



# ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

8<sup>th</sup> September 2020, Week 8 Term 3

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

### FORTHCOMING DATES

#### September

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 3

#### October

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> School Resumes for everyone

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> School Photos

Dear Families,

### GOT AN OPINION OR IDEA TO HELP MAKE APS GREAT?

Our school is looking for positive-minded, community members, mum and dads, ex-students and local organisations, in fact any one at all who is interested working alongside Aberdeen Public School staff to evaluate what is going well at our school and what we can do better. Please call the school on 6543 7271 and leave your contact details if you would like more information on how you can help your local primary school.

### IMMUNISATION HISTORY STATEMENTS

Recently letters were sent home to parents who have **not provided** the school with a copy of their child's immunisation history.

Students who have not provided an approved immunisation certificate will be considered unimmunised and may be excluded from school if there is an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease or if they come into contact with a person with a vaccine preventable disease, even if there is not outbreak at the school.

We encourage the **parents who received letters** to please provide a copy of their child's immunisation history as soon as possible.

You can get a copy of an Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) History Statement by:

- Using your Medicare online account through myGov <https://my.gov.au/>
- Using the Medicare Express Plus App [www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/express-plus-mobile-apps](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/express-plus-mobile-apps)
- Calling the AIR General Enquiries Line on 1800 653 809

### What does this mean for your family?

In Scone recently, there have been cases of chicken pox. If a student at our school were to get chicken pox, any child who is not immunised will need to be excluded from school as a precaution.

### 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](#)

### 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.

### Congratulations to our Debaters!

Last week our debating teams participated in the Premier's Debating Challenge. The results were mixed with one win and a loss, but the experience offered much more. It highlighted the excellent teamwork, zest and perseverance demonstrated by our debaters on the day and in the lead up to the debates. Thank you to Mrs Keating and Ms McAllister for your organisation and help in preparing the students. Well done to Amelia, Alexis, Emily, Max, Lily, Lauchlan, Abbey, Darcie and Kelsea.

### ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL COVID-19

Thank you parents for abiding the DoE directive not to enter the school and to call or email instead of visiting the office in person. Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

### PURCHASING HATS FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you to everyone who has sent in the correct cash to the office when purchasing hats. This makes it much easier for staff and for time efficient transaction for students. Hats are \$12.

### SCHOOL BANKING

The School Banking Program was paused during March this year because of the coronavirus. It is at the school's discretion when this service is returned.

Contactless banking remains our preferred approach to student banking at this time. A direct deposit system into your child's bank account is an easy alternative. However if in **Term 4** you wish to submit banking on a Thursday we will accept it. It would be appreciated if coins were kept to a minimum.



**MERIT BADGE** Faith A.

#### EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**2 BLUE** Sam W. – striving for excellence when reading new books.

**3/4 BLACK** Isaac G. – outstanding use of images and layering in his PowerPoint presentation.

**5/6 MAGENTA** Douglas W. – outstanding efforts to improve the standard of his work across all subjects.

#### MERIT AWARDS

**K PURPLE** Nicholas R.

**K/1 RED** Louie B.

**1/2 LIME** Skye M.

**1/2 YELLOW** Lawson A.

**2 BLUE** Nixon U.

**3/4 BLACK** Zack J.

**3/4 ORANGE** Rylan L.

**5/6 GREEN** Lacie M.

**5/6 MAGENTA** Connor S.



#### PBL AWARDS

**K PURPLE** Kyson G. Responsibility

**K/1 RED** Lochlan T. Personal Best

**1/2 LIME** Tyson G. Respect

**1/2 YELLOW** Arley L. Responsibility

**2 BLUE** Rubi B. Responsibility

**3/4 BLACK** Peyton S. Respect

**3/4 ORANGE** Sammy D. Personal Best

**5/6 GREEN** Noah L. Responsibility

**5/6 MAGENTA** Kieran O. Personal Best

The assembly is hosted by our school captains Max, Fletcher, Emily & Blyhe. This week's SRC representatives are Taj, Kelsea and Chloe. The Acknowledgement of Country will be given by Sophie T.

**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



#### WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL

**1.** On the day your child is absent, you can notify the school in the following ways:

- Phone the school on 6543 7271
- Use the Skool Loop app > Absentee > Absentee Form



**2.** If you do not contact the school on the day of absence, an absentee note should be written and sent in to the SCHOOL OFFICE when your child returns to school.

Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life options. Schools in partnerships with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as part of their duty of care, record and monitor part and whole day absences.

Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedures  
School Attendance Policy - PD 2005 0259

Learning and Engagement Directorate 2015

**# If your child arrives late to school the parent must ring or provide a note, and the child must report to the SCHOOL OFFICE.**

**3.** For those absences that are not explained, a formal letter to request a valid reason for the absence is sent home in the mail each fortnight. This is to be completed and returned the next day to the SCHOOL OFFICE.



#### 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.

## CURIOUS CREATURES, WILD MINDS

Have you got your costume ready yet? If not, you have less than 5 school weeks left to get organised so put on your thinking hat and let's see what curious creature costume you can conjure up in your wild mind!



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

## ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL 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



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

The current Book Club catalogue is due to be ordered online or returned to school by **tomorrow, 9<sup>th</sup> September**. Contactless ordering via the Loop is our preferred payment method, however we will still accept cash. Please read the instructions that follow on how to simply set up and order online.

### Book Club LOOP

The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

#### Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?

**LOOP** is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

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## Book Clubs LOOP

for Parents

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AVAILABLE  
AS AN APP!

**LOOP** is the **NEW** Scholastic Book Clubs **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

- Log into [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download our NEW iPhone and iPad App from the App Store!
- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how to order video, log onto [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and click on HELP in the top menu.

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Download on the

## 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.



**Majestic Cinemas Singleton** are open for business. We have made the following changes to our cinemas so we can ensure our customers that we are a safe place for families to have an entertaining day out.

- Allocated Seating (4sqm rule)
- Extra cleaning and sanitising
- Encouraging cashless payments
- Encouraging staff and customers to stay home if unwell, travelled to a COVID-19 hotspot or been in contact with a known case

[WWW.MAJESTICCINEMAS.COM.AU](http://WWW.MAJESTICCINEMAS.COM.AU)

# WE'RE BACK

21 RYAN AVENUE, SINGLETON

**ALL YOU NEED IS THIS VOUCHER!**

**\$9.90\***

**ALL TICKETS**

Bring this coupon to Majestic Cinemas Singleton for a \$9.90 movie ticket.

**Valid Until: 14th October, 2020**

\*Children's coupon must be presented to receive better offer. Not valid with any other offer. Coupon valid for group tickets per act. Excludes all other acts and events. Not valid for group tickets per act.

PH: 65 71 53 53  
[WWW.MAJESTICCINEMAS.COM.AU](http://WWW.MAJESTICCINEMAS.COM.AU)

## Online Sustainability Workshops

Join us for free, fun, informative  
online workshops  
focused on sustainability

**Workshop 3. Meal Planning – Your Way**  
*Thursday 8 October — 1 hour*

Has isolation and avoiding the supermarket left you wanting more information around meal planning, cooking with leftovers and responsible disposal.

- How does food waste happen?
- How to make 'no waste' an easy habit
  - Loving your leftovers
- What is your meal planning personality?

**PLAN YOUR MEALS**

**LOVE LEFTOVERS**

**NO WASTE**

Meal Planning - Your Way

This workshop is presented by Susanne Thiebe from LessMess a Professional Organiser with 14 years of experience in helping the overwhelmed. Fill out the pre workshop questionnaire to get your personalised Meal Planning handout!

To RSVP and for more info: [Sustainability@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Sustainability@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au) or Phone: 6549 3700

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*Workshop 2*

**Kids Workshop: Build a self sustaining terrarium to grow food on Mars.**  
*Tuesday 6 October — 1 hour*

Hey kids! Imagine you and your team are on the long space journey to Mars. You are the engineer in charge of growing the food for the crew. How can you grow food in space or on Mars? Find out how with our galactic terrarium system that is the first step in terraforming a new world. Grow plants that have been grown on the moon with your family and friends.

Parents would your children aged between 6 and 12 years like to be involved in a fun and informative workshop? In this interactive session participants will use their imagination and skills learnt to build a small terrarium (garden) from repurposed parts and ingredients that can be found around the home.

To RSVP and for more info: [Sustainability@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Sustainability@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au) or Phone: 6549 3700

Thanks to workshop sponsor the NSW Healthy Towns Challenge

# PCYC Muswellbrook

## School Holidays

**Prices Vary Between \$20 to \$25 per 2 hour session – Can use Creative Kids Vouchers**

**Age: School age**

**Phone 6541 434 for further details**

**MON SEPT 28 | Gymnastics 10am to 12pm \$25.00 12.30pm to 2.30pm - \$25.00**

**WED SEPT 30 | Canvas Art 9am-11am - \$20.00 11.30am-1.30pm - \$20.00**

**THURS OCT 1 | Canvas Art 9am-11am - \$20.00 11.30am-1.30pm - \$20.00**

**FRI OCT 2 | Gymnastics 10am to 12pm \$25.00 12.30pm to 2.30pm \$25.00**

**WE'RE COVID SAFE**

STRICT HYGIENE AND DISTANCING MEASURES IN PLACE

Week 2

**WED OCT 7 | Art 9am-11am - \$20.00 11.30am-1.30pm - \$20.00**

**THURS OCT 8 | Art 9am-11am - \$20.00 11.30am to 1.30pm - \$20.00**

**FRIDAY OCT 9 | Gymnastics 10am to 12pm - \$25.00 12.30pm - 2.30pm \$25.00**

**PCYC MUSWELLBROOK**

Children must be PCYC member's to attend, Bookings essential or call for further details

**CHILD REQUIRED TO BRING WATER BOTTLE**

**CREATIVE KIDS**  
REGISTERED PROVIDER  
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**A PLACE WHERE Wonder IS UNCOVERED**

YOUR GIRL GUIDE CONTACT  
Sandra Herbert  
0418 160 402  
[herbsahaven@bigpond.com](mailto:herbsahaven@bigpond.com)

LEARN MORE HERE  
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**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