

# Newsletter 29



2022 - TERM 4 WEEK 1

Welcome back to what we can all expect to be an exceptionally busy term. The school was also a hive of activity during the holidays with some areas receiving some much needed maintenance. Stage 2 classrooms were repainted and new flooring laid. Both sink units will be replaced in these rooms in the coming weeks. Stage 3 classrooms, which were painted not long ago, had new flooring laid and the decking boards on the verandah will soon be replaced. Security flyscreens were installed on all exterior windows and some timber cladding painted on the northern exterior wall of Lime and Yellow classrooms.

### GARDEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With all the rain-fall plentiful over the last few weeks, the weeds in the school gardens are abundant. If you can spare some time to assist with weeding, we would very much appreciate your assistance. If you wish to volunteer, please call the school on 6543 7271.

### COIN LINE FUNDRAISER

Our students enjoyed a lovely breakfast cooked by the Aberdeen Lions Club on the last day of Term 3 followed by the very exciting opening of the 5 cent tins. Students and teachers then lined up all of the coins along the driveway, covering a distance of 97 metres. Well done and thank you to all students and families who donated, we raised a total of \$354.85. This money will go towards research into childhood cancers. Thank you also to the Aberdeen Lions Club for providing a delicious breakfast.



On Friday the 21st October from 12-1pm, Year 5 will be hosting a "Minute to Win It" day. Students will be displaying their leadership skills as they co-ordinate fun challenges for everyone to participate in. We ask that you bring a gold coin donation on this day which will be forwarded towards a local charity.

# School News

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Over the holidays, several projects were undertaken to improve our school environment. At the front of our school, we have extended the outdoor learning space adjoining the Circle of Reflection to include a 'yarning circle'. We are hoping to complete Stage 3 of this project in the next 12 months which will include a path from the driveway to the path adjacent to the Circle of Reflection.

Mr Easton was busy in the holidays constructing an arbor from materials donated by Mr Brad Singleton. The arbor is located near the front oval and will add a burst of colour and some shade once the climbing plants mature. The table in the bottom equipment area has also had a makeover, adding some extra colour in this area of the playground. The seedlings planted in the vegepods enjoyed the rain over the break period and we are expecting to have a very good harvest this season thanks to Mrs McTaggart and the Gardening Club students.





# Tell Them From Me

## Parent Survey

Parents, students and teachers at Aberdeen Public School are invited to take part in the Tell Them From Me Survey.

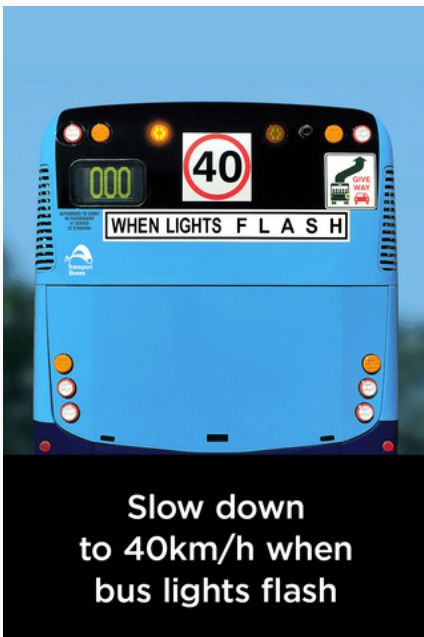
### Student Survey

The Tell Them From Me student survey asks students about a range of school experiences, including their engagement and wellbeing at school and beyond. It also asks students about teaching practices and the learning environment. The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete. Students will be taking part in the survey when school resumes in Term 4. If you do not wish your child to participate in Tell Them From Me, please contact the school to complete a non-consent form before Friday 14th October.

### Parent Survey

The parent survey includes questions on communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home, and parents views on the school's support of learning and positive behaviour. The survey results help to build an accurate and timely picture of parent's perspectives that we can use for practical improvements. The survey is anonymous. We encourage all parents to complete the survey. If you have more than one student at school, you may choose to complete the survey more than once to reflect different perspectives and experiences. You can access the survey using the link <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/aps2022>

# WHEN LIGHTS FLASH







- Lights flash on buses to warn motorists that buses are picking up and dropping off children.
- You must slow down to 40km/h when overtaking or passing a bus displaying flashing lights.
- You can help keep children safe by:
  - Sticking to the speed limit and following the road rules in school zones.
  - Slowing down to 40km/h when bus lights are flashing.
  - Looking out for children crossing the road near bus stops, in school zones or along bus routes.
  - Giving way to buses when they merge back into traffic.

Families have an important part to play in keeping children safe around roads too!

- Never drop off or meet your child on the opposite side of the road to the bus stop or call them across the road. Always drop them off or meet them on the same side of the road as the bus stop.
- Remind your children to always **wait until the bus has gone before choosing a safe place to cross the road.**

For more information visit: [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/bus-flashing-lights.html](https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/bus-flashing-lights.html)

NSW is banning certain **single-use plastics** from 1 November

 From 1 November Plastic straws, stirrers, cutlery	 From 1 November Plastic plates and bowls	 From 1 November Expanded polystyrene foodware	 From 1 November Cotton buds, microbeads in rinse-off products
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Please make sure you send in cutlery etc to school if your child needs these for their lunch or recess as we will not be able to supply.

Let's celebrate!



# CONGRATULATIONS

to our

# Award Recipients

## BRONZE BAR

Faith A.

## BADGE

Lincoln A.

## EXCELLENCE AWARD

**Caleb H.** - always being so thoughtful and considerate towards others.

**Morgan A.** - excellent contributions during our PDH lessons.

## PBL AWARDS

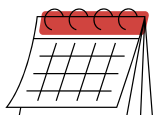
K LIME	Kate B.	Personal Best
1 YELLOW	Ben R.	Responsibility
2 PURPLE	Nicholas R.	Respect
2 RED	Reed O.	Personal Best
3/4 BLACK	Arley L.	Responsibility
3/4 ORANGE	Ciannah S.	Responsibility
5 GREEN	Peyton S.	Personal Best
6 MAGENTA	Lilli W.	Responsibility

## MERIT AWARDS

K LIME	Evie B.
1 YELLOW	Charles C.
2 PURPLE	Lily G.
2 RED	Kierah C.
3/4 BLACK	Louie B.
3/4 ORANGE	Faith A.
5 GREEN	Lily R.
6 MAGENTA	Matisse M.

Assemblies will be held on Friday at 2pm

# Important Dates



**Thursday 13th October** - Stage 3 Science Fair



**Monday 24th-26th October** - Stage 2 Dubbo Excursion



# School Messages



## What to do

- 1  
Get help from a trusted adult — or call [Kids Helpline](#)
- 2  
Get help from the police if you are in immediate serious danger.
- 3  
Try not to say anything back — it could make things worse.
- 4  
Keep evidence — an adult can help you take screenshots or keep a journal in case you need evidence to report it. See our videos on [how to take screenshots](#).
- 5  
Block or report them — most games and apps have a way to block or report someone. See [The eSafety Guide](#) for links.
- 6  
Report to eSafety — you can report [cyberbullying](#) to us. We can help to remove bullying content and get you help and support.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids>



## What does cyberbullying look like?

- hurtful messages, comments or images
- messages, posts or comments that say someone will do something mean
- leaving you out or ignoring you online
- spreading lies about you online
- creating fake online profiles in someone's name to trick you
- sharing something online that can hurt you or make you feel bad, like a picture you don't want anyone to see
- threatening to share something online that will hurt you or make you feel bad
- making you feel very sad, very scared or very upset

## Remember

- no one deserves to be hurt online
- be kind to yourself — it's not your fault
- cyberbullying can make you feel very alone and scared, but there is help available



## Contacting the School

Phone: 65 437 271

Email: [aberdeen-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:aberdeen-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Seesaw: Direct message your child's class teacher.



# P&C NEWS



# School Travel

## Term 4 2022

2023 school travel applications are now open.

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from Monday 10 October 2022.

A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year **from their nominated transport operator**. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. **Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.**

## Travel from Term 1 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel. School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a Travel Pass for the start of term. Parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Osborns Bus Company 02 6543 1271