



SAFE, RESPECTFUL
LEARNERS



VISION STATEMENT

As a learning community we know, value and care for every child. We share responsibility to nurture, guide, inspire and challenge students. High quality teaching develops confident and creative individuals with the personal resources for future success and wellbeing.

TECH GIRLS - WEEK 1

Last week Stage 3 girls participated in the Tech Girls program. The Tech Girls Movement promotes positive female STEM role models to encourage and raise awareness of technology career options for girls. Students worked in small groups to identify a problem in our local community and then thought of solutions. Each group worked collaboratively to design an app to help their local community.

It was great to see students co-operating together and thinking creatively to solve real world problems. Each group then had the opportunity to present their app idea to the other students. Tech Girls are Superheroes!





SPORTING NEWS

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY 2019

Well done to the 52 students from Abermain Public School who attended and participated so well at the Cessnock Zone PSSA Zone Cross Country on Friday 3rd May, 2019.

The number of students that participated from across the zone in each age group were;

8/9 year Girls = 86	8/9 year Boys = 93	10 year Girls = 63
10 year Boys = 77	11 year Girls = 63	11 year Boys = 55
12/13 year Girls = 46	12/13 year Boys = 48	

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to represent the Cessnock Zone at the Regional Cross Country Carnival on Friday 31st May, 2019.

Jackson F	1 st 11 year boys 3000m
Traie F	2 nd 11 year boys 3000m
Lucas W	4 th 12/13year boys 3000m
Leverett H	6 th 12/13year boys 3000m



Other students who finished in the top 30 were;

Iyla F	12 th 8/9 girls 2000m	Ruby J	18 th 8/9 girls 2000m
Eli B	29 th 8/9 boys 2000m	Jorja P	12 th 10 year girls 2000m
Aurora S	27 th 10 year girls 2000m	Georgia F	30 th 10 year girls 2000m
Angus S	20 th 10 year boys 2000m	Oliver T	25 th 10 year boys 2000m
Tahlee R	23 rd 11 year girls 3000m	Cooper S	7 th 11 year boys 3000m (reserve for Regional)
David J	22 nd 11 year boys 3000m	Peter W	27 th 11 year boys 3000m
Amarli W	27 th 12/13 year girls 3000m	Riley T	30 th 12/13 year boys 3000m
Mitchell B	10 th 12/13 year boys 3000m	Harrison F	29 th 12/13 year boys 3000m

A big thank you to all the parents/carers that came along to support their child/ren and to Mrs Leggatt for her assistance as team manager.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A reminder that our annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 23rd May, 2019 at Birrale Park, Heddon Street, Kurri Kurri. The carnival starts at 9.30am and will finish at 2.00pm. Students may travel by private transport ,or by bus at a cost of \$5.00. Permission notes and payment are to be returned to the school by Friday 17th May, 2019. Buses will be booked based on the number of students who have paid and indicated on the permission note that they will be travelling to and from the carnival by bus. **It is expected that students travelling by private transport are dropped off and collected from the carnival by parents/carers**

All teaching staff will be attending the carnival. Supervision of students at school will only be to organise transport on buses to and from the carnival.

Students are to wear their sports uniform or House colours.

CYBER SAFETY

On Tuesday 7th May, 2019, students from Stage 2 and 3 were visited by Cyber Safety expert Cliff from 'Cyber Owls'. Cliff's visits are always highly educational, and this year we learnt about maintaining our own privacy including when sharing photographs and posts on social media, being safe online when we see a new trend or online challenges and how to build a secure password for our accounts.

The Australian Government eSafety Commissioner website www.esafety.gov.au is an excellent resource for families to find information and strategies to use at home.

WHAT'S ON IN PBL

FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

This week we inducted our PBL Junior representatives for 2019 at our official badge ceremony. This year the team will be working closely with Mr Checkley on improving our school by acknowledging and acting upon suggestions brought forward by our students. Student voice is highly valuable in the continual improvement of our school and in ensuring that our school remains a positive place for learning. As their first official task the PBL Junior team will be encouraging our students to participate in the 'Walk Safely to School Day' on the 17th of May. Students will be welcoming students at the gate and handing out stickers to those who have ditched the car and walked to school.

In other PBL news, this week sees our whole school practising the skill of 'Following Instructions'. A students ability to follow instructions not only improves their academic learning outcomes, but also dramatically improves their general safety. Being able to follow instructions, whether they are verbal, written or drawn, e.g, road signs or posters, is an important skill that students will draw upon for their whole lives. Remind your students that to be good at following instructions they must... **Look, Listen, Acknowledge and Respond.**

Year 1 Army Day!



On Friday the 3rd of May, 1W and 1C had an exciting day with a visit from Mr Wright, a Combat Engineer from the Australian Army. Mr Wright showed us exciting pictures to give us an insight into what life in the Army is like now. We also got to look at some of the equipment he uses. 1W then made Anzac biscuits and damper to help us understand more about procedures for our writing focus this term.





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We would like to wish all our wonderful Mothers, Grandmothers and Carers a super 'Happy Mother's Day' on Sunday. It is through your hard work and dedication that we are able to help support the development and happiness of your children. Sunday will hopefully be a wonderful day where you have time to relax, unwind and enjoy the company of your family.



Congratulations to our school Cross Country runners who represented the school last week. Good luck to the four boys (Leverett, Lucas, Traie & Jackson) who will now participate in the Regional Carnival at the end of the month.

Walk Safely To School Day (Active kids are smarter kids) will be held next Friday 17th May. The objective of the day is to encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children, promote the health benefits and create regular walking habits. Our Junior PBL members will be handing out stickers for those people who join in with this activity.

A reminder that we will be holding our next P&C meeting on Monday 13th May, 2019 at 5pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is a great place bring up new suggestions and ideas for the school to consider. We look forward to seeing you there.

NAPLAN will commence next Tuesday 14th May, 2019 for students in Years 3 and 5. We are confident that all students will do their very best. We wish all the student every success during the NAPLAN testing.

Ian Lamph and Debbie Bower
Principals



NAPLAN Online Update - Years 3 and 5 only

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Between Tuesday 14th May Friday 17th May, 2019, our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit [the public demonstration site](#).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

CANBERRA 2019 PAYMENT DATES

\$50.00 Deposit - Payable by 22nd March, 2019

\$100 Instalment - Payable by 12th April, 2019

\$100 Instalment - Payable by 10th May, 2019

\$100 Instalment - Payable by 7th June, 2019

\$100 Instalment - Payable by 5th July, 2019

\$50 Final Payment - Payable by 2nd August, 2019



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A.E.C.G
General Meeting

Monday 13th May 2019
Cessnock West Public School
3.30pm for a prompt 4pm start

RSVP: Thurs 9th May

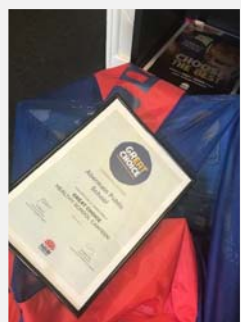
Contact:
Cessnock West Public School
Phone: 4990 1637

or

Stephanie AECG Secretary
0410 303538
s.earl@bigpond.net.au

Congratulations to Michelle, our Canteen Co-Ordinator, for officially operating a GREAT CHOICE - HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEEN!

A representative from Hunter Health - Good for Kids visited the school to present Michelle with her award and a bag of sports gear for the school.



**INTENTION TO APPLY FOR YEAR 5
ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS
IN 2020**

Applications for Year 5 entry to an Opportunity Class in 2020 will be available online from Tuesday 30th April, 2019 to Friday 17th May, 2019. Notes with further information were sent home with all Year 4 students the last week. For detailed instructions on how to apply online please visit the application website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



**BOOK CLUB ORDERS TO BE
RETURNED BY
WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY, 2019
BY 12.00 NOON.**



TERM 2, 2019 ASSEMBLY DATES

Kindergarten - Year 2, Monday 20th May, 2019 - 2.30pm

Years 3 - 4, Monday 6th June, 2019 - 2.30pm

Years 5 - 6, Monday 17th June, 2019 - 2.30pm

(Parents/carers of students receiving awards will be notified of where assembly will be held closer to the day)

P&C NEWS



STICKER BOOKS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS. A COLLECTION BOX IS AT THE FRONT OFFICE AND ALSO AT WOOLWORTHS CESSNOCK

1ST MAY TO 25TH JUNE 2019



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**A VER BIG THANK YOU TO
THE P&C ASSOCIATION
FOR THEIR
DONATION OF OUR NETBALL
POST PROTECTORS.**

*NEXT P&C MEETING - MONDAY
13TH MAY, 2019 AT 5.00PM*



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Held at our Glendale clinic with 2 Speech Pathologists

Fridays in Term 2- Week 3, 6, 9 (17/5, 7/6, 28/6)

11:00am-12:30pm

Refreshments provided.

\$10 booking fee to register.

Open to parents and carers of children with a disability.

Come along, share experiences and make connections.

If you are interested please contact Vivien Edwards
0402088908

ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Wednesdays during School Terms

9.30am – 11.00am

ALL WELCOME!

For more information contact

Cheryl-Ann Leggatt Ph: 0414 625 872



News Announcement: Term 2 Music Bus Enrolments Now Open + Free Trial Lessons

The Music Bus are now taking new student enrolments for Term 2! The program is open for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The Music Bus have limited availability in Singing, Keyboard, Guitar, Drums and Ukulele lessons so it is advised to enrol asap.

From now until the end of term, The Music Bus are giving all new students 1 Free Trial Lesson in an instrument of choice so be sure to take this opportunity to try out the service if you haven't already.

Keep in mind The Music Bus is now a registered Creative Kids provider, a government initiative where every family in NSW with school aged children is eligible for a \$100 voucher towards lessons in 2019. This is the perfect opportunity to enrol and save almost an entire term's worth of fees. To download your voucher, simply visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher then call 1300 168 742 or email creative-kids@themusicbus.com.au to enrol.

If you're interested in your child having music lessons through The Music Bus or to book a Free trial lesson, check out their website at www.themusicbus.com.au or call 1300 168 742.



SHOOSH FOR KIDS



Shoosh for Kids is a collaborative effort between the Office of Sport and State Sporting Organisations to promote positive behaviour to members, clubs and associations.

The general rule is if you haven't got anything nice to say, not to say anything at all.

Visit the Office of Sport website to find out more and show spectators and members where you stand on poor spectator behaviour during awareness week, 20 - 26 May. Let's keep kids coming back to junior sport!



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Shoosh for Kids is proudly supported by:





VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer at our school during 2019 please ensure you have been to the office to complete a 2019 Volunteer Policy Agreement and an Appendix 5 or Appendix 11. Both of these forms need to be completed before commencing volunteer work at Abermain Public School.



A REMINDER
THAT THERE IS
TO BE NO
SMOKING
WITHIN 30
METRES OF
OUR SCHOOL

STUDENT ABSENCES

*SMS texts will be sent between 9.45am and 10.00am each day to inform that an absence has been recorded for their child. Parents/carers can explain the absence either by SMS text, in person, by phone, school email or a letter to the class teacher. **ALL absences must be explained within seven (7) school days.***

If you are having attendance issues with your child, please contact the school so we can work together to improve their attendance at school.

MEDICATIONS

If your child requires non-prescribed or intermittent medication administered at school parents/carers must complete a medication form which can be obtained from the school office. This form requires specific details of medication and health management.

FOR THE SAFETY OF **ALL** CHILDREN MEDICATIONS MUST BE HANDED TO THE OFFICE BY PARENTS/CARERS. MEDICATIONS ARE **NOT** TO BE HANDED TO THE STUDENT TO BRING TO OR FROM SCHOOL.

EARLY LEAVERS

Parents/Carers are reminded to visit the school office if they want to sign their children out early before the end of the school day. Office staff will then contact the relevant class to request students to come up to the office. Parents/Carers are encouraged to advise their child's teacher or the office staff at the start of the school day if they require their child to be picked up at a particular time so that the student can be reminded to come up to the office at that time. **To avoid delays, parents/carers are asked not to come during lunch and recess as they will be asked to wait until students return to class.**

Please note: only parents/carers and those listed on the emergency contact list will be allowed to collect students early. If you would like someone who is not listed as your child's emergency contact to collect your child, please contact the school to advise the name of this person.



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| ◆ Friday 10th May, 2019 | Netball Gala Day, Maitland Netball Courts - 8.30am |
| ◆ Monday 13th May, 2019 | AECG Meeting, Cessnock West Public School - 3.30pm
P&C Meeting - 5.00pm |
| ◆ Tuesday 14th May, 2019 | NAPLAN Online - Years 3 and 5 students |
| ◆ Wednesday 15th May, 2019 | NAPLAN Online - Years 3 and 5 students
Book Club Orders to be returned by 12noon |
| ◆ Thursday 16th May, 2019 | NAPLAN Online - Years 3 and 5 students
Kindergarten Oakvale Wildlife Park Excursion |
| ◆ Friday 17th May, 2019 | "Walk Safely to School Day" |
| ◆ Monday 20th May, 2019 | Kindergarten - Year 2 Assembly, 2.30pm |
| ◆ Thursday 23rd May, 2019 | Athletics Carnival, Birralelee Park |
| ◆ Friday 31st May, 2019 | Regional Cross Country, Cessnock Racecourse |
| ◆ Monday 3rd June, 2019 | P&C Meeting - 5.00pm |
| ◆ Monday 6th June, 2019 | Years 3 - 4 Assembly, 2.30pm |
| ◆ Monday 17th June, 2019 | Year 5 - 6 Assembly, 2.30pm |
| ◆ Monday 1st July, 2019 | P&C Meeting - 5.00pm |

SCHOOL WEBSITE

<http://www.abermain-schools.nsw.edu.au>

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

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*NOTES WILL NOT BE REPRINTED AT SCHOOL. COPIES OF NOTES
CAN BE OBTAINED ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.*