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# Newsletter 18



2023 - TERM 2 WEEK 10

#### PYJAMA DAY

On Tuesday, we had a PJ day to raise money for the Gardening Club. We raised over \$200 from the event and are still selling guesses in the chocolate guessing competition for 50c each. These will be available for purchase up until the assembly on Friday, when the winner will be announced. Good luck to those who are participating.





LAST DAY OF TERM 2 IS FRIDAY 30TH JUNE.
FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 FOR STUDENTS IS TUESDAY 18TH JULY.

### School News



PAPER PLANES, PIZZA & POPPERS



Much appreciation to Mr Ramage. Mrs Hinschen. Mrs Edwards. Mrs Mooring. Miss Purcell and Mr Wright for their organisation. of this event.



Thank you to all who were able to attend our Term 2 event. It was wonderful to chat with the significant others who attended with the students. A special thank you to one mum and sister who braved the cold to come along when the student's dad became unwell. In fact, mums are always welcome to attend if dad, grandad or significant male in the child's life is unavailable. If you are wondering why we committed to hosting these occasions, check out the smiles on the kids' faces. Priceless.

Congratulations to Mr Brennan and his son, Liam for 'Best Decorated' and to Mr Burton and his son, Deacon for 'Furtherest Flight'.

We can't wait to see you all again next term, along with some new faces.

#### **ZONE ATHLETICS**

Congratulations to all our sporting superstars who represented Aberdeen PS at the Zone Athletics Carnival in Singleton. Students had great success on the day, with some qualifying to represent at the regional carnival across various events.



# Award Recipients



### Excellence Award Darcy C.

Cross Country and Athletics
Ribbons will be handed out at our
next Assembly on Friday 30th
June. We will also be announcing
the House winner of the
Swimming Carnival held in Term 1
and the recent Athletics Carnival.



#### Week 10

K Lime	Thomas C.		
K Yellow	Hugh B.		
1/2 Indigo	Aeila A.		
3/4 Green	Coby R.		
3/4 Magenta	Kristine S.		
5/6 Black	Holly G.		
5/6 Orange	Tye M.		

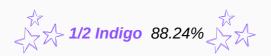


Please note our next Assembly will be Friday 30th June at 12.00pm in the hall.

### School Attendance

# CLASS ATTENDANCE % TERM 2 WEEK 9

K Lime 85.33% K Yellow 81.33%



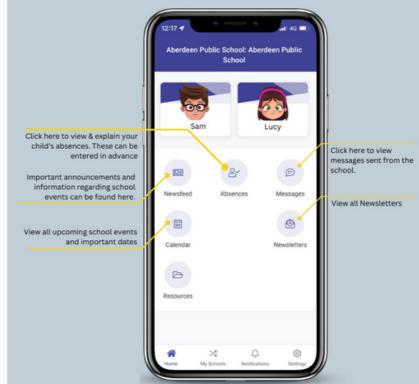
3/4 Green 82.0% 3/4 Magenta 87.74%

**5/6 Black** 86.40% **5/6 Orange** 87.50%

WHOLE SCHOOL 85.86%
ATTENDANCE GOAL 95%



Absences can be submitted via the Sentral Parent App.



# Community News



### UPPER HUNTER SHIRE LIBRARIES School Holiday Activities





#### **Principal's message**

As this term draws to a close, I remind our families that Semester 1 reports will be sent home with your child this week. If your child is absent on the day, these will be given in Week 1, Term 3. As stated earlier in this term, the report comments other than the General comment, will be presented in dot points under the headings 'Strengths' and 'Areas for Development' in each subject. We anticipate this will provide a clearer indication to parents and student what they can do and what are their next steps in learning. The statements are intended to provide a point in time snapshot of your child's achievements this semester. Grades, effort ratings and other elements of the school report have not been changed. We look forward to your feedback on the new comment structure.

This term, we have been able to offer our students and the school community some additional opportunities and services thanks to: the Aberdeen PS P&C (too much to mention); Aberdeen Lions Club and Mr Bob Dixon(vision screening and financial contribution towards new play equipment); Racing Hearts Australia & Ms Lisa Coffey (Equine Therapy program); Upper Hunter Riding for the Disabled Association (use of facilities); and Aberdeen Social Riders (donation for new gazebo). Thanks also to our entire school community, especially the staff and volunteers, for continually striving to enrich the educational and extra-circular activities provided at Aberdeen PS.

When we return in Term 3, it will be a mountain for fun with the Stage 2 and 3 excursions and our combined Education and NAIDOC Week celebrations in Week 3. Mrs Pennel and Miss B. have some great activities planned, including a special never been offered before opportunity for parents and students. I wonder what it could be?

Term 3 will also see our mighty basketball champions return to the court and our quick-thinking debaters to the table in the next round of their respective competions. Again, all this in the first five weeks of the new term. I think everyone will deserve another holiday before we reach Week 10. It might be a good idea to snuggle up somewhere warm these holidays and recharge your batteries in preparation for all that lies ahead.

Have a safe and restful holiday. I look forward to welcoming you back in Term 3. Mrs Corallee Kerrigan

### **APS Term 2 Calender**

APRIL	Week 1	Staff Development Day				Zone Cross Country
		24	25	26	27	28
MAY	Week 2	1	2	Year 5 Mine Tour	4	Jack Johnston Day Permission Notes Due 5
MAY	Week 3	8	Jack Johnston Day K-6 Mother's Day Breakfast RSVP's and Raffle Tickets Due	Mother's Day Stall Scone Cup 1/2 Day Notes Due	Mother's Day Breakfast	Scone Cup 1/2 Day Public Holiday 12
MAY	Week 4				School Photos	Stewart House Donations Due
		15	16	17	18	19
MAY	Week 5	Athletics Carnival Lunch Orders Due		Simultaneous Story Time		Celebration Assembly 12.00pm National Sorry Day
		22	23	24	25	26
MAY JUNE	Week 6	Reconciliation Week Touch Football Gala Day Deadly Science	Aboriginal Languages Day	Philip Green Aboriginal Survival Technology Show	Stage 3 CPR Training. Wear it Yellow Day	Athletics Carnival
		29	30	31	1	2
JUNE	Week 7				Netball	Regional Cross Country
		5	6	7	8	9
JUNE	Week 8	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	12	1.4	15	16
		12	13	14	15	16
JUNE	Week 9	6.00pm in Library		Spelling Bee	Fathering Project-Paper Planes, Plzza & Poppers 5pm	Zone Athletics Carnival
		19	20	21	22	23
JUNE	Week 10		Pyjama Day- Gold coin donation			Celebration Assembly 12.00pm Last Day of Term 2
		26	27	28	29	30





### We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 1 August 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

#### What this means for you

- No payments can be made online from 9am, Tuesday 25 July 2023.
- Last day to make cash, cheque or EFTPOS payments will at 1pm on Wednesday 26 July 2023. We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: https://portal.schoolbytes.education)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal
- Moving forward, when making a payment online, you will be redirected to a Service NSW page to complete an online payment. This is the new payment platform for online as directed by the NSW Department of Education.
- Payments made online will display as OSCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.

#### What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)

- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- · View the status of all permission notes
- · Request a refund if required

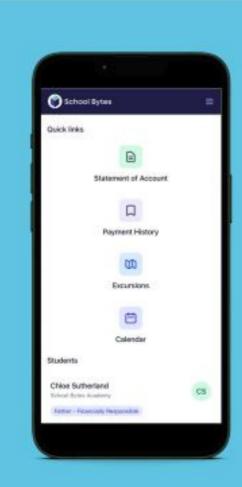
This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

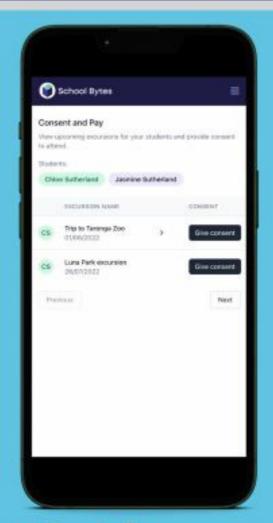
Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept cash payments.

### **AVAILABLE NOW!**

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments





#### **The Parent Portal**

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund





Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

https://portal.schoolbytes.education

