artwork, they make each other seem more bright and vibrant?

The students have been enjoying their lawn bowls time with Doc and Butch and are actually improving very quickly. It won't be long before they'll be asking to go and play with Nan and Pop!

A reminder that the next \$50 instalment for the Canberra excursion is due on Friday 22nd March.



Magenta are learning about complementary colours and using them in abstract artworks.

P&C NEWS

Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting on **WEDNESDAY 20th MARCH** at 6pm in the school library.

Canteen:

The canteen is needing an extra helper this Friday, if you can help please let the office know. If we cannot find a helper, the canteen will have to close that day.

Easter raffle:

Please continue to drop your donations into the office. All tickets (sold or unsold) are due back to the office by Monday 25th March.

REMINDERS:

SCHOOL FEES

Voluntary School contributions for 2019 are \$35 per student or \$70 for 2 students or more in a family. Payments can be made at the office.

Bohemian Rhapsody Sing Along invite...

At 7.30pm on Friday 22nd March, Scone Films will be screening the Oscar – winning film, **Bohemian Rhapsody Sing Along**, rated M.

Get ready to sing your heart out, Queen fans! The story of the legendary rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at Live Aid (1985). **Bohemian Rhapsody** is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. Freddie defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become one of the most beloved entertainers on the planet. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound.

It will screen at their pop-up cinema at the corner of Oxford Road and Cooper Street, Scone. Tickets are \$12. To be sure of a ticket, purchase in advance from our website or at Hunt a Book, Scone. Running time is 1hr 46m. Everyone is welcome. Tea & Coffee available. For insurance, Under 18s must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.

Buy tickets at www.sconefilms.org.au/film-info-2/

Like us and share www.facebook.com/sconefilms



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 0245437271 or email Aberdeen-PS@des.nsw.edu.au

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.



to our school Horse Sports Team, competing on Friday at Willow Tree.




TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

Community Initiative 2019

IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR KINDERGARTEN?

The Transition To School Initiative will help you to decide if a child in your care is ready to start school and what you can do to prepare for the transition.

GUEST SPEAKER: Kim Moroney, Education Officer Early Learning, Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

SPEAKERS: Happy Dots Occupational Therapy for Children and All Areas Speech Pathology.

STALLS AND ADVICE FROM: Local infants' school teachers, early childhood educators, local primary schools and Family Support.

FREE SEMINAR
6:00-8:30pm
Thursday 11 April 2019
Upper Hunter Shire Council
Administrative Centre,
Liverpool St, Scone

Bookings Essential
RSVP by Thurs 4th April 2019
Email your name and whether you are a parent, school or service.
transition@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au
Ph: 6540 1151








An initiative of Upper Hunter Shire Council, with the support of Upper Hunter Shire Early Childhood Services and primary schools.
upperhunter.nsw.gov.au



Run by (Located at Muswellbrook Park Tennis Club)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP

Tuesday 16th April 2019
8.30 to 12 noon.

Cost: \$45 per child

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

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

Ph. Brad on: 0403 195 100,
Email: bradwestgatetenniscademy@yahoo.com.au
find us on Facebook (Brad Westgate Tennis Academy)

Registration forms need to be in by 7th April 2019

FOR SALE

Laptop Bags



\$20 each

Please contact the school if you would like to purchase one.

Is your child ready for kindergarten?

The Transition To School Initiative will help you to decide if a child in your care is ready to start school and what you can do to prepare for the transition.

6:00-8:30PM / THURS 11 APRIL

WHERE Upper Hunter Shire Council Administrative Centre, Liverpool St, Scone

COST Free

MC Councillor James Burns

PROGRAM
6:00pm Refreshments and browsing of school and community information
6:30pm Guest speaker – Kim Moroney
7:10pm Brief talk from OT & Speech Pathologist
7:45pm Open discussion panel with Kim Moroney and local infants teachers.

GUEST SPEAKER
Kim Moroney
Education Officer Early Learning, Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

With teaching and leadership experiences in both prior to school and school settings, Kim's study in Reggio Emilia, Italy has influenced her image of the child as learner, researcher and citizen. Kim is the Brother John Taylor Fellow 2017 with study experiences in Finland, Sweden, Angi County, China and The Centre for Research on Play in Education, Development & Learning (PEDAL) at the University of Cambridge. She is particularly interested in the importance of play as a pedagogy and self-determined play, the significance of environment and the spirituality of the child.

Kim's interest in using an influential voice to highlight the importance of Early Learning and to make the child visible in education policy and practice.

Kim is currently Education Officer Early Learning at the Catholic Schools Office in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Kim has a Masters of Educational Studies, Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood, Diploma in Religious Education, and Diploma in Teaching.

PRESENTERS

happydots
Occupational Therapy for Children

Happy Dots Occupational Therapy for Children
Occupational Therapy can help to give your child the greatest opportunity in life, particularly in those early years of development. Happy Dots is a privately owned clinic located in Cardiff Singleton & Williamstown, which offers a friendly, professional and sensory based approach for children of varying conditions, aged between 2-18 years of age. We strive for sensory & play based therapy that is FUN!

All Areas Speech Pathology
Topics covered include starting speech therapy intervention prior to school, the three areas of communication development – articulation, expressive & receptive language and milestones important for school readiness.

All Areas Speech Pathology and Sign & Speak Australia provides Family Centred and School Based Speech Pathology services for people of all ages, from babies through to children, adolescents and adults. They cover both the Lower and Upper Hunter Areas and are an NDIS provider.







Local primary schools & community organisations will have information available during this event.

HARMONY DAY



30th March 2019 Indoor Sports Centre

4pm-7pm

International food, fun & entertainment






EVERYONE BELONGS



EVERY DAY COUNTS...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

