NEWSFLASH

TERM 3, WEEK 10 2025

This week, we congratulate our touch football and cricket teams for their participation and successes at their respective gala day events. On Tuesday, Mrs Kelly and Mr Ramage attended the event in Scone with four touch teams from APS. The score lines were very close in all games, but their success on the field was not measured by the number of tries scored or games won, but by their teamwork, persistence, and sportsmanship. We are very proud of all of you. Special thanks to Mia D. and Aeila A., who stepped up to play in both the Junior and Senior Girls teams.

Our cricketers also enjoyed a fabulous day of sport in Scone on Wednesday. Accompanied by Mr. Easton and Mr. Stutchbury, the team played four games; two wins and two losses. All players deserve commendation for their efforts. Kristine S. was outstanding in the field and caught the eye of junior coaches in the area and the Sydney Sixers, who hosted the event. Well done, everyone!

Many thanks to the staff and parents who coached, managed, transported and supported our students on both days. Without your commitment, our students would not have these fabulous opportunities.

Junior Boys

Senior Boys

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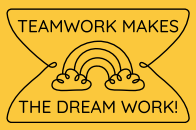


APS Cricket Team

Another exciting venture for APS is the delivery of our Rode Podcaster. The podcaster will allow students and staff to create their own podcasts to share with our school and wider community. The set up includes special voice and sound effects, accessed at the touch of a button using the central console. Jack A. and Charlie M. joined a few of the teachers for the lunchtime demonstration. This was a great way to spend our lunchtime, and it was obvious that this device will create endless opportunities for our school. Of course, the students picked it up much quicker than the staff, so I expect the students will produce the first podcast but who knows, the next newsletter could be available as a podcast. ☺

On a more serious note, the school has received several phone calls from concerned drivers who are reporting unsafe pedestrian actions and near-misses involving students from our school. Some of these have occurred on the highway and others in the side streets. Please, if your child walks to and/or from school, use the holiday period to review road safety with them, including safe places to cross the road, stopping and looking both ways before stepping onto the road, and approaching driveways with caution.

TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY, HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY MID-SEMESTER BREAK.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU BACK IN TERM 4.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday 14th October -** Students return for Term 4
- **Thursday 16th October** - Parent Teacher Interviews
- **Friday 17th October** - Busy Bees Transition
  - Bryan Kirkland Gala Day
- **Thursday 23rd October** - Year 6 Mini Fete
- **Friday 24th October** - Celebration Assembly
  - Grandparents Morning Tea
  - Busy Bees Transition

Please note change of date for Celebration Assembly 24th October

AWARD RECIPIENTS

WEEK 10

K Lime	Kobie W.
1/2 Indigo	Theo A.
1/2 Blue	Isaac M.
3/4 Black	Sophia B.
5/6 Magenta	Sophia F.
5/6 Green	Dominic F.

HIVE-FIVE AWARD

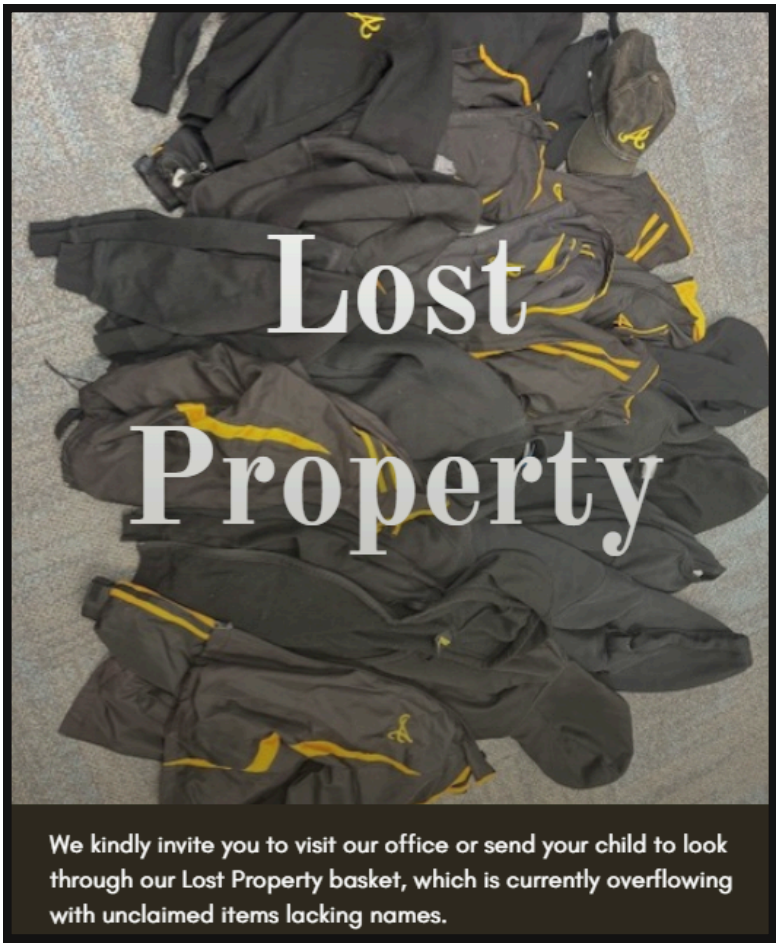
Elsie R.

Not returning in 2026?

If your child is in Kinder - Year 5 and is not returning to APS in 2026, please inform the school office as soon as possible so we can consider this when allocating classes.

Cultural Learning at our School

This term, students have been immersed in a wide range of cultural activities, guided by Miss B.
Our K–2 Cultural Group has enjoyed learning Aboriginal games, songs in Gamilaraay language, dance, and Dreaming stories. A highlight has been preparing to teach our Busy Bees a cultural dance, which they will proudly perform at their graduation next term.
Our 3–6 Cultural Group has been busy working on individual projects. Students have explored traditional tools, weapons, artefacts, and songs in their own mob's languages to perform. They have also experimented with traditional and contemporary art styles and histories to create their own artworks and stories, while learning more about Aboriginal cultures through fossils and artefacts. This project will continue into next term, with students becoming 'experts' who will share their knowledge with K–2. Miss B is also supporting this learning by connecting students with Aboriginal Elders and knowledge holders.
In addition, Miss B has visited every classroom this term to deliver a cultural lesson for all students. The focus was on the significance, history, and impact of cultural burning. Students compared bushfires with cultural burns, looking closely at the 2019/20 bushfires and the Scone Mountain fire, and discussed the strong relationships our local firefighters have built with Elders to help prevent future disasters.
A special highlight this term was our Cultural Day for the small schools in our area. Our Cultural Group students stepped up as leaders, running a variety of cultural activities with pride and confidence.
Students have also been monitoring their PLP goals with Miss B. Many were excited to celebrate goals they have achieved this term and are already setting new goals to work towards next term.
Alongside these activities, our Grounded in Country after-school program has been running Aboriginal Art lessons every Thursday. Students have loved the opportunity to explore culture and creativity in a hands-on way, guided by Miss B.



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Parent Survey on Children's Extracurricular Activities

Are you a parent or guardian of a child aged 5 to 11 in Australia?

Help shape our understanding of extra-curricular activities of children in primary school and have a chance to win one of four $200 vouchers.

We're inviting you to take part in a short online survey exploring how children participate in extra-curricular activities, including:

- Arts & Creativity
- Sports & Physical Activities
- Languages & Cultural Learning
- Music & Performance
- Clubs, Tech & More!

Who can participate?

You are eligible if you:

- Are a parent or legal guardian of a child aged 5 to 11 enrolled in primary school
- Live in Australia

Take the survey or find out more using the QR code or at go.unimelb.edu.au/po9p

PCYC

29 September – 13 October 2025
Spring

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
10am-12pm Futsal & Oz Tag 4pm-5pm Indoor Soccer 5pm-6pm Junior Boxing for Fitness (9-15 yrs)	9am-10:30am Gymnastics Tumble & Turn Workshop 10:30am-12pm Gymnastics Tumble & Turn Workshop	10am-12pm Painting & Beads 4pm-5pm Mini Boxing for Fitness (5-8 yrs) 5pm-6pm Junior Boxing for Fitness (9-15 yrs)		
Public Holiday Closed	9am-10:30am Gymnastics Spring & Swing Workshop 10:30am-12pm Gymnastics Spring & Swing Workshop	10am-12pm Mini Olympics & Pickleball 4pm-5pm Mini Boxing for Fitness (5-8 yrs) 5pm-6pm Junior Boxing for Fitness (9-15 yrs)		10am-12pm Spring Carnival & Trivia

MON	LEARN, PLAY & GROW	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	WHAT TO BRING
	Join our workshop program this Spring - A fun introduction to mixed activities in safe and friendly environments! Morning Workshops- Ages 5-12 yrs Gymnastics Workshops Ages 5-15 yrs	THANK YOU TO OUR CLUB GRANTS SPONSORS MUSWELLBROOK RSL & MUSWELLBROOK WORKERS CLUB FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO RUN OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FREE!!!	Water bottle Enclosed shoes Appropriate wear for creative activities and gymnastics

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

TOY BOX

TERM 4 CALENDAR 2025

Children's Mobile Playgroup 0-6 years of age

October 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	13th McCullys Gap	14th Denman	15th Gundy	16th Merriwa	17th Cassilis
2	20th Murrurundi	21st Ellerston	22nd Rouchel	23rd Hebden	24th Wingen
3	27th McCullys Gap	28th Denman	29th Gundy	30th Merriwa	31st Cassilis

November 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	3rd Murrurundi	4th Ellerston	5th Rouchel	6th Hebden	7th Wingen
5	10th McCullys Gap	11th Denman	12th Gundy	13th Merriwa	14th Cassilis
6	17th Murrurundi	18th Ellerston	19th Rouchel	20th Hebden	21st Wingen
7	24th McCullys Gap	25th Denman	26th Gundy	27th Merriwa	28th Cassilis

December 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8	1st Murrurundi	2nd Ellerston	3rd Rouchel	4th Hebden	5th NO VENUE
9	8th McCullys Gap	9th NO VENUE	10th Gundy	11th Merriwa	12th Cassilis
10	15th Murrurundi	16th Ellerston	17th Rouchel	18th Hebden	19th Wingen

Shaded green Xmas Party Days

9.30 am– 12 noon
Toy Box 6543 4877
email– toybox@uhcs.org.au
facebook– Toybox Uhcs

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SPRING HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Phone your library to book

UPPER HUNTER SHIRE LIBRARIES

ABERDEEN
PHONE: 6540 1303

Tuesday 30 September
10:15 - Storytime & Craft **0-6yrs**
11:00 - Spring Flower Wreath from Tree Branches **6-12yrs**

Wednesday 1 October
5:00 - Coding (school age / high school age & adults)

Friday 3 October
2:30 - Felt Pencil Toppers & Butterfly Jewel Magnets

Tuesday 7 October
10:15 - Storytime & Craft **0-6yrs**
11:00 - Halloween Lanterns **6-12yrs**

Wednesday 8 October
5:00 - Coding (school age / high school age & adults)

Friday 10 October
2:30 - Scratchboard Mini Beasts & Dangly Foam Monsters

CASSILIS
PHONE: 6540 1311

Wednesday 1 October
11:00 - DIY Desktop Basketball

Wednesday 9 October
11:00 - DIY Thumb Wrestling Arena

Drop-In Activities
Drop by between 10:00-3:30 to enjoy:

- Kids Jewellery Making

MERRIWA
PHONE: 6521 7007

Thursday 2 October
11:00 - DIY Desktop Basketball

Friday 3 October
10:00 - DIY Desktop Basketball

Thursday 9 October
10:00 - DIY Thumb Wrestling Arena

Friday 11 October
10:00 - DIY Thumb Wrestling Arena

Drop-in Activities
Drop by Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays 10:00-4:00 to enjoy:

- Kids Jewellery Making

MURRURUNDI
PHONE: 6540 1363

Friday 4 October
10:00 - Storytime & Craft

Friday 11 October
10:00 - Storytime & Craft

Drop-in Activities
Drop by Tuesdays - Fridays 10:00 - 4:00 to enjoy:

WK 1
- Friendship Bracelet Making

Wk 2
- Card Making Activity Stations

SCONE
PHONE: 6540 1183

Monday 29 September
10:30 - Spring Crafts

Tuesday 30 September
10:30 - Toddler Time
11:30 - Assemble & Decorate Scratchboard Lanterns

Wednesday 1 October
10:30 - Baby Talk
11:30 - Assemble & Decorate Wooden Wind Chimes

Friday 3 October
10:30 - Storytime & Decorate Scratchboard Space Shapes

Tuesday 7 October
10:30 - Toddler Time
11:30 - Decorate Wooden Robins

Wednesday 8 October
10:30 - Baby Talk
11:30 - Decorate Wooden Boats

Friday 10 October
10:30 - Storytime & Scratchboard Masks

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS