



## SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

#### 17th February

Sport in School commences

#### 20th February

School Assembly—2.30pm

#### 28th February

Stage 1 Excursion—Purple Pear Farm

#### 27th February

Kindergarten begin pick up time at 3.15pm

## This issue:

Swimming Carnival

4-5S Rock Pools Excursion

Clever Kids

Kindergarten



## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our  
2017 Swimming Champions

Junior Girls—Shanaya B

Junior Boys— Harrison F

Senior Girls—Megan C

Senior Boys—Travis H

Winning House—EDGEWORTH

Presentations will be made at our Assembly  
Monday 20th February in the school hall at  
2.30pm.





## PRINCIPALS REPORT

Congratulations to all the parents/carers and students for a wonderful start to the new year.

Communication between school and home is extremely important and we ask that parents/carers assist us with this responsibility by being aware of what is happening in our school. We will provide information about upcoming events in several places such as the Newsletter, School App, School Website, Facebook and notes sent home with students. If you hear of something happening and are unsure of the details please check our School Website or App for information. We will have all notes posted in these locations. A reminder regarding Facebook, the school monitors replies however we will not reply to individual questions if the information has been provided in the notes. If you are not sure about information after checking the note, Website and App please contact the school office.

During my time at Abermain Public School I have always encouraged parents/carers to be part of our school environment. Today I have added a detailed section for the “Inclosed Lands Protection Act 1901” to outline the schools expectations for parents/carers on site. The Act may exclude a person from the school site for a period of time if there is a breach of the Act.

*“Actual physical assaults or threatened physical assaults on students, staff, parents or community members at the school or institute or during the course of school or institute activities; Inappropriate behaviour in the presence of students, staff, parents or other visitors that is so serious that it warrants action being taken immediately.”*

Please do not approach students in the school grounds and try to resolve issues on your own, always talk to the staff for their assistance. The staff at Abermain Public School are always happy to assist you and your child with issues and resolve them as quickly as possible.

Sherpa Kids have advised me that they will be commencing on Monday 20th February, 2017. This is a great service that has been added to our school and I encourage all parents/carers who need to drop their children off early or collect them late to contact Yan or Andrew on 0435378181. This service will commence from 7.00am and closes at 6.00pm. This effectively means that there is no reason for students to be at school earlier than 8:45am unsupervised. Permanent and casual (as needed) positions are available. Further information attached.

A reminder that the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) Term One meeting will be held at Kurri Kurri Public School on Monday 20th February commencing at 3:30pm. All community members are welcome to attend.

The next whole school assembly will be held on Monday 20th February at 2:30pm in the school hall. During this assembly swimming carnival champions, house winners and ribbons will be presented. All parents/carers are welcome to come and share in the celebrations.



## 4-5S ROCK POOLS EXCURSION

On Friday 10th February, 4-5S went on an excursion to Bar Beach in Newcastle to investigate rock pools. We are learning about intertidal zones in our class and went to see what plants and animals lived in our local beach environment. The animals we found included crabs, sea stars, sea snails, anemones, limpets, sea slugs, barnacles, and periwinkles. We also found a number of plants including Neptune's Necklace, a Sea Sponge, Sea Lettuce, Sargassum, Red Algae, Cunji and Fan Weed. We asked a Marine Biologist from the Newcastle University to help us identify the things we found but didn't know.

During our excursion we also got to play in the sand and the water. It was a fun day. The best part was exploring the different rock pools and when Miss Schroder got splashed by a big wave.

By Kaytlyn Alderson and Mitchell Brown





## KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students have settled beautifully into school and have started to develop a good sense of school routines and lovely relationships with their peers and teachers. Mrs Sheldon and Mrs Hourigan have enjoyed getting to know their new students and are looking forward to meeting with parents/carers over the next week during the Best Start Interviews. If you have not already scheduled a time for an interview and you would like to do so, please speak to your child's teacher.

We are always very interested in getting to know our students better so that we can best accommodate their needs, so please feel free to make an appointment at any time to speak with teaching staff.

Next week will be the last week for early pick-ups for Kindergarten. From the following week (starting 27th February) Kindergarten will stay for the whole day. Parent pick-up point will be in the DOTS area unless staff have been otherwise notified.

## CLEVER KIDS

Clever Kids, our highly successful transition to school program, will run again during Term 3 this year. Details will be outlined at a meeting for interested parents/carers and community towards the end of this term. If you are aware of anyone who may be interested please ask them to contact the school so that we can notify them of upcoming events.

### HEAD LICE

**There have been several cases of nits/head lice in the hair of some students.**

**Please check your child/children's hair for nits and lice tonight.**

**Further information on head lice is available at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp>**

**UPDATES TO STUDENT CONTACT DETAILS AND GENERAL PERMISSION LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME TO PARENTS/CARERS. PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENT DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE.**





# STORIES

**Thursday afternoons**

**At 2:30**

**Starting on the 9th Feb 2017**



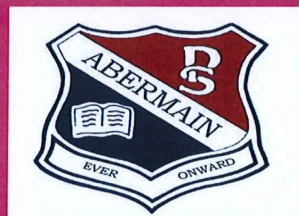
**STORIES is a weekly story-time for families hosted by Abermain Public School in conjunction with Koe-Nara.**

Parents are invited to bring their children (birth to school-age) to enjoy stories and rhymes each **Thursday** afternoon from 2:30 to 3:00.

Children will develop important skills to support later-learning at school and have lots of fun along the way.

**In the grounds of Abermain Public School**

Please contact Abermain Public School on 49304210 to register your interest.



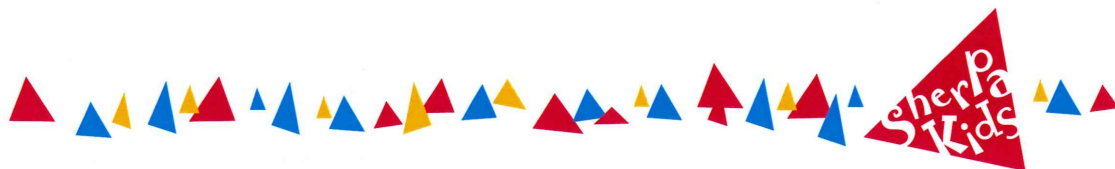
## ENROL NOW FOR 2017

**ONLINE:**  
2017 TIMETABLE AVAILABLE NOW  
[kcdancehq.com.au](http://kcdancehq.com.au)

**PHONE:**  
0404 043 405

**AT THE STUDIO:**  
KURRI KURRI PARISH HALL  
Wednesday, 1st February:  
3.30-5.30PM

**KCDANCEHQ**



## Sherpa Kids Abermain Before and After School Care

### A 'typical' Before and After School Care session:

**7:00am - 7:30am:** Children arrive, Light breakfast offered

**7:30am - 8:30am:** Children are offered a variety of activities from quiet reading to games and puzzles depending on each child's preference. The main aim of the morning session is to have the children ready for a full day of learning at school.

**8:30am - 8:45am:** Start tidying up play area and organise children in readiness for transitioning to school playground

**3:15pm - 4:00pm:** Roll call, afternoon tea and free play

**4:00pm - 4:30pm:** Homework or quiet activity

**4:30pm - 5:30pm:** Activities for the day (i.e. Art, Sport)

**5:30pm - 6:00pm:** Tidy up, quiet time

### Weekly Themes

**Monday:** Art & Crafts

**Tuesday:** Music and/or Drama

**Wednesday:** Sport

**Thursday:** Technology

**Friday:** Fun Activities

### Our Session Times: (Monday - Friday)

Before School 7:00 - 8:45am After School 3:15 - 6:00pm



### Session Fees for 2017

#### Before School Care

Permanent: \$17.00  
Casual: \$19.00

#### After School Care

Permanent: \$24.00  
Casual: \$26.00



Enrolment Forms and Parents Handbook are available at the School's Office.

Permanent = bookings that reoccur on the same day every week

Casual = on the day or short term bookings

Sherpa Kids is an approved service for the Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate.

We are more than willing to discuss this with you and assist where necessary in confidence.

Please Call our Program Manager on 0435 378 181  
or email [abermain@sherpa-kids.com.au](mailto:abermain@sherpa-kids.com.au)

**REACH ENGAGE CHALLENGE**

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## Good for Kids good for life

### TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS GAMES

Looking for fun activities for the kids?

Try **Yulunga: Traditional Indigenous Games**

**Taktyerra** - The activity is named after the word 'to fight' (*taktyerrain*) in the Wembawemba language of Victoria.



Two players stand on small mats (2m<sup>2</sup>) facing each other about 4m apart. Players have a soft ball in each hand and attempt to hit their opponent without being hit themselves.

Players may move around on the mats: dodge, jump, bend or fall to avoid being hit, but must remain on the mat.

Source: Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games 2009

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Local Health District

PHONE 4924 6499

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### LUNCHBOX STARS

A child's lunchbox should provide 1/3 of their daily food needs. It is important to pack healthy foods that will help them to grow and learn.

Why not try some of these healthy snack options:

- Vegetable sticks
- Reduced fat yoghurt
- Popcorn (homemade or pre-packaged)
- Wholegrain crispbread with reduced fat cheese slices
- Sultanas
- Cherry tomatoes
- Rice crackers
- Fruit English muffin



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### WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Joining in team sports is a great way to increase your child's physical activity. Other benefits include:

- Teaching teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Gaining confidence through interaction with other children
- Teaching children it is ok to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly, having fun!



Registrations for winter team sports open in the first weeks of Term 1 so why not inquire today about what team sports are available in your community?



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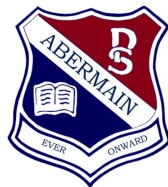
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## SCHOOL APP

The school app is available to the whole community

To download the school app visit the Apple App store or Google Play store and search for Abermain Public School.

Log in using - Username: community Password: abermainps





White Patterns



Black with Colours



Black Slip-on Canvas



White Sole



Ballet Flats



Black Futsal



Free Runners



No Coloured Laces

For any enquiries please speak to Mrs Holt.