



ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL TERM 2 WEEK 3 2025

8th August 2025

A message from the Principal

It was wonderful to welcome so many families and friends to our school on Tuesday to celebrate Education Week. I hope everyone enjoyed the muffin breakfast, showcase displays in the hall, classroom visits and of course, break time. The students and staff loved having you in the school and we hope it has inspired dinner table conversation this week.

I am proud to announce APS recipients of the 2025 Public Education Awards whose contribution and commitment to our school was acknowledged at this year's Upper Hunter Education Week Awards last night. Congratulations to Callie King (Outstanding Student), Tam Donnelly (Outstanding School Community Member), Teresa Keegan (Outstanding Non-teaching Staff), Hayley Pennell (Outstanding Teacher) and The Aberdeen PS Attendance Team consisting of Bianca Mooring, Stephne Edwards and Renai Hinschen (Outstanding Program). I extend my congratulations to all award recipients from Scone HS, Scone PS, Belltrees PS, Ellerston PS, Blandford PS and Murrurundi PS.

Thank you to Aiden N. in Year 5 who delivered the Acknowledgement of Country at this special event. I praise Aiden for his courage to speak in front of an unfamiliar audience and commend him on his outstanding representation of his school, family and culture.

In follow up to vision screening conducted by the Lions Club or Aaron Henry Optometry earlier this year, some students were recommended for further assessment by an optometrist. If a vision assessment was recommended for your child, I ask that you complete a short survey that will be emailed out on Monday 11/8/25. The information provided will be used by the school to explore community sponsorship opportunities that may assist families with the costs of the eye exams and if needed, glasses.

A reminder to all families wishing to take advantage of our after-school programs to register your child by Monday 12 noon and return the registration slip to the school by Monday 9am. This will help us determine if we have the numbers (minimum of 15 and maximum of 25) to get these programs up and running.

Feen's Friends will run on Monday afternoon next week and Grounded in Country next Thursday for those who have registered and paid. If the programs fold after the first week due to insufficient numbers, your refund amount will be less \$10.

Children participating in a program may remain at school at the end of the day (please advise the office of a change in routine) and will be supervised by Mrs Kerrigan between 2.55-3.30pm. Please pack a snack for afternoon tea, a water bottle, a hat and change of clothes (unless happy for child to wear their uniform during activities). Students need to be collected promptly from the front oval at 4.30pm. Please advise the provider before taking your child.

CULTURAL STUDENTS HOST NAIDOC WORKSHOPS

On Wednesday 24th July, our cultural students proudly hosted students from our local small schools as part of their NAIDOC celebrations. They led engaging workshops, including boomerang throwing, traditional Aboriginal art, language and songs, traditional games, and an ochre and totem activity. It was a fantastic day of sharing culture, learning, and connection.



Science and Engineering Challenge



On Thursday 31st July, our Year 6 students and selected HPGE Year 5 students participated in the Science and Engineering Challenge. Working in teams, they took part in a range of hands-on activities, problem-solving and STEM challenges. Students enjoyed collaborating and testing their skills in a fun and engaging environment.





IMPORTANT DATES

AWARD RECIPIENTS

WEEK 3

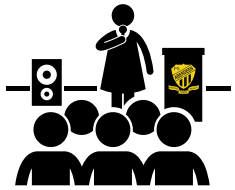
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1/2 Indigo	Kodin M.
3/4 Black	Darcy C.
5/6 Green	Jack W.
5/6 Magenta	Finn D.

MERIT BADGE

Ethan L.

HIVE-FIVE AWARD

Aiden N.
Isaac Mc.



Public Education Week 2025

4-8 August
Ignite your potential

- Friday 8th August - Stage 2 GABC Excursion
 - Gymnastics K-2
- Tuesday 12th August - Youth Council Meeting
- Wednesday 13th August - Year 5 Burn Bright
- Thursday 14th August - SJA Sport Fun
- Friday 15th August - Gymnastics K-2



APS Term 3 Calendar

		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
JULY	Week 1	Staff Development Day 21	22	NAIDOC Day 23 	24	Celebration Assembly Zone Athletics Carnival 25
JUL/AUG	Week 2	101 Days of Kindergarten 28 	29	Netball School Cup 5/6 Teddy Bear Picnic with Pre-School 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