

SAFE, RESPECTFUL
LEARNERS



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Congratulations to all of our cross country runners who competed last week. Well done to the students who were successful in gaining selection in the Zone team to compete at the Regional Carnival later this term.

A reminder that this Friday 11th May, 2018 all **teaching staff** will be off site participating in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) training. This training will provide an opportunity for staff to gain further knowledge, understanding and ideas on how to implement STEM into their classroom settings.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 14th May, 2018 at 5.00pm in the School Library. All parents & carers are welcome to attend, come and catch up for a cuppa.

Next week students from Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in the NAPLAN testing. This year our students will be completing the assessment on iPads. I am sure the students are well prepared for this and they will do themselves proud.

Last Friday a parent survey about our trial reporting processes was distributed to all families. The survey can be completed using an electronic survey called "Survey Monkey". I encourage all parents & carers to complete the survey to assist the school with feedback about the Term One Student Progress Reports.

The AECG meeting will be held on Monday 14th May, 2018 at Pelaw Main Public School with a prompt 4.00pm start.

Ian Lamph
Principal



MOTHER'S DAY ACTIVITIES



"Mother's Day Afternoon Tea Invitation" – Thursday 10th May

You're invited to attend afternoon tea in your child's classroom from 2:30pm to celebrate Mother's Day on Thursday 10th May, 2018. They are hoping to pamper you and enjoy your company during this time.

Mother's Day Stall – Thursday 10th May

The P&C will be holding a Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 10th May, 2018. Gifts available for purchase will range in price from \$1 to \$9 each. Please remember to send money with your child.

Mother's Day P&C Raffle

A reminder that tickets for the Mother's Day P&C raffle need to be returned by Tuesday 8th May, 2018, and winners will be drawn during recess on the 10th May. P&C Raffle will be drawn under COLA at recess prior to class visits.

Reminder

Mother's Day Raffle

*Tickets due back Thursday
10th May, 2018.*



SHERPA KIDS AT ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY IS COMING UP. DO YOU REQUIRE CARE?

AVAILABLE AT ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL!!!

Staff Development Day: Friday May 11th, 2018

Cost before CCB and CCR Rebate: \$55.00

Hours available 7.00am till 6.00pm.

Located in the Canteen Hall.

Please advise if you require care on this day.

Elaine McCourt 0410 647 153 hunter@sherpa-kids.com.au

**THE NEXT P&C
MEETING WILL BE
HELD ON MONDAY
14TH MAY 2018 IN
THE SCHOOL
LIBRARY BEGINNING
AT 5.00PM**



*Sunglasses being a
part of School Uniform
will be discussed at
this meeting.*



KOE-NARA

On the corner of Rawson & Quarrybylong Sts Aberdare

Free for all families with children from birth to 8 years

**All Areas Speech Pathology will be at Playgroup on
May 22, June 4 & 28**

May 7 - July 6, Term 2 2018

Monday

**PLAYWORKS
AT KOE-NARA
10 TO 12**

Tuesday

**LET'S PLAY
AT KOE-NARA
10 TO 12**

Stories at Bunnings

**MAY 23 & JUNE 27
10.30 - 11.30**

Thursday

**PLAYWORKS AT EAST
CESSNOCK PUBLIC
9 TO 11**

Friday

**MOTOR MAGIC
AT KOE-NARA
9.30 TO 11.30**

Stories at Abermain Public

**THURSDAYS
2.30 - 3.00**

Phone 4990 9354 or 0428 263 854 for more information
or find us on Facebook - Koe-nara, Cessnock Schools as Community Centre

MOTOR MAGIC

Kindy Gym program



BUILD YOUR CHILD'S MOTOR SKILLS

Facilitated by
Happy Dots OT &
Koe-nara

MAY 18, 2018

Koe-nara, Cessnock
School as
Community Centre

9.30 - 10.30

Come on time!
Bring a hat & drink

Inquiries on 0428 263 854 or 4990 9354
or ask a staff member



ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the 49 students from Abermain Public School who attended and participated to the best of their ability at the Zone Cross Country Carnival held last Friday 4th May, 2018 at Cessnock Race Course. It was a long way to run on such a warm day.

Students who finished in the top 6 have qualified for the next level of Cross Country at the Hunter Region Championships. Well done to Sienna F. who finished 1st in the 10yr girls 2000m, Jackson F. who finished 3rd in the 10yr boys 2000m and to Traie F. who finished 4th in the 10yr boys 2000m.

Well done Shanaya B. 8th, Jayden B. 10th, Miah G. 7th, Lara R. 12th and Lucas W. 12th. It was very pleasing to see 4 of our 12yr girls all finish in the top 20.

Congratulations to Jackson, Traie and Sienna who have qualified to run at the Regional Cross Country.

Students now need to focus on developing their stamina and running skills in anticipation for the school Athletics Carnival in Week 8 of this Term.





STAGE 2 NEWS

Quality Writing in 2E

ANZAC Day:

The Experience of a Soldier

I can see people dying.

I can hear guns shooting.

I can touch and taste Anzac biscuits.

I can smell gun powder.

I feel scared and angry.

By Aimee

*I can see other soldiers dying. I hear the dinging of bullets on helmets. I can taste the blood in my mouth. **By Will***

*I can see enemies killing other people. I hear bombs exploding. I touched my gun and I shot a bullet and killed an enemy. I taste mud and blood. I can smell smoke and blood. I feel brave. **By Ana***

*I can see bodies, ammo, smoke, mud and blood. I hear people calling "help", bullets and rain. I touched mud and flowers. **By Trinity***

*I see dead people and I see a sniper on the ground. I hear bombs that go "woo boom!" I touched the sniper. I tasted the gunpowder when I shot. I smelt the gunpowder and I felt scared. **By Blake***

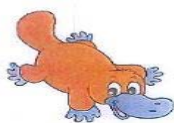


ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION Inc.

5 CENT CHALLENGE

During Term 2 - 2018, students in every class at Abermain Public School have been asked to participate in a 5 cent challenge.

Each class has been provided with a platypus who loves to eat 5 cent coins. Students are encouraged to bring in 5 cent coins to feed their class platypus. At the end of Term 2, the class who has been able to collect the highest amount of money in both Primary and Infants will receive a special reward.



**NAPLAN Online Tasks for
Years 3 and 5 will be held next
week from Tuesday onwards.**



6 STEPS TO STAMP OUT MATH ANXIETY



JO BOALER'S ADVICE FOR PARENTS.



Encourage children to play maths puzzles and games. Puzzles and games—anything with dice, really—will help kids enjoy maths and develop number sense, which is critically important.



Always be encouraging and never tell kids they are wrong when they are working on maths problems. Instead, find the logic in their thinking. For example, if your child multiplies 3 by 4 and gets 7, say, “Oh, I see what you are thinking. You are using what you know about addition to add 3 and 4. When we multiply, we have 4 groups of 3...”



Never associate maths with speed. It is not important to work quickly, and we now know that forcing kids to work quickly on maths is the best way to start maths anxiety for children, especially girls.



Never share with your children the idea that you were bad at maths at school or you dislike it—especially if you are a mother. Researchers found that as soon as mothers shared that idea with their daughters, their daughters’ achievement went down.



Encourage number sense. What separates high and low achievers is having an idea of the size of numbers and being able to separate and combine numbers flexibly. For example, when solving $29+56$, if you take one from the 56 and make it $30+55$, it is much easier to work out.



Perhaps most important of all: Encourage a “growth mindset” to let students know that they have unlimited maths potential and that being good at maths is all about working hard. When they tell you something is hard for them or they have made a mistake, tell them, “That’s wonderful—your brain is growing!”



GENERAL

- * Friday 11th May, 2018 - Staff Development Day (students do not attend on this day)
- * Monday 14th May, 2018 - AECG Meeting
P&C Meeting - 5.00pm
- * Tuesday 15th May, 2018 - Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN
- * Wednesday 16th May, 2018 - Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN
Book Club orders to be returned
- * Thursday 17th May, 2018 - Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN
- * Friday 25th May, 2018 - Stewart House Envelopes Due back
- * Monday 28th May, 2018 - Whole School Assembly - 2.30pm
- * Friday 1st June, 2018 - Regional Cross Country
- * Thursday 21st June, 2018 - Athletics Carnival

**WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
MONDAY 28TH MAY, 2018
WHERE: SCHOOL HALL
TIME: 2.30PM
ALL PARENTS/CARERS
WELCOME TO ATTEND**

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-schools.nsw.edu.au>

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Abermain Public School

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