



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

4th February 2020, Week 2 Term 1

Website <https://aberdeenschools.nsw.gov.au>

FORTHCOMING DATES

February

Tuesday 11 th	Swimming Carnival Year 3 – 6
Tues – Fri 11 th -14 th	Life Education Van
Wednesday 12 th	Meet the Teacher 3.30 – 6.30
Wednesday 19 th	Scone HS Year 7 2021
	Orientation Day – all Year 6
Thursday 20 th	School Netball Cup Day
	P & C Meeting 6pm
Thursday 27 th	P & C AGM 6pm

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Students,
Welcome to Aberdeen PS and the 2020 school year. It's fantastic to see the return of students from last year and to welcome some new faces to our school community.

The Christmas break was devastating for many communities, especially those directly impacted by fires. If your family has experienced loss during this time, please feel free to contact our Wellbeing Chaplain, Mr Glen Hughes for a chat. If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to ask.

CLASSES in 2020

Students are settling well into their new classes. They are busy working with their teacher to establish class expectations centred around our school's PBL core expectations of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best. Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing the class expectations developed by each class.

Don't forget to download the SeeSaw and/or Class Dojo Apps once you receive the log-in details from your child's teacher. This is a great platform for keeping up-to-date with what is happening in your child's classroom. Teachers and students will regularly upload photos and samples of students' work. These Apps also allow you to communicate informally with your child's teacher. Please allow at least 24 hours for the teacher to reply to messages.

CONTACTING THE PRINCIPAL

Should you have a school matter of any nature you would like to discuss with the principal, please feel free to call the office to arrange an appointment. I am happy to see parents, community members and students without a pre-arranged appointment, if I am available and time allows. I have several commitments throughout each day so to be able to give people the time their matter deserves, I may suggest we arrange a mutually suitable time to chat in person or by phone. I am also available on Friday mornings

outside the hall following our K-6 Assembly for a quick catch up. Please come and say hello.

INVITATION TO OUR SCHOOL'S P&C MEETING

I would love to see lots of new faces at our P&C meeting on Thursday 20th February. The P&C is a great way to get involved in your child's education. The P&C operates to benefit the students and strives to make the school a better place for them.

After a hectic year of major fundraising projects in 2019, we are anticipating a more subdued approach in 2020. The main goal will be to provide the extra-curricula opportunities, such as school discos, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day breakfasts and stalls and so on. We have projects from 2019 in the pipeline and overseeing the completion of these is our priority in 2020. We are looking for individuals who are willing to help keep our P&C functioning so that the hard work of last year comes to fruition.

If we can get enough interest from parents who will commit to attending meetings regularly (approximately 3 meetings each term), then I will look into providing a childminding service for the duration of the meetings.

CHANGES TO OUR ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Our school has for many years, awarded a Principal's Award to a student in each class each week. The Principal's Award was designed to recognise excellence in learning, attitude, behaviour or effort. Over the years, the award seems to have lost some of that significance, hence we are re-naming it the **Excellence Award**.

This change reflects the high expectations we want to cultivate at Aberdeen PS. Therefore, with excellence suggesting a very high level of attainment, the Excellence Award will not be handed out to a student in each class each week. Rather, each teacher will award three Excellence Awards per term. As such, the Excellence Award will be awarded at various times throughout the term at each teacher's discretion. Students who are to receive an Excellence Award at Friday's assembly will continue to be published in the newsletter.

We are also introducing a **Library Award**. This will be awarded to one student from K-6 each week, starting in Week 3. The Library Award can be used, along with PBL and Merit awards, to make up the 10 awards needed to progress through our school's award system, such as a merit badge; bronze bar; silver bar; and so on.

NEW YEAR, NEW NEWSLETTER IDEAS

With all classes using online platforms to communicate with parents and showcase students and their achievements, we will not be publishing class reports this

year. Instead, teachers across Years 3-6 and K-2, will take turns to select one student's work sample for publication in the newsletter. Our first 'Worker Bee' segment will be published in next week's newsletter and will feature one student from K-2. The following week, a student from 3-6 will be featured and so on. K-2 and 3-6 classes will include a combined fortnightly 'From the Hive' section for reminders & updates to avoid repetition of information.

ILLNESS

If your child is unwell please keep your child at home. Please be mindful that our new kindergarten students do not have a fully developed immune system and can be susceptible to illness. Advise the school of any illnesses your child may have so that we can notify parents of any contagious conditions. Please ensure your children are fully immunised and that the school has a current immunisation certificate. Should an outbreak of a contagious condition occur, unimmunised children will have to remain at home.

I am looking forward to meeting our families and catching up with those who have been part of our school community for some time. My advice to all is... *"Hold on tight – it's going to be another busy term at APS!"*

Regards,
Corallee Kerrigan
Principal

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Annual Swimming Carnival will be held on **Tuesday 11th February 2020** at the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre. All students from Years 3-6, except for non-swimmers (cannot swim 25m non-stop and unassisted) are expected to attend and participate for their house throughout the day. **Students in Year 2 who turn 8 years old this year are also invited to attend, but MUST be able to swim 25m non-stop and unassisted.**

To assist in the smooth running of this carnival we need your help. If you can spare an hour or two to work as a time keeper, to help with marshalling the students for their events etc, please complete the parent helper section of the permission note. The school will cover the pool entry fee for volunteers.

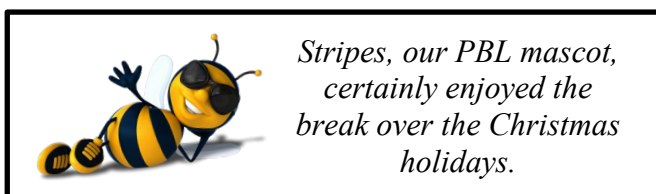
Cost for the day will be **\$7.50** (to cover the bus fare and pool entry). If you have a season ticket at the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre, it will cost \$5.00 for the bus fare, and you must present your season ticket at the pool. **For parents wishing to attend, the cost is \$2 – payable to the pool on entry.**

Children will need to bring swimmers, towel, sunscreen, hat, T-shirt or rashie, plenty of water and any other appropriate items you feel necessary. For races, children may swim in whatever clothing you feel necessary i.e. rashie, T-shirt. School uniforms or house colours should be worn.

Following the carnival, a team will be selected (based on qualification times) to represent our school at the **Zone Carnival on Tuesday 18th February, 2020 in Scone.**

PBL CORE EXPECTATIONS

We are getting excited about our new PBL signage that will arrive this term.



OUR CLASS TEACHERS FOR 2020

I am pleased to introduce our class teachers in 2020. Meet our other staff in next week's edition.

K PURPLE – Miss Jade Lenton



1/2 Lime – Mrs Jessica Loveridge



K/1 Red – Miss Hannah Purcell



1/2 YELLOW – Miss Tess McAllister (Assistant Principal)



Miss Shelby Lewis (1/2 Yellow Thursday)



3/4 ORANGE – Mrs Stephne Edwards



2 Blue - Miss Annie Clendinning



3/4 Black – Mrs Louise McTaggart



5/6 GREEN – Mr Ramage



5/6 Magenta – Mrs Pennell



MERIT AWARDS

K PURPLE	Beau M.
K/1 RED	Scarlet V.
1/2 LIME	Ciennah S.
1/2 YELLOW	Warren B.
2 BLUE	Oliver D.
3/4 BLACK	Thida A.
3/4 ORANGE	Grace P.
5/6 GREEN	Kallen R..
5/6 MAGENTA	Kelsea R.

PBL AWARDS

K PURPLE	Jett R.	Respect
K/1 RED	Ike W.	Respect
1/2 LIME	Amelia L.	Responsibility
1/2 YELLOW	Lilly M.	Person Best
2 BLUE	Clancy C.	Responsibility
3/4 BLACK	Lynk W.	Respect
3/4 ORANGE	Lucy N.	Personal Best
5/6 GREEN	Ella W.	Personal Best
5/6 MAGENTA	Lauchlan D.	Responsibility

THE 'BORING' BUT IMPORTANT BITS

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.

PAYMENTS TO THE OFFICE

When sending money to school for payments could you please enclose the money in an **envelope marked with your child's name, class and what the payment is for**. Please try to have the correct money as often, we do not have the change to give. If change is required, your child will be responsible for taking it home. Payment envelopes can be collected from the front office to assist in this process.

SCHOOL HOURS

School hours commence at **8.55am** and conclude at **2.55pm**. A teacher is on duty from 8.25am to supervise students as they arrive at school. No supervision is provided prior to 8.25am. Any student who arrives before this time, must sit in the undercover area outside the staffroom until the teacher commences duty.

Recess: is taken from 10.30am until 11.05am

Lunch: is taken from 1.05pm until 1.40pm.

STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS, EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

Forms were handed out last week and we thank all the parents who have checked details and returned them. If you have not done so could you please check that the details are accurate, amend if necessary, and return to the

office signed even if there are no changes. We want to be sure that you have seen the form and all details are correct. It is very important that our details are accurate as we may have to contact you in the case of an emergency.

HOW STUDENTS GET HOME

All students were given a form for you to complete. We ask that you return it to school as soon as possible so that we can ensure we have your child's home time travel routine correct.

TRAVEL ROUTINES

If your child's afternoon travel arrangements change, 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.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please be aware that glass drink bottles and canned foods are not to be brought to school as they pose a safety risk. It is important to only pack foods that your child can easily open and that does not require heating.

We have a no lollies policy at our school. Please do not send lollies to school with your child. We also discourage parents delivering take away food to their child for lunch.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform caters more appropriately for the needs of today's students. This uniform is bright and attractive, and truly reflects the school colours of black and gold. **Uniforms can be purchased from Lowes in the Muswellbrook Market Place. Hats and caps are available for purchase at the school office for \$12.**

SCHOOL UNIFORM DONATIONS

If you have any old school uniforms that no longer fit your child and cannot be passed on to a sibling or friend, could you please donate them to the school. We are always in need of clothes – particularly shorts or skirts for when children have accidents and need a change of clothes.



Parents only need to apply for **bus passes** if their child is going into kindergarten, have had a change of school, or a change of address.

THE GOOD BITS - P & C NEWS

Our first meeting for 2020 will be held on **Thursday 20th February at 6pm in the library**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our **Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 27th February at 6pm**. All committee positions will be declared vacant and this is where you, as parents, grandparents and community members can help our school out. Come along, put your hand up for a role and work together to make APS an even better place to be. Positions include: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer & Fundraising.

Canteen: Our canteen is in need of volunteers every Monday & Friday 8.30-2.30. Please get in contact with Amie or leave your details at the office. Volunteering for just one shift a term, helps to keep our canteen open.

CORONAVIRUS

In line with this updated position as of Sunday 2 February 2020 our advice on exclusion for students and staff is as follows:

Any student or staff member arriving in Australia from 1 February 2020 who has been in mainland China or transited through mainland China (not just Hubei province) is excluded from school and child care services for a period of 14 days from the date they left mainland China as the Novel Coronavirus' incubation period can be as long as two weeks.

Any confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return. Also:

- Close contact of a confirmed case of Novel Coronavirus will be excluded for 14 days from the date of last contact with the confirmed case.
- For any student or staff member arriving in Australia before 1 February, our previous advice remains that students or staff who were in Hubei province are excluded from school or child care services for 14 days, and those who were in the rest of China are requested not to attend school or child care services for a period of 14 days after leaving China.

Close contact is defined as living in the same household, 15 minutes face-to-face contact with a person with confirmed coronavirus in any setting, or sharing a closed space with a person with confirmed coronavirus for more than 2 hours.

All staff and students who have returned from Hubei province in the last 14 days and those who have returned from mainland China on and from 1 February 2020 are required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days. This means:

- If the person is sharing the home with others, as much as possible, they should stay in a different room from other people or be separated as much as possible.
- Wear a surgical mask when they are in the same room as another person and when seeking medical care.
- Use a separate bathroom, if available.
- Make sure they do not share a room with people who are at risk of severe disease, such as elderly people and those who have heart, lung or kidney conditions, and diabetes.
- Visitors who do not have an essential need to be in the home should not visit while they are in quarantine.
- As per previous advice students and staff who returned to Australia more than 14 days ago and have shown no symptoms are able to return to school.

The Department of Education continues to work closely with the Ministry of Health to monitor and respond to the unfolding international Novel Coronavirus situation.

In accordance with normal protocols staff and children who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve.

Kindergarten are very susceptible to illnesses in their first year of school. Please keep your child at home if they are not well.

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



Simple free download: In Google Play or App Store search "Skool Loop" & choose our school once installed



COMMUNITY NOTICES

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is an all age, inter-generational style of worship.

It is held on the third Sunday of each month in the St Alban's Anglican Church Hall and focuses on Christ-centred values through friendship, interactive craft activities, celebratory worship and shared fellowship.

Please join us for some fun, friendship and a shared meal.

Next Messy Church will be held on Sunday 16th February at 4pm.

Please contact Janelle on 0408271453 if you require any further information

How are you making the internet a safer place?



Date: Tuesday 11 Feb
Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Event:
Free internet safety presentations delivered at your local PCYC club



eSafety Commissioner

esafety.gov.au

PCYC
MUSWELLBROOK

LEGO 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 8-16 ONLY.

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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

... to cook with kids.

Providing lots of opportunities for kids to be involved in the kitchen is a great way to raise healthy eaters, teach them life skills and boost their development.



Young kids can:

- Wash fruit and veggies
- Tear foods like lettuce or bread
- Use scissors to trim veggies
- Add premeasured ingredients
- Stir and sprinkle

Older kids can:

- Use measuring cups, spoons and scales
- Use equipment like salad spinners, and blenders under supervision
- Prep easy to chop foods with kid's knives
- Be in charge of preparing simple recipes

healthylunchbox.com.au

Aberdeen Public School

Summer Canteen Menu

Open for lunch orders Monday & Friday. Open Wednesday for snacks, iceblocks & drinks.

Snacks:

Air popped popcorn	50c
Plain pikelets (3pk)	\$1
Pikelets with banana & honey	\$1.20
Piece of fruit (seasonal fruit)	\$1
Jatz with cheese (4 jatz, 4 squares of cheese)	\$1
Fruit salad cup (seasonal fruit)	\$1
Frozen Pineapple ring	30c
Frozen watermelon wedge	30c
Frozen orange wedge	20c
Custard cup	\$1
Yoghurt squeeze (blueberry, strawberry, vanilla, fruit salad)	\$1
*Jelly cup (lime, strawberry)	\$1
*Red rock deli chips - sea salt	\$1.50
*Grain waves (sour cream & chives)	\$1.50

Iceblocks:

Ice mony	\$1
TNT mony	\$1
Quelch stick	50c
Frozen twisted yoghurt	\$2
Juices	\$1.20
Frozen juice cups	\$1

Sandwiches/Wraps (can be toasted):

Garden salad	\$3.50
Ham	\$2.50
Chicken	\$2.50
Chicken and cheese	\$2.50
Ham and cheese	\$2.50
Chicken, cheese and tomato	\$3.00
Ham, cheese, tomato	\$3.00
Chicken, cheese and salad	\$3.50
Ham, cheese and salad	\$3.50
Vegemite	\$1.50
Jam	\$1.50
Honey	\$1.50
Cheese	\$1.50

Salad Bowl:

Garden salad (no meat)	\$4.00
Chicken, cheese and garden salad	\$4.00
Ham, cheese and garden salad	\$4.00

Scrolls:

Cheese vegemite scrolls	\$1.50
Cheese scrolls	\$1.50
Ham and cheese scrolls	\$1.50
Garlic Bread	\$1.50

Hot Food:

Chicken burger (flame grilled chicken breast fillet)	\$4.00
Spaghetti bolognaise	\$4.00
Lasagna	\$4.00
Pizza slab	
(BBQ Chicken, Margherita, Ham & Pineapple)	\$3.00
Vegetarian muffin pizza	\$4.00
Chicken and gravy roll	\$4.00
Corn cob	30c
*6pk chicken crackles	\$4.00
*10pk chicken crackles	\$6.00
*Spinach and feta triangles	\$1.00
*Mini spring rolls (2pk)	\$1.00
*Fish fingers (2pk)	\$1.00
*Beef Pie	\$3.50
*Sausage roll	\$2.50

Drinks:

Water (600ml)	\$1
M2Go milk - (Strawberry, Chocolate)	\$2.50
Golden Circle Popper (Orange, Apple)	\$1.50
Chill J (orange & passionfruit, grape, watermelon, blackcurrant, raspberry)	\$2.50
Warm milo	\$1

All orders are to be written on a lunch order bag.

Items marked

* occasional food
all other - everyday food

Term 1 - 2020

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Weekend
Wk 1	27 Public Holiday	28 PUPIL FREE DAY	29	30	31	1 & 2
Wk 2	3	4 Kinder Bus Safety	5	6	7	8 & 9
Wk 3	10	11 Life Ed Swimming Carnival	12 Life Ed Meet the Teacher 3.30 – 6.30pm	13 Life Ed	14 Life Ed	15 & 16
Wk 4	17	18 Zone Swimming Carnival	19 Year 6 SHS Orientation	20 P & C Meeting 6pm School Netball cup	21	22 & 23
Wk 5	24	25	26	27 P & C AGM 6pm	28	29 & 1
Wk 6	2	3	4	5 Youth council Meeting	6	7 & 8
Wk 7	9	10	11	12	13	14 & 15
Wk 8	16	17	18	19	20	21 & 22
Wk 9	23	24	25	26	27	28 & 29
Wk 10	30	31	1	2	3	4 & 5
Wk 11	6	7	8	9	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11 & 12