



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL TERM 2 WEEK 9 2025

27th June 2025

A message from the Principal



Aberdeen PS is proud to support St Joseph's Catholic College students in the implementation of their PDHPE curriculum. The Joeys students provided coaching in fundamental movement skills to students in K Lime and 1/2 Indigo. This demonstrates collaboration not only between schools but between education sectors, the Public and Catholic Education systems, for the benefit of all students. St Josephs also accesses our school hall from time to time to accommodate HSC preparation and performances.



This week, Aberdeen PS had the pleasure of hosting Denman PS for the Premier's Debating Challenge. Both our Year 5 (pictured above left) and Year 6 (pictured above right) were highly competitive in their respective debates, but were ultimately unsuccessful. The teams have one more debate coming up. We are also hoping to stage a debate at school between the two teams to showcase the skills, teamwork and high potential of our determined debaters.

While some students thrive on a good argument, others like Aeila and Mia would much prefer to dig around in the dirt. This week, they dug some sweet potatoes that were planted last year. These look big enough to make enough sweet potato chips to feed the whole school!

As the winter crops come to an end, we are hoping to do some much-needed maintenance in our school garden. We hope to purchase some corrugated garden beds to replace the old timber retainers, which will make the gardens safer for students and increase accessibility. Replacement will be a big job, so we will be organising a working bee in Term 3. Any assistance will be appreciated.



NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, 30TH JULY

WHERE: ABERDEEN PS STAFFROOM

TIME: 6PM

WHO: EVERYONE

Mrs Kerrigan will be discussing:

- Change of the supplier of the APS Polo to Lowes, Muswellbrook - sample fabric available.
- NCCD - Information about this process is included in this newsletter; however, if you have questions, they will be answered at the meeting.
- Playground equipment area resurfacing options and viability.
- Before & After School Care in Aberdeen - What is our community's level of need for this service?

ATTENDANCE - WHAT TO LOOK FOR ON YOUR CHILD'S REPORT

Congratulations to our Year 4 cohort who have maintained an attendance rate of 90% or higher across Term 1 and Term 2. This is a remarkable accomplishment given the decline in overall attendance during the same period. Unfortunately, the colder weather often means sniffles, coughs and colds for many students, which results in days away from school. We do not want to encourage parents to send children to school when they are sick, which is why children must attend school every day they are well. Please do not keep children at home because you have visitors, it's their birthday or their siblings are unwell. Every day counts.

Miss Jess is currently meeting with students whose attendance is of concern to form an individual plan to assist with improved attendance. These meetings are part of the school's proactive strategies to improve school attendance rates, which can help to increase students' sense of belonging, access to the curriculum and relationships with their peers. Parents play a significant role in the frequency a child attends school, especially for younger children who require adult assistance to get ready for school. Please review your child's semester report for their attendance percentage located towards the bottom of the front page, and map it to the coloured Attendance Concern Scale. **If your child's attendance percentage is 89% or lower, they are considered to be educationally at risk.** If you would like to discuss how we can support you with school attendance, please contact the office to arrange a meeting or a return phone call.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...





AWARD RECIPIENTS

WEEK 9

K Lime	Isabella C.
1/2 Blue	Oliver P.
1/2 Indigo	Hayden P.
3/4 Black	Charles C.
5/6 Green	Mia T.
5/6 Magenta	Chase A.

HIVE-FIVE AWARD

Raidyn M-H.
Jacob W.
Audrey C.
Isaac M.
Mackenzie P.
Callie K.
Faith A.

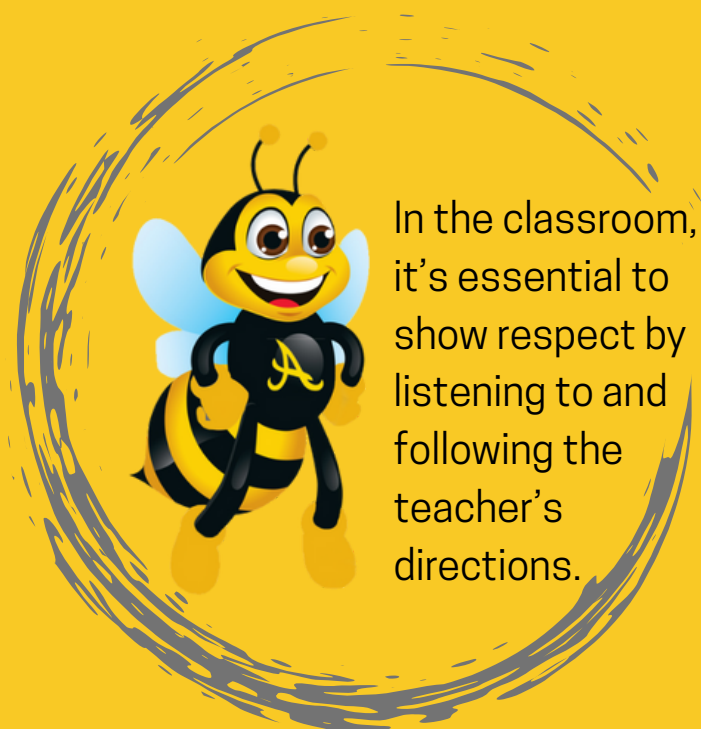


IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday 1st July**- 1/2 Indigo- Storytime at the Pre-School
- **Wednesday 2nd July**- **PYJAMA DAY**
- **Friday 4th July** - **Last Day of Term 2**
- **Tuesday 22nd July** - **Students return for Term 3**
- **Wednesday 23rd July** - NAIDOC Day
- **Friday 25th July** - Celebration Assembly 9.10am
- **Friday 25th July** - Zone Athletics Carnival
- **Monday 28th July** - 101 Days of Kindergarten



Let's find the potential
develop the talent
make the difference



In the classroom,
it's essential to
show respect by
listening to and
following the
teacher's
directions.

NCCD DATA COLLECTION

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) is a yearly count of students by all Australian schools across the country. The aim of the NCCD is to provide the Australian Government with information about the number of students with disability in Australian schools and the type of adjustments they need in order to access and participate in education on the same basis as other students.

Who is included?

Your child will be included in the NCCD if they require ongoing adjustments at school due to a disability as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. This is a very broad definition of disability that does not require a formal diagnosis and includes physical and intellectual disabilities, learning disorders such as dyslexia and dysgraphia, and mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression.

WHAT IS PROVIDED

If your child requires any adjustments or modifications, the school will provide information including:

- your child's year of schooling
- the category of disability that best describes your child's difficulties (physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional)
- the level of adjustment your child receives at school (quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary adjustment, substantial adjustment, or extensive adjustment)

More information

More information can be found at:
https://www.nccd.edu.au/sites/default/files/nccd_parent_fact_sheet_english_0.pdf

NCCD is a legal requirement

While it is not possible for schools or families to 'opt out' of the NCCD, the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is treated with utmost importance. Data is collected within each school, and personal details, such as student names and other identifying information, are not provided to local or federal education authorities



A vertical banner for PJ Day. At the top, a yellow dinosaur in a yellow onesie holds a white mug. Below it, a yellow banner reads 'PJ DAY'. To the right, a yellow crescent moon with a blue polka-dot nightcap and a yellow 'Z' is hanging. Below the banner, five white stars with pink stems hang down. The background is light blue with white clouds, grey stars, and yellow stars. At the bottom, there is a pink flower, a stack of folded clothes, a white rabbit, and a blue striped pajama top.

PJ DAY

DATE: 2nd July.

**Wear your COMFIEST and
WARMEST Pyjamas.**

**Bring a gold coin donation to
help raise funds for Motor
Neurone Disease [MND]
research.**

APS Term 2 Calendar

		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
APR/MAY	Week 1	Staff Development Day 28	Staff Development Day 29	30	1	Celebration Assembly Zone Cross Country 2
MAY	Week 2	UHPSSA Touch Football Trials P&C Meeting 6.00pm 5	Mother's Day Stall  6	7	UHPSSA Basketball 8	Mother's Day Muffins 8-9am  9
MAY	Week 3	12	K-2 Jack Johnston Memorial Day 13	Hot Dog Meal Deal Crazy Hair Day 14	Walk Safely to School Day  15	Scone Cup 1/2 Day Public Holiday  16
MAY	Week 4	19	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion  20	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion K-2 Library Visit 21	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion  22	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion  23
MAY	Week 5	Spelling Bee 26	27	28	29	Flag Raising Ceremony 30
JUNE	Week 6	PSSA Netball Gala Day 2	SJA Year 6 Middle Schools Day 3	SHS Year 6 Transition Day 4	Athletics Carnival  5	Celebration Assembly Sustainable Schools Expo 6
JUNE	Week 7	Kings Birthday Public Holiday 9 	10	11	Debating v SPS Sporting Schools-Softball 12	13
JUNE	Week 8	Soccer Gala Day 16	Youth Council Meeting 17	18	Sporting Schools-Softball 19	20
JUNE	Week 9	23	24	25	Debating vs Denman PS Sporting Schools-Softball 26	27
JUN/JUL	Week 10	30	1-2 Indigo-Storytime at the Pre-School 1	PYJAMA DAY 2	3	LAST DAY-TERM 2  4



HOLIDAY CAMP



Squash Stars Holiday Camps – Fun, Fitness & Friends!

Looking for an action-packed holiday activity for your child? Squash Stars Holiday Camps are the perfect way to keep kids (ages 6-12 years) active, engaged, and making new friends these school holidays!

Date: TUESDAY, 15th JULY FROM 9am
Location: MUSWELLBROOK SQUASH CENTRE
Cost: FREE (If payment required through QR code then club will reimburse)

What's in store?

- Enjoyable squash games
- Exciting skill challenges
- Fun activities
- Loads of laughter & memories!

No experience needed—just bring energy and a smile!

Spots are limited—Register Now!

Give your child the chance to try something new, stay active, and have a blast these holidays.



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

LEARN, PLAY & GROW AT PCYC THIS JULY!



BASKETBALL
GYMNASTICS
NERF/LASER TAG
STEM
CRAFTS
MINI OLYMPICS
PARKOUR
FUTSAL

Book 3 Sessions and Get the 4th Free!
 Active and Creative Kids vouchers accepted.



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SCONE FILMS PRESENTS

MATINEE

Sunday 29th June 2.00pm

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Standard
Ticket \$15

Youth
Ticket
\$10
16yrs & under



Tickets now @

www.sconefilms.org.au

Scan the QR Code

"Potter Macqueen" (from 14/6), or at the door*.

Doors open 1.30pm

Afternoon Tea (\$5*) available before or after the movie.

*Cash only at the venue



Corner Oxford Rd & Cooper St, Scone

Hunter Wetlands Centre SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Duck Discovery Walk

Everyday of School Holidays

Learn all about DUCKS as you waddle around our interactive trail!

Cost: FREE with Entry



After Dark Guided Tour

Mon 7th, Mon 14th and Wed 16th at 6.00pm

When the sun goes down the wetlands animals come out! Join our EXPERT GUIDE on this very special after-dark tour of the wetlands spotting all our nighttime wildlife!

Cost: \$5 kids \$10 adults (suitable for 5years+)



Book
Online

Reptile Encounters

EVERY Wed, Sat & Sun at 11am

We've added EXTRA Reptile Encounter shows for the school holidays! Meet & learn about our reptile residents!

Cost: \$5pp plus Entry

Lego Day

Fri 11th July at 10am & 11am

Unleash your creativity at this special animal-themed Bricks 4 Kidz LEGO® session.

1 hour session

\$12 per child includes entry (5years+)

Book
Online

PLUS

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PLAYGROUNDS
DIP NETTING
GUIDED WALKS
BIKE TRAILS



1 Wetlands Pl, Shortland NSW | wetlands.org.au/upcoming-events