

SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS



VISION STATEMENT

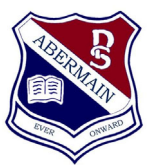
As a learning community we know, value and care for every child. We share responsibility to nurture, guide, inspire and challenge students. High quality teaching develops confident and creative individuals with the personal resources for future success and wellbeing.



The Easter Bunny helped to deliver some additional learning tools to our K-2 students.

STAGE 3 STUDENTS LOVED PRINTING FROM TREE RINGS AND END GRAINS IN IMAGINATURALISTS LAST WEEK.





PLAYDOUGH RECIPE

You need:

2 cups plain flour (all purpose)
2 tablespoons vegetable oil (baby oil and coconut oil work too)
1/2 cup salt
2 tablespoons cream of tartar (optional)
1 to 1.1/4 cups boiling water (adding in increments until it feels just right)
gel food colouring (optional)
few drops glycerine (my secret ingredient for stretch and shine!) (optional)

Method:

Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a large mixing bowl Add food colouring TO the boiling water then into the dry ingredients
Stir continuously until it becomes a sticky, combined dough
Add the glycerine (optional)
Allow it to cool down then take it out of the bowl and knead it vigorously for a couple of minutes until all of the stickiness has gone. * This is the most important part of the process, so keep at it until it's the perfect consistency! *
If it remains a little sticky then add a touch more flour until just right

Lasts up to 6 months in the fridge!

Link: <https://theimaginationtree.com/best-ever-no-cook-play-dough-recipe/>

It is with great sadness that our planned 2020 Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr production will not be able to go ahead. Given that we don't know at this stage what will happen in the coming weeks, we are unable to commit to having the students and staff that are needed to bring this show to the stage. At the end of last week we sent personal emails to those students who auditioned, as we felt it was only right to let them know before we made a community announcement. Massive thank you to Mrs Roberson and Mr Power and our Musical Team for all the hard work that has already taken place behind the scenes. We remain hopeful that we will be able to offer alternative smaller scale performance opportunities later in the year, but are unable at this stage to make any firm plans.

Stay safe and stay well!



Congratulations to the following families who were winners in the Abermain Public School P&C Association Easter raffles;

Henderson

Padman

Edwards

Reading

Stair

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations of Easter chocolates.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Let me start this message with a massive THANK YOU!

We cannot thank you enough for your understanding and support over this last week. Our world has changed so significantly in such a short period of time and our school community have again responded in such a supportive and respectful manner.

We have all been humbled and overwhelmed by your kind words both sent privately and those that were made in public forums. It means a lot when staff are acknowledged for going above and beyond for our kids, something that they all do each and every day.

I need to personally thank each member of our incredible team here at school for all that they have already done to support our students and their families and for all that I know they will continue to do over the coming weeks ahead as we adjust to a new way of teaching and engaging with our students.

In response to the reduction of students on site many staff are now working from the safety of their own homes in line with Department directions.

Our drive through K-2 resource collection was helped along by a visit from the Easter Bunny. The K-2 resource packs did not provide more worksheets. They provided students with familiar learning tools they need to access the curriculum. These learning tools included such things as dice and counters. If we need to continue with remote learning next Term, these resource packs will support the weekly learning programs that your teachers will send, so please take care of them. Thank you to Mrs Bailey and her team who magically made this happen. If you have not yet collected your resource pack, please call the office to make a time for collection.

We do encourage you, if you can, to engage with your child's classroom teacher through our DOJO platform, which over the past weeks has been upgraded with a number of new tools that allow the children and staff to upload videos and share their work. I have been on a steep learning curve myself this last week as I also learnt how to set up my own account. Please do not hesitate to call if you need a little guidance to connect and set it up. We will continue to communicate through Dojo, your email addresses and our SMS capabilities that are already in place. Staff are using these platforms as a means to stay in touch.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued

I urge you to look after each other, and take advantage of this precious time with your children, comforting and supporting them as they try to make sense of what is happening across the globe.

There is no need to stress if your child does not want to do the work provided, take this time to schedule in the;

- ◇ cookie and cake making
- ◇ family movie
- ◇ painting of some rocks for gifts
- ◇ playing with the dog
- ◇ the gardening
- ◇ participation in the virtual zoo experiences that are being offered online where they can ask Zookeepers questions
- ◇ keeping of a diary of what they did and how they felt during this time
- ◇ family lego challenges
- ◇ learning to hit a ball with a bat
- ◇ playing handball (using Miss Crossley's rules of course)
- ◇ curling up on the lounge as a family and reading a book together
- ◇ listening to a book being read online

All these activities will be providing them with opportunities to develop their skills in so many different Key Learning Areas. Their ability to think creatively, to design, to problem solve and be collaborative team members will continue to be developed.

What our kids need right now is to feel comforted and loved, to feel like it's all going to be ok! We are here to help do just that, we will continue to update you as we work to understand what is in store in the coming weeks. Please be assured that as a school team we will be prepared to deliver a number of different plans as we move towards Term 2.

Stay safe and stay well!

Debbie Bower
Relieving Principal



Calling all Imaginaturalists. Past, Present and Future

For now, you are safe at home, learning and striving to achieve your home goals as well as you and your family can.

Why not have a “creativity break” every now and then.

You could start to keep a Nature Notebook where you go outside and use your powers of observation to look closely at the details of your own garden, pot plants or pets.

Keep your observation skills alive until we meet again by drawing what you see.

If you would like to send me any of your drawings for some advice.

I would be happy to help you at any time.

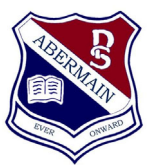
Maybe you are very proud of something you have achieved and would like to show it off. If your family would like to email me a photo of your artwork, I would love to publish it on the Imaginaturalists website with your name. Or tag Imaginaturalists on Facebook or with #imaginaturalists on Instagram.

My contact details are as follows

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Instagram: Imaginaturalists



Hunter Kids OSHC is still fully operational for before school care, after school care, and vacation care needs. An intensive program has been put together to ensure social distancing and correct procedures. They will also be operational on any upcoming staff development days between now and when school will resume.



HUNTER KIDS HOLY SPIRIT

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
Tuesday 14 th April 2020	Build A Bear Join your peers and create your fluffy friend and have a relaxing picnic. 	\$75
Wednesday 15 th April 2020	Movie Time Create a fluffy pillow and enjoy some movies with your friends. 	\$75
Thursday 16 th April 2020	Mega Art Day! Participate in creating canvas portrait paintings, natural wind mobiles, tie dye socks. (Bring clothes that can get dirty!) 	\$75
Friday 17 th April 2020	Drumming Join your friends in creating some DIY instruments and become a band! 	\$75

Monday 20 th April, 2020	Bootcamp! Children will test their skills as they manoeuvre through a series of obstacles and activities. Compete against your friends and try your best. 	\$60
Tuesday 21 st April, 2020	Dress Up Party Join your peers in a disco dress up party filled with just dance, photo booths and fashion parades. 	\$60
Wednesday 22 nd April, 2020	World Cultural Day! Explore educators and peers cultures through an engaging 'around the world' discovery. Children will sample a variety of cultural delicacies and explore new languages. 	\$60
Thursday 23 rd April, 2020	DIY Workshop Come along to participate in DIY workshop where children will take home their creations. 	\$75
Friday 24 th April, 2020	Sensory Day Join your friends for a sensory day as children commemorate ANZAC Day with rosemary play-dough, puffy paint, stress ball making. (Bring clothes that can get dirty!)	\$75

CONTACT OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR ELAINE @
hunter20kids@gmail.com 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.



Hunter Kids Holy Spirit Vacation Care Booking Form

Fees Per Day

Service Based \$60

Excursion \$75

Incursion \$75

Bookings (please tick the box each day the child will be attending)

CHILD 1	Family Name:		First Name:		Age:
DOB:	CRN:		School:		
DATE:	MON 13/04	TUE 14/04	WED 15/04	THUR 16/04	FRI 17/04
	N/A				
DATE:	MON 20/04	TUE 21/04	WED 22/04	THUR 23/04	FRI 24/04
					ALL

CHILD 2	Family Name:		First Name:		Age:
DOB:	CRN:		School:		
DATE:	MON 13/04	TUE 14/04	WED 15/04	THUR 16/04	FRI 17/04
	N/A				
DATE:	MON 20/04	TUE 21/04	WED 22/04	THUR 23/04	FRI 24/04
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CHILD 3	Family Name:		First Name:		Age:
DOB:	CRN:		School:		
DATE:	MON 13/04	TUE 14/04	WED 15/04	THUR 16/04	FRI 17/04
	N/A				
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Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Phone Number Mobile _____ 2nd Contact Ph. No _____**CONDITIONS**

1. All fees need to be paid seven days after invoice. Fees are payable for days booked, irrespective of attendance. We have a NO REFUND or CANCELLATION policy once the holidays start.
2. No swapping of days once holiday has started, only adding on days is allowed.
3. Our service is open daily from 6.30am to 6.30pm. We are unable to provide care outside of these hours. A late fee of \$5 per 15 minutes or part thereof per child will apply for children collected after 6.30pm.

Hunter Kids Vacation Care Booking Form

Reviewed 2/3/20



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4. Excursions. Staffing will be based on risk assessment. In the event where these activities are cancelled, service-based activities will be offered.
5. Hunter Kids does not accept any liability for personal injury, property damage, personal items (including jewelry, glasses and electronic devices) or any loss sustained by any child when attending the Vacation Care Program due to any cause whatsoever unless this has been caused by proven negligence of the independently owned operator. I have read, understood and approved the information, policies and procedures on this form, the enrolment form, parent handbook and centre policies and procedures.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Sign _____ Date _____



- ◆ Thursday 9th April, 2020 Last day of Term 1
- ◆ Monday 27th April, 2020 Staff Development Day (students do not attend)
- ◆ Tuesday 28th April, 2020 Students return to school for Term 2



**HAPPY
EASTER**

EARLY STAGE 1 - Kindergarten
STAGE 1 - Years 1 and 2
STAGE 2 - Years 3 and 4
STAGE 3 - Years 5 and 6