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TERM 3
2019

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 26th September, 2019

ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**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.



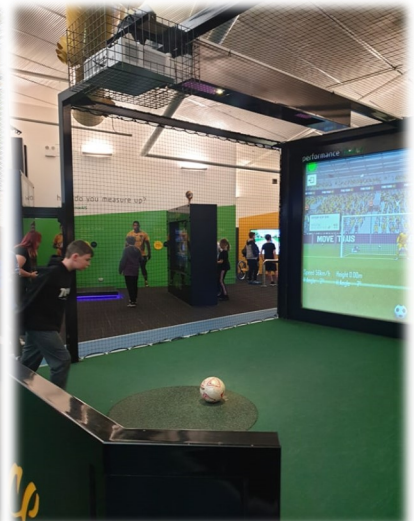
**CLEVER KIDS 2019
GRADUATION
DAY**





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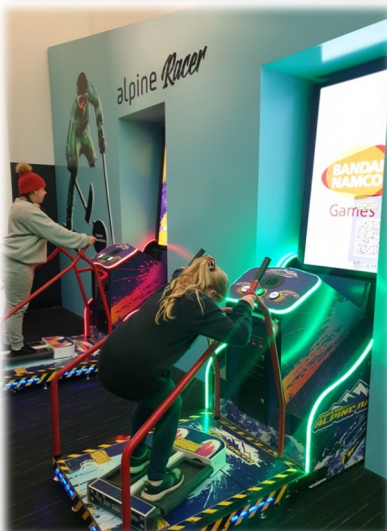
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Once again we come to the end of another exciting Term at Abermain Public School. Term 3 has seen our school participate in many learning opportunities including:

- Learning about the Environment and Sustainability with a visit from the Antarctic Science and Sustainability Bus
- Received awards at both the Kullaburra and Education Week Awards
- Celebrating Father's Day
- Gaining their Passport to Learning Hours with the Children's University
- Learning tips and advice in e-Safety presentations
- Representing at Zone and Regional Athletics
- Listening to special guest speaker Damien Thomlinson at the School Leaders Breakfast
- Supporting the awareness of 'Beanies for Brain Cancer'
- Moving into the newly completed Kindergarten classrooms, and watching in excitement with the commencement of our school hall extension
- Participating in Transition Programs at both High School and Clever Kids
- Welcoming our 2020 Kindergarten children
- Participating in Peer Support, Zumba and Yoga
- Visiting Canberra for Stage Three - attending Questacon, Australian War Memorial, Australian Institute of Sport, National Arboretum, Parliament House, Australian National Botanic Gardens, Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex, National Capital Exhibition, Mount Ainslie Lookout and the Royal Australian Mint

Thank you to the community for your patience and support regarding the break-in to the school canteen on Monday night. If you have any further information about the break-in please contact Cessnock Police by phoning 49 910199.

The Stage Three Canberra excursion is well underway with the students having lots of fun. Keep your eye out on our Facebook page for regular updates. We wish them all a safe trip home on Friday.

We wish all parents, carers and students a safe and enjoyable holiday break. Rest-up ready for another engaging and exciting Term full of learning!

Ian Lamph & Debbie Bower
Principals



**Hunter School of the Performing Arts
presents**

**Roald Dahl's
MATILDA
The Musical**

THURSDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 2019

TICKETS \$25 EA

Includes Bus Fare and Performance

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

Permission notes will be sent home with students on the first day of Term 4

**Seats will be available to the first 52 students who return
their permission note and payment to the school office.**

For students in Years 3-6



NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL FINDER TOOL

Please find below a link where parents/carers can find information regarding their in-zone school.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>

INTENTION TO APPLY FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL IN 2021

Selective High Schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Letters will be sent home with all Year 5 students this week. Parents/Carers are asked to please advise the school whether or not you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from late September 2019 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The application website opens at the link on 8th October, 2019 and closes at 10pm on 11th November, 2019. Applications must be completed before the closing date.

TELL THEM FROM ME – PARENT SURVEY

The Tell Them From Me survey allows parents/carers to express their views about their perceptions of their children's experiences at home and school. Your participation in the survey is anonymous and confidential. When you submit your survey, the responses are recorded on a secure site without personal identifying information. Your answers will be mixed with those of other parents and caregivers from the school. If you have more than one child at the school and your perceptions differ for each child, you may choose to complete the survey more than once to provide feedback on each child's experiences. You may skip any questions you do not wish to answer, other than the one asking which school year your child is in.

Please begin the survey at <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/54392> or via the link below:





WHAT'S ON IN PBL

PBL WRAP UP

What a successful term we have had in PBL! Students across our school are beginning to be rewarded with the achievement of their PAWs Badges. These students exemplify what it means to be a Safe, Respectful member of our Learning community and we applaud and thank them for helping to make our school a place where we can grow and learn together.

Last week we wrapped up our Peer Support groups. We are exceptionally proud of our Stage 3 students who took on the huge responsibility of teaching others. Younger students who participated in the learning experiences said...

"Peer Support was so much fun! I loved my leaders and learnt about my feelings"

"We learnt how to look after other people and be nice. My leaders played fun games."

"I want to do Peer Support every week! It was the best."

We wish everyone a safe and exciting holiday and look forward to another term of PBL adventures.

**Congratulations to our Stage 3 PAWS
Badge recipients;
Amarli, Ayasha, Tahlee and Kaitlyn.**



CANTEEN NEWS – TERM 4, 2019

The school canteen will be open on the first day back of Term 4, however the following items on the menu will not be available on this day;

Chicken Dino's

Spaghetti Bolognaise

Lasagne

Mac & Cheese

Milk



Important information for parents and students

The Department recognises that family breakdowns take place. Unless there is formal notice otherwise, it is assumed that both parents have shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and both parents have been involved in decisions regarding their children's education. This also means the school recognises that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities relating to matters involving the school.

If changes occur in your family relationship which might impact on the relationship between the school and your family, you should advise the school immediately. This includes providing copies of any relevant court orders.

TERM 4, 2019 ASSEMBLY DATES

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) - Monday 21st October, 2019, 2.30pm

Stage 1 (Year 1—2) - Monday 28th October, 2019, 2.30pm

Stage 2 (Year 3—4) - Monday 4th November, 2019, 2.30pm

Stage 3 (Year 5—6) - Monday 11th November, 2019, 2.30pm

STUDENT ABSENCES

SMS texts will be sent to parents/carers between 9.45am and 10.00am each day to inform that an absence has been recorded for their child. Parents/carers can explain absence either by replying to the SMS text, in person, by phone, school email or a letter to the class teacher. ALL absences must be explained within seven (7) school days.

If you are having attendance issues with your child, please contact the school so we can work together to improve their attendance at school.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM (TERM 4, WEEKS 7 AND 8)

A reminder that permission slips and deposit for any Year 2 student wishing to participate in the Intensive Swimming Program must be returned by Thursday 26th September, 2019. The remainder of the places will work on a first in first served process for students in Year 3 as we have a limited amount of places in the program. If places are still available after the due date then students in Year 4 - 6 will be given the opportunity to attend. Any swimming ability is eligible to attend.

THE COST OF THE PROGRAM IS \$40.00

Thank you to the P&C who have generously agreed to cover the cost of the bus for 10 days



NSW Department of Education

Before and After School Care Have your say

The NSW Government is committed to increasing the provision of before and after school care.

Have your say at

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc>

Online feedback closes December 2019



MEDICATIONS

If your child requires non-prescribed or intermittent medication administered at school, parents/carers must complete a medication form which can be obtained from the school office. This form requires specific details of medication and health management.

FOR THE SAFETY OF **ALL** CHILDREN MEDICATIONS MUST BE HANDED TO THE OFFICE BY PARENTS/CARERS. MEDICATIONS ARE **NOT** TO BE HANDED TO THE STUDENT TO BRING TO OR FROM SCHOOL.

Have Your Say on Before and After School Care

The NSW Government is committed to providing before and after school care to all students of public primary schools in New South Wales. As part of the reform, [a parent web form](#) has been established by Service NSW that will enable parents to tell the department about their specific care needs and to stay up to date with any new developments.

The information provided by parents will help the Department of Education to understand your needs, give them insights into where there are gaps in service delivery and help to ensure the extra places are delivered where they are required.

Have your say today at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc>.



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



“SAVE THE DATE”

ABERMAIN/MISSION HALL CHURCH &
ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESENT...

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Location:
ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER, 2019 AT 6PM

Gold Coin Donation

Food & Drinks available throughout the night

Visit from Santa

Fireworks at 9pm

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

VIP EVENT - THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS

LOWES

20%*
OFF
SCHOOLWEAR
AND
EVERYTHING ELSE



INSTORE & ONLINE THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER.

* Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear layby's. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only.

Styles and colours may vary from store to store.

No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.

Offer ends midnight (AEST) 10/10/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.



- ♦ Tuesday 24th September, 2019 to Friday 27th September Stage 3 (Year 5 - 6) Canberra Excursion
- ♦ Friday 27th September, 2019 Last day of Term 3
- ♦ Tuesday 8th October, 2019 Selective High School 2021 Application Website Opens
- ♦ Monday 14th October, 2019 First day of Term 4
P&C Meeting - 5.00pm
- ♦ Monday 21st October, 2019 Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) Assembly - 2.30pm
- ♦ Monday 28th October, 2019 Stage 1 (Year 1—2) Assembly - 2.30pm
Children's University Graduation (Evening)
- ♦ Thursday 31st October, 2019 Kindergarten Orientation Program 12.30pm - 1.30pm
- ♦ Monday 4th November, 2019 Stage 2 (Year 3—4) Assembly - 2.30pm
- ♦ Thursday 7th November, 2019 Kindergarten Orientation Program 2.00pm - 3.00pm
- ♦ Monday 11th November, 2019 Stage 3 (Year 5—6) Assembly - 2.30pm
Selective High School 2021 Application Website Closes
P&C Meeting - 5.00pm
- ♦ Thursday 14th November, 2019 Kindergarten Orientation Program 10.00am - 11.00am
- ♦ Thursday 21st November, 2019 Kindergarten Orientation Program 2.00pm - 3.00pm

END OF YEAR EVENTS

- ♦ Sports Awards Assembly - 27th November, 2019 (9:30am)
- ♦ Presentation Day - 4th December, 2019 (9:30am and 10:30am)
- ♦ Year 6 Farewell - 5th December, 2019 (evening)
- ♦ Community Carols - 9th December, 2019 (6pm-9pm)

SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Abermain Public School

NOTES WILL NOT BE REPRINTED AT SCHOOL. COPIES OF NOTES CAN BE OBTAINED ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.