



# ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, Week 4 Term 4

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

### FORTHCOMING DATES

#### November

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

K-2 Pet Dinosaur Incursion  
Busy Bees 12.00-2.30pm

Dear Families,

The Year 5 students who elected to complete Leadership Packages 1 in order to be eligible to run for election to the Student Representative Council and school captaincy are busily working to deliver their school improvement projects. We are already benefiting from the projects completed by Sophie W. (sensory walk), Grace G. (recycling tubs) and Charlea M. (hand sanitiser stations). Amelia I. and Alexis D. are finalising their Strengths Tree which is featured on the wall of the library. Last week, Abbey N.'s stationary drive was well-supported by students through their generous donations. Abbey and her band of helpers have made up over 30 pencil case packs containing erasers, glue sticks, geometry sets, rulers, pencils, pens, sharpeners and so on. These packs will help to ensure all students have the equipment they need for learning.

### TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

Thank you to the 18 people who completed the Tell Them from Me Survey. Unfortunately, only three of you posted a photo on our Facebook page to be eligible for our raffle. With each of these people already winning the weekly prize, the fourth raffle prize has been withheld and will be offered to the P&C to support their fundraising efforts. The information you provided through your survey responses will provide valuable feedback to assist with our school planning and evaluation processes.

### STEM DAY FUN & CREATIVITY SHARED WITH SCONE HIGH

The lifting of some restrictions by the DoE has been welcomed, especially by our curious and creative Year 4 students. Last week, students from Scone High School ran a STEM session in the hall for our students. This occurred as part of the Scone and Surrounding Schools STEM initiative. During STEM-based learning students engage in problem solving, collaboration, communication and teamwork. Our students rose to the challenge with zest. Many thanks to the high school students and their teachers for their mentoring and encouragement.



Abbey N. surrounded by donations to the stationery drive



Lilli W. and Sophie T. proudly show off their design



*Byron W., Ely D. & Lars A. enjoy the challenge of a STEM task*

#### **K-2 INCURSION**

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will attend the hall on Wednesday for a special visit with some interesting creatures. If your child has not returned their note and paid for the incursion and you would like them to attend, please contact the school this afternoon or before 9am Wednesday morning and we will check to see if they can be included in the numbers.

#### **PRESENTATION DAY AWARDS**

Unfortunately, due to the cancellation of many school sporting events this year we are unable to determine sports champions. Therefore the Junior, 11-year-old and Senior Sports Champion awards will not be included in this year's Presentation Day.

In lieu of this, we will be awarding a Junior (K-2) and Senior (3-6) Sportsmanship award. This award will recognise a student who consistently demonstrates the qualities of respect, teamwork, self-control, willingness to learn, positive attitude and is supportive of others.

Our other major awards will proceed as usual and we are delighted to be introducing a new award this year. The award will be known as the Cooper Edwards Award for Dance in recognition of Cooper's outstanding contribution to the development of our school dance program through his choreography. This award will be presented annually to a student who displays outstanding commitment to rehearsals, performances and is encouraging and supportive of other dancers.

#### **DANCERS DANCE UP 'A SUMMER STORM'**



Our magnificent Dance troupe have excelled in very unprecedented circumstances this year. Despite the Hunter Dance Festival being cancelled, the students continued to rehearse weekly, and gave up their time after school to fit in a few extra practices. The result is a beautiful performance titled, "A Summer Storm", choreographed by Cooper Edwards and co-ordinated by Mrs Edwards. Our dancers have shown grit, self-regulation, teamwork, bravery, creativity and love of learning over a sustained period and we are very proud of them, their teachers and their families who have continued to support and encourage the children's participation.

#### **BUSY BEES**

This Friday we welcome our Busy Bees to their first Kindergarten Orientation session. Miss Lenton will be introducing our Busy Bees to school life and Mrs Stutchbury will be working in K Purple from 11.30-3pm.

#### **ACCIDENTS DO HAPPEN!**

On occasion some children accidentally wet their pants. If you could pop a clean pair of shorts and some underwear in your child's bag it would be of great assistance at such times. We have very limited supplies of clothes left for changing into, so if your child has clothes borrowed from the school could they please be laundered and returned. If your child has grown out of their clothes and you would like to donate them to the school, they would be much appreciated.

#### **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.

#### **P&C MEETING**

Many thanks to the parents who were able to attend the P&C meeting last Wednesday evening.



# You did it! Congratulations

## BRONZE BAR

Kash L. (presented last week)

## EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### 1/2 YELLOW

Callie K. – consistently applying herself during maths.

### 3/4 BLACK

Lars A. - excellent teamwork and collaboration during the Yr 4 STEM Day.

## MERIT AWARDS

### K PURPLE

Harry D.

### K/1 RED

Lily G.

### 1/2 LIME

Leyon W.

### 1/2 YELLOW

Trae K.

### 2 BLUE

Hudson W.

### 3/4 BLACK

Lynk W.

### 3/4 ORANGE

Lacie H.

### 5/6 GREEN

Fletcher D.

### 5/6 MAGENTA

Ethan N.

## PBL AWARDS

### K PURPLE

Mia T.

Responsibility

### K/1 RED

Louie B.

Respect

### 1/2 LIME

Dean O.

Respect

### 1/2 YELLOW

Travis B.

Personal Best

### 2 BLUE

Nixon U.

Personal Best

### 3/4 BLACK

Matisse M.

Responsibility

### 3/4 ORANGE

Byron W.

Responsibility

### 5/6 GREEN

Ava R.

Responsibility

### 5/6 MAGENTA

Connor S.

Respect

Our assembly will be run by our school captains and awards will be read out by Chloe A., Taj B., and Kelsea R. Jacob M. will give the Acknowledgement of Country.

## ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL COVID-19

If you need 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](#)

## 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



# Christmas Raffle



APS P&C is holding its annual Christmas Raffle and would love your help. We are asking each family to donate something to add to the prize pool. This could be a box of chocolates, Christmas fare, colouring in books, toys, something for a man, something for a woman, vouchers, garden items, board games, homewares, beauty products, Christmas decorations etc.

If you are a business and would like to donate, please contact us as we would like to add your business name to our sponsor list.

Our goal is to make up some substantive prize lots.

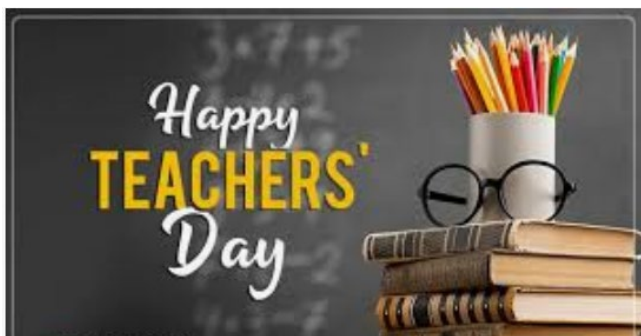
All items can be dropped to the school office between now and **20th November**.

**Prize pool so far includes:** meal voucher, cosmetics, wine glasses.

ALL families will be given a book of 10 tickets to sell. If you would like more books, please let the office know.

Tickets will be drawn on **Friday 11th December**.





**FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> WAS WORLD TEACHERS DAY!**  
**Our teachers were shown appreciation with special treats and gifts.**



Special acknowledgment to Mrs Mooring, our supportive SASS staff and fun-loving students who ensured our teachers received some extra 'special' treatment on World Teachers' Day' 2020.

I would also like to thank our teachers who accepted challenges throughout the day. Mr Ramage defended his school against the entire student population in a soccer match at recess time and Mrs Stutchbury belted out a few tunes in a Songstar competition against some sensational student singers.



**THANK YOU TO ALL  
 OUR WONDERFUL  
 TEACHERS AT  
 ABERDEEN  
 PUBLIC SCHOOL**

