



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

10th November 2020, Week 5 Term 4

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FORTHCOMING DATES

November

Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th	NAIDOC Week
Wednesday 11 th	11am Remembrance Day Ceremony
Friday 13 th	Busy Bees 12.00-2.30pm
Wednesday 18 th	Colour Your Threads for Pos. Ed

Dear Families,

We received some great news in the updated DoE Guidelines for end of year events. These include:

- Schools can now proceed with end of year awards ceremonies, speech, presentations and graduation events from 12 November. Events may be held on school grounds or at external venues.
- Schools must comply with the 4 square metre rule for all people participating. Schools will need to invite guests based on the total number of people (this includes staff, students, parents and carers and visitors) who are able to be accommodated under the 4 square metre rule.
- Schools may need to consider holding multiple events across year groups or stage group cohorts in order to comply with the 4 square metre rule.
- For seating arrangements: ensure there is enough space for distancing of 1.5 metre between non-household members
- Ensure all visitors sign the external visitors form (PDF 183KB).

Over the next few weeks we will be planning the format for our **Presentation Day**, which will take place on Wednesday 9 December. It is most likely we will need to split our award presentations into Stage groups in order to allow family members of each award recipient to attend. At this stage we are unsure how many family members per child can attend, however, special guests will be limited, if present at all, so we can prioritise families. If your child is receiving an award at the Presentation Day assembly, you will receive a written invitation from the school in the coming weeks.

It is also anticipated that we will be able to maintain our tradition of the 'tunnel', with a few modifications of course, to farewell our departing Year 6 students on the last day of primary school. We are hoping we can devise a way for parents who wish to celebrate this occasion with their child to be present in the afternoon. Stay tuned for updates.

Let's Collaborate!

We know that when we ask our students and parents for new ideas we never fail to be amazed by their ingenuity and

perceptiveness, and that is exactly why we need you to keep reading. We wish to meet with student, parent, school and community representatives to discuss the future directions for Aberdeen Public School. The 'get together' will be informal with plenty of opportunity for attendees to provide feedback and share and discuss ideas. If you are interested in learning more about your child's school, keen to participate in our goal setting and are available on **Tuesday 1 December**, please contact the office on 65437271 and provide your contact details.



Charlea M. and her school improvement project – A portable hand sanitiser station

COLOUR YOUR THREADS FOR POS. ED.

We invite students to wear brightly coloured socks and hair accessories on Wednesday 18 November to promote Positive Education. This is an initiative of Where There's A Will that many schools in the Hunter participated in earlier this month. We had to delay our event due to other happenings in the school but did not want to let November pass without raising awareness of Positive Education in our

school and community, and to encourage students, teachers, families and the community to learn and talk about how to grow their own wellbeing, and support the wellbeing of those around them.

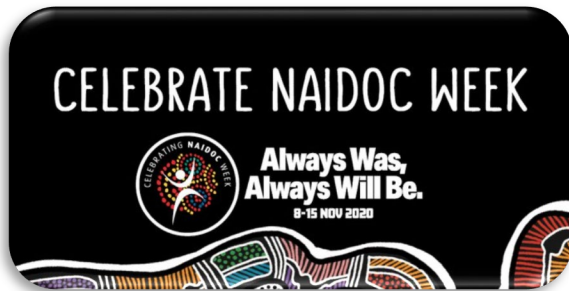


GOLD BAR

Cameron D.

Natalia D. (presented at last week's assembly)

NAIDOC WEEK ASSEMBLIES



Yesterday we held a short whole school assembly to launch NAIDOC Week. Thank you to Ms McAllister and Miss Carson for co-ordinating the assembly and working with our Aboriginal students who in their presentations spoke about the acknowledgement of country, the origins and meaning of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags and what their culture means to them. It was wonderful to see these students drawing on their strengths of bravery, teamwork and hope as they described their desire to learn more about their culture.

On Friday, our regular Award Assembly will be replaced with our closing of NAIDOC Week celebrations at APS. Our assembly will be run by our school captains. Ethan H. will give the Acknowledgement of Country. There will be no awards for Excellence, Merit or PBL presented this week. Instead, students whose effort, attitude and application has been noteworthy throughout the week will be awarded a NAIDOC Week Certificate to acknowledge their distinction. Award recipients will be published in next week's newsletter.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE SURVEY

We want to offer families more flexibility with their work commitments and child care arrangements and to create more opportunities across the whole community. Having Out of School Hours Care available at local schools is a great way to achieve this.

As part of the NSW Government's \$120 million Before and After School Care (BASC) commitment, we initially asked parents to tell us how they are using Out of School Hours Care, how much it costs them, whether they plan to keep using it, and what difficulties they experience in accessing it. The survey results have helped us to better understand the needs of families and what's important to them.

We are now asking all parents to complete a [quick follow-up survey](https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey) by **Friday 27 November 2020**. You can access the survey at:

<https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey>. This information will help us to target the rollout of more before Out of School Hours Care services in the right areas

If your child does not require Out of School Hours care, we ask that you please still complete the first section of this survey as it gives us important information about the level of demand at our school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Aberdeen Public School on 6543 7271 or the BASC Program team by phone on 1300 244 145 or email at: BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au

ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL DURING COVID-19

Whilst restrictions are still in place for general entry onto school grounds for parents, anyone wishing to meet with their child's teacher or the principal before the end of year can do so by first contacting the office and arranging an appointment time.

If you wish to discuss **class placement considerations** with Mrs Kerrigan, please make an appointment for a phone or face-to-face meeting through the front office before **27 November 2020**.

If you need to enter the school for a meeting or to pick up your child, please press the intercom button located at the school gate in Segenhoe Street and we will communicate with you via the speaker.

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](#)

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 to support your child and avoids any confusion or upset at the end of a busy day.

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 in cakes made at home 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.

P & C NEWS

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 🎄🎅🎄🎅🎄🎅

Our prizes are starting to come in. A big thank you to the following local businesses who have come on board by donating goods, vouchers or purchasing a prize from a another local business that has been hit hard by COVID-19, to donate. All families will receive a 20- ticket raffle book today to sell on our behalf. If you need more tickets, please let the office know as they have additional books available.

We are still asking all families to send in something to be added to the prize bundle. Suggestions: chocolates, gifts for mum, dad or child, the list is endless. We will be making up prize bundles this week and sharing on our P&C Facebook page and group. If you are not part of the group look for us at APS P&C.

- Barton's Newsagency
- Vines Restaurant Hollydeen
- Aberdeen Lions Club
- Cattle dog cafe and florist
- Kick Arse Coffee
- Celebrations Aberdeen
- Vet & Pet Barn Aberdeen
- Aberdeen Post office
- Asser House
- Scone Discount Pharmacy
- Bridge Street Thai
- Abbey photography
- Scone Chemist
- SGS Australia
- DK Heavy Plant Services

- Rose James Studio
- Hunter Macaroons
- Di Ellis - body shop
- Mystic Blends
- Liz Austin - Tupperware
- TKA creations
- Pets domain
- Upper Hunter Ride share
- Muswellbrook Laundrette
- Avisto Hair

THANK YOU!

FUNDRAISER

For SHS Special Needs Classes

This raffle is fundraising to create a safe and stimulating place, a sensory diverse space that provides opportunities for children to learn, explore, calm down and develop in. To have many different forms of sensory equipment and exercise equipment, all beneficial and essential in daily life for our children. An area that will not only benefit our children but future children with disabilities that will attend Scone High School, the wider school community and our whole community in general. This will be an area that will promote their independence. An area to make our children happy and improve their lives.



1ST PRIZE

Thermomix TM6

Valued at \$2,269.00

LIMITED TICKETS

Just 200 on Sale!

Tickets are priced at \$25 each, 2 tickets for \$50, 3 tickets for \$75, 4 tickets for \$100, 5 tickets for \$125

SCONE HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER CONTACT 6545 1455

2 DAYS ONLY - 12TH & 13TH NOVEMBER

LOWES

ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS

20% OFF
SCHOOLWEAR
& EVERYTHING ELSE!



SHOP IN-STORE & ONLINE

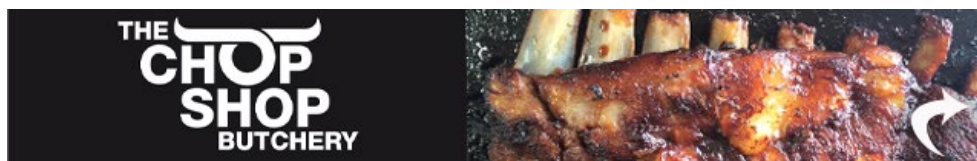
On the day of the event, Lowes will have measures in place to restrict customer numbers and movement throughout the store. Thank you for your support. Lowes will be enforcing social distancing. Marshalls wearing hi-vis vests will be on site. We ask for your support in limiting the number of people you take with you into the store.

DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS.

*Offer ends midnight (AEST) 13/11/2020. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount. Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear laybys. Cannot be combined with any other offer or discount. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Savings off original prices.

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