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NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th February, 2021

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.

2021 SCHOOL LEADERS



Jessica, Chloe, Angus, Tayla, Talisha and Koby

2021 HOUSELEADERS



Cooper, Zahlia, Ebony, Jorja, Ruby, Isabella, Cameron and Oscar



WELCOME KINDERGARTEN 2021



KINDERGARTEN DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

Supervision begins from 8.45am when our gates open

WEEKS 3

(Feb 8th-12th)

9:15am-2:30pm (unless your child has a scheduled Best Start Assessment in the afternoon)

WEEKS 4 & 5

(Feb 15th-26th)

9:15am-2:30pm

Parent-Teacher catch-ups will operate from 2:30-3:15pm. You will receive information from your child's Teacher inviting you to join them for one afternoon either in Week 4 or Week 5. This session is designed to give you more information about our School and will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

WEEK 6

Week beginning 1st March, 2021 whole Day 9:15am-3:15pm



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to 2021! Special welcome to our new families!

All our students are now settled into their 2021 classes and engaged in their learning!

Our Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL) focus for this week is ensuring our students are aware of our Interest Group activities, that they have access to at both lunch and recess. Students were surveyed by Mrs Roberson at the end of Term 4 as to which activities they loved and they also provided us with some great ideas for new activity groups for 2021. We are looking forward to launching our new Solution Space this week and a Drop In Centre in the coming weeks.

Welcome back to our incredible "school-based team".

Executive

Mr Lamph Mrs Bower Mrs Roberson Mrs Gibbs Mr Power Mrs Hourigan

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

K/1T: Miss Trotter

K/1F: Mrs Ford

Supported by: Mrs King, Mrs Hodges, Mrs Hourigan and Mrs Gibbs

Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)

1/2W: Mrs Wright

1/2R: Miss Rowsell

1/2P: Mrs Percy (Monday - Thursday) and Mrs Malam (Friday)

Supported by: Mrs Malam and Mrs Gibbs

Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)

3/4HM: Mrs Hedley and Mrs McLennan

3/4B: Miss Prior

3/4P: Mr Power

Supported by: Mr Checkley, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Roberson and Miss Crossley

Stage 3 (Year 5 and Year 6)

5/6B: Mr Bridge

5/6MB: Mrs McGee and Mrs Britton

5/6S: Mrs Sampson

Mr Checkley, Mrs Symonds, Mrs Roberson and Miss Crossley

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Support Teachers

Mrs Hodges	Mrs Hourigan	Mrs Gibbs	Mr Checkley
Mrs Bailey	Mrs Roberson	Mrs Symonds	Mrs Nowland

Non Teaching Staff

Mrs Stoimenoff	Miss Crossley	Mrs King	Mrs Walton
Miss Morgan			

Office Staff

Mrs Morgan	Mrs Marquet	Miss Morgan
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School Counsellor

Mrs Byrnes

General Assistant

Mr Emmerson

On return to school last week, all families received an email outlining our current COVID guidelines. We now have a Abermain Public School COVID Safe QR Code in place from Service NSW which sits alongside the Departmental expectations. Please continue to contact the school office when and if you need to attend the school site.

A reminder that Rover Motors has changed the bus routes this year to include a range of new stops. Parents/carers of students using the bus service were encouraged to check with Rovers which bus their child/ren should travel on and discuss where they should get off. Thank you to Miss Trotter who supported our children on Monday by travelling on the afternoon bus with them as they experienced the new bus route for the first time.

The P&C AGM meeting is scheduled for Monday 8th February, 2021 at 5pm, in the school Library. Those attending will be required to follow COVID Safe guidelines while on site. We do have COVID Safe number restrictions for meetings, so if you are intending on attending please contact the Office.

Looking forward to a wonderful year of teaching and learning.

Principals

Ian Lamph and Debbie Bower



2021 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Competitive students only from Years 3 - 6 and Year 2 students turning 8 this year. Students must be able to swim 50 metres or 100 metres.

WHEN: Tuesday 9th February, 2021

TIME: Students to be dropped off at Cessnock Swimming Pool at 9.30am, and picked up at 11.30am

WHERE: Cessnock Swimming Pool

INTENSIVE SWIMMING SCHEME

Last Friday notes went home to all parents/carers of Year 3 students inviting them to participate in the Term 1 Intensive Swim program. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, last year's Intensive Swim program was cancelled. The Department is committed to providing opportunities to all students in primary school to increase their water safety skills. For this reason they are allowing us to run the Intensive Swim program in both Term 1 and Term 4 of 2021. Term 1 will see Year 3 students participate, and later in the year it will be opened to other grades. The program has been jointly funded by the Department and our P&C, so is no cost to families. We are grateful to continue such a productive partnership with our P&C and are thankful for their contribution. This term's program commences on Monday 15th February, 2021 and will run for one week, with students participating in a one hour lesson each day.



Thank you!

Kurri Kurri Rotary Club - Bag 4 Brains resources donated for students.

The Happy Tooth Kurri Kurri - for donating drink bottles for every student



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.

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

© NSW Department of Education

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



We create collaborative learning environments

We all play a part

We work in partnership to promote student learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students.

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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School Community Charter
education.nsw.gov.au



BEFORE ENTERING OUR SCHOOL YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SCAN THE SERVICE NSW QR CODE AND COMPLETE AN EXTERNAL VISITOR TO SITE FORM. THIS IS REQUIRED EACH AND EVERY TIME YOU ENTER THE SCHOOL..



WHAT'S ON IN PBL

This week all students from K-6 have been introduced to our playground Interest Group timetable. Students have discovered all of the fun activities that are on offer every day and every play session. These activities have been designed to cater for student interest and provide fun and engaging activities that allows students to learn new skills, make new friends and use up some energy. Each activity is run by a staff member so students can build relationships with adults across the school and have someone to help them whenever they need it.

At Abermain Public School there is always something fun to do, someone to play with and a Teacher to help. Your child will bring home a copy of the Interest Group timetable. Pop it on the fridge and make a habit of reminding them each day what is on offer during their play sessions. If your child has an interest that does not currently appear on the timetable, please send suggestions via Classroom Dojo to your child's Teacher and it may just make an appearance on next Term's timetable. We are always looking for new ideas and activities, so your suggestions would be very much appreciated.



2021 INTEREST GROUPS

Interest Groups Schedule – Term 1

LUNCH					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11.30 - 11.55	 <u>Library, Lego & STEM</u> <u>K - 6 COLA Fun DOTS</u> <u>K - 6 Handball Handball Courts</u> <u>K - 2 Outdoor Games Top Field</u> <u>Stage 2 & 3 Outdoor Games Soccer Fields</u>	 <u>Library, Lego & STEM</u> <u>K - 6 COLA Fun DOTS</u> <u>K - 6 Handball Handball Courts</u> <u>K - 2 Outdoor Games Top Field</u> <u>Stage 2 & 3 Outdoor Games Soccer Fields</u>	 <u>Library, Lego & STEM</u> <u>K - 6 COLA Fun DOTS</u> <u>K - 6 Handball Handball Courts</u> <u>K - 2 Outdoor Games Top Field</u> <u>Stage 2 & 3 Outdoor Games Soccer Fields</u>	 <u>Library, Lego & STEM</u> <u>K - 6 COLA Fun DOTS</u> <u>K - 6 Handball Handball Courts</u> <u>K - 2 Outdoor Games Top Field</u> <u>Stage 2 & 3 Outdoor Games Soccer Fields</u>	 <u>K - 6 COLA Fun DOTS</u> <u>K - 6 Handball Handball Courts</u> <u>K - 2 Outdoor Games Top Field</u> <u>Stage 2 & 3 Outdoor Games Soccer Fields</u>

Interest Groups Schedule – Term 1

RECESS					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2.00 - 2.25	 <u>K - 6 Handball Handball Courts</u> <u>K - 2 Outdoor Games Top Field</u> <u>Stage 2 & 3 Outdoor Games Top Field</u> <u>K-2 Dance Group Hall</u>	 <u>K - 6 Handball Handball Courts</u> <u>K - 2 Outdoor Games Top Field</u> <u>Stage 2 & 3 Outdoor Games Top Field</u> <u>Stage 2 & 3 Gardening Top Field</u>	 <u>K - 6 Handball Handball Courts</u> <u>K - 2 Outdoor Games Top Field</u> <u>Stage 2 & 3 Outdoor Games Top Field</u> <u>3-6 Dance Group Hall</u>	 <u>K - 6 Handball Handball Courts</u> <u>K - 2 Outdoor Games Top Field</u> <u>Stage 2 & 3 Gardening Top Field</u> <u>K-2 Dance Group Hall</u>	 <u>K - 6 Handball Handball Courts</u> <u>K - 2 Outdoor Games Top Field</u> <u>3-6 Dance Group Hall</u>



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.



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



Circle of Security INTERNATIONAL

Early Intervention Program for Parents & Children

Cessnock Family Support Service



will be presenting the Circle of Security program during Term 1 2021

Parenting can be tricky for everyone at one point or another. The Circle of Security provides a roadmap for parents to look beyond their child's behaviours and understand how to meet the underlying needs being expressed. The Circle of Security focuses on the relationship we have with our children, to give them the emotional security they need.

When : Wednesdays starting 10th February to 17th March 2021

Where: Cessnock Family Support Service
5 Hall Street Cessnock

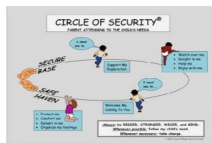
Time: 10am to 12noon

Cost: Free.

How to be part of the program

Contact Cessnock Family Support on 4990 4507

Registration for the program is Essential – no childcare is available



Cessnock Family Support Service is funded by NSW Department of Communities and Justice



Annual General Meeting

Please join us at the Abermain Public School P&C Association Annual General Meeting being held in the school library (entry via library gate) on Monday 8th February, 2021 at 5pm. Please remember to sign in using the Service of NSW QR code and also the External Visitors to Site form. All positions will be declared vacant. To vote you must be a member which costs \$2 per person.

The P&C is a very important reference group for the school and information about what is happening at Abermain Public School is presented at each meeting. There is also opportunity for questions and clarification of aspects of school life.

We do have COVID Safe number restrictions for meetings, so if you are intending on attending please contact the Office. This is a great opportunity to be involved with the school and we hope to see you there!

HUNTER KIDS ABERMAIN

Before and After School Care, Vacation Care

Session Times: Monday to Friday

Before School Care: 7.00am-8.45am

After School Care 3.15pm-6.00pm

A typical Before and After School Care Session:

7.00-8.45 Children Arrive, light breakfast offered
7.00-8.45 Children are offered a variety of activities from quiet reading, games, craft and puzzles depending on each child's preference. The morning session is to have the children ready for a full day of learning at school.

3.15-4.00 Roll call, afternoon tea and free play and homework

3.15-6.00 Programmed activities as per weekly program.
Indoor and outdoor activities, art and craft, pack up and rest time

Hunter Kids is an approved provider for Child Care Subsidy.
Permanent and casual bookings available.
Enrolment forms are required to be completed for attendance.

Hunter
KIDS

Session Fees

Before School Care:

Permanent \$17.00

Casual \$19.00

After School Care:

Permanent \$24.00

Casual \$26.00

Please call our Director on 0410 647 153

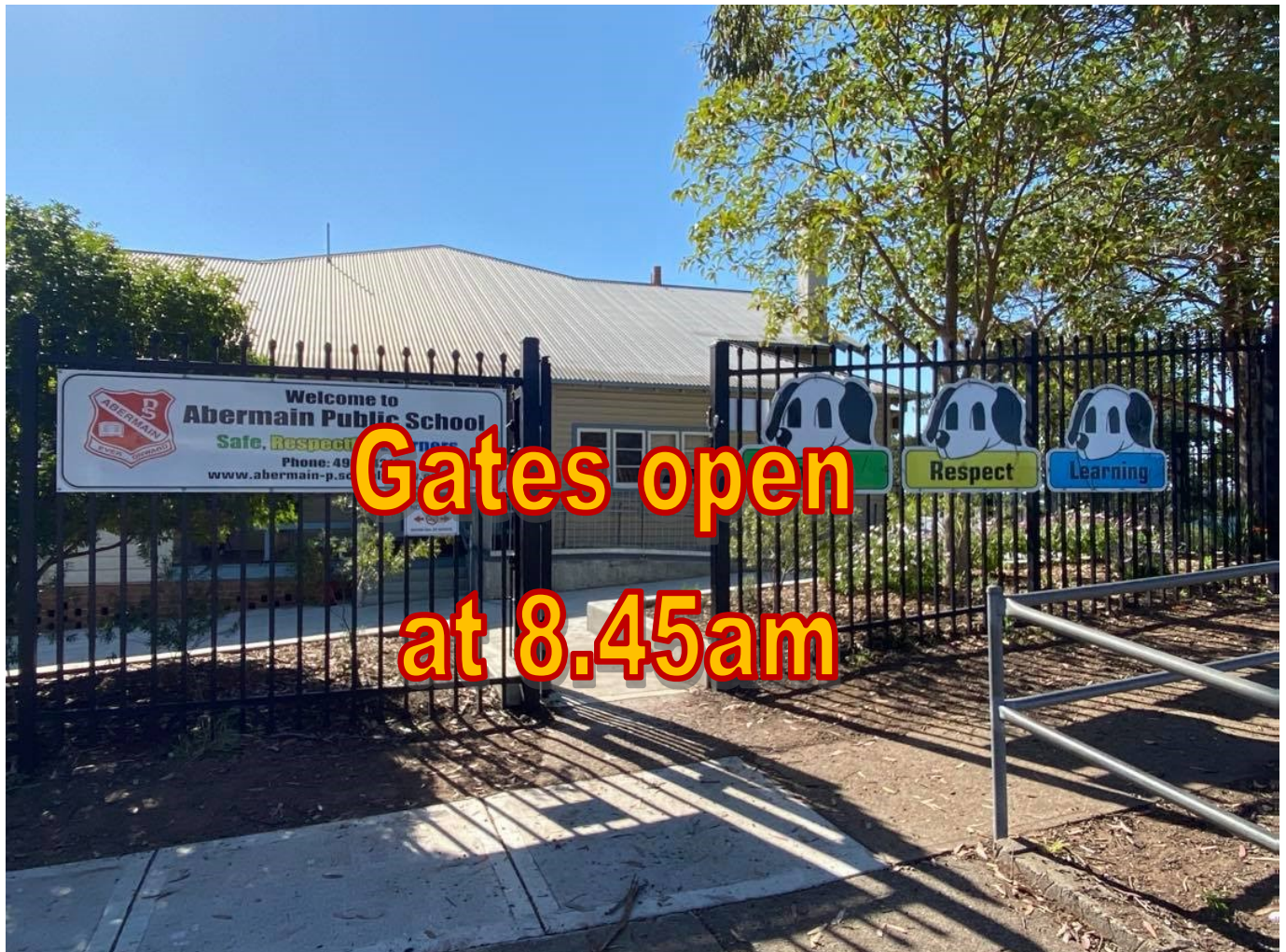
Or email: hunter20kids@gmail.com

EARLY STAGE 1 - Kindergarten

STAGE 1 - Years 1 and 2

STAGE 2 - Years 3 and 4

STAGE 3 - Years 5 and 6



IMPORTANT NOTICE!



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.



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.

Important information for parents and students

The Department recognises that family breakdowns take place. However, unless there is formal notice 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.

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 (including Emergency Contacts) to pick up your child, please advise the school office prior.



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.

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>

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.

**A REMINDER THAT
THERE IS TO BE NO
SMOKING WITHIN 30
METRES OF OUR
SCHOOL.**

**THIS INCLUDES
VAPING AND E
CIGARETTES**



PARKING REMINDER

Community members have asked us to remind our families of the need to respect their driveways and nature strips and not park there while picking up or dropping off their child/ren.

There is a real concern for the safety of the children.