



# ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

21<sup>st</sup> May 2019, Week 4 Term 2

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### FORTHCOMING DATES

#### May

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Hot Dog Meal Deal           |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>   | Reconciliation Week         |
|                           | Flag Raising Ceremony Scone |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>   | Regional Cross Country      |

#### June

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| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> | P & C Disco |
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### NAPLAN NEWS

Last week our Year 3 and Year 5 students completed NAPLAN assessments in reading, language conventions, writing and numeracy. NAPLAN results will be forwarded to parents and the school.

In interpreting your child's achievement, please keep in mind that this is one assessment at a point in time and there are many variables that must be considered when reading the results. If you wish to discuss your child's report, I will be happy to meet at a mutually convenient time. An overview report will also be presented at a P & C meeting following the receivership of reports. The date for this will be advertised so all who are interested can attend. If time allows, there will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

### OPINION POLL UPDATE

In Term 1 we asked parents to have their say on two of the elements in our Friday assembly format, the school prayer and saluting the Australian flag. This week we will be asking the same question to our students and staff. The results of the poll will be published in next week's newsletter.

### EATING TIME SUPERVISION

Teachers have observed an increase in the number of students, particularly those in the older grades, who are not eating at break times. In response to this, we have increased teacher supervision during eating times and are regularly communicating to students an expectation that they eat before they play. Your support is appreciated.

### HANDBALL SQUARES & GAME RULES

A reminder to students that handball squares are marked out on the centre third of the basketball court. Rules are displayed in the COLA and on the fence near the basketball court. To ensure everyone gets a fair turn, no games will involve more than four squares. This is to ensure everyone who wants to play gets the opportunity to do so. The ratio of squares to players is as follows:

Two squares – maximum of 4 players

Three squares – maximum of 6 players

Four squares – maximum of 8 players

### RECONCILIATION WEEK

Next Monday, Aboriginal students in Years 2 to 6 will have the opportunity to attend the flag raising ceremony in Scone as part of Reconciliation Week. If non-Aboriginal students in Years 2 to 6 wish to attend this event, they should collect a permission note from the office and return it by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We are requesting parents to assist with transport and supervision, however, a small bus will be available for students who are unable to access travel by private vehicle. Student numbers will be determined by transport availability and supervision requirements. Students will receive a note on Friday confirming their participation and travel arrangement.

### FINANCIAL PRESSURE OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Feedback from student and community surveys last year reflected a desire for more sports, visiting shows, canteen access and fun events at APS. Our teachers and our P&C volunteers are working hard to provide additional experiences for students in response to this feedback. When able to, the school and P&C will cover or heavily subsidise costs to enable as many children as possible to participate. We are able to do this because of the contributions from our school community. We understand and accept that families may not always be in a financial position to support fundraising efforts or pay for events. However, this should not deter our efforts as people's circumstances are often changing and despite our best planning efforts, there is no way we can schedule events to suit everyone at once. If your child/ren continually misses out due to financial reasons, please contact Mrs Kerrigan to discuss how we may be able to assist with school-related expenses.

### LATE PAYMENTS & CHANGES TO ORGANISATION

A reminder to please return notes and payments by the due date. Late payments put unnecessary demands on office staff who are often juggling collections for a range of activities.

Student participation in activities at APS relies heavily on the generosity of parents to provide transport by private vehicle. Teachers try very hard to finalise travel arrangements at least one day prior to an event. Last minute changes require considerable work by school staff and often lead to confusion for parents transporting students. We ask that any arrangements made between families are done prior to the note being returned and these arrangements are communicated on the return note. Students whose travel arrangements change on the day of an event may miss out in future as the school has a responsibility to acquire particular information and consent before the child is able to leave the school.



## APS POUNDS THE PAVEMENT



Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all Primary School children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. Now in its 20th year, WSTSD encourages parents, carers and their children to build regular walking to and from school into their daily routine as children need a minimum of 60 minutes exercise per day.

This year our teachers met students, their family and friends, and local community members to walk to school from designated spots around Aberdeen. It was fabulous to see so many students and families join in and walk sensibly and proudly to school. Students were greeted at school with fruit that was kindly donated by Coles in Scone, and enjoyed a fun morning with their friends, and a healthy start to their day with music and extra games. Thank you to the all those who joined us to promote a healthy lifestyle. It was great to see the Aberdeen Learning Community come together, in an effort to teach our kids lifesaving road safety messages. Many thanks to the Aberdeen Tigers, Aberdeen Fire 208 Crew, Mr Bristow and students from St Josephs High School as well as friends and family of our students.

*Don't make this a one off event, walk to school every day with family and friends if you can!*



You did it!  
*Congratulations*

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

|                    |   |
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| <b>K RED</b>       | Lochlan T. – improved focus and concentration when completing learning tasks.                 |
| <b>K/1 PURPLE</b>  | Chaise P. - working hard to ensure he is clear and articulate when speaking.                  |
| <b>1/2 LIME</b>    | Lucy N. - always applying feedback to continually produce quality work.                       |
| <b>1/2 YELLOW</b>  | Lynk W. – working to improve his writing skills by asking for help and persisting with tasks. |
| <b>3/4 BLACK</b>   | Chloe W. - outstanding sportsmanship during class games.                                      |
| <b>3/4 ORANGE</b>  | Jagah H. - demonstrating outstanding citizenship through his caring attitude towards others.  |
| <b>5/6 GREEN</b>   | Rochelle M. – excellent contributions during sharing time in maths.                           |
| <b>5/6 MAGENTA</b> | Ethan G. – outstanding concentration and focus to improve his learning potential.             |



## MERIT AWARDS

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| K RED       | Mason H.    |
| K/1 PURPLE  | Madeline C. |
| 1/2 LIME    | Lawson A.   |
| 1/2 YELLOW  | Aiden H.    |
| 3/4 BLACK   | Dean M.     |
| 3/4 ORANGE  | Lilly R.    |
| 5/6 GREEN   | Taj B.      |
| 5/6 MAGENTA | Morris B.   |

## PBL AWARDS

|             |              |                |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| K RED       | Boston H.    | Respect        |
| K/1 PURPLE  | Noah M.      | Respect        |
| 1/2 LIME    | Amelia L.    | Responsibility |
| 1/2 YELLOW  | Hudson W.    | Responsibility |
| 3/4 BLACK   | Zack J.      | Personal Best  |
| 3/4 ORANGE  | Jazmine McL. | Personal Best  |
| 5/6 GREEN   | Alice D.     | Responsibility |
| 5/6 MAGENTA | Sam G.       | Personal Best  |

## PBL @ ASSEMBLY

These students won the class PBL prize draw

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| K RED       | Ike W.    |
| K/1 PURPLE  | Clancy C. |
| 1/2 LIME    | Oliana L. |
| 1/2 YELLOW  | Sam W.    |
| 3/4 BLACK   | Joseph V. |
| 3/4 ORANGE  | Noah L.   |
| 5/6 GREEN   | Kelsea R. |
| 5/6 MAGENTA | Blyhe D.  |



*What great things happened in our classrooms this week?"*

### K Red – Miss Purcell

It has been another busy week in K Red. Well done to all those students who participated in the Walk Safely to School event. It was fantastic to see so many happy faces. On Friday, students visited the Deadly Australians Show and learnt about unique and venomous Australian animals, including what to do when they come across these animals in the environment. They also got the opportunity to touch turtles and Blue-Tongued Lizards. All students had a fantastic time and learnt some interesting facts. Can all families please send in the resources required for this term, most importantly 4 glue sticks and hand soap.



*Up close and personal with our 'Deadly Australians'*

### 1/2 Lime – Mrs Loveridge

Tomorrow is National Simultaneous Storytime with the reading of 'Alpacas with Maracas' by Matt Cosgrove. We will be walking to Aberdeen Library to participate in this event at 11am.

Finally, it's our turn to entertain you! We will be performing a poetry piece at this Friday's assembly. Please come along and prepare to be WOWED!

Our class has also entered into the two contrasting pieces section of the Upper Hunter Eisteddfod. We are scheduled to perform on Monday 3rd June during the 1pm session. Your support is much appreciated.

During our recent excursion to the Jack Johnston Memorial Day students pondered the similarities between humans and our equines friends. The orange notes indicate our students' responses.



*Are horses the same as humans?*



### 3/4 ORANGE – Mrs Edwards

This term Stage 2 will be investigating materials and their properties during Science. For our first investigation, the students had to design a hat to protect them from the sun using only the materials supplied. First they conducted tests on each material to determine softness, absorbency and rigidity. Next they had to draw a design using the material with the most suitable properties for each part of the hat, before proceeding to the prototype stage.



*3/4 Orange students modelling their hat designs.*

### 5/6 GREEN – Mr Ramage

This term all of Stage 3 are participating in a percussion ensemble. We are fortunate enough to have the expertise of Mr Hughes to guide us through this process. Students have already been learning to use a range of percussion instruments which need to be played together to create a musical piece. At end of the term we are hoping to play this piece at a school assembly for your enjoyment.



*Stage 3 getting their groove on with Mr Hughes.*

## P&C NEWS

### Pie Drive:

Our annual pie drive forms will go home at the end of this week. They will be due back by Friday 21st June. All profit from this, will go towards the new shade sails for the top playground.

### Term 2 Disco

Mark the date in your diary. Thursday 20th June. Time slots are:

K-2 will be 5.30 - 6.45pm.

3-6 will be 7 - 8.30pm.

Lots of fun to be had. Games and prizes. If you are able to help, please let Jodie know.

### Colour Run 2019:

Once again, we will be holding the colour run in 2019 in conjunction with the Aberdeen 208 Fire Crew. Mark Friday 30th August in your diary. Sponsorship booklets will go towards the end of the term. More information to follow.

### Canteen:

Just a reminder, the canteen is open every Wednesday for ice-blocks and other snacks foods. Thank you to all the volunteers who have their name on the roster for this term. The students love having access to the canteen. If you are wanting to help out, please get in touch with Amie.

### Canteen roster:

24/5

Bec Bailey & Kylie Hasselmann

27/5

Julie Longeran & Leanne Medhurst



APS have registered for the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again which will run from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 25<sup>th</sup> June. Stickers are received for every \$10 you spend at Woolworths stores during the promotion. These stickers can be put into the box allocated to our school at both Scone and Muswellbrook Woolworths stores or can be sent into school. Thank you for your support.

**Earn & Learn  
is back**



Before you



think

t= is it true?

H= is it Helpful?

i= is it inspiring?

n= is it necessary?

K= is it kind?

CELEBRATING FAMILIES WEEK AND NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

# PICNIC IN THE Park

10am-2pm **WEDNESDAY 22 MAY**  
Simpson Park Muswellbrook

FREE FAMILY EVENT BRING A PICNIC LUNCH AND ENJOY THE DAY



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# GUNDY TENNIS CLUB

## MARKET DAY &

CAR BOOT SALE



### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

At the Gundy Recreation Grounds – Camp Street Gundy NSW

9am – 1pm

Only \$20 per site – RSVP Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Markets stalls and car boot sites welcome

Email Tracy to book a site – [gundytennisclub@hotmail.com](mailto:gundytennisclub@hotmail.com)

Tracy 0410 496 696 or Rachel 0409 075 188

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gundytennisclub/>

Please help us support our local environment by recycling, reusing and taking your waste home with you.

Gundy Tennis & Social Club is part of Gundy Crown Reserves Trust



## ABERDEEN

STARTING TUESDAY 21ST MAY

Tuesdays + Thursdays  
6:30am - 7:30am

At the Aberdeen Public School  
Parking in Graeme Street

\$12 casual

Facebook direct message

Contact name: **Hannah Rando**

Contact no: **0427 087 494**



Nutrition Snippet

## The simplest way

... to add variety to the lunch box

Does your child get bored with their lunchbox?

Making a few small changes can keep it interesting. Try these quick tips to add variety



- **Mix up the breads** - instead of sandwich bread try: rolls, wraps or pita pockets.
- **Fruit** provides endless possibilities for variety, pack: different coloured, fresh, whole, diced, sliced, canned or dried fruit.
- Use our [interactive lunch box builder](#) and get your children to choose what they would like packed in the lunch box.
- Try some new [sandwich filling ideas](#) - visit our website for quick, easy and tasty filling combinations.
- Check out our website for new [healthy snack ideas](#).
- Cook extra for dinner and pack leftovers for lunch.

For more tips, recipes and ideas visit our [website](#).

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

## The importance of arriving at school on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption



## 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 1/2 years of school                     | Equal to finishing Year 11                            |
| 1 day a week                   | 40 days per year  | 8 weeks per year  | Over 2 1/2 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...



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