



# ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

17<sup>th</sup> November 2020, Week 6 Term 4

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### FORTHCOMING DATES

#### November

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Colour Your Threads for Pos. Ed
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Busy Bees 12.00-2.30pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Note & Money due for Year 6 Farewell

#### December

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation Day
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Farewell

Dear Families,

Term 4 is rushing by and it won't be too long until the school year comes to an end. 2020 has certainly proved to be a year like no other which is why we are pleased to announce that some of our traditional end of year events can take place. Presentation Day is scheduled for Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. We will start at 9.30am with the Stage 3 award presentations, including the major awards and the announcement of the Student Representative Council and School Captains for 2021. The Stage 2 awards presentation will follow at 10.45am. Students break at 11.30am for recess before we finish with the presentation of Early Stage One and Stage One awards at 12.30pm.

Each student who is receiving an award or nomination for school captaincy will be allowed to have two family members from the same household attend the assembly. Split families, will be allocated one seat for each family group and will be seated separately. Seats will be wiped over between each assembly and physical distancing restrictions will apply. Seating will be assigned so please sit only in the chair allocated to you. Unfortunately, entry to the assembly is only for those families who receive an invitation.

Last week we held our NAIDOC Week celebrations. It was a low key affair compared to previous years and we are grateful for the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the traditional cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. I thank our Aboriginal students for their efforts throughout the week, starting with our opening assembly on Monday and concluding the week of activities with the presentation of our school's NAIDOC awards on Friday (recipients are listed in this week's assembly announcements). Many thanks to Miss Carson and Miss McAllister for their organisation and collaboration to ensure our NAIDOC Week was successful. A special acknowledgement to Mr Leigh Stutchbury (aka Mr S) who, this term, is implementing an Indigenous games

program across all classes K-6. Mr S supported a group of our older students to run some traditional games for the children to play during the break times on Monday and Tuesday.

During the week, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students collaborated on this artwork depicting the Aboriginal flag. The colours of the flag are represented by our students' hand prints. Black represents the Aboriginal people of Australia. The yellow circle represents the Sun, the giver of life and protector and the red represents the red earth and symbolises Aboriginal peoples' spiritual connection to the land.



Cydi W, Ethan H and Lacie M proudly show off the artwork.

### COLOUR YOUR THREADS FOR POS. ED.

Don't forget to wear **brightly coloured socks and hair accessories on Wednesday 18 November** to promote Positive Education. There is no need for a gold coin donation, we are simply trying to raise awareness of Positive Education in our school and community, and to encourage students, teachers, families and the community to take care of their own wellbeing, and support the wellbeing of those around them.



### AWARDS TO OFFICE

Students need to hand their awards into the office by Monday 3pm if they wish to receive their merit badge or merit bars at the Friday assembly.

Awards handed to the office after this time will be handed out the following week.

## NAPLAN ONLINE TRIAL

On Monday, students in Year 3 and Year 5 participated in a school readiness test for NAPLAN Online. In 2021, all students will complete the NAPLAN using a digital device and schools are required to ensure the technology is suitable. We are pleased to report that despite a few initial glitches, students were able to sit the 'test' without disruption to connectivity or technical failure.

## OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT TEST

WOW! What an exciting opportunity for two of our Year 4 students who will sit an entry exam for the Year 5 Opportunity Class run by Aurora College. The Opportunity Class is an online classroom with its own teacher. Parents nominate their child to sit the entrance exam and students who are accepted into the class will participate in online lessons in subjects, such as Science and Maths with other Year 5 students from across NSW. I wish our students the very best of luck.

## CLASS PLACEMENT IN 2021

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



**BRONZE BAR** Sienna L.  
**MERIT BADGE** Emelia J.

## NAIDOC AWARDS

**Presented last week to the following students:**

**K PURPLE** Mia T.  
**K/1 RED** Charlie M.  
**1/2 LIME** Faith A.  
**1/2 YELLOW** Heidi W.  
**2 BLUE** Oliver D.  
**3/4 BLACK** Llikah C.  
**3/4 ORANGE** Harper H.  
**5/6 GREEN** Jack K.  
**5/6 MAGENTA** Amelia I.

## EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**K/1 RED** Ike Walklate - curiously participating in geography discussions and sharing his knowledge of the world.  
**2 BLUE** Sonny D. - showing persistence all year to improve his spelling skills with great results.

## MERIT AWARDS

**K PURPLE** Charlie M.  
**K/1 RED** Scarlet V.  
**1/2 LIME** Faith A.  
**1/2 YELLOW** Sienna L.  
**2 BLUE** Madeline C.  
**3/4 BLACK** Dean M.  
**3/4 ORANGE** Sophia H.

**5/6 GREEN** Jett P.  
**5/6 MAGENTA** Max O.

## PBL AWARDS

<b>K PURPLE</b>	Jett R.	Respect
<b>K/1 RED</b>	Aubree D.	Personal Best
<b>1/2 LIME</b>	Skylar C.	Personal Best
<b>1/2 YELLOW</b>	Warren B.	Personal Best
<b>2 BLUE</b>	Rubi B.	Respect
<b>3/4 BLACK</b>	Hunter W.	Responsibility
<b>3/4 ORANGE</b>	Eliza S.	Personal Best
<b>5/6 GREEN</b>	Noah L.	Responsibility
<b>5/6 MAGENTA</b>	Alexis D.	Personal Best

## 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. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE SCHOOL'S POP PAYMENT SYSTEM TO PAY FOR CUPCAKES.** Payment is to the school canteen via cash.

## 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 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.

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



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