



# NEWSFLASH

## TERM 1, WEEK 8 2025

### A message from the Principal

This year, our school quietly acknowledged Harmony Day, but this did not diminish our celebration of the country's cultural diversity. We spoke at assembly and in classrooms about the importance of promoting respect, inclusiveness and a sense of belonging for all Australians. Next year, we will be celebrating Harmony Day with a flourish of orange (Harmony Day colour) so be on the lookout for anything orange as you will need it this time next year. To all our families, we appreciate and love having you as part of our school community. At APS, we all belong.

Our special colour day this year is dedicated to 'Bullying, No Way'. As part of the Upper Hunter Youth Council, APS hosts this event in coordination with other local schools. We will be sure to give you plenty of notice before the day so we can have as many students as possible supporting this important message.

Congratulations to Year 3 and 5 students on completing their final NAPLAN assessment this week. Thank you, students, for your cooperation, effort and persistence. To the staff involved, much appreciation for coordinating, supporting and supervising our students. Much gratitude also to Years 4 and 6 for giving up their classrooms and teachers during NAPLAN.

Wishing K-2 students and staff a fabulous day next Tuesday when they travel to Tamworth to attend the performance of Eric Carle's well-loved story, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. I am looking forward to hearing the students' reviews on Wednesday.

Best of luck to students who are playing rugby league in the Steve Simpson Cup in Singleton on Thursday. This is one of the most popular events on the school sporting calendar and our students always play with passion and pride. Their sportsmanship and teamwork are consistently praised by coaches, spectators and officials as being top-class. The APS staff contact at the ground is Mrs Renai Hinschen.

Cheers, to the volunteers who worked in the canteen this week.

Hop on over for our **EASTER Hat Parade & Pancake Breakfast** **Friday, 11th of April**

Families are welcome to come and enjoy a pancake breakfast provided by our P&C from 8.00am, followed by prizes and a short parade at 9am.

**Prizes will be awarded for**

- Tallest hat
- Most petite hat
- Most colourful hat
- Silliest hat
- Best use of recycled/upcycled materials

There will also be a random prize draw from each class for students who created a hat and paraded with their class.

Check out the special prize categories for the Easter Hat Competition.



### IMPORTANT DATES

- Tuesday 25th March - K-2 Theatre Excursion
- Wednesday 26th March - Cross Country Walk the Course
- Thursday 27th March - Steven Simpson Gala Day
- Tuesday 1st April - School Photo Day
- Thursday 3rd April - Cross Country 
- Friday 11th April - Easter Hat Parade
- Friday 11th April - Last Day of Term 1



### AWARD RECIPIENTS

#### WEEK 8

K Lime	Elijah F.
1/2 Indigo	Olivia B.
1/2 Blue	Lexi H.
3/4 Black	Ethan L.
5/6 Magenta	Jaden C.
5/6 Green	Lincoln A.

#### EXCELLENCE AWARD

Emily T.  
Cooper M-H.

### EVENTS

THERE *is* TIME

A NEW ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN'S BOOK

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER AND PURCHASE

CELEBRATE WITH US AT THE BOOK LAUNCH!  
From 2pm to 4pm on Sunday 23 March 2025 at Two Rivers Wines - 2 Yarrawa Road, Denman NSW 2328

Enjoy a book reading, face painting, riddles and fun!

Launch event sponsored by



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Take a peek at our students enjoying their time at school this week.



APS had the pleasure of hosting the Aurizon team, including Jono, Chelsea, Danielle, Mitch, Tim and CEO Andrew Harding. They presented their Rail Safety Program to our Year 5 and Year 6 students, who were educated on the different types of level crossings; what these look like and the importance of using them safely.

Look out mums and dads, we may have created some backseat drivers!



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LET'S LEARN





# P&C News

Our 'Easter Raffle Tickets' were sent home earlier in the week for students to sell and some have already been sold and returned to the office. Get work, everyone!

There are extra tickets available in the office if you sell out and need more. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of school at the 'Easter Breaky and Hat Parade' on Friday 11th April.

Thanks for supporting the P&C. We look forward to seeing you all and celebrating the 'Easter Hat Parade' with the students. We cannot wait to see how creative the students' hats are this year.

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# Easter Raffle

A huge Easter Hamper to be won!

**Tickets \$2 each**

Drawn Friday 11th April

*A book of 10 tickets will be sent home with each student on Monday 17th March.*

*All tickets (sold & unsold) to be returned to the office by Wednesday 9th April please.*

# CANTEEN NEWS

Wow, what a successful first 'Meal Deal Day' for 2025!

We had 120 orders from our students which this fantastic support from our families. The day was fun for both the students and the six parents who volunteered to help out for the morning. We have had great feedback from the students who say they can't wait for the next one.



Keep an eye out in Term 2 for another 'Meal Deal Day' offer from our P&C volunteers.