



NEWSFLASH

TERM 2, WEEK 10 2025

Dear Families

As we farewell a busy Term 2 and prepare to welcome in an equally busy Term 3, a few events happening in Week 1 of next term may be of interest to you.

NAIDOC DAY THE APS WAY

On Wednesday, 23rd July, we will be hosting a celebratory day to acknowledge NAIDOC Week. This will involve students rotating through a series of culturally inspired activities, some of which will be run by our Cultural Group students and others by our teachers. Activities include:

- Weaving
- Collaborative Design using traditional symbols
- Traditional Games
- Building with natural materials
- Bushtucker & Language
- Leaf Painting
- Clay modelling
- Rock art
- Traditional Stories
- Music & Song

Parents who wish to assist on the day are asked to contact the school on Monday, 21st July, to register their name and available times they can help.

CULTURAL WORKSHOPS

This event will be hosted by our students for students from Ellerston, Belltrees, Murrurundi and Blandford Public Schools. At APS, our students and teachers are fortunate to have access to Miss B. and her expertise in traditional and contemporary Aboriginal history and culture. Miss B. has worked with classroom teachers and students during Cultural Groups to build knowledge, and this is a wonderful opportunity for our students to share their learning with others. Parents are welcome to pop in throughout the day between 10am and 2pm to see what the students are doing. Volunteers are invited to assist with cooking the sausage sizzle; we will be firing the BBQ at 12 o'clock. Please remember to sign in at the office on arrival.

SCHOOL SURVEY

We appreciate how busy you are as parents and often a survey is the last thing you feel like doing at the end of a long day; however, the school is looking into what options might be available for families, especially since the closure of SOOSH in Scone. Based on recent conversations, I believe an OOSH in Aberdeen is a long way off. The school, whilst limited in what it can offer, has sourced two affordable options for at least two days per week, Monday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30-4.00pm.

WHAT PROGRAMS ARE WE LOOKING TO OFFER?

We are still finalising details but the following providers have expressed interest in this school-based initiative.

Jamie Feeney is keen to run 'Feen's Friends', a sport development program on Monday afternoons, focusing on the skill FUNdamentals, and 'Grounded in Country', which is available to host a variety of activities that are engaging for all children, and have a focus on Aboriginal culture.

The cost per session per day is \$10 per child, and families would be asked to pay upfront for a 10-week program that includes one or both of these options. One afternoon session would be \$100 per child for the term; if choosing both options, the cost would be \$200 per child for the term. A note will be sent out in Week 1, Term 3, with these and any additional programs we can source and run at an affordable price, on other days. A minimum of 20 children is required for each session. APS students who register will be automatically accepted unless enrolments reach 40 children. Children not attending Aberdeen Public School can register their interest and if a place is available, they may be offered a place. Each activity will start at 3.30pm and finish at 4.30pm. Mrs Kerrigan will supervise APS students who need to remain at school between 3.00pm and 3.30pm. Other children will need to be dropped off at the school at 3.30pm.

A GREAT END TO A BUSY TERM

Thank you to all our students and families who supported the SRC Pyjama Day fundraising in support of MND Australia. Together, we raised \$208.00. Look how cute our kiddos are coming to school in their jimmy-jams and hoodies!



Due to the Upper Hunter Zone Athletics Carnival being scheduled for Friday, 25th July, and the backup date, the following Friday, we will be holding our **Celebration Assembly on Tuesday, 29th July from 9-10am**. Please change the date on your calendar from the first Friday of Term 3 to Tuesday of the second week.



Stay healthy this winter

This winter season, respiratory viruses such as influenza, also known as flu, are expected to rise. It's important that our school community practices good general hygiene to help stop the spread of cold and flu.

Your child will need to **stay home** if they are sick with **multiple or severe respiratory symptoms**, symptoms that are worsening, or other signs like **fever, rash, or tiredness**. If your child is sick or absent from school, please let us know as soon as possible. Stay healthy this winter with these resources and advice from NSW Health:

- Book your family's flu vaccination, recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.
- Wash your hands regularly, use hand sanitiser and cover coughs and sneezes.
- Call Healthdirect on 1800 022 222 for free health advice, care and treatment for non-life threatening conditions from a registered nurse.



AWARD RECIPIENTS

WEEK 10

K Lime	Kobie W.
1/2 Indigo	Mackenzie P.
1/2 Blue	Finn A.
3/4 Black	Daniel M-C.
5/6 Magenta	Jacob W.
5/6 Green	Kristine S.

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Hugo F.

HIVE-FIVE AWARD

Year 5 Debating Team - Charlie M., Lily G., Bella W., Jack A.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday 4th July - **Last Day of Term 2**
- Tuesday 22nd July - **Students return for Term 3**
- Wednesday 23rd July - NAIDOC Day
- Thursday 24th July - Cultural Workshops for small schools hosted by our Indigenous Students
- Friday 25th July - Zone Athletics Carnival
(CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY POSTPONED to 29/7)
- Monday 28th July - 101 Days of Kindergarten

APS Term 3 Calendar

		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
JULY	Week 1	Staff Development Day 21	22	NAIDOC Day 23 	Cultural Workshops for Small Schools hosted by APS Indigenous Students 24	Zone Athletics Carnival 25
JUL/AUG	Week 2	101 Days of Kindergarten 28 	Celebration Assembly 9-10am 29	Netball School Cup 5/6 30	Phillip Green Aboriginal Show Yancoal Science & Engineering Challenge 31	Sporting Schools Gymnastics K-2 1
AUGUST	Week 3	4	Education Week Activities 5	Stage 2 GABC 6 	Stage 2 GABC 7 	Stage 2 GABC Sporting Schools Gymnastics K-2 8 
AUGUST	Week 4	11	Pre-School Visit Youth Council Meeting 12	13	14	Sporting Schools Gymnastics K-2 15
AUGUST	Week 5	18	19	20	21	Sporting Schools Gymnastics K-2 22
AUGUST	Week 6	25	Busy Bees Pre-School Parent Information Session 26	SHS Year Transition Day 27	28	Celebration Assembly 29
SEPTEMBER	Week 7	1	2	3	Movie Day with the Pre-School 4	Busy Bees Kindergarten Transition 5
SEPTEMBER	Week 8	6	7	8	9	Busy Bees Kindergarten Transition 10
SEPTEMBER	Week 9	15	16	Pre-School Visit 17	18	Busy Bees Kindergarten Transition 19
SEPTEMBER	Week 10	22	Stage 2 Touch Gala Day 23	24	25	LAST DAY- TERM 3 Busy Bees Kindergarten Transition 26



**THE NEXT GENERATION:
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**
4-13 JULY 2025

**Hunter Park
Family Centre**



JULY
2025

**ON *this*
MONTH**

Sun 6-13 – NAIDOC Week

Mon 7 – World Chocolate Day

Tues 8 – Cooking with Chocolate @ HPFC

Wed 9 – NAIDOC Arts & Crafts Day

Wed 9 – Stop Motion Workshop @ Library

Tues 15 – Pump Track info Day, Wollombi Park

Thurs 17 – Arts & Crafts @ HPFC

Sun 25 – School Tree Day

Sun 27 – National Tree Day

NAIDOC ARTS & CRAFTS DAY

Join us for a fun-filled day of Aboriginal arts and craft activities for all ages in celebration of NAIDOC Week 2025

9th July 2025

11am - 2pm

0813 Building - Corner Bridge & Market Street, Muswellbrook

FREE BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED

To register call Jess on 6542 3555 or email jdalish@uhcs.org.au

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

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TERM 3 CALENDAR 2025

Children's Mobile Playgroup

0-5 years of age

July 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	21st McCullys Gap	22nd Denman	23rd Gundy	24th Merriwa	25th Cassilis
2	28th Murrurundi	29th Moonan	30th Rouchel	31st Hebden	1st Wingen

August 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4th McCullys Gap	5th Denman	6th Gundy	7th Merriwa	8th Cassilis
4	11th Murrurundi	12th Moonan	13th Rouchel	14th Hebden	15th Wingen
5	18th McCullys Gap	19th Denman	20th Gundy	21st Merriwa	22nd Cassilis
6	25th Murrurundi	26th Moonan	27th Rouchel	28th Hebden	29th Wingen

September 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7	1st McCullys Gap	2nd Denman	3rd Gundy	4th Merriwa	5th Cassilis
8	8th Murrurundi	9th Moonan	10th Rouchel	11th Hebden	12th Wingen
9	15th McCullys Gap	16th Denman	17th Gundy	18th Merriwa	19th Cassilis
10	22nd Murrurundi	23rd Moonan	24th Rouchel	25th Hebden	26th Wingen

9.30 am- 12 noon

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Does your child have
a safety network?

5 Starred adults they can talk to about anything. Trusted adults who will always believe them.

Grandma Aunt Sam Mr Scott My Sister Dr Kelly

Ben's Safety Network

To learn how to establish your child's Safety Network go to: www.uhcservices.info



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COMMUNITY SERVICES INC.

Transport for NSW

Winter School Holidays Newsletter

July 2025



Planning a winter road trip? With colder weather setting in, we've pulled together some handy tips to help you stay safe and prepared for the journey ahead.



Stay Informed on the roads

Heading off these holidays? Plan ahead and avoid delays by checking out the **NSW Pinch Point Journey Planning Tool** and the latest traffic conditions via **Live Traffic NSW**. Get live updates to help you reach your destination safely and on time.



Road closures down at the slopes

To manage traffic and safety, Transport for NSW may temporarily close access to Kosciuszko Road or Alpine Way once parking at Perisher or Thredbo reaches full capacity. Sign up for **SMS alerts** to get real-time updates on Kosciuszko Road and Alpine Way closures, including when ski field parking hits capacity.



Are you prepared for the weather?

Before heading to the snow, give your car a quick check. All ZWD vehicles in Kosciuszko National Park must carry snow chains - fines apply if you don't. Fit chains in designated bays and check your vehicle's compatibility. For all the snow driving tips you need, check out this **handy guide**. Don't forget to pack a basic emergency kit with a torch, blanket, and first aid supplies.



Heading to the snow from Jindabyne?

Travel to Perisher or Thredbo with the **Snowy Mountains Bus Service** for just \$15 return for kids and students, and \$29 for adults. 3 day passes and season passes are also available. Not near a bus stop? No worries - we've got your parking covered, enjoy free parking at the Station Resort with your ticket.



MORE services

Every day during the school holidays (4 July to 20 July) and from Friday to Sunday during peak season (21 July to 31 August), **Snowy Mountains Bus Services** between Jindabyne and Perisher will run every 30 minutes from 6am to 10:30am and from 1:20pm to 4:55pm.



Flying out of Sydney this winter?

Winter is one of the busiest times of year for travel, especially with school holidays around the corner. Take the stress out of your journey by using public transport to allow yourself extra time to arrive at the airport prepared. Download the **Opal app** to stay up to date with any changes. If you're driving, check **Live Traffic NSW** before you leave to avoid unexpected delays.

Transport for NSW

Happy Holidays

Students return
for Term 3
Tuesday 22nd July







SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

3D DESIGN & PRINTING



SESSION 1: THURSDAY 10TH JULY, 9:30AM – 11:30AM

SESSION 2: THURSDAY 17TH JULY, 9:30AM – 11:30AM

LOCATION: DONALD HORNE BUILDING 140 BRIDGE ST

BOOKINGS: STEM@MUSWELLBROOK.NSW.GOV.AU

AGES
10 - 16



**muswellbrook
shire council**

WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES




UPPER HUNTER SHIRE LIBRARIES

ABERDEEN PHONE: 6540 1303 Tuesday 8 July 10:15 - Storytime & Craft 0-6yrs 11:00 - Indigenous Animal Wooden Key Rings Wednesday 9 July 5:00 - Coding (school age / high school age and up) Friday 11 July 2:30 - NAIDOC Week paint & decorate Boomerangs Tuesday 15 July 10:15 - Storytime & Craft 0-6yrs 11:00 - Design Your Own Coaster Wednesday 16 July 5:00 - Coding (school age / high school age and up) Friday 18 July 2:30 - Design Your Own Pocket Mirror or Pen	MERRIWA PHONE: 6521 7007 Tuesday 8 July 10:00 - Storytime & Create Rainbow Spiral Snakes Thursday 10 July 1:00 - Tie Dye Your Own Library Bag 6yrs+ Friday 11 July 1:00 - Emu Egg Painting Tuesday 15 July 10:00 - Storytime & Mess Free Volcano Painting Thursday 17 July 1:00 - Junk Journals & Duck Tape Pens Friday 18 July 1:00 - Pet Rock Adoption & House Making 6yrs+	SCONE PHONE: 6540 1183 Monday 7 July 10:30 - NAIDOC Inspired Shrinkie Earrings & Keyrings 10yrs+ Tuesday 8 July 10:30 - Toddler Time 11:30 - Decorate Indigenous Designed Laser Etched Boomerangs Wednesday 9 July 10:30 - Baby Talk 11:30 - Decorate Cardboard Didgeridoos Friday 11 July 10:30 - Storytime & Decorate Wooden Boomerangs Monday 14 July 10:30 - Maramba Bagtags & Keyrings 10yrs+ Tuesday 15 July 10:30 - Toddler Time 11:30 - Assemble & Decorate Tambourines Wednesday 16 July 10:30 - Baby Talk 11:30 - Decorate Wooden Paddle Balls Friday 18 July 10:30 - Storytime & Decorate & Assemble Winter Lanterns
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PHONE: 6540 1311

Wednesday 9 July
11:00 - Storytime & Craft **0-6yrs**
1:00 - Tie Dye Your Own Library Bag **6yrs+**

Wednesday 16 July
11:00 - Storytime & Craft **0-6yrs**
1:00 - Junk Journals & Duck Tape Pens **6yrs+**

MURRURUNDI

PHONE: 6540 1363

Wednesday 9 July
10:00 - Decorate Wooden Heart Shapes

Friday 11 July
10:00 - Storytime & Indigenous Animal Craft

Wednesday 16 July
10:00 - Make Colourful Spinning Toys

Friday 18 July
10:00 - Storytime & Decorate Wooden Rainbows

Pop-in Crafts

Anytime during Library Officer Hours

- Scratch Board Masks
- Folding Fun Hats
- Colouring-In Pages



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