

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.

O F F T O S T A T E



Congratulations to Lara for her excellent efforts in the Hunter Regional Cricket Trials. Lara had to previously attend a trial to get to the Hunter Regional Trials, and it is very exciting to announce that Lara was successful and has been selected as a team member of the State Hunter Cricket Team.

Well done Lara and good luck!!!

YEAR 6, 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR YEAR 6 BREAKFAST)

Friday 30th November, 2018 - Year 6 Breakfast

Thursday 6th December, 2018 - Year 6 Farewell

Further information will be sent home with students



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to a very exciting Term 4!

As we head towards summer it is essential that we ensure that our **Bushfire Plans** are both in place here at school and at home. I encourage you to speak to your children about your own plans and to communicate the information provided to you in this newsletter with them regarding the school systems we also have in place. Students do participate in school evacuation and lockdown drills to ensure that they are fully aware of our processes, should we find ourselves in this situation. Please find time to have a family drill at home. Kindergarten to Year 2 students will get to meet the local fire personnel and participate in some very valuable lessons throughout Term 4.

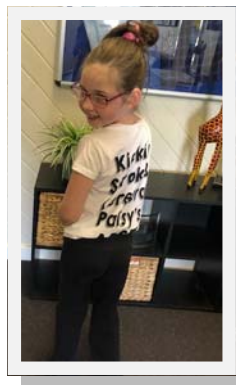
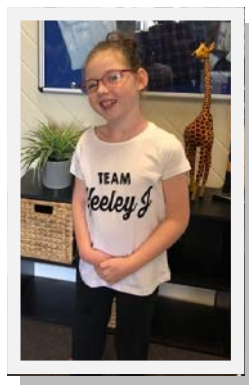
Friday 26th October, 2018 sees us celebrate “World Teacher Day” and acknowledge the dedication and professionalism shown by our wonderful teaching staff. I know you all appreciate their passion and commitment to our children.

This year we have again raised student awareness around the “Day for DANIEL” message being given to young people through Daniel’s Foundation. Some students have elected to acknowledge their understanding of Friday’s message by wearing a red item.

The P&C, as a part of the Abermain Public School Carols Committee, are extremely busy in the background organising our Carols event for the 10th December, 2018. I would like to encourage you all to contact them if you can help out in any way either prior to the event or during the event. If everyone helps just a little it does make a massive difference.

Thank you to our families who have clicked on our parent survey and provided us with valuable feedback. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 have also completed their surveys this week .

I would like to wish our beautiful Keeley in Year 1 lots of luck as she and her family head to Noosa for the “Noosa Triathlon”. Keeley is participating in her own triathlon this year and we are eagerly awaiting the pictures of her success. GO TEAM KEELEY!



Relieving Principal
Debbie Bower



BUSHFIRE PROCEDURES

With both Term 4 and Term 1 considered to be during our Bush Fire period, we would like to communicate with parents/carers the bush fire procedures we have in place here at school.

During these terms staff will be regularly monitoring the NSW RFS sites for any local fire activity and if required, staff will also be consulting with Emergency Services. Regular updates will be communicated with parents/carers via direct SMS and our school Facebook page. Students diagnosed with asthma will be kept indoors and closely monitored.

All our school gates are now numbered and we are currently in the process of organising signage with the numbers which will be displayed on each gate.

In the event of a directed evacuation:

If our school has received advice to evacuate, all parents/carers will be notified immediately by SMS and Facebook. This message will include:

- ◆ Request for parents/carers to organise for their child to be picked up from their classroom immediately. If parents/carers cannot arrange for their child to be picked up from school they will be asked to contact the school immediately so that students can be taken by staff to the designated refuge.
- ◆ The specific school gates (which will be identified by their numbers) that will be open to enter the school grounds to access classrooms quickly.
- ◆ Advice on the refuge students and staff will be evacuating to. This will either be McDonalds in Cessnock, or McDonalds at Kurri Kurri, depending on where the fire activity is.
- ◆ Any road closures or traffic restrictions as per updated information on www.lifetraffic.com.au.

To assist with these procedures, could you please ensure your contact details and your child's health records are kept up to date.

**The Tell Them From Me student survey (Term 4, 2018) Year 4/5/6 students**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used *Tell Them From Me* to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 27th August and 26th October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their 2018 PAWS Badge.**Well done!**

Summer C

Dylan I

Caleda M

Trinity T

Tyrone T

**CESSNOCK COMMUNITY OF GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS (CCGPS)
2019 CHOIR AUDITIONS**

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) choir auditions for 2019. If you were not successful this time, please keep singing, join the school choir and try out again next year!

Students who have been accepted into the CCGPS Choir for 2019 were given an acceptance letter last term. These students will receive their information package during Week 2 this term.



Shae's Corner

K-2

It is a home and it can fly. It has wings. It goes to space and it can spin. The mum had a baby and they were dizzy.

By Laura (KT)

Thelma got chased by the fans and annoyed and at the beginning of the story Thelma nearly made the truck hit her and she got paint and glitter on herself.

By Kobie (KT)

I made a house today. I made it by myself. I made it for Miss Trotter

By Mia (KT)

3-6

I woke up and suddenly...

Band, bong, bash, owwww, my feet! I found myself lying on the kitchen table with cheese balls in a pot above my head. What? Cheese balls in a pot above my head? Owwww, my head! Cheese balls everywhere! I was covered in cheese balls! What did you do Alben? You, you trashed the house with food!

‘Just keeping food for the winter, hahaha’

‘Arrgghhh, run for your life! I gave you a warning and you did it again!’

By Tayla (3/4/5R)





1C ARE
WORKING
TOGETHER TO
SOLVE
MATHS



INTENSIVE SWIMMING SCHEME

Monday 26th November - Friday 7th December, 2018

(10 day program)

Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre

Year 2 students are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. The program focuses on improving swimming skills, water safety and survival techniques.

First places will be allocated to all Year 2 students who return their permission note and payment by 2nd November, 2018. The remainder of places work on a first in first served process for year 3-6.

Good for Kids good for life





KORREIL WONNAI SHIRT

This is available for EVERYONE! Our local AECG have developed a shirt that is available for our students and community members to purchase.

Details to purchase are as follows:

Please have orders in by Tuesday 6th November 2018. (includes the email to Sonia Sharpe and money in the bank.

The shirt is \$40 and sizes seem to be a little smaller to normal size of other brands with this type of shirt.

For *anyone* who wants to order, please send an email to aecgpresident@gmail.com and tell Sonia your size and quantity (how many) and that you have deposited your money into the account (a screenshot would be great for proof). Please specify if child, men's or women's sizes needed. From size 6 up for child, up to 5XL for men's and up to size 26 women's.

To direct deposit in to the bank account, please use your name as a reference and 'shirt'
For example: 'SHARPE Shirt'

Bank Details:

ACCOUNT NAME: The Greater Cessnock AECG

BSB: 637 000 (Greater Bank)

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 715146614

Details can also be found on Korreil Wonnai AECG - Cessnock & Kurri Kurri Facebook page.

Term 4 has seen us open up the top field with additional staffing, in a hope that students enjoy the opportunities that more space provides.





2019 Kindergarten Orientation Program

Thursday 1 st November, 2018	1.00pm - 2.00pm Parents & students - Hall <i>Followed by "Stories" at 2:30pm for those who wish to stay</i>
Thursday 8 th November, 2018	1.00pm - 2.00pm Parents - Hall Students - Kindergarten classroom <i>Followed by "Stories" at 2:30pm for those who wish to stay</i>
Thursday 15 th November, 2018	1.00pm - 2.00pm Parents - Hall Students - Kindergarten classroom <i>Followed by "Stories" at 2:30pm for those who wish to stay</i>
Thursday 22 nd November, 2018	1:00pm – 2:00pm Parents - Hall Students - Kindergarten classroom <i>Followed by "Stories" at 2:30pm for those who wish to stay</i>

BOOK CLUB



**BOOK CLUB ORDERS TO BE
RETURNED BY
MONDAY 13TH AUGUST, 2018
BY 11.30AM.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANYTHING
TO BE KEPT ASIDE FOR
STOCKING FILLERS PLEASE
ADVISE WHEN YOU ORDER**



**Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?**

Keeping your contact details and details of emergency contacts up to date is extremely important. If any of your details have changed or are going to change could you please contact the school office on 49 304210.



The next P&C Meeting will be held on
Monday 12th November, 2018 beginning at
5.00pm.

All welcome to attend.

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



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

**NO
PARKING**

Please remember that
there is no parking in the
teachers car park or on the
handball courts. There is
also no pedestrian access
to the teachers car park.



**NO PETS OR ANIMALS
ALLOWED ON
SCHOOL GROUNDS**

**EXCEPT TRAINED
SERVICE ANIMALS**

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.



♦ Monday 29th October, 2018	Year K - 2 Assembly - 2.30pm
♦ Wednesday 31st October, 2018	Book Club orders to be returned by 11.30am
♦ Thursday 1st November, 2018	2019 Kindergarten Orientation - 1.00-2.00pm Cessnock High School Orientation Day
♦ Monday 5th November, 2018	Year 3 - 6 Assembly - 2.30pm
♦ Thursday 8th November, 2018	2019 Kindergarten Orientation - 1.00-2.00pm
♦ Monday 12th November, 2018	Year K - 2 Assembly - 2.30pm P&C Meeting - 5.00pm
♦ Thursday 15th November, 2018	2019 Kindergarten Orientation - 1.00-2.00pm
♦ Friday 16th November, 2018	Netball Gala Day - Maitland Netball Courts
♦ Monday 19th November, 2018	Whole school Sports Assembly (<i>changed from Year 3-6 assembly</i>)
♦ Thursday 22nd November, 2018	2019 Kindergarten Orientation - 1.00-2.00pm
♦ Monday 26th November, 2018	Year K - 2 Assembly - 2.30pm School swimming program begins (<i>runs every school day until 7th December, 2018</i>)
♦ Wednesday 28th November, 2018	Mount View High School ATSI Transition Day
♦ Friday 30th November, 2018	Year 6 Breakfast
♦ Monday 3rd December, 2018	Year 7 begins for Cessnock High School students P&C Meeting - 5.00pm
♦ Wednesday 5th December, 2018	Presentation Day
♦ Thursday 6th December, 2018	Year 6 farewell
♦ Friday 7th December, 2018	Last day of school swimming program
♦ Monday 10th December, 2018	Carols
♦ Monday 17th December, 2018	Whole school assembly
♦ Friday 21st December, 2018	Last day of school for 2018



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specialising in children
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OPTICAL
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Oct 24 to Nov 21, 2018
10 am to 12 noon
Free

Art Therapy - Time Out for Grown Ups

A friendly fun space to discover the benefits of playing with being creative. Nurturing ourselves we can grow in our parenting, wellbeing and confidence

No art experience needed, Facilitated by Art Therapist
Miriam Saines

Please book in through our Facebook page
or 0428 263 854
Child care & Morning tea provided

Koe-Nara,
Corner of Rawson & Quarrybylong Sts
Cessnock



TERM 4 2018

PLAYWORKS

10 - 12

Each Monday of term, held at Koe-nara
Please bring a hat for your child
Speech Pathologist will visit on Oct 22 from 10 to 11

LET'S PLAY

10 - 12

Each Tuesday of term, held at Koe-nara
Please bring a hat for your child
Speech Pathologist will visit Nov 13 from 10.30 - 11.30

STORIES AT BUNNINGS

10.30 - 12

Craft, Stories and Face-painting from 10.30 to 12
Oct 24 & Nov 28

PLAYWORKS AT EAST

9 - 11

Each Thursday of term, held at Cessnock East Public
Please bring a hat for your child
Speech Pathologist will visit Dec 6 from 9 - 10

STORIES AT ABERMAIN

2.30 - 3

Each Thursday at Abermain Public, our location
changes so please check with office staff on the day

Koe-nara is in the grounds of Cessnock Public School
For further info call 49909354 or 0428 263 854