



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

18th February 2020, Week 4 Term 1

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

FORTHCOMING DATES

February

Wednesday 19th

Scone HS Year 7 2021

Orientation Day – all Year 6

Thursday 20th

P & C Meeting 6pm

Thursday 27th

P & C AGM 6pm

SPOTLIGHT ON THE WEEK THAT WAS

LIFE EDUCATION

Students had a great time visiting the Life Education van last week. The lessons were taught by specialist teacher, Amanda and classes were accompanied by their teacher. The Life Education Program is a fantastic supplement to class PDHPE programs.

ATTENDANCE

In a response to a gradual decline in our school attendance figures for a 12 month period, the school is trying to boost the daily rate of attendance at APS. Last year we introduced the Attendance Hero Bears for the class with highest attendance rate for the week, within a stage group. This year, we are acknowledging the class within the school with the highest attendance for the week. Busby, our Attendance Mascot, will visit this class for the week. We are considering other positive ways teachers can encourage the students in their class to attend school each day. Ultimately, a primary school aged child's attendance is dependent upon the parent. If you're not sure why attendance is important in Kindergarten to Year 6, please have a read of the Attendance brochure included with the Newsletter.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Don't forget to download the Skool Loop App and join the Aberdeen Public School and Aberdeen Public School P&C Facebook pages for regular updates on what's happening in your school.

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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STUDENT SHOWCASE COLLAGE

Students in 3/4 Orange are celebrating their unique qualities and aspirations in their artwork. These colourful creations tell the story of each child's perceived strengths, goals and aspirations for the future. What a wonderful way to start off the school year.



3 – 6 WORKER BEE OF THE WEEK



Koby has started the year in 3/4 Orange with a mature and responsible attitude. She demonstrates consistency and persistence across all key learning areas. Koby is a conscientious worker who gives her personal best at all times. She is a wonderful role model for all of our Year 3 students.



EXCELLENCE AWARDS

1/2 LIME Tyson G. - drawing on a range of strategies to solve mathematical problems efficiently.

3/4 ORANGE Harper H. - volunteering to help others learn classroom routines and procedures.

MERIT AWARDS

K PURPLE Lincoln A.
K/1 RED Indi B.
1/2 LIME Faith A.
1/2 YELLOW Tyson D.
2 BLUE Nixon U.
3/4 BLACK Riley B.
3/4 ORANGE Thomas R.
5/6 GREEN Jack K.
5/6 MAGENTA Taj B.

PBL AWARDS

K PURPLE	Taylor V.	Responsibility
K/1 RED	Melodee R.	Respect
1/2 LIME	Dean O.	Respect
1/2 YELLOW	Trae K.	Personal Best
2 BLUE	Lucas M.	Personal Best
3/4 BLACK	Zack J.	Personal Best
3/4 ORANGE	Samuel O.	Respect
5/6 GREEN	Nikau M.	Personal Best
5/6 MAGENTA	Charlea M.	Personal Best

LIBRARY AWARD Lilly B.

P & C NEWS

General Meeting:

Our first general meeting for 2020, will be held this Thursday 20th February 6pm in the library. All welcome.

Annual General Meeting:

We invite all parents, grandparents and general community to our AGM which will be held on Thursday 27th February, starting 6pm.

All positions will be declared vacant. This is your chance to make a difference in your child's school. Positions include President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

We are also looking at a mini fundraising group within the P&C committee to help organise our fundraisers and community events, along with looking at grant applications. If you need further information on any of these positions, please contact a member of the current committee.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SCHOOL FEES

Voluntary School contributions for 2020 are \$35 per student or \$70 for 2 students or more in a family. Payments can be made at the office.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking newsletter. Term 1 update.

CommBank Bushfire Support
 In light of the recent devastating bushfires, we want to share how we can help. Applications are now open for Bushfire Recovery Grants to help rebuild community facilities, schools, fire brigades and replace lost or damaged equipment. Please encourage your local community groups to apply by 31 March 2020, for grants of up to \$50,000. If you're a CommBank customer and you've been affected, we can also give you a hand with your finances. commbank.com.au/bushfirerecovery

2020 Treetop Savers Adventure.
 This year, the Dollarsmites (Pro, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are ready to take children on a Treetop Savers adventure to the enchanted Treehouse of Savings. Here they'll discover lots of fun financial activities and rewards for saving.
 Many surveyed parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour*. And this year, we're changing our School Banking rewards for the better. We're introducing new eco-friendly and reusable rewards, alongside other rewards that encourage creativity, as well as indoor and outdoor play.

Activity 1: Add up Addy's pocket money
 Addy gets \$2 pocket money every time she does a job in the Treehouse of Savings. If she does 9 jobs, how much will she have earned?
 A: \$ ____

Activity 2: Find and count how many frogs and butterflies you can see
 A: ____ Frogs and ____ Butterflies.

Term 1 Treetop Savers rewards
 When your child makes 10 deposits with School Banking, they can redeem one of our Treetop Savers rewards. Term 1 rewards are available now, while stocks last.

Any questions about the School Banking program? Ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a parent's pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

*Survey of Australian primary school children. School Banking Rewards, conducted by Mindful, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124

ISSUING: LIME (1/2), 2/2020 (1/2), 1/2020 (1/2)

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

PCYC MUSWELLBROOK

Building

SATURDAYS 10AM TO 12PM

\$100 PER TERM
CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER CAN BE USED

\$15 CASUAL BOOKING.
MUST BE A PCYC MEMBER. FOR CHILDREN AGED 9-15 ONLY.

Cnr Carl & Market Streets, Muswellbrook
 Ph. (02) 6541 1434 Email: muswellbrook@pcycnsw.org.au

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Scone Tennis Club

After School & weekends.

Our tennis program combines our own **Perceptual Motor program** (4 - 5 yrs), **Tennis Australia Hot Shots** (5 - 12 yrs), **High School recreation and competition programs** (12 - 16 yrs) our **Leader System** and **competition squads** to deliver a state of the art tennis program.

Perceptual Motor program (4-5 yrs)

A great introduction to basic tennis technique focusing on improving perceptual motor skills in a fun, play based environment.

- Mixture of cross training using other sports for tennis related activities (cricket, soccer, t-ball, basketball) helping children to further develop their hand-eye co-ordination. Tennis is still the main focus. Foam and low compression balls- smaller bats/racquets.
- Agility, tracking, manipulative skills along with body and spatial awareness.

Tennis Australia ANZ Hot Shots (5-11yrs)

The Hot Shot Red, Orange and Green balls offer players a progressive pathway through stroke production, court positioning and tactics. Teaching the framework of key skills "first" allows the more intricate skills to fall into place. **Match play** is also available. This is the opportunity to compete against other players.



High School programs

All levels

Competition squads

For competition players

Leader System

Covers concepts in making decisions, resolving conflicts and managing stress are just a few of the affective objectives detailed for each "Life" lesson. Basic concepts such as self-esteem, confidence (success), communication, discipline, appropriate behaviour, sportsmanship, nutrition, setting and achieving goals, personal behaviour, decision-making, appreciation and consideration are focused on in the program.

Conducted by **Chris Herden** - Tennis Australia Club Professional. NSW junior ranking, US college representative, 25 years International/Australian coaching and playing experience. PE degree.

Enquiries and bookings 0400 331 553.

Scone Netball Association Registrations are now open!

The Scone netball season commences on Saturday 21st March 2020 and finishes on Saturday 1st August. For relevant teams, the finals will be held on the 8th, 15th and 22nd August 2020.

Registration Costs:

NetSetGo Skills and competitive-\$100 (5-9 years)

Junior and Intermediate-\$130 (10-17 years)

Senior-\$160 (18+)

Grading:

Grading will be held on Saturday 7th March, 9am to 12pm and Tuesday 7th March, 4pm to 6pm.

It is compulsory that all players attend both grading sessions as this will help is to make the teams as even as possible. If for some reason you can't attend either grading sessions, please advise the club via email- sconenetball@outlook.com

For information on how to register, please visit

<http://sconena.nsw.netball.com.au/> or download the

MyNetball App

<https://apps.apple.com/au/app/mynetball/id996803131>

Please contact the club if you have any questions-

sconenetball@outlook.com

arts UPPER HUNTER

Dance Craze Video Comp

For young people 8 to 15 yrs

First Prize \$500

Total Prize Pool \$1,250

<https://artsupperhunter.us.launchpad6.com/>



Arts Upper Hunter is supported by:
Dungog Shire Council, Muswellbrook
Shire Council, Singleton Council and the
Upper Hunter Shire Council.



Army



Australian Army Band

Community Benefit Concert

Scone High School



Saturday 22 February

6:00pm

BBQ and refreshments available

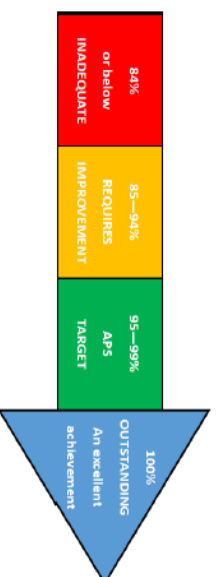
Compulsory School Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

Parents or carers of children of compulsory school age are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day. Children must commence school by age 6.



Days off school add up to lost learning!



Parent Responsibilities Parents must ensure:

- ✓ Their children, who are enrolled at school, attend every day the school is open for their instruction.
- ✓ They provide an explanation for absences by means such as a telephone call, written note, or email to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence.
- ✓ They work in partnership with the school to plan and implement strategies to support regular attendance at school, including communicating with the school if they are aware of issues impacting on their child's attendance or engagement with school.

Every minute counts

It is very important that your child arrives at school on time each morning so that they are ready to learn and receive the appropriate learning support.



EVERY DAY COUNTS...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	That equates...	which is...	and therefore, from Day 1 to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Our prime learning time for literacy and numeracy occurs in the first three hours of each school day.

School Responsibilities School must ensure:

- ✓ Early identification of students at risk of developing poor attendance patterns through strategies such as regular roll checks.
- ✓ The school's Learning and Support Team, in partnership with parents, identify and implement strategies that address the learning and support needs of a student with attendance patterns of concern.

- ✓ That if a range of school based interventions have been unsuccessful in resolving attendance difficulties, the principal can request support by making an application to the Home School Liaison Program and submitting the application to the local program manager for consideration.



Information sources:

NSW Department of Education School Attendance Policy
NSW DoE Compulsory School Attendance - Information for Parents