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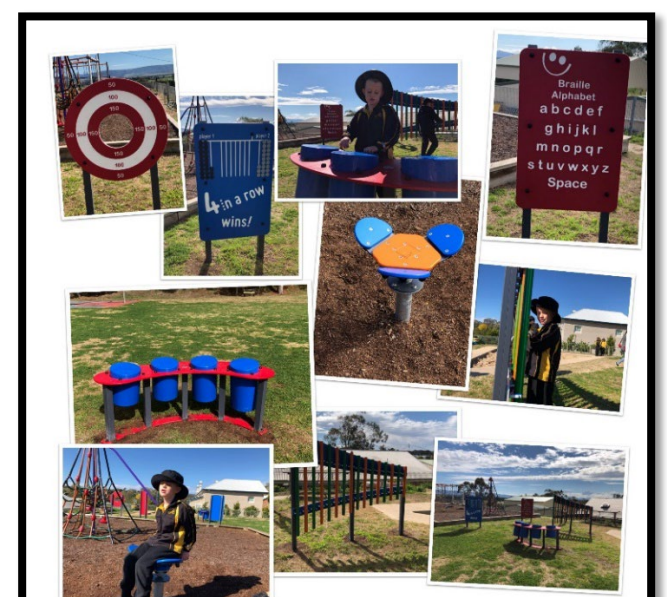
NEWSLETTER

18th August 2020, Week 5 Term 3

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

Dear Families,

You may have noticed or heard from your children, that we have some new fixtures at APS. Last week, we had new signage installed on the western end of the Stage 2 classrooms facing Segenhoe Street, two new enrolment signs erected along the fence lines in Segenhoe and Graeme Streets and our sensory equipment was installed on the top oval. The sensory equipment, consisting of drums, musical chimes, 4 in-a-row game, target throw and braille board were purchased in collaboration with Variety Clubs Australia who donated \$5000 towards the purchase of the equipment. Bengalla Mining Company also contributed \$500 towards the equipment, with the school funding the remainder. This project was initiated by Mrs Megan McLean who works in our school as an itinerant support teacher and it is a great example of community organisations working together with local schools to enrich learning environments. The equipment is located between the existing playground equipment and the sand pit. It is expected that the new shade shelter, once erected will cover all of these areas, providing much needed shade during the summer months.



The students are enjoying the new sensory play equipment.



The timeline for the shade shelter has extended beyond our initial estimate and so too has the cost. The P&C and school are working in consultation with Assets Management to ensure the project can proceed and installation occurs as soon as possible. During this process, the top oval may be closed for safety reasons and students will be directed to play on the front oval at recess and lunch, although we are hoping the works will occur during the school holidays. I would like to extend my appreciation to the P&C Executive who are working behind the scenes, under very trying COVID-19 regulations, to bring this project to fruition as well as contribute to upcoming school projects, such as new furniture for the library.

The upgrades to the school administration block are also progressing steadily, with the sign off on the project by Assets and DoE heads received last week. Once final confirmation is forthcoming, planning stage will commence. This will see the relocation of sick bay to a more prominent location that is easily monitored by office staff, refurbishment of the staff and visitors' toilets and reorganisation of the office and staff spaces to hopefully create a designated meeting room.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COVID-19 UPDATE

During the COVID-19 pandemic, students and staff with even mild symptoms of COVID-19 are to be excluded from school. **Schools are to encourage the immediate testing of any student or staff member who has been unwell with flu like symptoms. Staff and students should only return to school when they have received a negative COVID-19 test result and their symptoms have resolved. The negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school.**

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](#)

LOST PROPERTY

We have several items of clothes, mostly jumpers and jackets that have no name, or are labelled but the name is no longer legible. Lost property items will be placed on a table outside the bottom gate on Tuesdays and Fridays starting from Week 4. If your child is missing items of clothing, please check the table on these afternoons.

YEAR 5 RECOUNT- THURSDAY 13/08/2020

Amelia I. and Jack D.

On Thursday Year 5 students went to Scone High School for a Leadership Day.

The day started with a discussion about what makes a good leader and then we looked at our character strengths.

After this we were divided into groups, where we met our high school leaders and Year 5 students from different schools.

Throughout the day we participated in many activities with our groups that involved teamwork skills.

These activities included the floor is lava, hula hoop pass over, rope challenge and wooden skis.

It was a fun day and one highlight was the treasure hunt activity where we were had to go to different locations around the school to answer questions. For lunch we ate hotdogs and they were yum!

Jack- I enjoyed the activity the floor is lava where everyone in our group had to stand on one mat whilst dragging another mat across the floor to then move to that mat. This activity was fun and exciting and everyone in our group worked well together.

Amelia- My favourite activity was the large wooden skis because we had to work as a team to walk from one side to the other, standing on two pieces of wood and holding onto the ropes.



Co-operative games at Year 5 Leadership Day at Scone HS





The assembly is hosted by our school captains Max, Fletcher, Emily & Blyhe.

SILVER BAR Dominic S.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

K PURPLE	Blaine J. - excellent understanding and application of information about living things.
K/1 RED	Lily G. – continually applying feedback to improve her writing.
1/2 YELLOW	Heidi W. – always consistently applying herself to achieve.
3/4 ORANGE	Memphis H. - using amazing descriptive language to create the setting in his imaginative text.
5/6 MAGENTA	Blyhe D. – outstanding efforts and results in spelling.

MERIT AWARDS

K PURPLE	Beau M.
K/1 RED	Charlie M.
1/2 LIME	Faith A.
1/2 YELLOW	Travis B.
2 BLUE	Olivia R.
3/4 BLACK	Holly G.
3/4 ORANGE	Thomas R.
5/6 GREEN	Harry F.
5/6 MAGENTA	Amelia I.

PBL AWARDS

K PURPLE	Aiden N.	Responsibility
K/1 RED	Dominic F.	Responsibility
1/2 LIME	Tyson G.	Personal Best
1/2 YELLOW	Logan F.	Personal Best
2 BLUE	Tye-Leslie M.	Personal Best
3/4 BLACK	Thida A.	Respect
3/4 ORANGE	Aiden H.	Personal Best
5/6 GREEN	Lilly B.	Responsibility
5/6 MAGENTA	Abigail N.	Respect

This week's SRC representatives are Connor, Jett and Darcie.

CANTEEN NEWS

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.

The canteen is open on Monday and Friday for lunch orders and every day for recess.

Does your child have a birthday coming up?

The canteen can help!

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.

CHECK-IN ASSESSMENT FOR YEAR 3 AND YEAR 5

Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy check-in assessment in Term 3, 2020.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 3 and 5 student learning following the period of learning from home.

The Check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 5 students from 17 August to 4 September 2020 and will be completed at our school this week.

- The assessment will be scheduled for our Year 3 students from 21 September to 23 October 2020.

Students with a disability will receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

EVIDENCE- BASED READING PROJECT

Exciting news! APS has been recognised by the DoE as a school that is achieving results in reading that are well above those of schools that are statistically similar to APS. This term, we have Mrs Penny Dimmock from Maitland office working in our school to observe what is happening in our classrooms that is contributing to this improvement. Mr Sean Andrews our Director, Educational Leadership, will also visit as his schedule allows as part of this project. Penny will also be working alongside teachers to investigate how we can build on the already great results being achieved.

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KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS



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

Who should get tested for COVID-19?

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested.

Symptoms include:



fever (37.5° or higher)



cough



sore throat



shortness of breath (difficulty breathing)



loss of taste



loss of smell

Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include **fatigue, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting and loss of appetite.**

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 are part of a public health unit outbreak investigation, you need to be tested.



More information:
www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

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EASY SWAPS IN THE LUNCHBOX

Packing healthy snacks in the lunchbox does not have to be time consuming. Swap from some of these common 'sometimes' lunchbox products to easy alternatives that add extra fibre and nutrition to your child's day:

- Chips → Wholegrain rice cracker bites



- Biscuit and cream cheese snack → carrot sticks and hummus



- Muffin or muffin bar → pikelets



- Tiny teddies → Whole grain fruity bites



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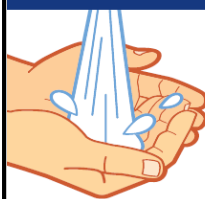
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Practise simple hygiene by washing hands regularly

1 Wet hands



2 Apply soap



3 Lather & scrub



4 Rinse hands



5 Turn off tap



6 Dry hands



Spend 20 seconds washing your hands.

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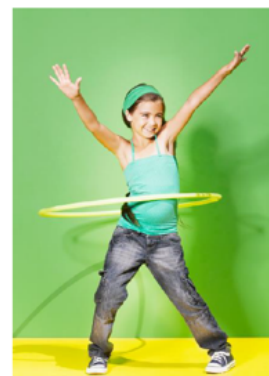
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KEEPING ACTIVE IN WINTER

It can be tempting to let kids spend more time on screens during the winter months, with cooler temperatures and less daylight hours. But keeping active for **at least one hour each day** is still important, and also helps to keep warm!

Try some these activities that can also be done indoors:

- Make up a dance
- Hula hooping or skipping
- Pretend to move like different animals - scuttle side-to-side like a crab or hop like a kangaroo
- Start a family fitness challenge - who can do the most push-ups, squats, sit ups
- Use a pair of socks or balloon to play indoor volley ball, tennis, soccer or football



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