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LEARNERS



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

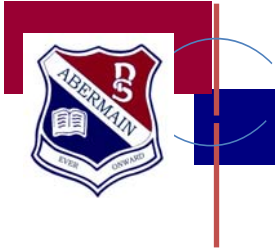
This week I was reading an interesting article that I would like to share:

“When parents engage with their child’s school, it creates a successful partnership with great results for students, schools and parents. Research has shown the benefits of parental engagement in children’s education include, among others, better academic outcomes and fewer behavioural issues, so we all have a stake in making sure we get it right. As ever, the key to it all is communication.

Parental engagement refers to the broader role parents play in supporting their child’s learning. While children are younger and in a preschool setting, parental involvement tends to consist of activities like parents helping with story time or excursions and face-to-face chats with the educators at drop off and pick up. However, once children start primary school, research has shown a reduction in this type of direct involvement in classroom activities and committees.

As children make their way through school, the nature of parental engagement changes. Research found that parental engagement is most effective when it is focused on developing positive attitudes towards learning and education for children, building their motivation and confidence as learners and fostering their enjoyment of learning. Schools can help parents to do this by communicating clearly and often.

Having the capacity to communicate directly with school allows parents to show support in a meaningful way that positively impacts on their child’s future and utilising a streamlined system of communication can restore ‘information sanity’ to even the busiest of parents.



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS cont.

How does your school use technology to involve parents?”

Abermain Public School has many forms of communication where parents are be able to seek information about their children and what is happening at school: Class Dojo, School App, Facebook, Newsletters, email the school, phone calls, meeting the teacher face-to-face and notes. Through the open communication and support at school and home we can provide positive learning opportunities for all the students. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

I would also like to clarify the end of school day procedures for parents and family collecting students at the end of the day.

Parents/carers are welcome to come into the school, when gates open at 3.00pm, to wait near the Lunch Sheds at the Parent Pick Up Point. A bell rings at 3:10pm for the teachers and first bus students only. Teachers will bring all students to the COLA /DOTS area and line up at the appropriate exit point prior to 3:15pm. At 3:15pm the end of the day bell will ring. Students will be walked to the gates or can be collected at that time from Parent Pick Up.

If parents/carers are collecting their students prior to 3:15pm you will need to report to the office, sign your children out and have your children called to the office by staff. **We ask that students and parents wait until the teachers dismiss the children before leaving the school premises.** We follow these procedures to ensure a safe exit at the end of the day.

Starting Monday 26th February, 2018 the new gate at the corner of the soccer fields will be open for parents/carers and students to enter and exit the school between 8.45am-9.15am and 3.00pm and 3.15pm . Please have a conversation with your child/children if you wish them to start using this gate on Monday. A staff member will take the students to the bottom field gate.

Ian Lamph
Principal



2018 SWIMMING CHAMPIONS



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
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Schools Clean Up Day

Since 1992, schools across Australia have got stuck in and made a real difference to their environment and local communities through participating in Schools Clean Up Day.

Last year alone, over **2000 schools** participated in Clean Up Australia Day events, making an immense contribution to the **14,139 tonnes of rubbish** removed in 2017.

Schools Clean Up Day is a fun and engaging way to teach young Australians about the responsible disposal of rubbish, resource recovery and the repercussions of rubbish dumped irresponsibly in the local environment.

Abermain Public School will be holding a "Clean Up Day" on Friday 2nd March, 2018 at 2.30pm. Could students please bring in some rubber gloves on this day. Any involvement from parents/carers would be greatly appreciated.



ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students who participated at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Cessnock Pool on Wednesday 21st February, 2018. Wonderful sportsmanship was displayed throughout the day and all students represented our school with great pride. Everyone enjoyed themselves, swam their best, and most of all, had fun!! Well done!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Starting from Monday 26th February, 2018 Kindergarten will practice lining up at 2.30pm at the Parent Pick Up zone in readiness for Week 6 when they finish school at 3.15 pm (in line with the rest of the school).

We ask that parents/carers wait at the Pick Up zone (in front of the canteen) and collect your child/children from there (at 3.15pm bell).

Starting Monday 5th March, 2018 if you would like your child to walk with siblings down to a gate or to catch the bus home could you please complete the note sent home on Wednesday 21st February and return to your child's teacher.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY, 2018

WHERE: SCHOOL HALL

TIME: 2.30PM

ALL PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME TO ATTEND



Seven new school zone traffic offences

To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers there are seven new traffic infringements with new fines.

None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but in a school zone they each come with two points.

The changes are:

1. Stopping in intersection - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.
5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.
6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.
7. Parallel park close to dividing line - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.

All updated school zone offences can be located through Roads and Maritime:
<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

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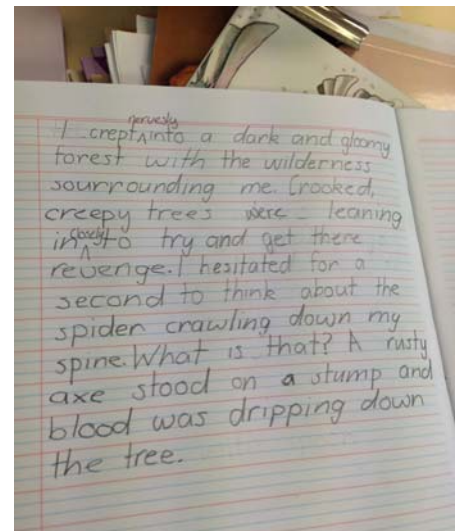
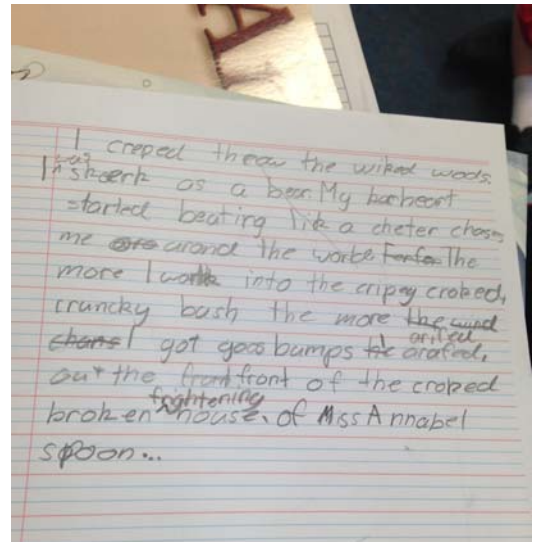


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3/4G have been learning how to be safe, respectful learners in the classroom. We have been focusing on how to work with each other in group situations. For Valentine's Day students had to construct a heart shape using plastic cups and any equipment they could find to help them balance. They had to experiment with different materials to help them. They then reflected on their successes and how they overcame problems in working with others.

During writing, we have been learning to write tightening tension scenes to engage our reader using our senses. Here is a sneak peak of some of our draft ideas from the beginning of term. Watch out for our published versions coming soon!





STORIES

Thursday afternoons

At 2:30

Starting on the 1st February 2018



In the grounds of Abermain Public School

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

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.



UNIFORM COLOURS FOR NOTES



PERMISSION NOTES TO BE RETURNED



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS



MEDICAL/HEADLICE ALERTS



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ACTIVE TRAVEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Active travel to school is a great way to get extra activity in your child's day but sometimes it isn't safe to do so. Luckily active travel can be added into everyday life to get your heart working!

- Check your local area for designated bike paths and ride your bikes to the shops
- Try parking at a greater distance from your location and walking the rest of the way.
- If you use public transport, get off one station before your destination and walk.
- Even making little changes in everyday life such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator can make a big difference.





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GENERAL

- * **Monday 26th February, 2018 - Whole School Assembly, 2.30pm**
Korreil Wonnai AECG - Kearsley Public School,
3.30pm for a 4.00pm start
- * **Friday 2nd March, 2018 - "School Clean Up Day", 2.30pm**
- * **Monday 5th March, 2018 - Kindergarten students now finishing at 3.15pm**
- * **Monday 12th March, 2018 - School Photos**
P&C Meeting, 5.00pm
- * **Friday 13th April, 2018 - Last day of Term 1**
- * **Monday 30th April, 2018 - Students return to school for Term 2**
- * **Friday 11th May, 2018 - Staff Development Day (students do not attend on this day)**

SCHOOL APP

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

SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Abermain Public School

COPIES OF NOTES CAN BE OBTAINED ON BOTH OUR SCHOOL APP AND OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.