



# ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

1<sup>st</sup> September 2020, Week 7 Term 3

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

Dear Families,

Congratulations to our debating teams who competed last Thursday and yesterday in the Premier's Debating Challenge. On Thursday Aberdeen 1 went up against Aberdeen 2, debating the topic, 'Should students have one day of remote learning each week?' In a tightly contested battle, the team for the affirmative were successful. Yesterday, Aberdeen debated Scone Public School, narrowly losing the first debate but winning the second. Well done, to all our debaters and thank you to Mrs Keating and Miss McAllister for your work organising and supporting school debating at APS.



### P&C Meeting Tuesday via Zoom

Exciting news, our P&C is going digital! Tonight, our P&C president, Jodie will be hosting the P&C's first Zoom meeting, starting at 6pm. We are very eager to have some parents and community members join us to discuss matters of importance to your child's school. If you wish to join via Zoom, please email the school before 3pm and we will forward the link to you.

If you are interested in contributing to what and how our school operates over the next four years, you will be pleased to hear we are extending an open invitation to parents and community members to join us for an information session run by the Rural North Director, Sean

Andrews. The session will outline how and why schools need to collaborate with our community to plan for school improvement. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your say and know that the right people will hear your messages. Following the session, Mrs Kerrigan will organise for people to provide feedback about what's going well in the school and what can be better. This is an effective way of achieving the change you think the school needs and is a more productive method of communication for all concerned. Please contact the school if you are interested in being part of a consultative group to discuss how we can improve Aberdeen Public School.

### TRAVEL ROUTINES

If your child's travel home from school changes in any way please notify the school office by phone or letter **before lunch time**. This helps us support your child and avoids any confusion or upset at the end of a busy day.

Whilst staff do their best to ensure every child gets on the right bus or is at pick up on time, unfortunately sometimes errors occur. The school appreciates and thanks families for taking the time to contact us and discuss these types of issues if they occur. As a result of a recent incident last week, the school has made some changes to our system to make it easier for staff on duty to identify students who have multiple methods of transport or alternative bus routes on different days of the week. We anticipate this will ease the confusion for staff and students at the end of the busy school day.

Thank you to Leanne Medhurst for your quick thinking and assistance in helping us to ensure one of our Stage 1 students got to where they needed to be safely.



## PURCHASING HATS FROM THE OFFICE

Could parents please send the correct cash to the office when purchasing hats as we do not have access to change. Hats are \$12.



**BRONZE BAR** Thomas R.

## EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**K PURPLE** Jett R. - always demonstrating unwavering sportsmanship.

**K/1 RED** Scarlet V. - consistently applying feedback to improve her work across all learning areas.

**1/2 LIME** Nate H. - continually applying feedback to improve the quality of his work.

**1/2 YELLOW** Emelia J. - her enthusiasm and commitment to apply feedback to improve her writing.

## MERIT AWARDS

**K PURPLE** Jake M.

**K/1 RED** Rogue R.

**1/2 LIME** Skylar C.

**1/2 YELLOW** Lucas R.

**2 BLUE** Koby I.

**3/4 BLACK** Matty D.

**3/4 ORANGE** Dominic S.

**5/6 GREEN** Steven B.

## PBL AWARDS

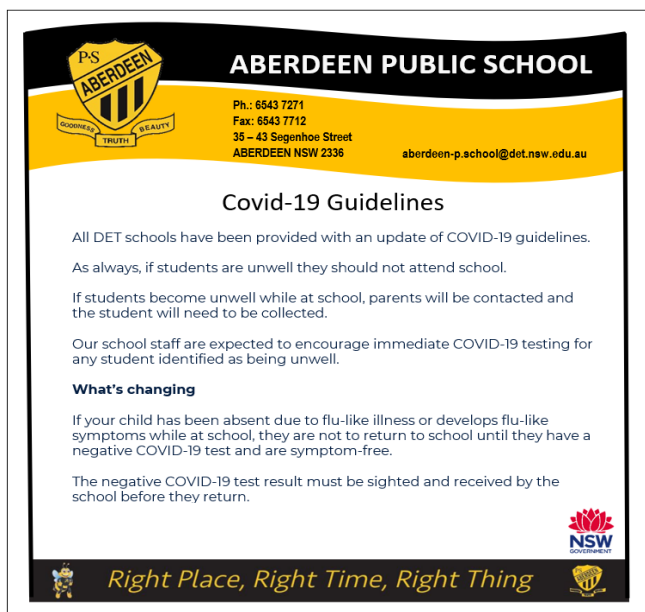
<b>K PURPLE</b>	Charlie M.	Personal Best
<b>K/1 RED</b>	Louis L.	Respect
<b>1/2 LIME</b>	Leyon W.	Personal Best
<b>1/2 YELLOW</b>	Sarah R.	Personal Best
<b>2 BLUE</b>	Ethan T.	Personal Best
<b>3/4 BLACK</b>	Sam M.	Personal Best
<b>3/4 ORANGE</b>	Sam O.	Personal Best
<b>5/6 GREEN</b>	Eli F.	Responsibility
<b>5/6 MAGENTA</b>	Kelsea R.	Respect

The assembly is hosted by our school captains Max, Fletcher, Emily & Blyhe. This week's SRC representatives are Darcie, Connor and Jett.



## ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL COVID-19

Parents are requested not to enter the school and to call or email instead of visiting the office in person. If you need to pick up your child press the intercom button located at the school gate in Segenhoe Street and we will communicate with you via the speaker and bring your child to the gate.



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](#)

## *A Message from Mrs Keating in the Library*

APS will be celebrating Book Week in **Week 2 of Term 4!** Keep an eye out for competitions and events as the date gets closer and current Covid-19 requirements are made available. This year's theme is...

## **CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS**



Book Week and a 'Virtual Book Fair' will still be going ahead in 2020 with new dates!



## 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 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.

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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 contact the office on 6543 7271.

To **return your enrolment forms** either come to the front gate and press the intercom button and a staff member will come and collect them, at this time we can also take copies of documents, or post them to:

**Aberdeen Public School**

**P O Box 6**

**ABERDEEN NSW 2336**



## Scone Junior Touch Football News

The popular junior competition will be a little different this year. We are having 3 age groups to try and even up the games. The shorter 10 week comp leading up to Christmas will be for players who are in Kindergarten and year 1 in 2020. There are no finals for this age group, the emphasis being on fun and learning the basics.

The other 2 age groups will be for those in Years 2 & 3, and Years 4, 5 & 6 in 2020. The comps will extend into 2021 and have a finals series at the end.

Competition will start on 15<sup>th</sup> October. All players must be registered to take the field and players can only play in one team in a comp.

To register go to <https://scone.nswtouch.com.au/> If you do not have a team you can register in the junior competition under the Indies team for your age group.

### A PLACE WHERE Wonder IS UNCOVERED

**YOUR GIRL GUIDE CONTACT**  
Sandra Herbert  
0418 160 402  
herbahaven@bigpond.com

**LEARN MORE HERE**  
[aplacetogrow.org.au](http://aplacetogrow.org.au)

### GIRL GUIDES MEET NEAR YOU

**Muswellbrook Junior Guide Unit**  
For girls 7–9 years old  
**Thursdays 5–6.30pm**

**Muswellbrook Guide Unit**  
For girls 10–14 years old  
**Tuesdays 5.30–7.30pm**

Muswellbrook Guide Hall  
2 Wilkinson Street, Muswellbrook

## Who should get tested for COVID-19?

**Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested.**  
**Symptoms include:**

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

**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



# Stage 3



## Watercolour Work