



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

13th October 2020, Week 1 Term 4

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

FORTHCOMING DATES

	October
Wednesday 14 th	School Photos
Thursday 22 nd	Book Week Parade
Thursday 29 th	Out of Uniform Day

Dear Families,

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4 AT APS.

It will surely be an exciting and busy term. Most exciting is our approval to conduct 'Busy Bees' our Kindergarten Orientation Program and the Year 6 Farewell. These will no doubt be a modified format from previous years and further information will be forthcoming over the next few weeks. Decisions are also pending regarding the format of Presentation Day this year.

NEW STAFF FOR TERM 4

This term, we welcome Miss Amma Carson to our staff. Miss Carson will be performing a number of roles within the school, including casual relief and supporting our Aboriginal students in the classroom and with collecting evidence to meet their PLP goals. Mr Leigh Stutchbury will also be working in our school on Monday and Tuesday from Week 2. Mr S. will be implementing his Indigenous Games program which has been ratified by the local AECG. Mr S. and class teachers will teach students a variety of games that will broaden all students' knowledge of Indigenous culture in Australia as well as promote social skill development.

2020 SCHOOL'S PHOTO CHALLENGE

Are you a keen photographer? Consider entering the 2020 Schools' Photo Challenge being developed by the Murrurundi Arts & Crafts Council Inc. Entry terms and conditions are now available on the new website and can be accessed by using this link:

<https://murrurundiartsandcraftscouncil.org.au/2020-virtual-photographic-exhibition-and-prize/terms-and-conditions-of-entry/>

Entry form will be active from 1 October – 14 October.

PURCHASING HATS FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you to everyone who has sent in the correct cash to the office when purchasing hats. This makes it much easier for staff and for time efficient transaction for students. Hats are \$12.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please be aware that class photos will be a digital composite due to COVID restrictions.

School Photo Day is TOMORROW Wednesday 14th October 2020

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP payment envelope and remember these helpful points.

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however, each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Credit Card payments are available online – you will need your personalised shoot key located on your child's envelope to place your order online.
- DO NOT use the school website to pay for photos.
- The school is unable to process any payments or provide change so please have the correct money enclosed in the envelope
- Full summer uniform is to be worn including black shoes and socks. (No Year 6 shirts) Only black and/or gold hair accessories, earrings are to be a simple stud or sleeper.

TRAVEL ROUTINES

If your child's travel home from school changes in any way please notify the school office by phone or letter **before lunch time**. This helps us support your child and avoids any confusion or upset at the end of a busy day.

FAMILIES NOT RETURNING TO APS IN 2021

To assist us in planning for classes next year, we are asking families to advise the school if their child is/children are not returning in 2021. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL COVID-19

Parents are requested not to enter the school without prior approval. Please phone or email instead of visiting the office in person unless you have a meeting arranged. If you need to pick up your child press the intercom button located at the school gate in Segenhoe Street and we will communicate with you via the speaker and bring your child to the gate.



BOOK WEEK TERM 4 WEEK 2

Book Week Parade

CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS

We will be holding our book week parade on **Thursday 22nd of October**. Students are encouraged to dress up in a costume to represent this year's theme of Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. If dressing up as a character from a book, students are encouraged to carry the book with them throughout the parade.



BOOK WEEK COMPETITIONS – PRIZES TO BE WON!

Bake-a-book Competition: Choose a book from home or our school Library and create a cake based on that book. Cakes can be delivered to the Library on Tuesday 20th October, along with the book, and judging will take place before Thursday. Winners will be announced on Thursday after all classes have paraded. See example.



Extreme Reading Photo Competition: To enter this competition, simply photograph yourself reading in the most unusual place. Only one entry per student. Entries due in by Tuesday 20th October.

'My Shelfie' Competition: Each student will bring home a blank version of this 'Shelfie.' Students have until Tuesday 20th to fill in their 'Shelfie' with books they have read now and over the holidays. If parents could please initial each title to verify students have read the books. A winner will be drawn from each class.



TO CELEBRATE WORLD TEACHER DAY 30th OCTOBER 2020

WIN A GIFT CARD SENT TO YOUR TEACHER

World Teachers' Day 2020 - A day to celebrate, acknowledge and thank educators for all their hard work.

Win one of 5 x \$200 gift vouchers to say thank you to your Aussie teacher. Simply draw us a picture of your teacher and tell us in 25 words or less why your teacher is the best.

Also let us know the name, contact email and school of the teacher you are nominating. We encourage all teachers to have their students take part and submit their entries.

Email your entry to Hello@keteacher.com by 7pm on the 27th of October. Winners will be announced on the 30th October 2020*. Find out more on KE teacher.



TTFM last week's raffle winner was Tammy Neely.

There is still plenty of time to do the survey and enter the draw. To enter follow these four easy steps:

1. Click on the survey link in the Tell Them From Me Facebook post.
2. Complete the online survey.
3. Take a 'selfie' of yourself or your child with the completion page at the end of the survey.
4. Post the photo in the comments below the Facebook TTFM post to go into the draw.

Only one entry per household. The raffle will be drawn every Friday for 4 weeks, starting on Friday 18th September, 2020 and the last draw will be on Friday 23rd October. There will not be a draw during the holidays.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey.

You did it! Congratulations

MERIT BADGE

Lawson A.

SILVER BAR

Abbergail N.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

3/4 ORANGE

Grace P. - using well planned and persuasive arguments in her writing.

MERIT AWARDS

K PURPLE

Kierah C.

K/1 RED

Jack A.

1/2 LIME

Jett P.

1/2 YELLOW

Sarah R.

2 BLUE

Olivia R.

3/4 BLACK

Cohen A.

3/4 ORANGE

Jai Dee A.

5/6 GREEN

Emily C.

5/6 MAGENTA

Chloe A.

PBL AWARDS

K PURPLE

Bella W.

Personal Best

K/1 RED

Charlie M.

Personal Best

1/2 LIME

Coby R.

Personal Best

1/2 YELLOW

Kobie N.

Personal Best

2 BLUE

Tye M.

Respect

3/4 BLACK

Kash L.

Respect

3/4 ORANGE

Zara D.

Personal Best

5/6 GREEN

Connor L.

Personal Best

5/6 MAGENTA

Jarred M.

Respect

The assembly is hosted by our school captains Max, Fletcher, Emily & Blyhe. This week's SRC representatives are Darcie, Connor and Jett.

The Acknowledgement of Country will be given by Trae Knox, assisted by Ethan Hines.

2021 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken by Aberdeen Public School for 2021. If your child will be five by 31st July 2021 and you wish to enrol at Aberdeen Public School, please contact the office on 6543 7271.

To **return your enrolment forms** either come to the front gate and press the intercom button and a staff member will come and collect them, at this time we can also take copies of documents, or post them to:

Aberdeen Public School
P O Box 6
ABERDEEN NSW
2336



High Performing Students Team



Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry

in 2022

Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2022?

You must apply online at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>



The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Contact Details:
 High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
 Email: shs@det.nsw.edu.au
 Telephone: 1300 880 367
 Postal Address: GPO BOX 33, SYDNEY NSW 2001

Key Dates
 Application website opens:
 13 October 2020

Application website closes:
 16 November 2020
 You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice released:
 25 February 2021

Selective High School placement test:
 11 March 2021

Placement outcome information released:
 2 July 2021

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

From this year, you will be able to log into your application to send and receive messages and notices.

There may be changes to the procedures in this document. Check the website at education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

Please refer to the form included with this newsletter.

CANTEEN NEWS

Recess and Lunch – Monday & Friday

Recess Only – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

If you are using the Flexischool App to order your child's lunch, you must place the order before 8.50am on that day. Flexischools will not process orders after this cut off time.

If you need to cancel your Flexischool order this needs to be done by 8.50am on that day.



If you would like to order cupcakes for your child's birthday and have them delivered to the classroom, please contact Amie on **0474 898 118**. Please allow at least 48 hours' notice.

Don't forget to turn on notifications on your phone to receive **instant alerts** from us via the **Skool Loop App**.



Simple free download: In Google Play or App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school once installed





OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

Thursday 29th October

Donate an item of
stationery in lieu of a gold
coin and come dressed in
your Mufti clothes!

Organised by Abbey N. as her school
improvement project to ensure all
students have the equipment they need
in the classroom.

COVID -19 GUIDELINES

- As always, if students are unwell they should not attend school.
- If students become unwell while at school, parents will be contacted and the student will need to be collected.
- Our school staff are expected to encourage immediate COVID-19 testing for any student identified as being unwell with flu-like symptoms.
- If your child has been absent due to flu-like illness or develops flu-like symptoms while at school, **they are not to return to school until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are symptom free.**
- The negative COVID-19 test **result must be sighted and received by the school** before they return.

As information is continually being updated, please follow any public health announcements. Please be aware of cases in the Newcastle area. Updates can be found at:

[NSW Health Public Notices Link](#)

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...

FREE Webinar

6:30-7:30pm
Wednesday, 21 October 2020

Presented by Upper Hunter Shire Council and Where there's a Will

A STRENGTHS BASED APPROACH TO SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

WITH ANNABELLE KNIGHT - DIRECTOR OF STRENGTHS CANVASS

Join Annabelle as she shares her experience and expertise in empowering and building children's resilience in preparation for school using a strength based approach.

With 40-plus years' experience in early childhood, primary and secondary education, Annabelle Knight is well positioned to guide her clients on leadership, wellbeing and performance. Her core focus is to enable children, adolescents, parents and teachers to be the best they can be.

Annabelle is facilitating the Visible Wellbeing Strengths Stars framework in early childhood services throughout the Upper Hunter and coaching educational leaders in schools. This new role is an initiative of Where there's a Will and their mission is to effect cultural change in Upper Hunter schools, families and community through improved literacy of wellbeing and mental health.

Annabelle has a Master of Applied Positive Psychology and has presented at many national and international conferences, including the World Thinking Skills Conference, World Positive Education Accelerator and the International Symposium for Coaching and Positive Psychology. Above all Annabelle is a teacher and a learner, she has four children and six grandchildren.

2020 has been a challenging year so now more than ever it is important we support children's mental and emotional wellbeing as they transition to school.

Register by Monday, 19 October

Provide your name and whether you will be attending as a parent, school or service.

To register on behalf of a group, please provide the names of all participants.

Email: uhfde@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 6540 1151

You will receive an email with instructions on accessing the webinar through Zoom.

upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Nutrition Snippet

SAVVY SNACK SWAPS.

Swap cake for these healthy snacks:

- [Banana Bread](#)
- [Pumpkin and sweet potato scones](#)
- [Fruit loaf](#)

Check out our [interactive healthy swap guide](#) for more inspiration!

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