



# ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> October 2020, Week 2 Term 4

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

### FORTHCOMING DATES

	<b>October</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Book Week Parade
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	P & C Meeting 6pm
	Aberdeen RSL
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Out of Uniform Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Puberty Talk
	<b>November</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	K-2 Pet Dinosaur Incursion

Dear Families,

Our PBL focus is RESPECT and the desired behaviour of 'Be proud'. Staff have been talking with students about the importance of wearing the correct school uniform as a way of expressing pride in your school. Congratulations to all students who have made a conscientious effort to be in full school uniform every day. This consists of the APS polo shirt, black shorts or skorts, black or gold socks and black shoes. Jewellery is minimal and hair accessories should be in school colours of black and/or gold. Joggers in colours other than black may be worn on the students' designated sport day. The school uniform is endorsed by the school P&C.

I'm super excited about our Book Week display – there are some terrific books on offer this year! I always enjoy seeing the creative entries of students in the various competitions held this week and my absolute favourite activity is the Book Character Parade. This year the theme is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds', so I am looking forward to seeing what walks in through our school gates on Thursday. Will it be a unicorn? A mermaid? A fire-breathing dragon or a cranky troll? We will be posting photos galore to ensure family and friends don't miss out on sharing the fun and excitement of Book Week.

Have you watched any of our 'Bedtime Stories' series? Our dedicated staff have recorded readings of some of the books on offer from the Book Fair. These make the perfect bedtime story (and give mum and dad, grandma or grandpa, aunty or uncle, brother or sister the night off!) and can be accessed via our Facebook page. Mr Hughes, Miss McAllister and Mrs Keating have already had their reading posted and I'm sure there are more to come. Many thanks to our staff for giving up their break time to do these readings for our students.

Thank you to those families who have contacted the school to advise us that your child/ children will not be returning in

2021. This assist greatly with planning. Our declining enrolments which are a result of a very small kindergarten intake for 2021 in comparison to the number of outgoing Year 6 students, will impact on staffing and class compositions. If you wish to discuss special circumstances for your child for next year, please make an appointment with Mrs Kerrigan by contacting the front office.

We are pleased to offer tennis coaching with Chris Herden to our students K-6, this term. Throughout the term, a different class each week will attend the coaching session and all equipment will be provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce tennis to those who may never have considered it as a sport of choice as well as allow any tennis players to get some tips from a professional coach. Thanks to Mr Ramage for organising this sporting opportunity which is made possible by the Sport In Schools grant and the generosity of Aberdeen Sport and Recreation Club and Chris himself.

### Year 5 Leadership Projects

Students who are vying for SRC and school captaincy in 2021 are finalising their School Improvement Projects. This week Sophie W. installed her 'Sensory Walk'. This is a wonderful addition to our play spaces and is located near the fixed equipment in the bottom playground area. Students will be able to take off their shoes and experience the different textures in each section of the walk.





Grace G. introduced her paper recycling project last week. Grace has provided classrooms with a plastic tub to use for paper waste. Grace and her helpers empty the tubs weekly into our recycling bin. This is a great initiative for our school and the environment.

Other Leadership projects still under development include; a Rap Song competition (Jack D.), Stationary Packs (Abbey N.), Art Competition (Eli F), Sponge Throw for Toys (Lily B), Hand sanitiser stations (Charlea M). Updates on the other Leadership Packages will be included in next week's newsletter so stay tuned!



#### EXCELLENCE AWARDS

- 1/2 YELLOW** Lucas M. - using his strength of determination to make improvements in his writing.
- 2 BLUE** Ethan T. – always trying his best in mathematics when presented with a challenge.
- 3/4 ORANGE** Sam O. - using tone and gesture to engage the audience during public speaking.
- 5/6 MAGENTA** Kieran O. – outstanding efforts during maths lessons on isometric drawing.

#### MERIT AWARDS

- K PURPLE** Taylor V.
- K/1 RED** Ike W.
- 1/2 LIME** Nate H.
- 1/2 YELLOW** Emelia J.

- 2 BLUE** Payton R.
- 3/4 BLACK** Peyton S.
- 3/4 ORANGE** Aiden H.
- 5/6 GREEN** Ethan H.
- 5/6 MAGENTA** Reilyn G.

#### PBL AWARDS

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| <b>K PURPLE</b>    | Aiden N.   | Personal Best  |
| <b>K/1 RED</b>     | Charnce W. | Personal Best  |
| <b>1/2 LIME</b>    | Ciennah S. | Personal Best  |
| <b>1/2 YELLOW</b>  | Tyson D.   | Personal Best  |
| <b>2 BLUE</b>      | Clancy C.  | Personal Best  |
| <b>3/4 BLACK</b>   | Bridie S.  | Respect        |
| <b>3/4 ORANGE</b>  | Morgan A.  | Personal Best  |
| <b>5/6 GREEN</b>   | Tamika R.  | Respect        |
| <b>5/6 MAGENTA</b> | Mitch G.   | Responsibility |

The assembly is hosted by our school captains Max, Fletcher, Emily & Blyhe. This week's SRC representatives are Taj, Kelsea and Chloe.

The Acknowledgement of Country will be given by Ely D.

## BOOK WEEK TERM 4 WEEK 2

### Book Week Parade this Thursday!

*CURIOUS CREATURES,*

*MINDS*

**Check out our wild and crazy Book Character costumes on the school's Facebook page this Thursday – we will be posting photos of the parade.**

#### BOOK WEEK COMPETITIONS – PRIZES TO BE WON!

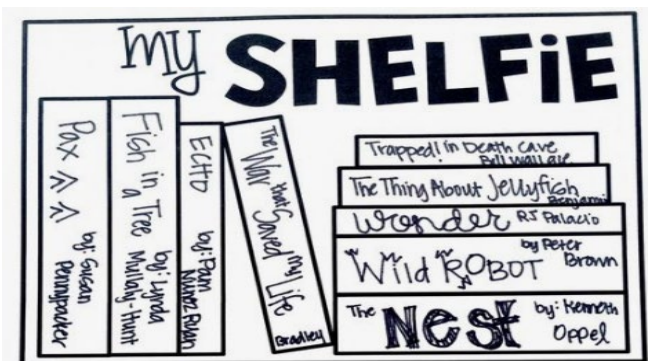
**Bake-a-book Competition:** Choose a book from home or our school Library and create a cake based on that book. Cakes can be delivered to the Library on Tuesday 20th October, along with the book, and judging will take place before Thursday. Winners will be announced on Thursday after all classes have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





### P & C MEETING

All invited to come along.

**Wednesday 28th October at 6pm**

**Aberdeen RSL Club**

Covid rules apply at the club and all guests are asked to sign in. Hope to see you all there.

### 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 also needs to be done by 8.50am on that day.**



With the Covid-19 rules, parents cannot bring cakes in to share, so the canteen committee has put their thinking caps on and are happy to offer this service for a fee. This is permitted as cupcakes will be made on site.

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.

## OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Donate an item of stationary 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.



TTFM last week's raffle winner was Toni Partridge.

Our raffle ends this Friday so if you want to be in it for a chance to win it, jump online and do the TTFM survey and follow the steps below.

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 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 and the **last draw will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.**

We appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey.

### 2021 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken by Aberdeen Public School for 2021. If your child will be five by 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2333**



### 2021 School Travel Applications Are Now Open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry



notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should reapply or update their details. Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2020 to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued. Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.



### THANK YOU FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL MOSAIC BUBBLERS

A big thank you to Joanne Van Hees who has embellished the old bubblers outside the library with mosaic. These will now be utilised as bird baths. Joanne is a grandparent of Taylor and Scarlet in Kindergarten.




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>



#### 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](https://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.

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](mailto:shs@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Telephone: 1300 880 367  
Postal Address: GPO BOX 33, SYDNEY NSW 2001

**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>



## COVID -19 GUIDELINES

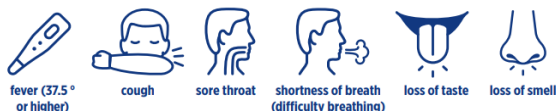
- As always, if students are unwell they should not attend school.
- If students become unwell while at school, parents will be contacted and the student will need to be collected.
- Our school staff are expected to encourage immediate COVID-19 testing for any student identified as being unwell with 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](#)

## Who should get tested for COVID-19?

**Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested.**  
**Symptoms include:**



Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include **fatigue, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting and loss of appetite.**

Testing is especially important for:

- anyone who lives or works in a high risk setting (e.g. healthcare facilities, aged care and other residential facilities, schools, prisons, and other closed settings)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- people who are close contacts of a confirmed case
- people who have returned from overseas in the last 14 days
- anyone admitted to hospital
- people who reside in areas for increased testing and surveillance

**You do not need to be tested for COVID-19 if:**

- You don't have symptoms.
- You have recovered from COVID-19 and have been released from isolation and/or are returning to work.

### Special circumstances

- If you are part of a public health unit outbreak investigation, you need to be tested.



More information:  
[www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)

## SPOT JOE RIDER to WIN!



Spot our 'Joe Rider' motorcyclist on a local road between **19-23 October** for your chance to **WIN**

Daily prize ..... **\$50** voucher  
Weekly prize ... **\$250** voucher

**MOTORCYCLE  
AWARENESS  
MONTH  
OCTOBER**

*Do your bit, look out for motorcyclists and help keep them safe!*



Go to [upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au) for details and to enter



**MyTime**  
*supporting parents of children with disabilities*

**Early Links**  
Inclusion Support Service  
*Providing early childhood intervention*

## Meet and talk... and it's free!

Term activities include:

- The Big Yellow Bus**
- Pamper Sessions**
- Useful Tips**
- Guest Speakers**

Tuesdays 10 am - 12 pm

(Weeks 2 - 9 of school term)

Early Links Clinic,

77-85 Bridge St, Muswellbrook.

Covid-safe precautions in place

Ring 02 6541 5687 for more info.



**The Big Yellow Bus is Coming!**



MyTime is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services, and nationally coordinated by the Parenting Research Centre.

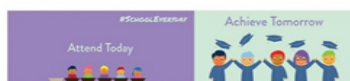


## EVERY DAY COUNTS...

*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...





**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.





**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: [uhfdc@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](mailto:uhfdc@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)  
Phone: 6540 1151

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

*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.*

[upperhunter.nsw.gov.au](http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au)

## Good for Kids good for life

### KEEP THE LUNCHBOX COOL




As the weather warms up it is important to keep the lunchbox cool so that food stays safe to eat.


Using an insulated lunchbox with an ice brick can keep the lunchbox 12° cooler.

You could also try a frozen:

- Water bottle
- Milk popper
- Yoghurt

These double as a refreshing drink or cool snack as they defrost.




Health  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District


[HLHD-GoodforKids@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HLHD-GoodforKids@health.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

## Good for Kids good for life


### MOVE AND PLAY EVERY DAY




For their best health, kids aged 5-13 years should aim for:



At least 60 minutes of physical activity each day – the more you huff and puff the better!




Non-educational screen-based activities limited to less than 2 hours each day. In your spare time, move more and sit less.



9-11 hours of uninterrupted sleep each night.

Source: Australian Movement Guidelines; [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)



Health  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

[HLHD-GoodforKids@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HLHD-GoodforKids@health.nsw.gov.au)  
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

## Nutrition Snippet

### WAR ON WASTE.

Did you know that the average household throws out 1 in 5 bags of groceries they buy?



Want to know how you can reduce your food waste?

Check out our [blog](http://healthylunchbox.com.au) at [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au) for more tips that will save you money, time and our planet!

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



Cancer Council  
Healthy Lunch Box