



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

24th November 2020, Week 7 Term 4

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FORTHCOMING DATES

November

Friday 27th Busy Bees 12.00-2.30pm
Friday 27th Note & Money due for Year 6 Farewell

December

Wednesday 9th Presentation Day
Thursday 10th Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 16th Last day of school for students

Dear Families,

Wow! Can you believe we are in Week 7 of Term 4? This year has been a rollercoaster and we are busily trying to navigate the bends and twists of the last few weeks of the school year. We have several things to look forward to over the next couple of weeks, including our school leadership speeches by Year 5 students, Presentation Day, the Year 6 Farewell and the last few school improvement projects to be implemented.

We are also starting a new school planning cycle in 2021 and I am requesting your input and collaboration to help formulate our future directions. Much of the hard work has been done in preparation for External Validation earlier this year, but I would like to hear your thoughts and get your feedback. I am extending an invitation to interested staff, student leaders, parents/carers and community members, to ensure all stakeholders are represented. As there has been zero response to the 1 December date previously advertised, I suggest interested persons contact the school and provide suggested dates and times they are available. Should there still be no parents/carers willing to participate, the collaboration session will need to proceed regardless, but any parent contribution will be much appreciated.

The collaboration session will involve the participants identifying in the school:

1. What do you feel is working well?
2. What do you think we need to be doing?
3. How will we do it?

Discussion will be around the themes of engaging the community, wellbeing (attendance, sense of belonging, advocacy, and high expectations), reading levels, numeracy levels, and extra-curricula opportunities.

Year 5 Leadership Speeches – Important Message

Year 5 students who have completed package 1 were due to give their speeches this Thursday. Sadly, one of our students lost a grandparent over the weekend and understandably may not be present on Thursday. For this reason, we will **postpone leadership speeches to one day next week**. The speeches are an opportunity for students to introduce themselves to their peers and share with the audience their goals and aspirations for school leadership. This year we have nine students who are completing Leadership Package 1. Providing they all complete each element of the package they will be eligible for the SRC as this is below our cap.

Jack, Lilly and Eli are working on the finishing touches to their school improvement projects.

Candidates can have two family members from the same household, or one person from each household of split families, attend school for the purpose of listening to the students' speeches. Please follow physical distancing regulations. Upon entry to the school, you will be required to sign in and complete a declaration form on the day.

A MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

On behalf of our school community, I would like to extend heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the late Mr Darryl Croft. Our deepest sympathies go out to his wife Lorena, their children Jess and Christian and their families, and Darryl's parents, Clary & Margaret.

Take care and stay safe. Hug your loved ones a little tighter tonight.

Coralie Kerrigan - Principal

COVID-19 TESTING

NSW is doing extremely well in its efforts to contain Covid - 19 with no community transmission or cases in our region. However we must remain vigilant and continue to follow guidelines. **There have been a number of students reporting to the office with sore throats and cold or flu like symptoms.** Although it is highly unlikely at this time that it would be Covid-19 it is a **Department requirement that these students are sent home, are tested for Covid-19, the results sighted by the school and the student showing no signs of illness before the student can return.** We understand that this may be inconvenient, however, this is the procedure we need to follow to ensure the wellbeing of all students, staff and community members.

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](#)



EXCELLENCE AWARDS

K PURPLE	Lincoln A. - consistently implementing strategies to read fluently.
K/1 RED	Louis L. - consistently completing all learning tasks with enthusiasm.
3/4 ORANGE	Sophie T. – utilising her excellent fluency to lead the class during choral reading.

MERIT AWARDS

K PURPLE	Aiden N.
K/1 RED	Dominic F.
1/2 LIME	Amelia L.
1/2 YELLOW	Emelia J.
2 BLUE	Lucas M.
3/4 BLACK	Matty D.
3/4 ORANGE	Thomas R.
5/6 GREEN	Connor L.
5/6 MAGENTA	Isabell B.



PBL AWARDS

K PURPLE	Mia T.	Personal Best
K/1 RED	Nate P.	Personal Best
1/2 LIME	Skye M.	Respect
1/2 YELLOW	Logan F.	Personal Best
2 BLUE	Sam W.	Personal Best
3/4 BLACK	Isaac G.	Personal Best
3/4 ORANGE	Oliana L.	Responsibility
5/6 GREEN	Fletcher D.	Personal Best
5/6 MAGENTA	Amelia I.	Respect

Our assembly will be run by our school captains and SRC members, Darcie, Connor and Jett will read out the awards. Bridie S. and Faith A. will give the Acknowledgement of Country.

STUDENTS NEED A DRINK BOTTLE

Bubblers are closed due to Departmental Guidelines regarding Covid-19. Therefore it is expected that every child should bring their own drink bottle to school. Many students are repeatedly turning up to school without a drink bottle. Please ensure your child has a drink bottle each day, especially with the hot weather upon us. We have a fantastic water refill station that they can use to fill up their drink bottles.

TRAVEL ROUTINES

We have had many changes to students travel home routines lately and unfortunately many of these notifications have been received at very late notice. We request that you 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. It also relieves stress on the office staff as they endeavour to get notes to these children and adjust bus lists in time for the afternoon home time to commence.

CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in desperate need of small size shorts and skorts (sizes 4 and 6). If you are able to donate any items that your child has out grown we would be very appreciative. Alternately, if you could put a spare pair of shorts/skorts and underwear in your child's bag that we can use if they have an "accident", it would be very helpful.

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**.

P & C NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Christmas raffle. We have started sorting prizes and have 16 prizes up for grabs!

For all those families asking what we need for our P&C Christmas raffle, we are chasing the following to bulk up our prizes;

- 10x boxes chocolates
- 8x bags of lollies
- 3x biscuit tins/boxes
- 5x pks of bonbons.

Keep selling those tickets and don't forget to send in all your sold tickets. There are still some tickets available via the office.

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.

