



# ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

17<sup>th</sup> February 2021, Week 4 Term 1

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

### FORTHCOMING DATES

17<sup>th</sup> Best Start – Kindergarten  
Scone High School Orientation Day 1

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

#### SWIMMING CARNIVALS

Last Wednesday, APS students, who turn 8 years old this year or older participated in our annual swimming carnival. Students enjoyed a great day at Denman pool and it was fantastic to be able to invite parents to attend this event. We had a good turnout of students, including 11 of our 12 Sports Captains who led their house teams with vigour. Whilst, I know there would have been many displays of sportsmanship and encouragement on the day from the captains and others, I was thrilled to witness one captain in particular wait at the end of the pool for the last two swimmers from competing house groups, to complete their leg of the relay and then congratulate them both on their swim – well done, Grace G, and thank you to everyone else who cheered on their peers.

Our students were complimented on their manners and conduct by pool staff. Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the Zone Carnival in Scone on Tuesday. Despite some challenges with the weather, our students gave their best in and out of the pool with complimentary reports of outstanding patience and sportsmanship shown by the Aberdeen PS competitors. Well done to these students and thank you for being exemplary ambassadors for our school.

A huge thank you to Mr Ramage for his role in the organisation of the Zone carnival. School and inter-school events are a huge undertaking for all involved and take considerable time and effort outside of the 9am-3pm school day. APS would not be able to provide sporting and cultural opportunities for our students without the commitment of staff to take on additional roles and responsibilities, and assistance from our school community. Our thanks also go to Mrs Mooring who assisted on the day and to the staff and volunteers from across our community of schools who made this event possible.

#### FIRST CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY OF THE YEAR

Last Friday we held our first Celebration Assembly to congratulate students who have demonstrated achievement or effort in learning (Merit) and displayed our PBL expectations and desired behaviours. Well done to all our award winners. Our school captains spoke clearly and

did an amazing job to ensure the assembly ran smoothly. Thank you to Lacie M. for delivering the Acknowledgment of Country and also to Amelia I. and Sophie W. who announced our award winners. Harper H. presented a great report on Empathy, a concept the students in all grades have been learning about during their weekly session with Mr Stutchbury.

#### EMPATHY PROGRAM

Mr Stutchbury's Empathy program uses physical games to help children develop an understanding of social and emotional concepts, which can be quite abstract in nature. Through games, Mr Stutchbury helps students to gain a better sense of self and of others which is important for developing and maintaining positive relationships. Class teachers participate in the lessons and the program stays in the school for implementation beyond the initial program.

#### INCREASING STUDENT VOICE IN 2021

Our SRC met for the first time this year to decide upon the portfolios our school representatives would take on in 2021. SRC members (Ministers) will have responsibility for managing one of the portfolios. The ministers responsible for each portfolio are:

Ministers for the Environment – Abbergail N. & Grace G.  
Ministers for Communication – Eli F. & Jack D.  
Ministers for Sport – Sophie W., Alexis D. & Charlea M.  
Ministers for Wellbeing – Lilly B. & Amelia I.

Each class will select two Class Captains. Class captains will be responsible for coming to the SRC meetings and sharing ideas, raising concerns or asking questions on behalf of their class. These will be assigned to the most appropriate portfolio and the ministers responsible will look into the matter and report back at a whole school council meeting twice a term, except in Term 1. Our first whole school council meeting for this term will be held in Week 9.

Classes will conduct a whole class meeting once a fortnight to discuss matters they would like raised at the SRC meetings. The class captains will attend an SRC meeting to present the report from their class meeting. Our SRC members will support our junior classes (K-2) with this process as needed.

It is up to each class to discuss and decide how often the Class Captain role will change. Class Captains will be given a badge to wear so that they can be recognised by their peers. The badge is to be passed onto the next captain when the role changeover occurs.

It is anticipated that this year's SRC will have the opportunity to take on a more active role in school

leadership. Unfortunately our plan to do this with our 2020 SRC was interrupted by the shift to remote learning and subsequent COVID restrictions. In saying that, I acknowledge the remarkable job our 2020 SRC did under unprecedented circumstances.

Regards,  
*Corallee Kerrigan*

### HORSE SPORTS

Students who wish to participate in Horse Sports this year will receive an invitation to the first event of the year. Willow Tree Horse Sports is to be held on March 12. Students who wish to participate will need to collect a form from Mrs Mooring and return it to the school office by Wednesday 24 February. The entry fee is \$30.00 per student and transport is by private vehicle. Miss Clendinning who is working at Denman PS this year will supervise students from Aberdeen PS and the team will be managed by Ms Courtney Colbert.

### STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS, EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

Forms were handed out last week and we thank all the parents who have checked details and returned them. If you have not done so could you **please check that the details are accurate, amend if necessary, and return to the office signed even if there are no changes.** We want to be sure that you have seen the form and all details are correct. It is very important that our details are accurate as we may have to contact you in the case of an emergency.

### SCHOOL FEES

Voluntary school contributions for 2021 are \$35 per student or \$70 for 2 students or more in a family. Contributions are kindly accepted at the school office.



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Since 1934 the Australian Air League has been teaching young boys and girls nationwide all about aviation, while helping them develop important life skills like leadership, discipline, self confidence and teamwork. When you join the league you will make new friends and take part in fun and exciting activities, on the ground and in the air.

Each week you will attend your local squadron where you will learn valuable skills and take part in fun and interesting activities and classes. Some of our classes include Meteorology, Navigation, Photography and Community Service. Squadrons also attend training camps, sport and recreational days, flying experiences and ceremonial drill.

We welcome boys and girls the age of 8 years old from all different cultures and backgrounds. Parents and families are welcome to support or even join their local squadron as a volunteer. All adult members and volunteers are Working with Children Checked.

The Australian Air League is running both a fun and educational programme that is making fine citizens out of our young Australians.

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### EXCELLENCE AWARD

**1/2 YELLOW** Benjamin R. - using known words to read simple sentences.

### MERIT AWARDS

**K PURPLE** Fynn P.  
**1 LIME** Lincoln A.  
**1/2 YELLOW** Coby R.  
**2/3 RED** Nicholas A.  
**3/4 BLACK** Morgan A.  
**3/4 ORANGE** Samuel W.  
**5/6 GREEN** Natalia D.  
**5/6 MAGENTA** Lacie H.

### PBL AWARDS

<b>K PURPLE</b>	Charles C.	Respect
<b>1 LIME</b>	Jackson H.	Respect
<b>1/2 YELLOW</b>	Callie K.	Responsibility
<b>2/3 RED</b>	Tye M.	Personal Best
<b>3/4 BLACK</b>	Eliza S.	Respect
<b>3/4 ORANGE</b>	Scott L.	Personal Best
<b>5/6 GREEN</b>	Zack J.	Personal Best
<b>5/6 MAGENTA</b>	Cameron D.	Responsibility

### 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.

### NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Complete and return the below slip to the office if you wish to receive the school newsletter via email

### PLEASE EMAIL MY NEWSLETTER

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Eldest Child's Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_