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2022 - TERM 4 WEEK 3



This week we welcome a new Wellbeing and Family Support Officer to APS, Miss Jess. Her role will be providing support in areas such as student attendance, engagement, mental health and wellbeing. Miss Jess will also be available to help students and families during difficult situations such as times of grief, or when being faced with personal or emotional challenges.

Miss Jess will be visiting classrooms and meeting students and staff. You will see her in the playground playing games, doing craft or having a chat - 3 of her favourite things! You will see Miss Jess on Tuesdays for the remainder of the year. Please feel free to come and say "hi" and help make her feel welcome!

Miss Alula Bruin has also commenced her teaching position on 2 Red. The students are making her feel very welcome and undoubtedly the next couple of weeks will busy as Miss Bruin settles into APS.





Mick Grammer, grandparent of two of our students, has generously donated his time, skills and materials to ensure we have a school bell that will last a lifetime. Our old bell stand was made of wood and had rotted. This metal bell stand will stand proud for many years. Thank you very much, Mick. It looks fantastic!

Stage 2 students return from their excursion to Dubbo this afternoon. From all accounts, a wonderful time was had by all and students' behaviour throughout their time away was excellent. I look forward to hearing what students learned and the fun experiences they had. Many thanks to Miss Dunn and Miss Woods for organising the excursion and much gratitude to Mrs Mooring and our amazing parents who assisted with supervision during the excursion. I hope parents are enjoying the photos and updates posted in the Parent Sentral App. For everyone else, check out our photo collage on page 2.

Aberdeen PS received special mention at the recent meeting of Directors, School Leadership with Executive Director of Education, Lisa Muir. Ms Muir congratulated APS on our improved attendance data. Attendance for the same period in 2019 as 2022 has increased by over 2%. This is a great accomplishment for students, their families and the school and moves us closer to achieving a desirable overall attendance rate of 90% or above.

School News

Year 5 would like to extend their thanks to everyone who participated in the Minute to Win It day. It was brilliant to see students, teachers and parents enjoying the activities with lots of fun had by all. \$174.30 was raised in donations which has been forwarded to Upper Hunter Community Services. We thank you for your support.



STAGE 2 DUBBO EXCURSION



Let's celebrate!

CONGRATULATIONS

Award Recipients



Memphis H. - producing an exceptional piece of descriptive writing.

Jett R. - writing a wonderful news script about a secret scroll with very hard vocabulary.

Mayor for a Day certificates will also be presented to those whose entries received a place or highly commended award.

Achievement and Participation Awards for the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition will also be given out to Stage 3 students.



PBL AWARDS

Hannah S. K LIME Personal Best Sophia B. 1 YELLOW Respect 2 PURPLE Louis L. **Personal Best** Lincoln A. 2 RED Respect Olivia R. 3/4 BLACK **Personal Best** Trae K. 3/4 ORANGE **Personal Best** 5 GREEN Lynk W. Respect **6 MAGENTA** Jazmine Mc. Personal Best

MERIT AWARDS

K LIME Arianna R. 1 YELLOW Heidi D. 2 PURPLE Lily S. 2 RED Ryder R. 3/4 BLACK Emelia J. 3/4 ORANGE Noah H. 5 GREEN Scott L. **6 MAGENTA** Lacie-May H.

Assemblies will be held on Friday at 2pm

Important Dates

Thursday 3rd November - Power FM Breakfast

Wednesday 16th November - Year 6 Mini Fete

Monday 21st November - P&C Meeting

Thursday 1st December - P&C Disco

Tuesday 13th December - Presentation Day



School Messages



Wednesday 16th November 2022 4.30pm-7.00pm

If you are interested in holding a Market stall at our 2022 Mini Fete please contact the school on 6543 7271 for an information package.



Contacting the School

Phone: 65 437 271

Email: aberdeen-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Seesaw: Direct message your child's class teacher.

Sentral Parent Portal

The Sentral Parent Portal is a great way to keep up to date with all of the school's latest news and information. This app can be used to access the school calendar and report absences.

If you need help to register or have lost your access key, please contact the Google Play office.

Download the Parents App







P&G NEWS



Monday 21st November

6.00pm P&C Meeting in the school library. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 1st December

P&C Disco Christmas Theme. More information to follow.





Community Notices within





Congratulations to our Year 5 students who organised and ran the Minute to Win it activity last week. It was wonderful to see all students, including our Busy Bees, enjoying some light-hearted competition. Thank you to mums, dads and other family members who called in, and also to Mr Ramage for inspiring the Year 5 students' creativity and organisation of activities. Upper Hunter Community Services will appreciate the injection of funds raised during this event.







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Singing is fun. Singing in a choir is even more fun!

Upper Hunter Voices community choir is launching in Term 4 2022.

Upper Hunter Voices is a local not for profit organization, founded by a group of active community members with a passion for creating opportunities for the children of the Upper Hunter, through excellence in musical skills development, and encouraging enhanced community engagement through music.

The Upper Hunter Voices choir will comprise of students from the Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter Shires, between the ages of 6 and 12, with a keen interest in singing. The choir will be provided with professional training and musical skills development and will perform at important civic and other regional events. The first public performance planned for the choir will be at the Upper Hunter Christmas Spectacular at Muswellbrook Showground on Saturday, 10 December 2022.

Auditions will commence at the beginning of Term 4, conducted by our Choir Director, Ms. Samantha Cobcroft. Samantha has completed the Child Protection Awareness Induction Training and the Child Safe Training with the Office of the Children's Guardian and possesses a current Working With Children Check. Auditions will follow an informal and supportive process to select our choristers and will involve students meeting the choir director and participating in some musical and singing activities.

The choir will have a regular rehearsal once a week, on Wednesday afternoons between 4.15pm and 5.15pm at the Richard Gill School. Other rehearsals may be required in the lead up to performances. This is a unique opportunity to develop children's singing skills in a supportive and fun environment, as well as developing their confidence to perform in different community contexts.

Parents and care givers are encouraged to check out our website and complete the online nomination form so that our Sam, our Choir Director can arrange an audition time: https://www.upperhuntervoices.com.au/join-the-choir

There is no upfront cost to be a member of the Upper Hunter Voices Choir. Upper Hunter Youth Choir, trading as Upper Hunter Voices, is a Company Limited by Guarantee (ABN 76 655 241 955) and registered as a Not-for-Profit Charity for Tax Deductible Donations.

If you would like more information about the choir or the Upper Hunter Voices organisation, please contact us by email at enquries@upperhuntervoices.com.au or leave a message for one of our community volunteers on 02 6541 4888.









