

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY DROUGHT

As the roos roam the land, they scavenge for green grass and water. Sometimes they even roam into the town roads to look for grass. The native wildlife numbers are dropping rapidly because of the drought. In western NSW, livestock are not getting enough water and food to survive, while farmers are trying their best to save them. Shops in small towns have closed down and people are moving to the coast. The price of meat and crops will rapidly go up, so the farmers will have enough money to buy hay, water and pay the bills for their livestock and families to survive.

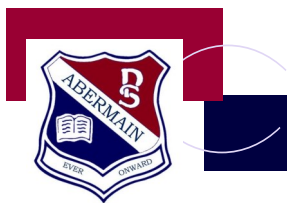
by DeSean 5/6P

I am just a spectator so I don't know the feeling that the farmers are going through, but I have an idea. In NSW, 98% of the state is in drought or drought affected. Drought is when the earth is dry and water is limited. Children and parents are very busy with their farms and livestock, their animals are dying and they are low on food and water. Little rainfall does not help and we can't make the drought go away, so we need to be supportive by donating food and water so the farmers don't have to worry about their needs.

by Charlize 5/6P

How you can help:

Donations of canned food and bottled water can be made at the school office, which will be delivered in December to the town of Pilliga, west of Narrabri, by Miss Cartwright who is making the journey there to support our farmers. Stage 3 students have volunteered to organise this collection.



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

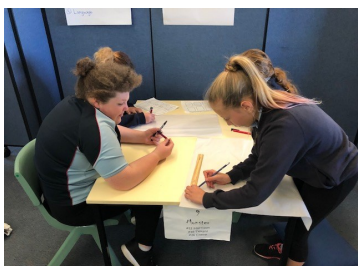
I had the pleasure of attending the Kullaburra Awards last night to witness our students accepting their awards. Congratulations goes to DeSean, Trinity, Mikaylah, Justin, Teleah and Alarna.

Thank you to the staff who also attended to support our students, Mrs Francis and Mrs Carroll and to Mrs Hedley for ensuring our nominations were lodged with the AECG committee.



Last week saw many of our children enjoy the fun associated with dressing up as their favourite character and participating in our Book Parade! Thank you to family and friends who made it up to the school for our picnic lunch. Huge thank you to the P&C for the BBQ and to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Leggett (P&C Secretary) for their work and effort in ensuring we had such a successful day. The Book Fair was also a huge success, thank you for your support!

Stage 3 girls had a visit from Jenine from 'Tech Girls' this week. At the end of this session they had to pitch an idea to the whole group that would see their design for an APP address a community problem. Jenine operates a global company that works to encourage girls of all ages to engage with technology.



This week sees us celebrating Father's Day, with a special breakfast on Friday 31st August, 2018 and Stage 2 and Stage 3 showcasing the designs of their Jaguar cars and electric vehicles. Thank you to our incredible staff for cooking and serving breakfast. Wishing all of our dads and pops a great day on Sunday.

Enjoy the weekend

Deb Bower

Relieving Principal

YEAR 3 - 6 ASSEMBLY
MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2018
2.30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

GOOD LUCK TO OUR STUDENTS WHO
ARE COMPETING AT THE REGIONAL
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL TOMORROW,
FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST, 2018



Congratulations to the following students who have received their 2018 PAWS Badge during the last assemblies. Well done!

Ruby T
Maddie K
Kobie F
Isaac L
Harley J
Grace B
Lucy A
Felicity E
Naomi J
Hayleigh S
Maddi B
Ruby C
Ivy T

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST, 2018

Breakfast - 8:00am

*After breakfast you are invited
to the hall to see a
demonstration of the Stage 2
classes' Jaguar Paper Racers
and to join the sports activities
on the fields*

P&C Father's Day Raffle drawn

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

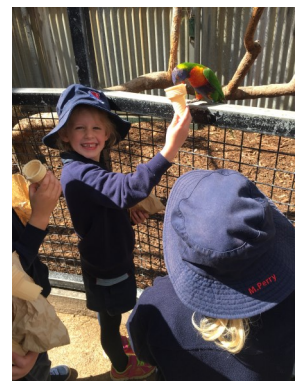
This year, the departments School Website Service (SWS) is taking an exciting step into the future by adopting a new generation website platform. This dynamic new platform will offer more flexibility and customization of the school website to suit the local needs of the school community and to provide more effective engagement with parents and the community. It will provide schools with new website tools and functionality, ensuring parents and the community can access school information on their mobile devices and interact from anywhere.

Our school is currently in the process of migrating to the new SWS platform and our website address has been changed to <https://abermain-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>. As part of our migration, information and permission notes will be attached to Events on the Home page, and there will be the option for parents/carers to set automatic reminder dates in to their own calendars on their device.



YEAR 1 HUNTER VALLEY ZOO EXCURSION

On Tuesday, 28th August, Year One students went on an excursion to Hunter Valley Zoo. They learnt facts about lots of different animals, including animals from Australia and Africa! All students enjoyed their day out, and especially loved seeing the lioness, Nala, climb the fence to get her food! Thank you to all of the family members who joined us. Your support is greatly appreciated!





YEAR 1 HUNTER VALLEY ZOO EXCURSION cont.



Dear Family,

You guys should go to the Hunter Valley Zoo.

Firstly, you should go because there is a bird named Simon. It is a Kookaburra, he is nice. Secondly, there are lions. One is Nala and one is Kovu. They roar! Thirdly, I think you should go because there are scary goats.

These are the reasons why you should go to the Hunter Valley Zoo.

From Saige

Dear Dad,

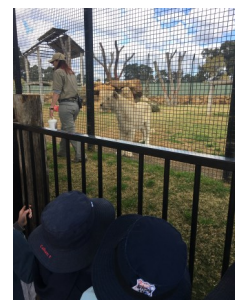
I think you should go to Hunter Valley Zoo.

Firstly, there are scary lions there named Nala and Kovu.

Secondly, there are Meerkat's and one of them is named Timone. Thirdly, there are big crocodiles and they look like they are not real.

These are the reasons I think you should go to Hunter Valley Zoo.

From Hayleigh



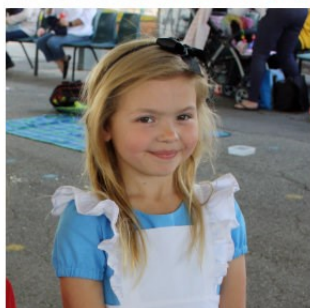
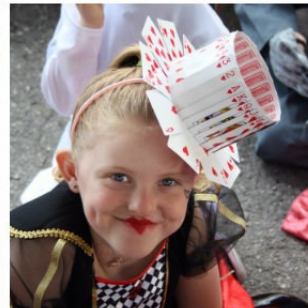
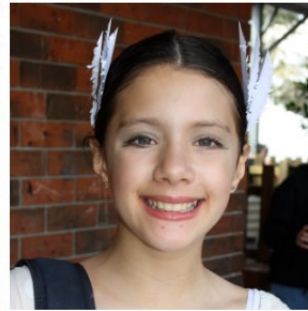


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Thank you to everyone who helped make Abermain Public School's "Book Week" activities a success. The Book Character Parade was amazing with a such a range of costumes. Everyone really got in to the spirit of embracing children's literature and literacy while having fun.





LOST PROPERTY

- A story by Hayley M in 3/4/5R

Ding ding ding. The bell goes. It's a Friday afternoon, all the kids run off to their houses, scattering and skipping. As soon as the hour is 9 o'clock, something strange and unspeakable happens. With the magic from the fairy in the main building, the jackets come to life. BEWARE!!! They creep around and haunt. They quickly dash away from their owner so they are in lost property. No wonder there are so many jackets. But some aren't even school jackets, so how did they get there? Are their jackets escaping from their homes? Do the school jackets link sleeves to help them over the fence? There are so many questions to be answered.

Do they get bored and play king of the circle? Unfortunately they cannot speak. One jacket is pulling on another jacket's sleeve, and before you know it, they are playing a game of follow the leader. To the fields they flap, blowing from side to side. Out rolls a soccer ball, left out from the day before. Then the chaos begins! The sleeves start slapping each other from the wind. The wind got stronger and stronger, they lost their grip. Over the fence some of them flew, and down the hill some of them tumbled, attempting to grab some of their friends.

All of a sudden, the wind changes directions, blowing them back into the school grounds. They tried to hold on, but they couldn't because their sleeves were too weak.

Oh my! We have been playing for so long that the sun has risen for the third time. We hear the gates, it's Lorna. We rush back to the cupboard, but couldn't make it in time. Lorna says, 'Oh my word, what has happened here?' Lorna saw all of us lying everywhere, so she put us back and locked us up, I guess our adventure is over!!!

YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION UPDATE

We are making arrangements for students enrolled for Year 7 at Cessnock High School to attend a group transition. There was some confusion amongst students about an event this week. Abermain students are not attending the scheduled event this Friday 31st August, 2018. Students will receive a permission note before attending an event.

Students enrolled for Year 7 at Kurri Kurri High School will receive a note this week about their whole day transition event on Tuesday 11th September which is to be followed by a parent information session from 4-5:30pm. Private transport will be required.

Students enrolled for Year 7 at Mt View High School will also receive a note this week about their transition event on Tuesday 11th September, 2018 required for students to attend 8:45am-2:30pm. Private transport will be required.



BOOK CLUB



BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE BACK

BY 11.00AM

Thursday 13th September, 2018

HEAD LICE

Could you please check your child/children's hair for nits and lice tonight. Head lice are only found on the human head and often congregate on the crown of the head, so that is not until you reach these last sections of hair that you find adult lice. However, heads that are severely infected will have lice everywhere. Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding, carpet or anywhere else in the environment. If you find any eggs or lice, please commence treatment. It is recommended to repeat treatment every 5-6 days for the next couple of weeks to ensure all eggs have been removed.

Further information on head lice is also available on the NSW Health website at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp>

or through the Department's website at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentssupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php>



DO YOU REQUIRE A BREAK, HAVE APPOINTMENTS, NEED TIME OUT, WORK LONG HOURS!!!

TRY SHERPA KIDS

WE ARE HERE FOR BEFORE SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL!!!

MONDAY TO FRIDAY FROM 7.00AM BEFORE SCHOOL CARE,
AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL END UNTIL 6.00PM.

Located in the canteen hall.

Enrolment is free,
Structured activities available
Quality Care Programs
Breakfast and Afternoon Tea Provided
Outdoor play
Imaginative and Creative Play environment
Inclusion support programs
CCB and CCR available.

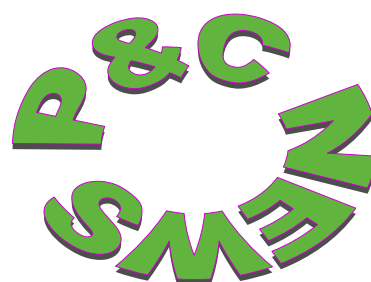
Out of Pocket Fees can be as little as \$3.00 per session.

Enquiries available

Spaces available daily.

Casual and Permanent Places.

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



**The next P&C Meeting will be
held on**

Monday 10th September, 2018

beginning at 5.00pm.

All welcome to attend.



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| ◆ Friday 31st August, 2018 | Regional Athletics
Fathers Day breakfast/activities - commencing 8.00am
“Clever Kids” 1.30pm —3.00pm |
| ◆ Monday 3rd September, 2018 | Years 3-6 Assembly - 2.30pm |
| ◆ Thursday 6th September, 2018 | Premier’s Spelling Bee - Greta Public School |
| ◆ Friday 7th September, 2018 | “Clever Kids” 1.30pm —3.00pm |
| ◆ Monday 10th September, 2018 | Lion King Jr - Dress Rehearsal
P&C Meeting (5.00pm) |
| ◆ Tuesday 11th September, 2018 | Lion King Jr - Dress Rehearsal
Kurri Kurri High School Transition - 9.45am - 2.00pm
Mount View High School Transition - 8.45am - 2.30pm |
| ◆ Wednesday 12th September, 2018 | Lion King Jr Performances (Matinee and Evening) |
| ◆ Thursday 13th September, 2018 | Lion King Jr Performances (Matinee and Evening)
Book Club orders to be returned by 11.00am |
| ◆ Friday 14th September, 2018 | “Clever Kids” park visit |
| ◆ Monday 17th September, 2018 | Years 3-6 Assembly - 2:30pm
Kinder excursion—Oakvale Farm |
| ◆ Monday 24th September, 2018 | Years K-2 Assembly - 2:30pm |
| ◆ Friday 28th September, 2018 | Last Day Term 3 |
| ◆ Monday 15th October, 2018 | Students return to school - Term 4 |

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

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

SCHOOL WEBSITE

<https://abermain-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Abermain Public School



ADVERTISING

Our Bushland

BioBlitz FREE EVENT

Sunday 9 September 2018
Poppet Head Park, KITCHENER

A Bio Blitz is a citizen science event where scientists work with the community to explore their local area. Everyone is welcome!

- Book into one of the many walks and learn from a team of highly trained ecologists. Bookings for walks are recommended as numbers are limited.
- The kids can have fun with the DISCOVERY RANGERS or find out all about WATERWATCH. (Bookings are not necessary for the childrens activities).
- Lots of displays and food stalls

For more information and bookings visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/bioblitz or 4993 4100

This project has been assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust.

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by a Behavioural
OPTOMETRIST
specialising in children

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Bulk Billed

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COME and TRY DAY

BBQ, GAMES & INFO

GIRLS, BOYS, JUNIORS & SENIORS

HAVE A GO. HAVE A BALL!
SOFTBALL + TEE BALL

SUNDAY 26th AUG & SUNDAY 23rd SEPT

McKeachies Oval, 43A Redgum Circuit, Aberglasslyn 2320

10.30am – 1.30pm

Maitland City Softball is now registering for 2018! With our accredited coaches running workshops on hitting, catching, throwing and basic softball drills. Whether it's your first time or if you're a returning player to the game, head to our training grounds and have a go!

Facebook icon, Instagram icon

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Maitland City Softball

CESSNOCK

FUN, FAMILY, FITNESS

ATHLETICS CLUB

\$120 3-5yrs

2 FREE Trial Nights for New Athletes September only

Registration Days
Friday 31st August &
Friday 7th September
5:00 – 6:30pm
Turner Park
Aberdare Rd
Cessnock

\$130 6-17yrs

NO WEEKLY FEES

RUN JUMP THROW

COMPETITION NIGHTS
September - March
FRIDAYS
Turner Park
Warm Up 6pm
Competition 6:30pm

UNIFORMS
Singlet \$30.00
Crop Top \$35.00
Black Shorts

Online Registration Only
www.lansw.com.au

Senior Members Welcome
Aged 18 – 100
Same time and place
Register online at
www.nswathletics.org.au

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