



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

1st December 2020, Week 8 Term 4

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FORTHCOMING DATES

December

Monday 1 st	P & C Meeting 6.30pm
Friday 4 th	Busy Bees 12.00-2.30pm
Wednesday 9 th	Presentation Day
Thursday 10 th	Year 6 Farewell
Friday 11 th	Sponge Throw fundraising event
Wednesday 16th	Last day of school for students

Dear Families,

Congratulations to our Year 5 students who elected to run for the SRC in 2021. The students delivered their speeches yesterday and despite a few initial nerves, did themselves proud. Public speaking is not easy and for some it is very challenging so it is wonderful to see our students exercise their strength of bravery and step up onto the stage and speak so well to an audience of their peers, teachers and parents. Well done to all of you, and good luck with your campaign for captaincy if this is the path you chose to take. Our captains for 2021 will be announced at the Stage 3 Presentation Day next Wednesday. The SRC will then be introduced at the Stage 2 and Stage 1 presentations that will follow.

Parents whose children will be receiving awards on Presentation Day received official invitations to attend. Could those parents please RSVP to the office by Monday 7th December so that we can ensure seating is organised. Only those parents who received invitations are able to attend due to Covid restrictions.

APOLOGY AND CLARIFICATION

I wish to apologise if my comments in last week's newsletter regarding the Year 5 Leadership Projects caused some confusion for members of our school community. I wish to clarify that students were not given extra time to complete their leadership projects. All components of Leadership Package 1 were completed on time by all nine students who chose this option. The time line for delivery of each student's project was negotiated with the student as part of my collaboration with them throughout the process. Some student's projects by nature, were more suitable for delivery in the last weeks of school. I thank these children for waiting until the last two weeks to unveil their projects as I know the students and teachers will appreciate the amusement, fun and frivolity these projects will bring to the end of a busy term and more so, a challenging year. You will be able to checkout the action by following our Facebook

page; we will be sure to post photos of the final three leadership projects.

NEWCASTLE PERMANENT MATHS

Earlier this term students from 5/6 Green and 5/6 Magenta participated in the Newcastle Permanent Primary Schools Mathematics Competition.

Students will receive their participation certificates today. Congratulations to Lilly B., Jack D., Lauchlan D., Mitchell G., Eli F. and Sophie W. who were awarded a Merit in the Year 5 division of the competition. Merit award winners in the Year 6 division were Steven B., Emily Mc., Max O., Jack K. and Connor S.

TIG – A PROGRAM LIKE NO OTHER!

The Traditional Indigenous Games (TIG) program taught by Mr Leigh Stutchbury will finish for all students this week. This program has received very positive feedback from staff and students. The program not only focused on learning the games but also on learning about aspects of Aboriginal culture and Mr Stutchbury is extremely proud of the commitment and enthusiasm shown by APS students throughout the program. The school plans to access more of Mr Stutchbury's educational programs that place a focus not only on physical activity, but also on emotional and social competencies.

Aberdeen Public School was one of only two school in the area that were able to access the high quality programs developed by Leigh Stutchbury. His programs are unique in that they integrate a range of SEL topics with physical activity. As a qualified P.E teacher with a background in confidence coaching, Mr Stutchbury values social and emotional learning (SEL) as an integral part of education and development of the whole child. The school sees considerable potential in how his programs can actively support schools to empower students and help them to acquire and apply knowledge, skills and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions, show empathy for others, establish and maintain relationships and make responsible and caring decisions.

Whilst a long time in development, Mr Stutchbury is in the early stages of making his programs accessible to all schools and we would like to help by promoting our students' experiences during the program and give them the opportunity to tell others in their own words what the Traditional Indigenous Games program is all about and what they learnt from participating. Mr Stutchbury will be distributing a permission note to families later this week

asking all parents for permission to interview their child about their experience and to give him their feedback on the program. The school has also taken still photographs that Mr Stutchbury is hoping to use with parent permission. He hopes to use these in his promotional materials in the future. I hope our families will support Mr Stutchbury in his endeavours to get this quality program into other schools. All photos and interviews will be available for viewing before being released to Mr Stutchbury.

P&C MEETING

At tonight's P&C meeting, Ms McAllister will be explaining what the community consultation process looks like in the new school planning process. If you have read about the Collaboration Session I am planning to run with students, staff, parents and community and wondered why it is important this is a great opportunity to learn what is involved without having to commit. I will also be discussing the operation of the school canteen in 2021. I hope to see many of you there. **Tonight 6.30pm in the school library.**

Kind Regards,
Coralie Kerrigan – Principal



MERIT BADGE Eliza S.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

K PURPLE Alyssa C. – her enthusiastic approach in singing and music.
1/2 LIME Bailey L. always striving to be his best across all areas.
1/2 YELLOW Lawson A. – displaying enthusiasm and commitment towards his writing.
3/4 BLACK Hunter W. demonstrating enthusiasm and increased stamina during Geography lessons this term.

MERIT AWARDS

K PURPLE Acacia M.
K/1 RED Rogue R.
1/2 LIME Nate H.
1/2 YELLOW Warren B.
2 BLUE Tye M.
3/4 BLACK Kash L.
3/4 ORANGE Scott L.
5/6 GREEN Sophie W.
5/6 MAGENTA Taj B.

PBL AWARDS

K PURPLE	Jake M.	Responsibility
K/1 RED	Alyssa H.	Personal Best
1/2 LIME	Jaden C.	Responsibility
1/2 YELLOW	Kobie N.	Personal Best
2 BLUE	Beau D.	Personal Best
3/4 BLACK	Lynk W.	Responsibility
3/4 ORANGE	Bailey B.	Respect
5/6 GREEN	Lacie M	Respect
5/6 MAGENTA	Chloe W.	Respect

Our assembly will be run by our school captains and SRC members, Taj, Chloe and Jett will read out the awards. Lacie M and Wylie O'L. will give the Acknowledgement of Country.

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](#)

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.

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.

END OF YEAR CLASS PARTIES

With class parties being held during the last week of term, we are discouraging the provision of candy canes and lollies to students. If any parent would like to provide an iceblock to the students in their child's class, please contact Amie in the canteen on 0474 898 118 to make these arrangements.

P & C RAFFLE

We have 21 prizes up for grabs! Please return all your sold tickets this week. Thank you to all our parents for their donations and our sponsors:

- Barton's Newsagency
- Vines Restaurant Hollydeen
- Aberdeen Lions Club
- Cattle dog cafe and florist

- Kick Arse Coffee
- Celebrations Aberdeen
- Vet & Pet Barn Aberdeen
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- Bridge Street Thai
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- Mystic Blends
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- Pets Domain
- Upper Hunter Ride share
- Muswellbrook Laundrette
- Avisto Hair
- Scone Sports Store
- Anna's Barber Shop
- Muswellbrook Workies
- Muswellbrook McDonalds



Guess what's happening on Friday in Week 9? Here are some clues.



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Xmas 2020 School holiday tennis camps

Scone Tennis Club

A fantastic tennis camp experience for kids aged 4-14 yrs of all standards. Try tennis for the first time, or improve your game while having heaps of holiday fun with school buddies and new friends.



Tennis Australia ANZ Hot Shots Development Program. Children will be put into groups depending on their age and tennis ability using the ANZ Hot Shots grading system **Blue** 3-4 yrs, **Red** 5-8 yrs, **Orange** 8-10 yrs, **Green** 9+, **Yellow** 12 yrs up.

- Camp consists of a mixture of cross training using other sports for tennis related activities (cricket, soccer, t-ball) helping children to further develop their hand-eye co-ordination. Tennis is still the main focus and includes stroke development, drills, point and game play.

Camp 1	Dec 14, 15, 16.	Ages 4-5 yrs	Time 8.30-9.30
		Ages 6-14 yrs	Time 8.30-11.30
Camp 2	Dec 21, 22, 23	Ages 4-5 yrs	Time 8.30-9.30
		Ages 6-14 yrs	Time 8.30-11.30

Cost: Ages 4-5 yrs: \$15 per day Ages 6-14 yrs: \$20 per day.

Prizes and competitions

Limited numbers-bookings essential.

- Conducted by Chris Herden- Tennis Australia Club Professional. 25 years international, Australian coaching and playing experience.

Enquiries and bookings: 0400 331 553

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teaspoon for each arm
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SILLY SEASON SNACKS.

Healthy party food doesn't have to be boring!



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