

Newsletter 32



2022 - TERM 4 WEEK 4

We have several exciting things coming up on our school calendar for November and December. Please keep an eye out for the end of year calendar of events that will be sent home in next week's newsletter. We hope this will help families to engage in several opportunities to visit the school, the first being the Power FM Breakfast Show which will be broadcasting from APS tomorrow morning. Students and their parents are invited for breakfast any time after 7am. If an adult is unable to attend with their child, they can arrive anytime between 8am and 8.55am. A teacher will be on duty from 8.30am, however, staff will be wandering from 7am.

Congratulations to Bridie S. in Year 5 who has been invited to apply for a Gulawa Scholarship. This scholarship is only available by invitation to students in Year 5 who achieved highly in NAPLAN. We wish Bridie all the best with her application and hope she is successful in securing a scholarship for 2023.

Opportunities for our students just keep coming. In Week 8, four of our Stage 3 students, Sam O., Lynk W., Harper H. and Sophie T. have been selected to attend the NSW AECG and Transurban Westconnex STEAM Camp at Youthworks Conference Centre. The camp will take place over two days, Monday 28th November – Wednesday 30th November 2022. Miss Butcher will be accompanying students on this exciting opportunity. Many thanks to the NSW AECG and our local AECG for helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students access these wonderful experiences.

Unfortunately, after celebrating our success with attendance in recent weeks, our school community has been affected by illness. Staff and students have experienced symptoms such as fever, coughing, sore throat, sneezing, watery eyes, vomiting, aches and pains and so on. Not all are testing positive to COVID which means it is likely there are other nasty viruses around making people feel extremely unwell. If your child has any of these symptoms, please keep them at home while symptoms persist and if possible wait 24 hours after symptoms cease before returning to school. If your child does not have symptoms, they are able to attend. If you have concerns for their health, please encourage them to wear a mask in the classroom. For students or families in vulnerable situations, you may want to message your child's teacher and ask them to seat your child at least 1.5 meters from their peers. Please note, this option is only for those persons/families who are considered VULNERABLE (awaiting surgery, autoimmune disorders, lung disease, severe asthma, etc). we thank you for your co-operation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - OPPORTUNITY FOR PAID WORK TO ASSIST GENERAL ASSISTANT
We desperately need some volunteers or persons who are eligible to be employed (in the system) to contact us. The rainfall, whilst making things lovely and green, is also keeping Mr Easton very busy trying to keep the grassed areas mown. With summer time upon us and snakes already being sighted in close proximity to the school, we need to clear any overgrown areas in and around our school, including garden beds. If you can volunteer some time to assist with this task, please contact the school.

If there is a community member who has worked in a NSW PS within the last few years, you are most likely in the system already and may be eligible for employment as a general assistant for a few hours each week. If you are interested, hold a current WWCC and have worked in a school recently, please email your CV to aberdeen-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



School News

This week, our First Nation students and their friends investigated pre-settlement Aboriginal shelters and housing. We compared how shelters looked in different parts of Australia due to their geographical location, weather and the natural resources available to them.

Aboriginal people lived a nomadic life, meaning they moved from place to place depending on available food resources, changing seasons and for ceremonial purposes.

After yarning about these factors, we created miniature versions of Aboriginal shelters using the geographic location of our varying mobs and available natural resources. Here are our creations!

Wonnarua word of the week: 'anikanya' (ani-kun-ya) meaning hello

Gamilaraay word of the week: 'Gunima' (goo-ni-mah) meaning Mother Earth



If your child will not be returning to APS in 2023
can you please advise the office ASAP.



**POWER FM BREAKFAST SHOW AT APS
THURSDAY 3/11/22**

**Time: 7am - Students
accompanied by a parent
8am - students without a parent**

Menu: Cereal & fruit

Cost: Free

Please Keep Me Home If..

 I have vomited in the last **24 hours.**
(Must be free from vomiting for at least 24 hours before returning to school)

 I have had diarrhea in the past **24 hours.**
(Must be free from diarrhea for at least 24-48 hours before returning to school)

The poster has a light blue background with a pattern of brown and grey circles. It features a cartoon character of a boy with a white cloth on his forehead, looking unwell. The text is in a mix of red and black fonts.

Symptoms of COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19 can range from mild to severe. Some people recover easily, and others get very sick very quickly. If you test positive for COVID-19 you may experience:

- fever
- coughing
- sore throat
- shortness of breath.

Other symptoms include:

- runny nose or congestion
- headache or fatigue
- muscle or joint pains
- nausea or loss of appetite
- diarrhoea or vomiting
- temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste.

COVID-19 symptoms are similar to some common illnesses, such as colds and flu, or allergies.

LATEST COVID GUIDELINES

From Friday 14 October, people who test positive to Covid-19 do not need to isolate.

Students and staff should continue to stay home when sick.

Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are **symptom free**. We will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.

If Covid-19 symptoms occur, your child should undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT).

If the test comes back negative for Covid-19, the student should still not return to school until either:

- The student no longer has any symptoms, or
- A medical certificate is provided to the school confirming that symptoms are explained by another diagnosis (such as hay fever).

For positive Covid-19 cases

If there is a positive case in your child's class, year or other grouping, your child can continue to attend school in line with NSW Health advise.

If a student or staff member receives a positive RAT or PCR test, they should:

- record the positive result, if a RAT was taken, through the Service NSW website or app - please add details of your child's school when prompted.
- notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible.

(If you require additional RAT kits for your child please get in touch with the front office.)

Schools will continue to inform their community when there is a positive case in the school and guide families based on NSW Health advise, including monitoring for symptoms.

Let's celebrate!



CONGRATULATIONS to our Award Recipients

BADGE

Jack A.

Assemblies will be held on Friday at 2pm

PBL AWARDS

K LIME	Ruby S.	Personal Best
1 YELLOW	Trey G.	Respect
2 PURPLE	Nicholas R.	Responsibility
2 RED	Kyson G.	Personal Best
3/4 BLACK	Hannah A.	Respect
3/4 ORANGE	Deacon B.	Responsibility
5 GREEN	Kash L.	Personal Best
6 MAGENTA	Koby K.	Respect

MERIT AWARDS

K LIME	Ethan J.
1 YELLOW	Fynn P.
2 PURPLE	Alyssa C.
2 RED	Sophia F.
3/4 BLACK	Coby R.
3/4 ORANGE	Nate H.
5 GREEN	Bridie S.
6 MAGENTA	James M.

Important Dates

Thursday 3rd November - Power FM Breakfast

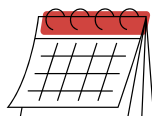
Wednesday 16th November - Year 6 Mini Fete

Friday 18th November - Intensive Swimming notes and payment due

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.

Senral Parent Portal

The Senral 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 office.

Download the Parents App

The Senral for Parents app allows you to monitor your child's school journey simply and efficiently. You will find numerous smart features that help streamline your day. Receive messages and notifications from teachers, report absences, make payments for school activities and more. The Senral for Parents app helps you stay connected and informed about your child's education.



P&C NEWS



Monday 21st November
6.00pm P&C Meeting in the school library.
Everyone welcome.

