



Farewell Year 6 - Class of 2020!

MINDABOOKA Week 10 Term 4 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,
The last week of the school year is finally here – there has been so much to celebrate! The events of the last week have been tremendous examples of our students, staff and community commitment to learning and improvement. This year our student executive have delivered student voice creatively. Please take the time to watch the students final APS News for 2020 <https://youtu.be/u1Nr4ebf1-Y>

Presentation Day

Whilst our Presentation Day was quite different this year, there were many aspects about hosting at our school that students and staff enjoyed. Our school is always looking for improved ways of operating and we look forward to adapting the positive aspects into our plans moving forward. Congratulations to all of our award recipients, our outgoing 2020 Year 6 students and families and our incoming 2021 student leader executive.

2021 School Captains:

Lili J and Tyler W

2021 Prefects:

Ruby G, Simone L, Henry G and Toby U
Recorded links of our Presentation Day Ceremonies can be provided on request through the office.



Left to Right: Henry, Tyler, Toby, Ruby, Lili, Simone.

Kindergarten Graduation

Ms Wenham and her Early Stage 1 team showcased our beautiful 2020 Kinders and their successes and dreams at their Graduation Ceremony last Friday. A recording link can be provided on request through the office.

Year 6 and Year 6 Families

A fond farewell to our Year 6 students and families that are leaving the APS community this year. A wonderful farewell celebration took place on Monday night and a recording of the formalities of the evening can be provided on request through the office. Please join us for the Year 6 clap out from 2.40pm this afternoon. Please be aware of social distancing requirements.

Semester 2 Reports

Student reports were distributed last Friday along with all special awards. Our reports are a blend of our 'usual' reports and the adjusted Semester 1 reports. Please complete the report feedback sheet and return it to the office so we can ensure we meet the needs of our families in 2021. I am looking forward to a further easing of restrictions in the new year, to reconnect with community, particularly as we start the new planning cycle for 2021-2024. The school has set some ambitious targets that we can only reach through a strong partnership between home and school.

Staffing Update

There has been an addition to our staffing as we head closer to 2021. The NSW Government announced one-off funding support for schools to deliver targeted, intensive tuition for students. This funding is known as the NSW Department of Education's COVID intensive learning support program. The level of funding our school has received is

significant, and together with school funds, means the engagement of an additional teacher for 4 days per week.

We welcome Mrs Karlie Symons to our team. Mrs Symons will be working within the classrooms on a rotational basis Monday - Thursday and brings a wealth of intervention expertise to our school.



Farewell

I would like to acknowledge Miss Brittany Pacey, Mrs Emma Brown and Mrs Alison Tyrie who move on to new adventures within education in 2021. I thank you for your commitment to our learning community and wish each of you all the very best.

Thank you

I sincerely thank the wonderful students, our committed P&C and my dedicated staff for what has been a remarkable year. Thank you to all of our community members that helped early on in the year, reading in class, helping out in the canteen, assisting at sporting events or gave time and support to our school.

Lastly...

On behalf of myself and all of my staff, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful holiday break. The school email will be intermittently monitored across the holiday period if you need to make contact.

The 2021 school year commences for all students on Friday 29th January. Our uniform shop will be open on Wed 27th and Thurs 28th Jan 2.30-4.30pm. Take care everyone and thank you for a wonderful year at APS!

Emma Stothard Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2020

16 Dec - Last day for students

2021

29 Jan - All students commence

5 Feb - School Swimming Carnival



WELCOME TO TERM 4, WEEK 10!

A message from our P&C President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the P&C this year, including those that attended meetings, supported a fundraiser and volunteered their time in the Canteen.

This has been a challenging year for everyone and I am extremely proud of how our P&C has continued to support the school and reimaged our usual way of doing things with a lot of hard work and ingenuity.

We opened the P&C online store to cater for Uniform Shop and Canteen orders, held online events through our Facebook page, filmed information videos for Kinder Orientation, ran a contact-free Fathers Day stall and moved our P&C meetings onto Zoom.

We contributed funding to support Life Education, gave P&C Bucks for resources for our classrooms, provided prizes for Presentation Day and much more. As voted by our community we have also committed to the resurfacing of our basketball court, which will start next year.

A massive thank you to the P&C Executive, conveners and online store team of Frances Agelavu, Jessie Dorian, Kate Gaggin, Samantha Jenkins, Linda Kolevski, Blake Owino, Belinda Randon, Marie Strick, and to our Canteen Supervisor Mrs Jenny Reschow, for their hard work, commitment and flexibility. We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of two Kinder 2020 parents that were a wonderful addition to our P&C this year. Thank you to Tim Blakemore (for managing the purchase of the new hall plaque) and Jane Harcher (for bringing us the amazing Kindy Guide).

I am also incredibly proud of how our P&C have brought our community together to support and celebrate the hard working and committed teachers and staff we have at APS.

On behalf of the community, I would like to extend our warmest and deepest thanks to our teachers, support staff and Principal for all you have done this year to continue learning and help provide a safe place for our children.

We can't wait to hit the ground running in 2021 and are looking forward to when we can all come together again and celebrate. We'd love to see you all at our first P&C meeting in Week 3 on MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2021. Stay tuned to our FB page for all the details as soon as the 2021 guidelines have been released.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing holiday break!

Kim Upton

