



# ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

26<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Week 5 Term 2

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

### FORTHCOMING DATES

#### June

1<sup>st</sup> Canteen re-opens

#### Welcome Back!

It was fantastic to welcome our students back yesterday. Stripes, our PBL mascot was especially excited, proudly posing with many of the children for a photo as they entered the grounds ready to recommence face-to-face learning. It was a very different scene at our morning assembly, looking out at the 172 students who returned from weeks of remote learning at home. We are looking forward to welcoming back the remaining 21 students over the next few days.

#### Extended Timeline for Semester 1 Reports

Classrooms are very busy as teachers and students work industriously to get learning back on track. We are appreciative of the support students received at home. Students who were able to regularly complete work from the learning packs provided, have benefited from continuity of learning. Our priority is to help students settle back into school routines and teach hard to make up for lost time. As such, the Department of Education has extended the timeline for Semester 1 reporting to August 30.

#### Parents Asked to Contribute to Student Reports

We will be asking parents of children who engaged in remote learning, to have input into their child's report. In the week ahead, you will receive a survey to complete. We have tried to make it as user-friendly as possible and welcome any additional information you feel is important for your child's teacher to know. This will help the teacher to gain a better understanding of your child's engagement in learning at home.

#### Online Homework Reduces Cross Contamination

As we return to a 'new' normal, teachers are eager to continue using Seesaw to communicate with parents and showcase student learning. Homework tasks can also be set and completed on Seesaw, reducing the need for every student to take home and return a paper copy. Where access to technology and internet access does not support online homework tasks, students will receive a paper copy, however, upon return to school it will need to be 'quarantined' for at least 24 hours before the teacher can access it for

marking. We ask that children wash their hands before doing their homework on paper and the homework be stored away from communal spaces, such as the kitchen bench, between sessions.

#### Great News, Our Canteen is Re-opening Soon

Students will be able to order recess and lunch from next Monday. The orders can be placed using an app called FlexiSchool. This can be downloaded on your mobile device for free and instructions for accessing the APS account and placing orders will be provided.

#### Excursions

In this uncertain time, all excursions have been put on hold. We are hopeful these will go ahead, however at last check, the number of students who returned their note and deposit for the Stage 3 excursion to Port Macquarie was much lower than anticipated. If families are reluctant to commit for financial reasons as a result of loss of income due to COVID-19, please contact the school to discuss possible arrangements. Parents who have paid a deposit are encouraged to continue to follow the payment schedules for now. In the event the excursion is cancelled, a full refund will be given.

#### COVID-19 Delays Installation of Shade Shelter

I have been informed by Schools Infrastructure that we are unlikely to have approval to construct the shade shelter for at least six months due to COVID-19. This is extremely disappointing news. If there is any individual in our school community who is qualified in building or engineering who can provide information on the footing requirements of a large structure, please contact the school as I need advice.

#### School Set to Lose Vital Wellbeing Space

In addition to the shade shelter news, Schools Infrastructure delivered another blow, advising they intend to remove the demountable building currently servicing our school's wellbeing programs. The space is regularly used by our school counsellor and Mr Hughes, our Student Wellbeing Officer. It is a highly valued school resource, providing students, parents and teachers with a private setting to receive support. Whilst I have lodged an appeal, it seems the decision is unlikely to be overturned and we will soon be without a dedicated, centralised wellbeing space.

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2021

## KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS



Kindergarten enrolments are now being taken by Aberdeen Public School for 2021. If your child will be five by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021 and you wish to enrol at Aberdeen Public School, please return the slip below or contact the office on 6543 7271.

### Kindergarten Enrolment 2021:

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings already at APS: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Pre-school (if attending one): \_\_\_\_\_



### EXCELLENCE AWARDS

- 1/2 LIME** Tyson G. – consistent application while learning from home.
- 3/4 BLACK** Kash L. – outstanding effort and consistency during home learning.
- 3/4 ORANGE** Grace P. – outstanding effort and consistency during home learning.
- 5/6 MAGENTA** Kelsea R. – for determination and commitment to completing "Learning at Home" work to a high standard.

### MERIT AWARDS

- 1/2 YELLOW** Holly T.
- 3/4 BLACK** Jazmine M.
- 5/6 GREEN** Tamika R.
- 5/6 MAGENTA** Ethan N.

### PBL AWARDS

- K PURPLE** Bella W. Respect  
Kierah C. Respect
- K/1 RED** Indi B. Responsibility
- 1/2 LIME** Jaden C. Personal Best
- 1/2 YELLOW** Emelia J. Personal Best
- 2 BLUE** Oliver D. Personal Best
- 3/4 BLACK** Natalia D. Personal Best  
Lars A. Personal Best

### 3/4 ORANGE

- Callie R. Personal Best  
Lucy N. Personal Best  
Memphis H. Personal Best  
Rylan L. Personal Best  
Koby K. Personal Best  
Emily M. Personal Best  
Amelia I. Responsibility

### 5/6 GREEN

### 5/6 MAGENTA

*We will be returning to our regular award schedule of 1 Merit, 1 PBL award per week and 3 Excellence awards to be given at teacher's discretion throughout the term. This week's awards will be presented at a student only assembly on Friday.*

### KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME IF THEY ARE SICK

If your child is unwell, even if it is a mild snuffle, cough or sore throat, please do not send them to school. Please follow NSW Health Guidelines and get tested for coronavirus.

If your child is unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

## Who should get tested at COVID-19 testing clinics?

**Anyone with respiratory symptoms (such as cough, sore/ scratchy throat, runny nose or shortness of breath) or unexplained fever should be tested for COVID-19.**

Testing is especially important for:

- anyone who lives or works in a high risk setting (e.g. healthcare facilities, aged care and other residential facilities, schools, prisons, and other closed settings)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- people who are close contacts of a confirmed case
- people who have returned from overseas in the last 14 days
- anyone admitted to hospital
- people who reside in areas for increased testing and surveillance

### You do not need to be tested for COVID-19 if:

- You don't have symptoms.
- You have recovered from COVID-19 and have been released from isolation and/or are returning to work.

### Special circumstances

- If you have recovered from COVID-19 and work in a health care, aged care facility, or other high-risk clinical setting, you need to be tested before returning to work.
- If you are part of a public health unit outbreak investigation, you need to be tested.



More information:  
[www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19)

## How does the COVID-19 test work?



Anyone with respiratory symptoms or unexplained fever should be tested



People without symptoms do not require testing, except in special circumstances



Swabs may be taken of your throat and nose



Swab is sent to lab to be tested



Negative result – You will receive a SMS if you were tested at a public hospital ED or COVID-19 clinic and registered for text alerts



Positive result – You will be called by a doctor or your local Public Health Unit





**Are you an Upper Hunter resident who has lost income because of COVID-19?**

**We are here to help with financial assistance in a practical way.**

Please call **02 6542 3555** or knock on the door at the QEII Muswellbrook

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### BY TENDER

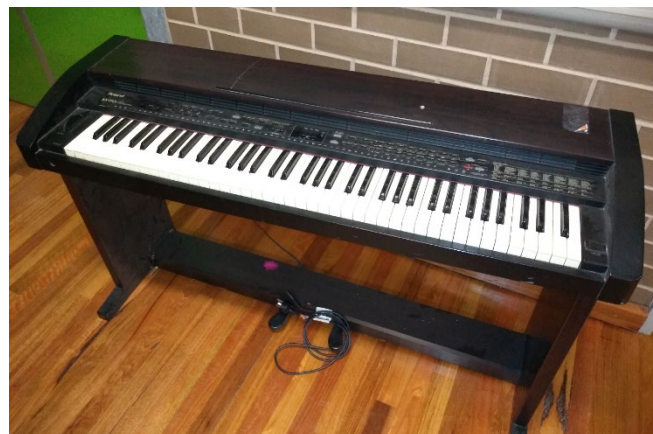
Letters of Tender need to be submitted to the school by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The highest tender will be accepted. Equipment can be inspected at Aberdeen Public School, please phone 65437271 to make appointment.



Description: Black UB Drum Kit in good condition as pictured. Drum skins need replacing



Description: Cream Orbit drum kit as pictured. Bass drum pedal and high hat stand need repair. No snare drum stand.



Description: Roland KR350E electric piano and stand in fair condition. Pedals require repair. No music stand.

## Good for Kids good for life

### KEEP CRUNCHING

Most NSW primary schools have incorporated *Crunch & Sip*® (often called Fruit Break) as a regular part of the school day.

*Crunch & Sip*® helps kids meet their recommended vegetable and fruit intake, as well as help introduce new vegetables and fruit.

The benefits of *Crunch & Sip*® can happen at home as well as at school. Keep kids eating healthy snacks of vegetables and fruit no matter the day.



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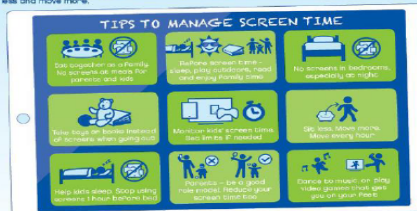
### MANAGING SCREEN TIME

While your family is at home, many activities for learning, fun and keeping in touch will be done using screens.

To keep active make sure you spend time away from screens every day. Try some of the ideas below:

### TURN OFF SCREENS + get active!

Screens can be great for learning, play and communication. Too much screen time can be unhealthy. Try to sit less and move more.



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MAKE  
SCHOOL  
NORMAL

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# **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FROM STRIPES AND ALL THE STAFF AT ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL**



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