



ABERDEEN

PUBLIC SCHOOL

TERM 3 WEEK 9

2025

19th September 2025

A message from the Principal

It is always a privilege to share the many achievements and positive moments within our school community. However, it is equally important to address some serious concerns regarding student behaviour that have recently come to our attention.

We have observed troubling behaviours occurring not only within the school environment but also beyond—in homes, sports training sessions, social gatherings, and children's sleepovers. These incidents are understandably distressing and require our collective attention and action.

Recent investigations at APS have highlighted a pattern of bullying, often emerging from conflicts within friend groups. When disagreements arise, other students may feel pressured or choose to take sides, leading to increased tension and division. This cycle frequently involves sharing confidential information, name-calling, exclusion, threats, and other harmful behaviours, which create a toxic social atmosphere. Such dynamics impact the wellbeing of individual students and the broader school community.

In addition, with the rise of digital communication, bullying has extended beyond school hours. Online platforms provide continuous access for harmful behaviours such as intimidation, threats, and gossip through games and chat groups. Of particular concern are emerging trends among some male students involving inappropriate physical contact, including touching or poking peers in private areas. While sometimes dismissed by the students as "pranks," these actions constitute assault and cause significant harm. Exposure to such behaviours via online video content is influencing students' conduct at school. We strongly encourage parents to exercise vigilant supervision of their children's online activities as a critical safeguard.

Within the school, we urge all students to report any incidents, no matter how minor they may seem. While students may not always see immediate responses, be assured that every report is recorded and taken seriously. Tracking these reports helps staff identify ongoing patterns and address issues proactively.

We have also noted an increase in disrespectful behaviours such as backchatting, defiance, and disregard for staff directions. We value and expect the same high standards of conduct at school as observed when students are representing the school off-site. In response to these concerns, APS will be undertaking a comprehensive review of our behaviour management policies in Term 4. This process will involve collaboration among students, staff, and the wider community. We invite all parents and carers to participate and share their perspectives. Details of opportunities to contribute, including at the upcoming P&C meeting, will be communicated via our school newsletter and Facebook page. Your involvement is crucial to ensuring we strengthen our practices and create a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all students.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership as we work together to uphold the wellbeing and positive development of every member of our school community.

K LIME PRE-SCHOOL VISIT



**CALLING ALL
STALL HOLDERS**

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE
ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL MINI FETE &
MARKETS?



THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2025
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
ABERDEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

For further details please contact the school office on 65 437 271

P&C
MEETING

OUR NEXT MEETING
MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER
6.00PM APS STAFFROOM

**ALL
WELCOME**





AWARD RECIPIENTS

WEEK 9

K Lime	Jackson L-C.
1/2 Blue	Delilah M.
1/2 Indigo	Hayden P.
3/4 Black	Hannah S.
5/6 Green	Eli O.
5/6 Magenta	Jack A.

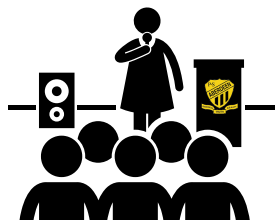
EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Oliver R.

MERIT BADGE

Evie B.

HIVE-FIVE AWARDS



Faith A.
Jett P.
Caleb W.
Brian W.
William H.
Hayden P.
Kodin M.
Eli W.



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday September 23rd** - Touch Gala Day
- **Wednesday, September 24th** - Cricket Gala Day
- **Friday September 26th** - Busy Bees Transition
- Last day of Term 3
- **Monday October 13th** - Students return for Term 4

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Each year our voluntary school contribution is used to provide resources for students at Aberdeen Public School. Voluntary school contributions are \$35 per student or \$70 for 2 or more students in a family. Contributions are kindly accepted at the school office or you can click on the payment link in School Bytes.



Strings Workshop with Luke Spicer

Tuesday Sept 30th and Wednesday October 1st 2025
at Scone Uniting Church Hall from 10am to 3pm.

2025 REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return to admin@uhcm.com.au

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ M / F
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phones: - Mob: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____
Emergency Contact Name (another contact): _____ Phone: _____
Instrument played (eg: violin/viola/cello/bass): _____
Experience / AMEB grade: _____ Teacher: _____

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Signature: _____

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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 Public Speaking Competition 26	SHS Year Transition Day 27	28	Celebration Assembly 29
SEPTEMBER	Week 7	1	2	Father's Day Stall SJA Middle Schools Day-Year 5 3	Movie Day with the Pre-School Father's Day Stall Sell Out 4	Busy Bees Kindergarten Transition Hunter Athletics 5
SEPTEMBER	Week 8	8	Youth Council Meeting 9	10	Interschools Public Speaking 11	Busy Bees Kindergarten Transition 12
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	UHPSSA Cricket Gala Day 24	25	LAST DAY- TERM 3 Busy Bees Kindergarten Transition 26

Free entry!

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

HALLOWEEN EDITION
FEATURING

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA

**OCTOBER 31ST, 2025
4PM - 9PM
MOVIE STARTS AT SUNSET**

**WICKHAM PARK
SPORTSGROUNDS
MUSWELLBROOK**

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

JUMPING CASTLE MARKET STALLS HAUNTED MAZE
COSTUME COMPETITIONS TREASURE HUNT ROVING ENTERTAINER

TRICK TREAT

HOSTED BY



UPPER HUNTER
COMMUNITY SERVICES INC.

BHP

Ride & Hang

Grab your wheels
and come hang at the
Pump Track!

FREE PIZZA LUNCH!

Wollombi Park Pump Track
Wednesday 8th October
10am - 1pm
Email Jess: jdallah@uhcs.org.au
or phone 6542 3555 to register

**UPPER HUNTER
COMMUNITY SERVICES INC.**

kids PLAYGROUP

Join us for a fun morning of
kid friendly activities.
Don't forget your water
bottle, hat and morning tea!

Let's Have Fun Together

Every Monday
During School Term
10:30am to 12pm

Hunter Park Family Centre
58 Wollombi Rd

Call: 65433568

Term 4
October
20th, 27th
November
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
December
1st, 8th, 15th

**UPPER HUNTER
COMMUNITY SERVICES INC.**

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Welcome Ceremony On Wonnarua/ Wanaruah Country MUSWELLBROOK

Come join the community in celebrating
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children
'Baby Welcome Ceremony'

Opening Ceremony, Baby Welcome,
Smoking Ceremony, Light Refreshments & Coffee
Will

Date: Friday 10th October
Time: 10:30am
Location: Stan Thross Victoria Park
Muswellbrook

Everyone is Welcome!

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For more info on what's on
check out our Facebook pages

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or Hunter Park Family Centre

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