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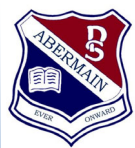
NEWSLETTER

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.

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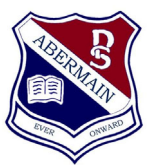
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Meet our 2020 Junior PBL Team

*Cooper H, Georgia F, Iyla F, Charlie J, Lynken F, Hayleigh S,
Harley J, Mya P, Tynan C, Maddi B, Olivia J,
Kaydem M, Kayde M, Tayla S and Aidan H*

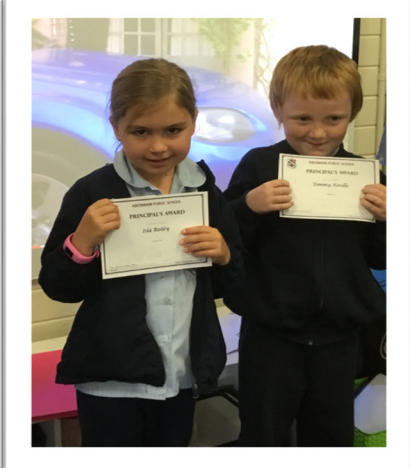
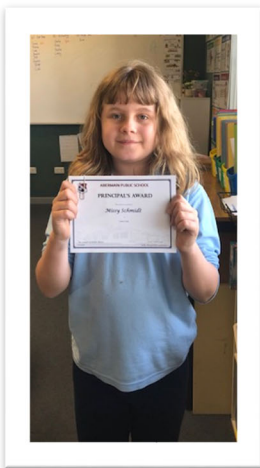
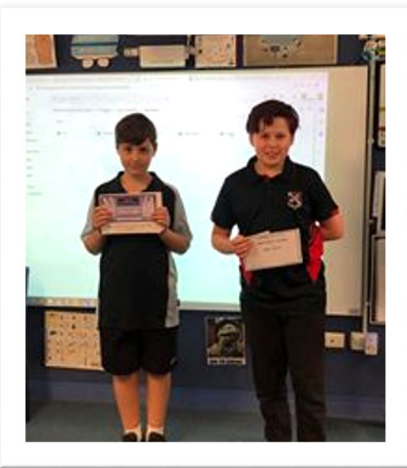


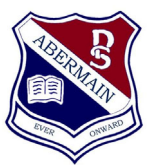


PRINCIPAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

PRINCIPAL AWARDS (for receiving 5 Merit Cards) were awarded to: Savannah K, Ruth O, Daragh K, Koby F, Charleigh F, Aiden K, Tayla S, Tyrone T, Ruby T, Kyson H, Lynken F, Dawson M, Tommy K, Blake M, Roman R, Missy S, Isla B, Thomas M and Isabella M.

SPECIAL PRINCIPAL AWARDS (for receiving 5 Principal Awards) were awarded to: Dion W and Koby F.

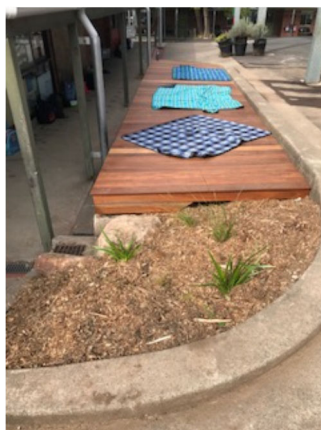




PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to another exciting Term at Abermain Public School!

During the holidays we were fortunate to see the completion of new landscaping in our school grounds. The area at the end of 5/6MB and outside the Kindergarten space look fantastic and the children were all excited to see the new areas.



Mr Emerson was busy during the holidays, building a new step at the canteen and painting the lunch seats. Last term we began the updating of our school murals, continuing to ensure that our school is a beautiful place to work and play.

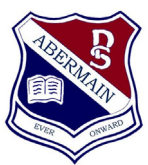
COVID -19 Update

Covid-19 has placed many restraints on our lives, and as a result social distancing and hygiene practices have become a new normal for us all. We will continue to require parents/carers who wish to enter the school grounds **to contact the school by phone** before entering, in order to ensure social distancing guidelines can be met. The school is maintaining a high level of hygiene with students washing their hands throughout the day, using sanitiser and wiping down their desks to reduce the spread of germs. Additional cleaners are attending the site to wipe down hard surfaces after lunch and recess breaks.

School Canteen Re-opened

The school canteen is open, however it is offering a “reduced menu” and a “lunch only service’. Volunteers are following guidelines to ensure social distancing and hygiene requirements are met. There is no face-to-face service for the students - all lunch orders need to be submitted when the students arrive at school. Unfortunately, they can not use their reusable lunch bags in the current climate.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

School Uniforms

Our school uniform is something that all students should wear with pride to illustrate their commitment to our school team. During the winter months we have seen an increase in the number of students wearing hoodies. Hoodies are not included in our choice of uniform for safety and identity reasons. We encourage all students to wear the correct uniform each day. The uniform was passed by the Abermain Public School P&C as being affordable, comfortable and available from local distributors. "The wearing of the School Uniform" will be on the Agenda at the next P&C meeting to be held on 10th of August, 2020.

We would appreciate parent/carer support by ensuring that all students are wearing the correct uniform to school each day. If you have financial difficulty supplying the uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Junior PBL Team Formation

It was very exciting to be able to present our Junior PBL representatives with their badges in front of their class peers this week. We are looking forward to working with the Junior PBL Team as this opportunity provides students with a voice on many aspects of school life.

TIK-TOK

We encourage all families who have students on TIK-TOK to visit the link below, which will take them to a parent information link:

<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/resources/for-parents?lang=en&appLaunch=web>.

It is essential you understand this platform and its capabilities.

Principals

Ian Lamph and Deb Bower



**BOOK CLUB ORDERS TO BE PLACED
VIA LOOP BY
WEDNESDAY 5th AUGUST, 2020**

***DUE TO COVID NO CASH/CHEQUE PAYMENTS
WILL BE ACCEPTED***

BUS PASSES

**A REMINDER THAT
STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED
TO SHOW THEIR BUS
PASSES ON ALL TRIPS**



P&C NEWS

With the gradual easing of restriction on school operations, it is now time for the school's P&C to re-convene. However, to enable us to operate with the latest restrictions, it is proposed to conduct the meeting remotely via 'Zoom'. This will have the advantage of reducing inconvenience to parents/carers who may wish to become involved in the meetings but have been unable to do so due to personal commitments. It will also provide the opportunity for a wider representation of parents/carers who would like to have an input into the issues affecting their children's school.

The next P&C meeting is due to take place on **Monday 10th August, 2020**. In the interim, a trial will be conducted to ensure that this proposal is practicable. Further information will be provided in the next Newsletter. We would encourage parents/carers to take an active interest in this development as it is intended not only to facilitate greater participation by parents/carers, but also to ensure that we as a committee remain focused on the matters that are of greatest concern to parents/carers apart from education.

Our committee has been very successful over the years in raising funds for school improvements and we hope to be able to continue to do so in the future. To date, this year has been a difficult one for everybody. With the resumption of P&C meetings, we aim to re-establish ourselves gradually and eventually resume full operations. With your involvement this can be much more effective.

EARLY LEAVERS

Parents/Carers are reminded to call the school office on 49 304210 if they want to sign their children out early before the end of the school day. Office staff will then contact the relevant class to request students to come up to the office. Parents/Carers are encouraged to advise their child's teacher or the office staff at the start of the school day if they require their child to be picked up at a particular time so that the student can be reminded to come up to the office at that time. **To avoid delays, parents/carers are asked not to come during lunch and recess as they will be asked to wait until students return to class.**

Please note: If you have organised for someone else to pick up your child, please advise the school office prior.



On Thursday 25th June 2020, Kindergarten celebrated a successful Term of learning, in what has been a challenging beginning to their schooling lives. The student's brought their scooters or bikes in and participated in an obstacle course set up by the teachers. They were taught basic road safety skills when moving around the track. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves which is evident by the smiles on their faces.





Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

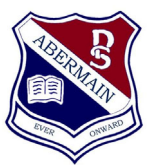
- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.
- This information assists schools to:
- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal - (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school on 49 304210.



The school uniform is unisex and is made up of the following items:

School Uniform

- Tartan tunic (blue, navy, red stripe)
- Tartan Skort
- Light blue round collar button blouse (logo on pocket)
- Light blue button shirt (logo on pocket)
- Navy shorts with APS
- Navy trousers
- White Socks

Sports Uniform

- Sports shirt - pale blue under arms as a side panel and red piping up either side of pale blue
- Sports Short
- White Socks

Hats

- School bucket hat with school logo

Optional Extras

- School bag with school logo
- School Wind Jacket
- Long navy pants



**YEAR 6 SHIRTS ARE
TO BE WORN ON A
MONDAY ONLY**

Uniforms can be purchased from either Flanagan's Cessnock (Ph: 49 906388) or Lowes Cessnock (Ph: 49 907122).



EARLY STAGE 1 - Kindergarten

STAGE 1 - Years 1 and 2

STAGE 2 - Years 3 and 4

STAGE 3 - Years 5 and 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>

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.

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.

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.