

## SAFE, RESPECTFUL



## 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.**

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## YEAR 1 NEWCASTLE MUSEUM EXCURSION

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 1C and 1H travelled to the Newcastle Museum as part of their History Unit. The students investigated the history of Newcastle, explored interesting science equipment and were even detectives who had to examine and find out who owned the objects in the mystery boxes!



**WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY - MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER, 2018**

**TIME: 2. 00PM**

This will be our final assembly for 2018. Eligible students will receive their PAWS Badge and/or Principal Awards. A special presentation will also be made to our 2018 and 2019 School Leaders.

Parents/carers of students who are receiving awards have been notified by SMS.





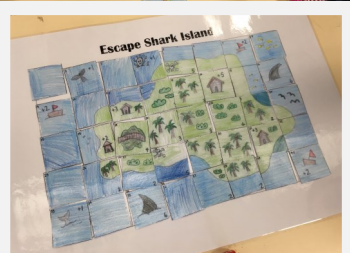
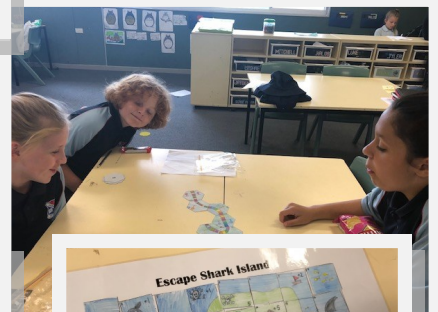
## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Wow, we have had a huge few weeks, hosting a number of end of year events here at school!

We farewelled a number of our families at our Year 6 Parent Breakfast and said our final goodbyes, thanking each of them for their contribution to our school community. We hosted the 2018 Year 6 Farewell in our hall which transformed into a wonderful restaurant. Thank you to the staff and community members who made this happen. Thank you also to the Abermain Public School P&C for your on-going financial support of this event. I know the Year 6 students appreciated their special USB designed to take to High School to support them in Year 7.

For the first time, Presentation Day saw two assemblies held, one for K-2 and the other 3-6. The feedback we have received so far has been extremely positive, and we are keen to hear from you and value your input. Once again congratulations to all of our award winners. I am so incredibly proud of the effort put in throughout the year by our students. I do encourage you all to access the QR code stapled to the reports you received to answer some quick questions regarding the change in reporting this year, your feedback is invaluable. There is also a copy of the code included in this Newsletter. Remember if you wish to speak further to your child's classroom teacher please do not hesitate to call the office to make an appointment.

The photos below were taken last week when I was invited to 5/6S to play the board games that they had worked so hard on to design and construct. Each of the games had built in challenges and were created for a particular audience. Congratulations to 5/6S on a wonderful product to your learning this term. I hope all of your families have had an opportunity to play.





## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

2019 will see the commencement of a number of Asset Management projects that have been developed throughout the year. As of next week we will see builders on site starting to prepare for work during the holiday break. Unfortunately the projects involving the canteen and the addition of toilets will still be underway when we return, therefore we will not be offering canteen access for the first few weeks of Term 1 as our canteen undergoes an extension.

Once we return from holidays we will have a better idea about the completion date on both projects. We have alternative plans in place for toilet access if this part of the project is not ready on our return. We are hoping that the project that will see our old library (3/4/5R) split into two classroom spaces will be ready. Stage 2 of this project will be undertaken at a later date, and it will see each of those spaces gain a withdrawal and storage space

A massive thank you to everyone for such a successful Carols event, it just gets bigger and better each year!

*Deb Bower*  
*Relieving Principal*

## SUPPORT THE FARMERS

On Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 Miss Cartwright travelled to the town of Pilliga to support farmers who are in need. The Farmers were very grateful and appreciative of the kindness and support from Abermain Public School and wanted to say a massive thank you for all of your kind donations!





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## STUDENT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2019

### **KINDERGARTEN – EARLY STAGE 1**

1 set of good quality coloured pencils  
4 glue sticks – 1 for each term  
1 scrapbook  
1 plastic envelope folder or large pencil case for home readers

Art Shirt  
Tissues x 2  
Liquid Soap  
White Board Markers

### **YEAR 1 and YEAR 2 – STAGE 1**

Set of good quality lead pencils (approx. 10),  
Coloured Pencils / Textas  
Sharpener  
Library Bag  
2 Plastic envelope folders  
Hand Sanitiser / Liquid Soap  
Headphones (if not previously supplied)

School Hat  
White Board Markers (1 packet)  
Art Shirt  
Eraser  
Glue Stick (not liquid) x 2  
Tissues

### **YEAR 3 and YEAR 4 – STAGE 2**

Good quality lead pencils x10  
Coloured Pencils  
Textas  
Sharpener  
Erasers  
Glue Stick  
White Board Markers  
Highlighters

Library Bag  
Headphones/Earbuds (in bag)  
Drink Bottle  
Hand Sanitiser  
Tissues  
School Hat  
Paint Shirt

### **YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 – STAGE 3**

Good quality lead pencils x 10  
Sharpener  
Erasers  
Coloured Pencils / Textas  
2 x Blue, red, green and black pens  
Ruler  
Library Bag  
Drink bottle

Liquid Soap  
Tissues  
Headphones  
Packet of highlighters  
Glue Sticks  
School Hat  
Paint shirt  
White Board Markers





# YEAR 6 FAREWELL







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The Year 6 farewell was such an extraordinary experience, it meant so much to me and I can tell it meant so much to other people as well.

It was a night of dreams. Everybody looked stunning and handsome. The Year 6 farewell is a night that will stay in people's hearts their whole life; it is a magical memory. It is the last amazing time some people get to have before they sadly leave, a last time to see some great friends, it is a last time to see the amazing teachers. I will forever miss all, but always keep the night in my heart.

By Samantha

Balloons, cake, dinner and music were at the Year 6 farewell that everyone enjoyed. We all got to dress up for a night out with friends. It was nice to see people who had already left the school.

Music was the main game for some people to dance around and have fun with their friends. There was a photo booth at the back where people could be themselves in photos and enjoy the night. This experience was an extraordinary night for everyone including me, and I can't wait for next year when I get to go again.

By Tahlee



**Family members of Year 6 students are invited to join us at 2.50pm Wednesday 19th December, 2018 for the bell ringing ceremony.**

## QR CODE



We'd love to hear your feedback on this year's change to once per term reports. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NR2GKQ3> or use the QR code to complete our quick survey!





## SHERPA KIDS Hunter Vacation Care Program

Service cost: \$60 (Child Care Subsidy will apply to all fees)

Excursions and Incursions \$75.

Note: This is just a general guide. Activities are subject to change depending on numbers, weather, staff ratio, etc.

Activity/Location	Activity Description	Cost
<b>Monday</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	<b>Around the World!!</b> Join an around the world adventure, creating flags, traditions, dancing and cooking their cuisine. Pick a country with your peers and create a magical day of art and crafts and creative flair!!!	\$60
<b>Tuesday</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	<b>Crazy Hair Day!!!</b> Plaits, Braids, Foot Spas, Nail colours, Hair Colours, Gels, be creative let your imagination run wild, with a prize for the most outlandish!!	\$60
<b>Wednesday</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	<b>Dirty Wednesday!!!</b> Planting, earthy projects, art with nature, test your natural ability. Yoga!! Some fun with yoga techniques.	\$60
<b>Thursday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	<b>Bike and Scooter Day!!!</b> Bring your bike or scooter and the most important item, your helmet. Create your own course, have races and enjoy riding with your peers.	\$60
<b>Friday</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	<b>Colour Fun Day!!</b> Obstacle courses, races and fun with the colour. Create a design, tie dye or paint your own t-shirt.	\$75

# S H E R P A K I D S

<b>Monday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> January, 2019	<b>Bike and Scooter Day!!!</b> Bring your bike and scooter and definitely your helmet. Create your own track or have the race of the Day. Experience riding with your friends.	\$60
<b>Tuesday</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2019	<b>LAWN BOWLS!!</b> A day on the green with your friends!! Barefoot, shoes on, lets have a go!! Fun for everyone. Transport included to the local bowling club for a day of bowls. Bring your lunch.	\$75
<b>Wednesday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> January, 2019	<b>Putt Putt Golf!!!</b> The greens are here!! Make your own course, see who can get the first hole in one. Who can create the hardest hole??	\$60
<b>Thursday</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	<b>HOOSH</b> Holy Spirit OOSH Talent Show Bring your favourite dress up, favourite sound track and escape into the world of entertainment. Create a full stage show and present with an audience.	\$60
<b>Friday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	<b>Free Play Friday!!!</b> Last day of the holidays, games of choice, art and craft activities, select your own destiny today.	\$60

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hunter@sherpa-kids.com.au OR 0410647153

Complete an enrolment form for each child to attend  
Includes breakfast and afternoon tea  
Hours of operation  
6.30am-6.30pm  
Excursion days there will be strict drop off times.

<b>Monday</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	<b>BLUE WARRIOR INCURSION!!</b> An ideal workshop to enable self esteem, build healthy relationships and anti bullying program.	\$75
<b>Tuesday</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	<b>Tennis at Kurri Kurri Tennis Club</b> Transport and lunch included. Tennis skills, games and lunch included. Bring hats and drink bottles	\$75
<b>Wednesday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	<b>Hunter Valley Zoo!!</b> Transport to Hunter Valley Zoo, watch the animals and the opportunity to see nature at its best. Petting and feeding available.	\$75
<b>Thursday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	<b>Camel Farm Muswellbrook</b> Transport included, bring your lunch. Experience the joy of camel rides, questions and experience lunch and a picnic at the Muswellbrook Camel Farm.	\$75
<b>Friday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	<b>Sausage Sizzle at Rose Point Park!!</b> Transport to Rose Point Park Singleton!! A day of enjoyment of swings, slides and flying foxes!! Sausage sizzle provided and a day of park fun	\$75

Program will be held at Holy Spirit Infants School, Church Street, Abermain.

Booking forms can be found on the school app and website



## SHERPA KIDS HUNTER Staff Development Days

Service cost: \$60 (Child Care Subsidy will apply to all fees)

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Activity/Location	Activity Description	Cost
<b>Thursday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> December, 2018	<b>Christmas Party!!</b> Celebrate with your friends the joy of Christmas and the end of the year, singing Christmas songs, creating Christmas art and craft, and making fun Christmas treats!!!	\$60
<b>Friday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> December, 2018	<b>Pyjama and Movie Day!!!</b> Bring your pyjamas, a blanket and your pillow, and your favourite P or PG movie and enjoy a day filled with movies to wind down for the end of the year!!	\$60
<b>Tuesday</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019	<b>Colour your year!!</b> Spend the day getting ready for the school year, a day of arts and crafts of choice, painting, outdoor play and activities to get you ready for the new school year.	\$60

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- ♦ Monday 17th December, 2018 Whole school assembly—2pm
- ♦ Wednesday 19th December, 2018 Last day of school for 2018



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM EVERYONE AT  
ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

- ♦ Wednesday 30th January, 2019 Students return to school  
Kindergarten Best Start interviews
- ♦ Thursday 31st January, 2019 Kindergarten Best Start interviews
- ♦ Friday 1st February, 2019 Kindergarten Best Start interviews
- ♦ Monday 4th February, 2019 Kindergarten first day of school

**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**

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





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*To connect parents and carers of children with a disability, the NDIA and local providers.*

**Location:** Cessnock West Public School  
Campbell Street & Wollombi Road  
Cessnock

**Date:** Wednesday 12 December 2018

**Time:** 2-5pm

**Providers:** *If you would like to host a table at this event please RSVP by Friday 30 November 2018 to [rowan.coombes@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rowan.coombes@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone 6656 6614 (there is no cost to you)*

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