



NEWSFLASH

TERM 3, WEEK 2 2025

Congratulations to our students who competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival last Friday. Mrs Mooring and Miss Regan reported an outstanding display of sportsmanship as students cheered on their peers. Also, well done to our two netball teams who played in very unpleasant weather conditions on Wednesday. A huge thank you to Mrs Mooring, Miss Regan, Miss Purcell and Mrs Kelly for the hours of preparation for both of these events and their work on the day. Our gratitude is extended to all parents who assisted with travel and supported students throughout the respective days.

Advice to Parents - Schools only gained full access to NAPLAN results today, so if you have questions, please allow Year 3 and 5 teachers a few weeks to review and analyse the data. Alternatively, your child's achievement levels and follow-up strategies can be raised at the Parent-Teacher meetings later this term.

The human brain naturally puts things in categories to make sense of the world. Very young children quickly learn the difference between boys and girls, for instance; however, the values we place on different categories are learned from our parents, other adults, our peers and the observations we make about how the world works. This week, our school focus has been on accepting others and not making judgments about them based on age, gender, race, religion, appearance, or ability. Discussing how and why people discriminate and how it can negatively impact the wellbeing, education, identity and sense of belonging of others, helps to promote understanding and raise awareness.

Public Education Week 2025
TUESDAY
AUGUST 5TH



Schedule of Events

8:00am - Visitor Breakfast -COLA

8:30am - Classroom Showcase at APS Hall -Head down to explore the incredible work our students have accomplished this year.

9:30am - Open Classrooms -Take the opportunity to visit your child's classroom.

11:05am - Picnic Lunch - Bring your lunch and a blanket and join your children for a delightful picnic on the front oval.

11:45am- Classroom Showcase at APS Hall

Classroom visit schedule	
11:45am	
12:15pm	
12:45pm	

Come and join us in Week 3 to celebrate public education. APS is hosting a range of events on Tuesday, 5th August, starting at 8am with a breakfast. On Thursday, 7th August, schools in the Upper Hunter network will combine at Scone High School for an **Education Week Awards Ceremony** to celebrate our students, staff, volunteers and programs that contribute to the success of public education. Everyone is invited to attend, and award recipients will receive a personalised invitation.

WHERE: Scone High School MPU

TIME: 6pm

ENTRY: Free



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday 5th July** - Education Week Activities
- **Wednesday 6th July** -Stage 2 GABC Excursion
- **Thursday 7th July** - Stage 2 GABC Excursion
- SJA Sports Fun
- **Friday 8th July** - Stage 2 GABC Excursion



AWARD RECIPIENTS

WEEK 2

K Lime	Davin E.
1/2 Indigo	Hugh B.
1/2 Blue	Eli W.
3/4 Black	Lacey A.
5/6 Magenta	Lily S.
5/6 Green	Louis L.

HIVE-FIVE AWARDS

Nate P.
Jacob W.
Wylie O.



We need assistance from parents, carers, grandparents, extended family and community members to offer their time in our school canteen.

- **Hours are 8.30am to 2pm (Flexible) on any Friday you are available**
- **Full induction and training provided**

If you can help, please contact the school office or message the Aberdeen Public School PSC Facebook Page





On Friday students from APS went to Rose Park in Singleton to represent our school at Zone Athletics. There was high jump, relay races, long jump, shot put, discus, 100m, 200m, 800m and 1500m. We had 4 people make it to the 100m finals. The competition was very tough, and we gave 100% in all events on the day. APS had 40 students compete on the day. **News reporters Travis B. & Jack A.**

HUNTER 218 points
Athletics Carnival Results

ROSSGOLE 212 points

McQUEEN 129 points

SEGENHOE 126 points

Junior Champions
 Aeila A. & Fynn P.

11 years Champions
 Lily G. & Jake M.

Senior Champions
 Faith A. & Tyson D.

Our Kindergarten students had a wonderful day on Monday, filled with exciting activities and tasty treats, including cake, fairy bread, and pizza, to celebrate 101 days of Kindergarten and all their incredible achievements during this period. A big thank you to Miss Purcell for organising this fun filled celebration for our students!



ANY UPDATES TO YOUR CHILDS HEALTH CARE NEEDS?

Please contact the office if something has changed

- ✓ MEDICATION
- ✓ STINGOES
- ✓ SAVLON
- ✓ SUNSCREEN
- ✓ ASTHMA ACTION PLAN
- ✓ ALLERGIES

On Wednesday, 15 students represented Aberdeen Public School at the Netball Schools Cup in Singleton. Despite the rainy conditions, both teams played a total of six games throughout the day. APS Yellow secured victories in 3 games, while APS Red won 2 games. All students displayed impressive teamwork, sportsmanship, and dedication. It was encouraging to see their consistent improvement as the day progressed, especially from those who were new to the game. Thank you to all the parents who drove the students and braved the rain and cold to support their child. A huge thank you to ex-students Koby King and Sophie Taylor for umpiring the teams on the day.

Help us fundraise!

Aberdeen Public School P&C

Mention us when applying for a Newcastle Permanent home loan, and for each eligible new loan we'll receive \$500 through their Community Referral Program!

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Introducing our After-School Programs at APS



Starts Monday 11th August
3.30pm - 4.30pm
at Aberdeen Public School
(excludes school and public holidays)



LEGENDS Q&A		JAMIE FEENEY
Born	9/4/1978 in Muswellbrook, NSW	
Debut	Round 12, 1999 Bulldogs v Warriors at Stadium Australia	
Career games	132 Bulldogs 112 (1999-2004) Storm 20 (2005-06)	
Representative	NSW Country (2002)	



THURSDAY

Starting the same week, Grounded in Country is offering 10 afternoons rich in Aboriginal culture. Founded by Gamilaraay woman, Baihe Butcher, Grounded in Country provides opportunities for all children aged 5-12 years to learn about and appreciate Aboriginal family & kinship connections, Dreaming stories, traditional games, bush tucker & medicine, tools, art, weaving, music, and dance. As a singer-songwriter, performer, artist and teacher, Baihe is sure to send participants home smiling and full of information.

Registration forms for Grounded in Country will be sent out via the parent portal on Monday and are due back to the school office by Friday, 15th August.

The 10-week program is an up-front payment of \$100 per child. Payment details are on the registration form. Currently, this program is only offered on Thursdays. Sessions are capped at 25 participants, so register your child early to avoid disappointment.

Change in Kindergarten Routine Due to the Stage 2 Excursion

Next Wednesday, Mrs Pennell and Miss Purcell will attend the Great Aussie Bush Camp with Stage 2 students. During this time, Mr Stutchbury will be teaching K Lime. Miss Purcell has planned lessons for Mr Stutchbury, however, this will still be a big change for our Kinders and may cause some children to become a little unsettled. After all, children thrive on routine and predictability, so any disruption, big or small, to their routine can be unsettling. Mr Stutchbury and the rest of the staff will do our best to reassure them and minimise any other changes to their weekly routine. If you can also discuss Miss Purcell's attendance on the excursion with your child, it may help to prepare them for her absence. The excursion runs from Wednesday to Friday of Week 3.

WHIN PROGRAM - A Big Win for our Children

Aberdeen PS is very excited to be part of the Wellbeing and Health In-Reach Nurse (WHIN) Coordinator Program. This provides the school with direct support from a wellbeing nurse who works with the school and families to identify private health and community services and providers.

We are still finalising the finer details about what this will look like at the school, but this is a positive step forward in helping families to access health services. Our wellbeing nurse is Karinne, and referrals can be made through our Learning and Support Team. Contact Mrs Kerrigan or Mrs Loveridge if you would like more information about the WHIN program.



SCONE FILMS PRESENTS
FREE - Friday 1st August 6.30PM - FREE
 Doors open 6pm for complimentary Tea/Coffee Sweet Treats



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Q&A following the film with Craig Hamilton & director Jye Curries



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FOREVER Loved
 TOGETHER IN HEALING

Forever Loved Family Support Day

Sunday 7th September 2025

Victoria Park Muswellbrook 10am to 2pm
 Kyda Rock are playing on the day.

Join us for a free community day filled with fun, connection and support.

Bring the whole family - free rides for the kids, free sausage sizzle and a space to connect with support services and others who have experienced the same loss.

If you've lost a friend or loved one to suicide, we invite you to bring a photo and shoe to honour their memory as part of this special day.

We want to come together as a community to honour those we've lost to suicide as a powerful act of love, remembrance, and healing. This is a space where grief can be shared, stories can be told and lives can be acknowledged - not for how they ended but for how they mattered.

Honouring those we've lost while giving hope to those still here.

Let's come together to support each other, raise awareness and remember those we've lost - by honouring those we lost, we can prevent future loss.



For enquiries contact De-anne Douglas 0476 233 700





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Join an **exclusive developmental journey** led by Jamie Feeney, a passionate leader in nurturing Rugby League Talent and **fostering success** in the game

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ESTABLISH CLEAR GOALS

Establish clear and achievable goals for each day, week, or project, providing a sense of direction to stay productive.

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Grounded in Country

Founder Baihe Butcher

Baihe Butcher, a passionate Kamilaroi woman from Scone, is dedicated to integrating Aboriginal perspectives into education. With a Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) (Honours) and advancing cultural studies, Baihe leads initiatives that mentor teachers and inspire students through culturally responsive learning. Her innovative programs have boosted student engagement, elevated Aboriginal student achievement, and strengthened school-community ties. She founded Grounded in Country to extend cultural education beyond her school, supporting the integration of Aboriginal perspectives and providing tools for creating culturally safe learning environments. Baihe's innovative teaching and leadership continue to transform education in the Upper Hunter, empowering and inspiring both educators and students alike.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL ABORIGINAL EDUCATION AWARD



BAIHE BUTCHER