



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.

CANBERRA EXCURSION 2019



My favorite day of all was day 3 because we went to the Mint and we learned about the history of money. It was interesting and we saw a robot called 'Titan'. He lifted barrels full of blank coins waiting to be stamped. **By Kaysha**

When we arrived at Canberra after a six hour drive we went to the A.I.S (Australian Institute of Sport). When we walked in we sat and waited for our tour guides. When our tour guides came one was an athletics person and the other was a cross country skier. We played games where you got to feel like you were racing in a wheelchair, bobsledding, kayaking, cricket bowling and kicking a football. **By Jackson**

When we got to Canberra we went to the AIS (Australian Institute of Sport). They showed us all the different sports that they promote and also let us watch some people practice their sport. We had to stay in our day groups during the whole thing. After we finished our tour we all met at the front of the centre and said our goodbyes, then headed to our accommodation. Finally we arrive at our cabins and we all grabbed our luggage and hustled to our rooms. Then we had dinner. We had chicken, veggies and potato. After dinner we all had showers and went to bed. **By Felicity**

On the last day we started heading to the New Parliament House. We saw all portraits of our past Prime Ministers and we went to the Senators room and the House of Representatives room. We were heading back by now and a 7 hour trip was ahead of us. The trip was amazing and all days were equally as interesting as the rest. **By Krystal**



ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL TALENT SHOW - 2019

Our annual Talent Show will be held during this Term with heats commencing in Week 6 and then concluding with the Finals during Week 7 (Term 4).

Students are able to perform in such acts as singing, dancing, jokes, magic, poem or plays. All content for their performance must include appropriate language and meaning for use at school. Parents/Carers are asked to check their child's music, props and scripts prior to the heats being held in Week 6. Students are required to bring their music to school on either a CD or USB on the day of their heat. Students will be notified of their heat times so they have plenty of time to practice beforehand.

All heats will be held in the school hall during recess time in Week 6, Term 4 (commencing 18th November, 2019).

Congratulations to our Early Stage 1
(Kindergarten) PAWS Badge recipients;

Seth, Dakota, Isla, Brax and Emily



STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist with reducing the cost of the excursion for each student the Australian Government contributes funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program by providing a rebate to the school upon completion of the excursion.



IMPORTANT STAGE 3 DATES

- ♦ Year 6 Farewell - Thursday 5th December, 2019 (evening)
- ♦ Year 6 Parent Breakfast - Friday 6th December, 2019
- ♦ Cessnock High School Year 7 students commence - Monday 9th December, 2019

ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C – CANTEEN REPORT

We are excited to announce that Abermain Public School has been adopted as a “Healthy Kids School”. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the team at Cessnock Leagues Club for funding the school’s membership to Healthy Kids Association until 2022. Thanks to their generous support, we will be able to create an even healthier learning environment for the students at Abermain Public School.

The school canteen will like to provide parents/carers the opportunity to supply ice blocks to a class instead of bringing in a cake to celebrate their child’s birthday. Ice blocks cost either 50c or \$1 per person. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact your child’s teacher in advance to discuss organisation. Orders and payment would need to be submitted to the school canteen at least one week prior to the order being required.

This Term, 1C are learning all about Earth and Space. Miss Cartwright and Mrs Hourigan got confused and thought they were going to the moon!

This is what we thought when we came into the room:

I saw Miss Cartwright in a space suit and she thought that we were going to the moon! – Torry

When I came in Miss Cartwright was dressed up as an epic astronaut and Mrs Hourigan had Miss Cartwright’s space helmet. Then they were ready for space. – Harley

When I entered the room I saw Miss Cartwright in a space suit and I wasn’t ready! – Kobie





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Happy World Teachers Day!

Friday 25th October

We have a super staff at Abermain PS.

(Teachers, Support staff and Office staff)

People who go above and beyond for the students and parents of our school!

So let's take this opportunity to say thank you to them all.



Welcome back to another exciting term!

Thank you to all the parents/carers, students and staff who have participated in this year's school 'Tell Them From Me Survey'. We value this information and use this data to guide the direction of the school for the future. If you have not yet replied to the SMS that was sent out last week it would be fantastic if you could take the time to complete the survey as it closes this Friday 25th October, 2019.

We look forward to next week as Kinder Orientation 2020 will commence and our Children's University students will graduate on Monday afternoon at Newcastle University. With so many things happening we do rely on our communication systems so please check the Newsletter each fortnight for the latest information and if possible reply to school activities quickly. Term 4 is always a busy term with students focused on engaging in achieving their own learning goals.

Student safety is a high priority for our school. This includes keeping students safe on their journey to and from school. We have had numerous parents and community members contact the school to inform us of near misses, close calls or just being lucky not to have hit students in their cars. We urge all parents and carers to please take the time to discuss road safety with their children before someone gets hurt. You could include in the conversation the need to hold a hand to cross the road, need to look both ways twice before crossing, using the pedestrian crossing, not crossing between cars, wearing a helmet, waiting for the adult to help cross the road. We want our children to remain safe while getting to and from school!

This week, staff and students have been reminded about the need to follow the School's Bushfire Plan in the case of a bushfire emergency which is supported by the Local Fire Service. In the event of local fire activity the school will be advised according the local fire rating of Advice, Watch and Act or Emergency Bushfire Risk. Parents/carers will be contacted through the school SMS service if the students need to be collected prior to the end of a school day. Please read through the article included in this newsletter.

Finally, congratulations to the P&C for successfully seeking support from the Cessnock Leagues Club to sponsor our membership in the Healthy Kids Association.

Ian Lamph and Debbie Bower
Principals



Teaching
A Bright Future

Friday 25 October

#brightfuture

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.



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

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

1C will be performing at this Assembly

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

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

2020 NEW ENROLMENTS

2020 IS FAST APPROACHING AND VERY SOON THE PROCESS OF ORGANISING CLASSES WILL BEGIN. IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW IS PLANNING ON ENROLLING AT ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL IN 2020 COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 02 49304210

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.



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.



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:





“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

Gates open at 5.15pm

Gold Coin Donation

Food & Drinks available throughout the night

Visit from Santa

Fireworks at 9pm

STUDY PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

that assist and support
participants to access
alternative pathways
into tertiary study.



During these workshops you can:

- Understand and explore what University is really like (including tours of the Uni)
- Develop your skills (like note taking and essay writing) to feel confident about enrolling in further education
- Meet the friendly team who support you to balance study, family and personal life

The Uni4You project provides assistance and guidance with enrolling into FREE tertiary preparation programs (Open Foundation, Yapug and Newstep) that begin in 2020.

These programs help you to develop the skills needed for study at a tertiary level, and provide a free qualification which you can use to gain entry into university.

"Uni4You helped me make life changing decisions for myself and my family."

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

For any enquiries please contact Annette Hofman
T: 02 4921 6832 / M: 0417 480 013
E: annette.hofman@newcastle.edu.au

Date: every Wednesday

Starting 13 November to
11 December 2019

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Venue: Beyond Church
(corner of Hall and
Vincent St, Cessnock)

Cost FREE!

Bookings essential
Refreshments and child-
minding available.



Uni4You Encouraging, supporting and connecting people with opportunities for lifelong learning

Uni4You is a project of The Family Action Centre, University of Newcastle. It is funded by the Federal Governments' Higher Education Participation & Partnerships Programme (HEPPP) through UON's Centre of Excellence for Equity in Higher Education (CEEHE).



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

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



5 CENT CHALLENGE

Watch the weekly totals!

The class who raises the most money will get a pizza lunch for their class!

Your class platypus will be collected for the last time on Friday December 1st!



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

**THIS INCLUDES
VAPING AND E
CIGARETTES**



VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer at our school during 2019 please ensure you have been to the office to complete a 2019 Volunteer Policy Agreement and an Appendix 5 or Appendix 11. Both of these forms need to be completed before commencing volunteer work at Abermain Public 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.

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| ♦ Friday 25th October, 2019 | Fire Brigade Visit - Kinder to Year 2 |
| ♦ Monday 28th October, 2019 | Stage 1 (Year 1—2) Assembly - 2.30pm
Children's University Graduation (Evening) |
| ♦ Wednesday 30th October, 2019 | Student Leader speeches (being held in the Library) |
| ♦ 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 |
| ♦ Monday 25th November to Friday 6th December, 2019 | Intensive Swimming Program |
| ♦ Wednesday 27th November, 2019 | Sports Awards Assembly - 9.30am |
| ♦ Wednesday 4th December, 2019 | Presentation Day
Kinder to Year 2 - 9.25am
Year 3 to 6 - 10.30am |
| ♦ Thursday 5th December, 2019 | Year 6 Farewell |
| ♦ Friday 6th December, 2019 | Year 6 Parent Breakfast |
| ♦ Monday 9th December, 2019 | Carols by Candlelight - 6.00pm (Gates open at 5.15pm)
Cessnock High School Year 7 2020 students commence |
| ♦ Wednesday 18th December, 2019 | Last day of Term 4 |