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NEWSLETTER

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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.





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to another exciting Term at Abermain Public School. This Term we **welcome Mrs Sampson** to our school. She has taken up a full time position on 5/6G. We look forward to Mrs Sampson being a part of our school team.

Welcome back to Mrs King, as she returns from leave.

Thank you to Mrs Clarke for supporting Stage 1 throughout Term 3, as she moves her expertise to another school. We wish her all the best for the remainder of the year and hope to see her back in the near future.

Welcome to Mrs Morton, who is a member of our school team each Monday (Week 1 - 6). Her role, through Cessnock Academy of STEM Excellence (CASE), is to share her expertise with staff and students through the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Mrs Morton will be exploring the design processes with Stage 3 and Kindergarten this Term.

The **school newsletter** will be published on the **first Thursday of each month** during Term 4. In this edition of the Newsletter you will find links to **2022 Selective High School information** and copy of the **Abermain Public School Bushfire Safety Plan**. As we approach the summer months it is important that everyone is aware of our plan in case of an emergency. We have also included the **School Community Charter which outlines the DoE's policy behind community interactions. Collaborative, respectful communication is expected and essential at all times.**

Canteen News: Starting from next week (Week 2) students will be able to order ice blocks, slushies, custards and yoghurts as part of a lunch order and collect them from the canteen at lunch time. Students must purchase these items as part of their lunch order. Please also note that the canteen will not be able to re-heat any lunches brought from home.

P&C News: During Term 3 a Pie Drive was conducted by the P&C under changed circumstances. The Committee is pleased to announce that the drive was very successful, raising over \$500 for the school.

This week the NSW AECG Inc. and Department of Education released its new **2020-2030 Partnership Agreement. "Walking together working together"**. Further information can be found on the this link <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/aec/aboriginal-education-consultative-group-partnership-agreement>

Thank you to all, who have completed the 2020 Tell Them From Me Parent/Carer survey!

If you haven't had a chance to participate, we have **resent an SMS with the link again yesterday**. It is a very short survey and we do use and appreciate the feedback we get. If for any reason you are unable to access the link please contact Mrs Morgan on 49 304210 or via email

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED

Covid-19 is still impacting on the way our school operates.

Schools continue to be safe spaces, and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **not** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Parents, carers and other non-essential visitors are still unable to attend the school site.

Further information can be obtained at the following link <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#Latest0>

Looking forward to another Term of teaching and learning,

Principals
Ian Lamph and Debbie Bower

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) 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.



AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Thank you everyone for supporting our soccer design competition. We received so many amazing entries and it was a really hard choice to pick winners for each stage, we even had a tie in Stage 3!

Congratulations to our winners who get their designs published!

We raised \$50 to put towards new soccer equipment!

Thank you,

The Junior PBL Team

KINDERGARTEN

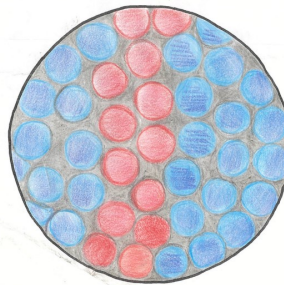


Violet - KF



Alice - KF

STAGE 1



Seth - 1/2R



Hudson - 1/2W

STAGE 2

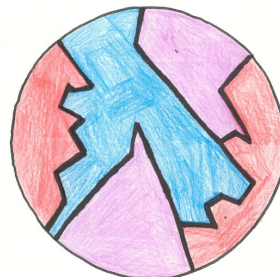


Jett - 3/4E



Ryan - 3/4P

STAGE 3



Cooper - 5/6MB



Isabella - 5/6MB



Krystal- 5/6B



PRINCIPAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

PRINCIPAL AWARDS (for receiving 5 Merit Cards) were awarded to: Ruth, Keeley, Hannah, Daelin, Laura, Indiana, Ruby C, Aubury, Ruby P, Bella, Esther, Torry, Harry, Mya, Pippa, Isaac, Nate and Chevy

SPECIAL PRINCIPAL AWARDS (for receiving 5 Principal Awards) were awarded to: Ayden, Ruby and Pippa





Congratulations to the PAWS Badge recipients for this week

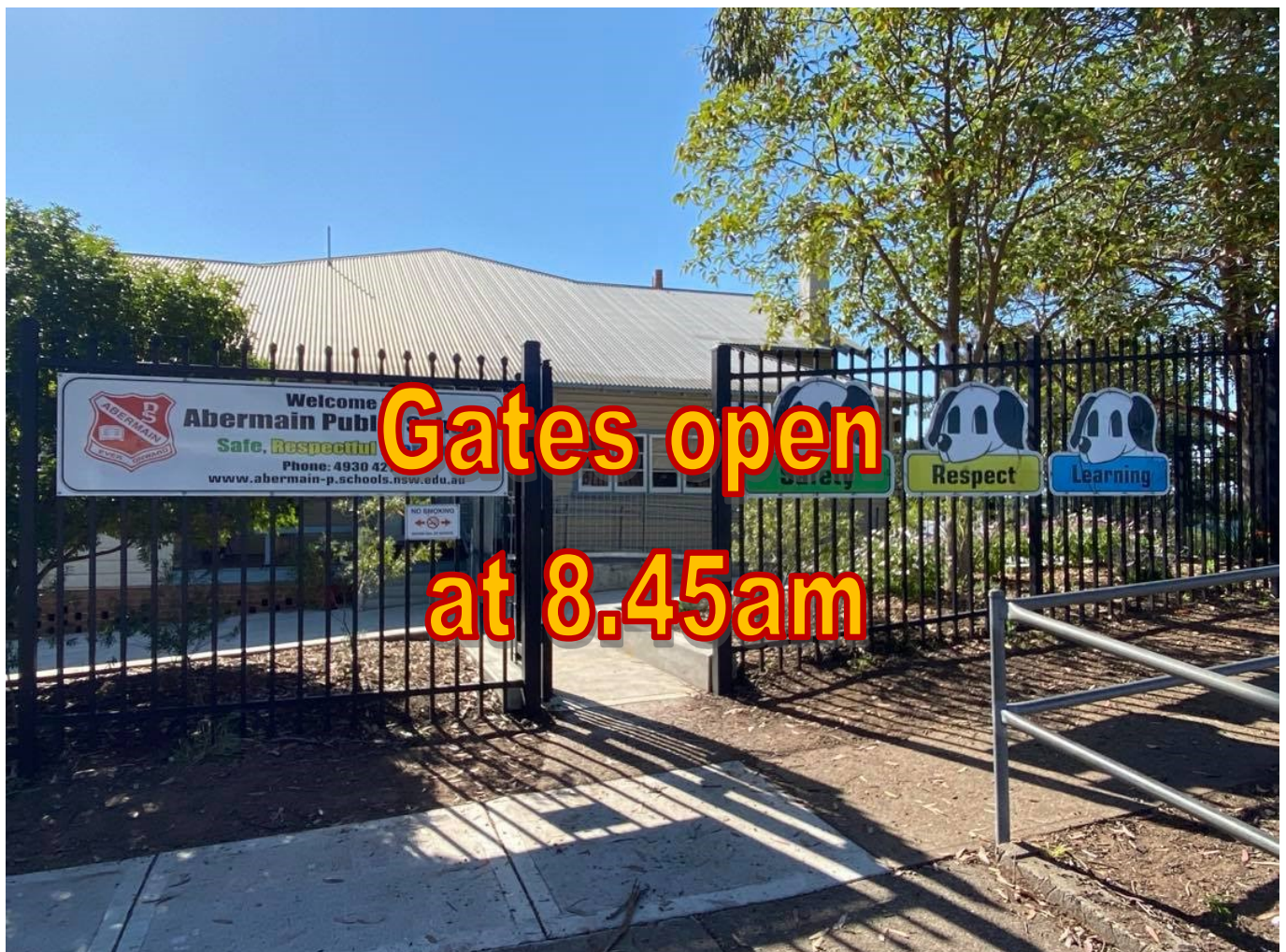
Daelin M, Hayley M, Mya P, Emily R, Layla G and Mia P (Year 6)

Tayla S, Jessica N, Talisha C, Zahlia W, Chloe C, Oscar B, Koby F, Isabella R,

Cooper H, Cameron E and Oliver T (Year 5)

Olivia J (Year 4)





**TEACHER SUPERVISION DOES NOT START UNTIL
8.45AM AND THIS IS ALSO WHEN THE GATES OPEN.
TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY WHEN
ARRIVING AT SCHOOL WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE
DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILDREN OFF AT SCHOOL
UNTIL THE SCHOOL GATES ARE OPEN.**



INTENTION TO APPLY FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL IN 2022

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 2022.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>.

The application website opens at the link on 13th October, 2020 and closes on 16th November, 2020. Applications must be completed before the closing date.



School Community Charter

Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.

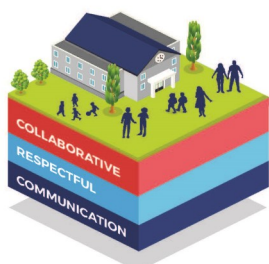
The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- to be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- to be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We treat each other with respect

We prioritise the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.



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 signs are 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.



School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.



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.

Online enrolment for new students is now available at our school! If your child lives within the local intake area of our school and is an Australian or New Zealand citizen, you can make an application for enrolment through our school website at <https://abermain-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> under the "Enrolment" tab. For further information please contact the school office on 49 304210.