



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

22nd September 2020, Week 10 Term 3

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

FORTHCOMING DATES

September

Friday 25th Last Day of Term 3

October

Monday 12th School resumes for everyone

Wednesday 14th School Photos

Dear Families,

Students are working towards an "Out of Uniform" reward to be held on Friday, students are encouraged to dress in the theme of Stripes. As our PBL mascot, Stripes has been incredibly impressed with the perseverance of students who have dug deep to earn this reward. At last count 903 tokens have been awarded and we hope to earn the remaining 97 by tomorrow afternoon.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Envelopes are going home today! Please be aware that class photos will be a digital composite due to COVID restrictions.

School Photo Day is Wednesday 14th October 2020

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP payment envelope and remember these helpful points.

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however, each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
- Credit Card payments are available online – you will need your personalised shoot key located on your child's envelope to place your order online.
- DO NOT use the school website to pay for photos.
- The school is unable to process any payments or provide change so please have the correct money enclosed in the envelope
- Full summer uniform is to be worn including black shoes and socks. (No Year 6 shirts) Only black and/or gold hair accessories, earrings are to be a simple stud or sleeper.

CHECK – IN ASSESSMENTS FOR YEAR 3

This week, students in Year 3 are completing the online "Check-in Assessments". Students in Year 5 completed these assessments earlier this term. The information gathered helps to inform our teachers of areas of strength

and development in numeracy and reading, and informs our school planning.

FAMILIES NOT RETURNING TO APS IN 2021

To assist us in planning for classes next year, we are asking families to advise the school if their child is/children are not returning in 2021. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated.

YOUTH COUNCIL ONLINE

Students from schools across the Upper Hunter discussed the following events:

- Free Parkour event in school holidays
- Mad Marionette Puppet Show

And ideas:

- World Bicycle Relief – donate your old bikes
- Aboriginal cultural activities
- Erect a sign at the entry to towns in the Upper Hunter acknowledging the traditional land owners
- Make your own instruments workshop
- Local Bands Showcase event



Connor, Chloe and Jett were wired up and ready to go online as our school representatives last week



TTFM last week's raffle winner was Bec A. who took home a \$50 voucher for Dimmocks Meats. As Bec knows, you've got to be it to win it!

There is still plenty of time to do the survey and enter the draw. To enter follow these four easy steps:

1. Click on the survey link in the Tell Them From Me Facebook post.
2. Complete the online survey.
3. Take a 'selfie' of yourself or your child with the completion page at the end of the survey.
4. Post the photo in the comments below the Facebook TTFM post to go into the draw.

Only one entry per household. The raffle will be drawn every Friday for 4 weeks, starting on Friday 18th September, 2020 and the last draw will be on Friday 23rd October. There will not be a draw during the holidays.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey.

BOOK WEEK TERM 4 WEEK 2

CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS

Book Week Parade: We will be holding our book week parade on Thursday 22nd of October. Students are encouraged to dress up in a costume to represent this year's theme of Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. If dressing up as a character from a book, students are encouraged to carry the book with them throughout the parade.



BOOK WEEK COMPETITIONS – PRIZES TO BE WON!

Bake-a-book Competition: Choose a book from home or our school Library and create a cake based on that book. Cakes can be delivered to the Library on Tuesday 20th October, along with the book, and judging will take place before Thursday. Winners will be announced on Thursday after all classes have paraded. See example.



Extreme Reading Photo Competition: To enter this competition, simply photograph yourself reading in the most unusual place. Only one entry per student. Entries due in by Tuesday 20th October.

'My Shelfie' Competition: Each student will bring home a blank version of this 'Shelfie.' Students have until Tuesday 20th to fill in their 'Shelfie' with books they have read now and over the holidays. If parents could please initial each title to verify students have read the books. A winner will be drawn from each class.



GOLD BAR Amelia I.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

K/1 RED Lochlan T. – outstanding improvement in his fine motor control when writing and drawing.

1/2 LIME Maddison N – always striving to improve the quality of the work she produces.

3/4 BLACK Ely D. – an outstanding use of contrast in his artwork.

MERIT AWARDS

K PURPLE Kyson G.

K/1 RED Nate P.

1/2 LIME Inanna V.

1/2 YELLOW Hannah A.

2 BLUE Beau D.

3/4 BLACK Natalia D.

3/4 ORANGE Lucy N.

5/6 GREEN Connor L.

5/6 MAGENTA Darcie W.



PBL AWARDS

K PURPLE	Kierah C.	Respect
K/1 RED	Melodee R.	Personal Best
1/2 LIME	Leyon W.	Personal Best
1/2 YELLOW	Lucas R.	Responsibility
2 BLUE	Lucas M.	Responsibility
3/4 BLACK	Lilli W.	Responsibility
3/4 ORANGE	Lacie A.	Personal Best
5/6 GREEN	Lacie M.	Personal Best
5/6 MAGENTA	Douglas W.	Personal Best

The assembly is hosted by our school captains Max, Fletcher, Emily & Blyhe. This week's SRC representatives are Chloe, Taj and Kelsea.

The Acknowledgement of Country will be given by Harper H.

UNSAFE BUS BEHAVIOUR

Many children who travel on the **110 bus** route around Aberdeen are not abiding by the rules for bus safety when travelling to and from school. Students are standing up, swinging on the seats, climbing over seats, throwing bags and walking around while the bus is moving. The bus company, with my support will be issuing letters warning of temporary suspended travel and if necessary, suspension letters to any student who does not behave appropriately on the bus. Please talk to your child about being safe on the bus. At school, we will be working on PBL expectations for desired behaviour on buses. Thank you for your anticipated support.

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.

LOST PROPERTY

There are many items in lost property. Please encourage your child to come and check. Lost property items will be displayed for each class to view on Thursday and any unlabelled items that are unclaimed will be washed and added to our clothing pool.

LEARNING ABOUT SKIN CANCER PREVENTION

In the lead up to summer, students will learn about sun protection, and how to make healthy, safe and proactive choices that reduce their risk of skin cancer.

Statistics show that melanoma is the most common cancer affecting young Australians aged 15-24. With that in mind, we will be teaching students about the dangers of sun exposure and that skin cancer prevention starts with practising sun-safe behaviours at school.

This focus on sun safety follows the release of a suite of interactive skin cancer prevention resources for NSW schools. The **Sun and UV at School** classroom resources are curriculum aligned and have been developed by the Cancer Institute NSW in consultation with the NSW Department of Education, other education advisors and Cancer Council's SunSmart program.

As part of the initiative, students will be encouraged to take part in a Sun and UV School Challenge, designing contemporary shade solutions that protect them, their friends and local community from the harmful effects of the sun. cancer.nsw.gov.au/sun-school

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 need to cancel your Flexischool order this needs to be done by 8.50am on that day.



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.

COVID -19 GUIDELINES

- As always, if students are unwell they should not attend school.
- If students become unwell while at school, parents will be contacted and the student will need to be collected.
- Our school staff are expected to encourage immediate COVID-19 testing for any student identified as being unwell with flu-like symptoms.
- If your child has been absent due to flu-like illness or develops flu-like symptoms while at school, **they are not to return to school until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are symptom free.**
- The negative COVID-19 test **result must be sighted and received by the school** before they return.

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](#)

2021 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.

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



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FREE Webinar
6:30-7:30pm
Wednesday, 21 October 2020

Presenting Upper Hunter Shire Council and Where There's a Will

A STRENGTHS BASED APPROACH TO SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

WITH ANNABELLE KNIGHT - DIRECTOR OF STRENGTHS CANVAS

Annabelle is the shares her experience and expertise in empowering and building children's resilience in preparation for school using a strengths based approach.

With 40-plus years' experience in early childhood, primary and secondary education, Annabelle Knight is well positioned to guide her clients on academic, wellbeing and performance. Her core focus is to enable children, adolescents, parents and teachers to be the best they can be.

Annabelle is facilitating the **Visible Wellbeing Strengths Stars** framework in early childhood services throughout the Upper Hunter and coaching educational leaders in schools. This new role is an initiative of Where There's a Will and their mission is to effect cultural change in Upper Hunter schools, families and community through improved literacy of wellbeing and mental health.

Annabelle has a Master of Applied Positive Psychology and has presented at many national and international conferences, including the World Thinking Skills Conference, World Positive Education Accelerator and the International Symposium for Coaching and Positive Psychology. Above all Annabelle is a teacher and a learner, she has four children and six grandchildren.

Register by Monday, 19 October

Provide your name and whether you will be attending as a parent, school or service.

To register on behalf of a group, please provide the names of all participants.

Email: annabelle.knight@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 0840 1991

You will receive an email with instructions on accessing the webinar through Zoom.

2020 has been a challenging year for many more than just a moment we support children's mental and emotional wellbeing on this transition to school.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOP

MAD MARIONETTES PUPPET WORKSHOP

with prominent Hunter Region artist Ken O'Beagan

Get creative using plastic bags, newspapers, shiny bags, domestic waste and bamboo to construct a string puppet, under the guidance of prominent local artist Ken O'Beagan. Ken has created many successful workshops for children who combine art education with waste reduction and recycling.

BUSSES AVAILABLE

Memorial Youth Centre: Tuesday, 6 October
Departs 8am | Returns 4pm

Mumukshu Youth Centre: Wednesday, 7 October
Departs 8am | Returns 4pm

BOOK NOW!

Download your booking form at upperhunter.nsw.gov.au and email it to bookings@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or call 08 403 007 294.

Two one-day workshops to choose from:

Tuesday, 6 October

Wednesday, 7 October 2020

8am - 3pm

Scone Youth Centre
105 Susan St, Scone

\$10 PER WORKSHOP

For ages 10-12

Numbers are limited to 12 people a day

Lunch included

BYO water bottle

COVID safe

Get a question?

Call Andrew Murray on 0820 971 200 or email youthevents@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or ask us on [facebook.com/upperhunter](https://www.facebook.com/upperhunter). Workshop confirmation and details will be emailed to all fully booked students.

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Scone Youth Centre: 105 Susan St, Scone
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Scone Swimming Club Inc.

Wednesday nights from 5.45pm
November to March

Ages 5+ must be able to swim 25m

New Members always welcome

Active Kids Vouchers accepted

REGISTRATIONS OPEN: 28TH SEPTEMBER 2020

FIRST CLUB NIGHT: 11th November 2020

Join in the fun at Scone Swimming Club:

- Participate in race heats
- Improve your race times
- Have fun and be fit with your friends
- Covid-15 restrictions will apply

Online Registrations @ <https://scone.swimming.org.au>

- Click **JOIN NOW**
- New members: register with Swim Central (Regas: New England North West, Club: Scone Swimming Club)
- Existing members: sign in with Swim Central using your email address

Costs:

8yrs and under - \$75.00

8yrs + - \$95.00

Non-swimmers - \$30.00 (One parent/family requested to join)

SCONE SWIMMING CLUB
PO Box 230
Scone 2337

<https://scone.swimming.org.au/>

Contact: Clare Annet
0403 007 294

NIW NSW YOUTH WEEK

Spent up. Be involved. Get connected. Have fun.

Upper Hunter Youth Services Presents

BECOME A PARKOUR NINJA WARRIOR

The workshop you've all been waiting for!

Learn how to safely overcome obstacles by jumping, vaulting, climbing, running, swinging and crawling at the NEW Scone gymnastics centre.

Your tutor will be Alex from Newcastle Parkour.

Parkour is a fun and creative activity which promotes play through movement.

BUSES AVAILABLE

Mumukshu Youth Centre: Departs 9:15am | Return 12:45pm

Memorial Youth Centre: Departs 11:00am | Return 3:00pm

Thursday, 8 October 2020

10:00am - 11:45am
12:00pm - 1:45pm
2:00pm - 3:45pm
4:00pm - 5:45pm

at Scone Youth Centre
105 Susan St, Scone

FREE WORKSHOP

For ages 10-12

Only 10 people per session

Lunch or snack provided

BYO water bottle

COVID safe plan from Gymnastics Australia

Get a question?

Call Andrew Murray on 0820 971 200 or email youthevents@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or ask us on [facebook.com/upperhunter](https://www.facebook.com/upperhunter). Workshop confirmation and details will be emailed to all fully booked students.

BOOK NOW!

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Numbers are limited. First registrations in will be confirmed bookings.

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