



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

10th February 2021, Week 3 Term 1

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FORTHCOMING DATES

- 10th Best Start – Kindergarten
- 16th Zone Swimming Carnival in Scone
- 17th Best Start – Kindergarten
Scone High School Orientation Day 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WOW, what a super busy start it has been to the school year! Our lovely office staff are adjusting to their new roles and doing an amazing job. We appreciate your patience as we work our way through some glitches with our systems and processes. With this comes some minor changes to our newsletter distribution. During Term 1, we will be sending our newsletter home with students on Wednesday. It will also be available for viewing on our school website. If you prefer to have the newsletter emailed directly, rather than receive a paper copy, please complete the slip on the back of this week's newsletter.

Thank you to our students and their parents for following our routines for afternoon pick up and buses. If you are collecting your child from school, remember to approach the teacher with the clipboard, tell them the name of the child you are collecting and then make your way to the gate to meet the child. Please do not stand in the car parking area and wait for your child to come to you.

If someone, other than a parent is collecting your child from school, please contact the school office to advise details. This includes situations where another parent is collecting your child, whether it be on a regular or occasional basis. Your child will not be released to another parent without your consent being advised through the school office. Don't forget if your child's routines change for any reason or length of time, to call the school office so we can communicate the change to the teachers on duty.

It with utmost importance that **drivers are vigilant** when dropping off and picking up children. This includes complying with the school speed zones and taking extra precaution as you approach the pedestrian crossing in Segenhoe Street. This week it was reported that a car failed to give way to a student who was using the crossing on Tuesday morning. We encourage parents and students to use the pedestrian crossing as it is the safest place to cross so we urge all road users to take extra care, particularly during the times from 8am-9am and 2.45pm -3.30pm.

This week we will hold our first **Celebration Assembly** on Friday. Children receiving an award will have their names published in the newsletter. The assembly is run by members of our school leadership team. COVID restrictions currently prevent parents from attending so we encourage

you to celebrate your child's achievement at home. Each child will have their photo published on our school Facebook page (dependent upon media permission). Names will not be published and we are conscious not to include any other identifying features, as a precautionary measure for child protection. Only their happy, smiling face will be captured. We will review parent attendance as we receive advice from the Department of Education.

As we count down to our planned **excursion for Stage 3**, I wish to advise that parents will be required to complete some additional paperwork and it is essential this is returned to school by the due date. We are required to apply for an exemption in order to visit the ACT from 9-12th March, 2021. You will need to declare your child's visitation to known hotspots, contact with persons who have tested positive for coronavirus and if they have experienced any cold or flu-like symptoms. Prior to boarding the bus, students will need to have their temperature taken. Any child whose temperature is considered to be high will be re-tested twice more before being allowed to board the bus or asked to be taken home. If the child records a high temperature reading on two or more readings, the child will be unable to attend the excursion. Please monitor our Facebook page for further updates.

These lovely ladies have remarked that they are often mistaken for twins, whilst this wasn't the case last week we did have an "oops" moment when their photos were published under the wrong name. We apologise for any confusion this caused, especially to our Stage 2 parents. May I re-introduce, correctly this time, our wonderful Stage 2 teachers:

3/4 Orange – Miss Leah Woods



and...

3/4 Black – Miss Anna Dunn



I would like to congratulate another of our new members of staff, Miss Baihe Butcher. Miss Butcher has been named as a **semi finalist** in the 2021 Aboriginal Education Council's, **Aboriginal Education Award**. Miss Butcher is one of only eight semi finalists from across NSW and the ACT. The award recognises young people actively making a difference in the lives of Aboriginal people through education. The Aberdeen PS community congratulates Miss Butcher on this wonderful achievement and wishes her all the best in the finals. Way to go, Miss B!



Lastly, thank you to Mr Ramage for his organisation of the swimming carnival today and to all students, staff and parents who attended, participated and supported our school. Well done, Team Aberdeen!

Regards,
Corallee Kerrigan

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. If you would like to pay the voluntary school contribution you can send your money in the envelope provided in this newsletter or pay via our POP system on the APS website.



MERIT AWARDS

K PURPLE	Elsie R.
1 LIME	Mia T.
1/2 YELLOW	Scarlet V-H.
2/3 RED	Kenzie H.
3/4 BLACK	Grace P.
3/4 ORANGE	Lucy N.
5/6 GREEN	Ely D.
5/6 MAGENTA	Lilli W.

PBL AWARDS

K PURPLE	Kayden B.	Personal Best
1 LIME	Louis L.	Respect
1/2 YELLOW	Charlie M.	Personal Best
2/3 RED	Faith A.	Responsibility
3/4 BLACK	Memphis H.	Personal Best
3/4 ORANGE	Isaac G.	Personal Best
5/6 GREEN	Lillian S.	Respect
5/6 MAGENTA	Charlea M.	Personal Best

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.

PLEASE EMAIL MY NEWSLETTER

Family Name: _____

Eldest Child's Name: _____

Eldest Child's Class: _____

Email Address: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____