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# NEWSLETTER

Thursday 21st February, 2019

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.**

# 2019 HOUSE LEADERS

*Kaitlyn, Naomi, Harrison, Zealan, Keira, Amarli*





## SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT

Our annual swimming carnival was recently held at Cessnock Pool for students at Abermain Public School who could swim 50m and 25m.

The purpose of this carnival is to select swimmers who qualify to compete at the next level, which is the PSSA Zone Carnival held at Cessnock Pool on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. We were very pleased that our carnival day was not too hot. The 53 students who attended were extremely well behaved, participated with effort and displayed great sportsmanship throughout the carnival.

This year the Age Champions were not necessarily students who won all their events, but rather students who participated well across all the strokes and gained places.

### ***OUR 2019 SWIMMING CHAMPIONS***

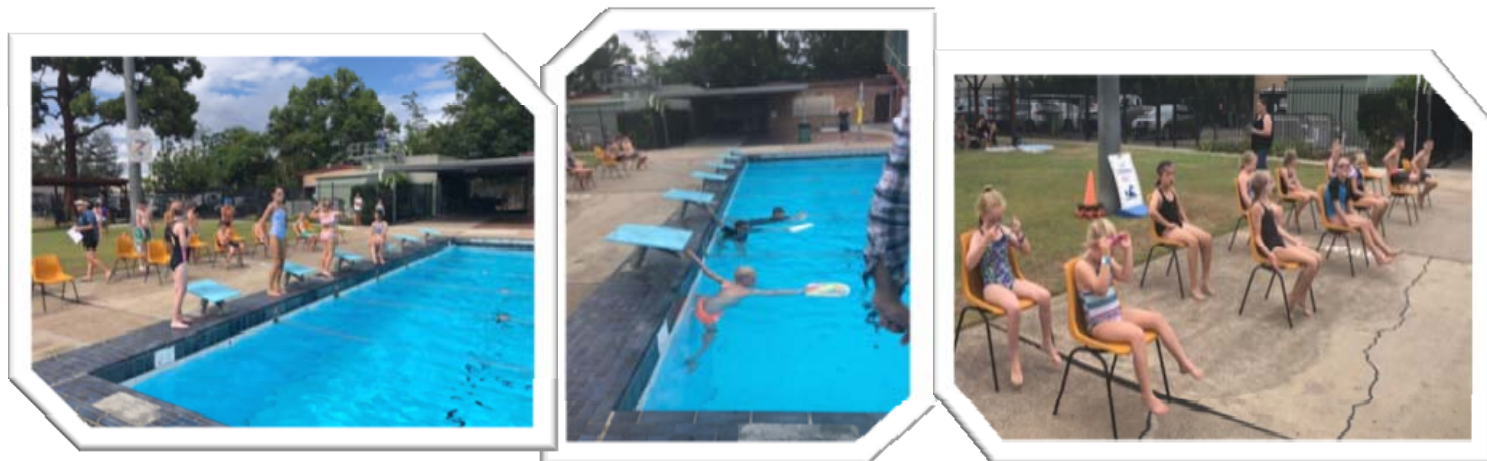


Junior Girl - Jorja      Junior Boy - Chevy  
Senior Girl - Ivy      Senior Boy - Harrison  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

WINNING HOUSE -  
EDGEWORTH

Congratulations to all the students who actually took part in the races. Our school has had amazing feedback about your sportsmanship, behaviour and manners. Well done.

Thank you also to the many parents/carers and family members who came along to support the children. And to all the parents/carers who helped out on the day







CONGRATULATIONS TO HAYLEIGH, SLATER, MOLLY, JETT, ANA, CHEVY, WILL, LUCY, TAYLA, TALISHA, ELLA, JORJA, AURORA, ANGUS, JACKSON, COOPER, IVY, KAITLYN, HARRISON, LEVERETT, KEIRA, RILEY, RYEN, AYASHA AND JACOB WHO REPRESENTED ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL AT THE ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL ON WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY, 2019.



## 2019 —STUDENT Reporting process outlined

*Our 2018-2020 School Plan saw us action the feedback from our community regarding the reporting process, this saw us trial our new reporting process in 2018. Each Term we actioned feedback from both community and staff. The feedback provided informed changes to both the document and the process throughout the year. The community feedback indicated that families and carers found the new process both authentic and informative. Many positive comments were made, including, “the where to next statements gave us very clear guidance on how to support and guide our child’s next learning steps”.*

**2019 will see us maintain this process of Reporting each term** and this year we will continue to develop the skills of our students to participate in the process of sharing their own learning.

We will provide an opportunity once a term to catch-up with your child and their classroom teacher where you will receive a **Progress Report and Learning Plan**. You will be informed of the process for booking a catch up with staff as we move towards week 10/11. 2018 saw some families unable to attend school and so decided to book a phone-call catch up in with their classroom teacher, again another successful way of continuing our communication around student learning.

If you are unable to catch up in Term One the opportunity will again arise each term. A **Progress Report and Learning Plan** will be sent home with your child at the end of term if they haven’t been collected by a parent/carer at the catch-up.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year of learning!



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We would like to welcome Mr Genus Passi from 'Youth Express' who has commenced a program with some of our Stage 3 students called Culture Strong. Culture Strong is designed to empower young Indigenous Australians. We look forward to working with 'Gee' and the students throughout the year.

A reminder for all community members that the local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) will have their next meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at Kurri Kurri High School commencing at 3:30pm. All community members are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to 1C on winning the first School Assembly Award. All students showed respect at the assembly by sitting quietly, listening and politely applauding the winners. 1C were presented with the new school mascot "Chase". We all look forward to seeing Chase's adventures with 1C in the coming weeks.



Last Tuesday we held our first Emergency Evacuation Drill for 2019. This drill is a requirement by the Department of Education. All students are now aware of the safety procedures if they are required to leave their room in an emergency. A great follow up to this event would be for parents to discuss their home evacuation plan in case of an emergency.

Our school refurbishment is making progress with the demountable toilet block being delivered and the old girls toilets being closed on Wednesday. Girls will now access the demountable toilet block until the new toilets are completed. The old canteen has been demolished and the new benches ordered. Thanks to Michelle Robards and the P&C for purchasing the new oven to be installed during the build.

Further discussions have taken place about the resurfacing of our school entry. This will result in the front access being closed to the public for a few days later in the term. We will keep you updated as we move closer to the date.

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT cont.

It never ceases to amaze us of the variety of talented people we have in our school. Last week Jaylen received a Bronze Medal in a recent modelling competition. This is a fantastic achievement and we are all looking forward to seeing where this takes him in the future.

Congratulations to our new P&C Executive who were elected to their positions last week.:

President - Deb Davis

Vice President 1 - Paul Jolly

Vice President 2 - Tracey Toner

Secretary - Cheryl-Ann Leggatt

Treasurer - Katrine Reading,

Canteen Supervisor - Michelle Robards

Fundraiser - Rebecca Kelly and P&C Executive



Through the P&C everyone has an opportunity to ask questions about school events and activities. We encourage all parents /carers to come to our next P&C meeting on Monday 11th March, 2019 at 5pm in the School Library

*Principals*

*Ian Lamph and Debbie Bower*





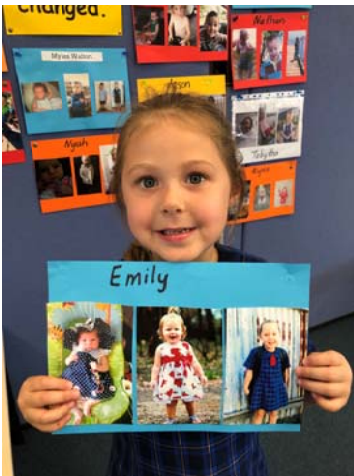
## KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students are learning about their own history and that of their family.

They are bringing in photographs, and are identifying and sequencing stages in their lifetime.

They are posing questions about other student's photographs and discussing how they have grown and changed.

The activity is designed to introduce students to photos as historical records of people, places and events in the past.



## CESSNOCK ZONE CRICKET TRIALS

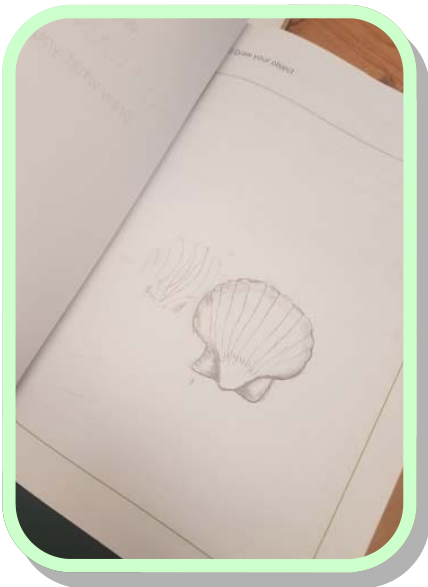
Good luck to Harrison, Mitchell, Leverett, Zealan and Riley who were all selected to represent at the Cessnock Zone Cricket Trials on Thursday 21st February, 2019.



## IMAGINATURALISTS

For the past couple of weeks, students in Stage 2 have been enjoying an exciting new educational program which uses creativity and art to explore nature and concepts in Science. Gillian, who runs the program, visits each class at different times throughout a Tuesday. Students have already gained an understanding of some sketching techniques such as being aware of their light source and creating texture and tone. Each week students add to their beautiful field journals and they look forward to sharing their process and exploration with you all soon.

You can follow *Imaginaturalists* on Facebook and Instagram for continuing updates.



### 1W Possum Magic

#### Artwork

1W have been creating a possum artwork to go with their text study of Possum Magic.





We are very much looking forward to one of our favourite celebrations of the year...Grandparents Day!

This year our day is themed, "Ask Gran NOT Google!", and we are inviting all of our grandparents and special friends to come in to classrooms and share stories and fun with our students. Students will be preparing invitations with interesting questions that they would love to ask their grandparent or special friend. Grandparents are encouraged to visit classrooms with artefacts from their childhood and be ready to open student's eyes to the wonderful world of the 'past'.



**FRIDAY 1ST MARCH, 2019**

**9.30am - Classroom Visits**

**10.30am - Special morning tea  
in the school hall**

Grandparents may like to bring;

- Their favourite childhood picture book
- A special toy
- An interesting artefact from their childhood; camera, kitchen utensils, board games
- Anything at all that they would love to share with the students

We are all very much looking forward to celebrating this special day with as many of our beautiful grandparents and special friends as possible.

# CANBERRA EXCURSION

It's a very exciting time for Stage 3 students as we begin planning for our Canberra excursion. Term 3 will be here before we know it, therefore a parent/carer meeting has been planned for Tuesday 26th February, 2019 at 3:30pm in the school library. All relevant information and costs will be provided at this meeting as well as permission slips and medical forms. Due to the scale and safety requirements of the Canberra excursion, we do require that all Stage 3 parents/carers who would like for their child to participate, attend this meeting, or schedule another appropriate time to visit the school to collect all of the relevant information.

You can contact the school on 49 304210 or email [Jennifer.bailey22@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Jennifer.bailey22@det.nsw.edu.au) to book an appointment.





## WHAT'S ON IN PBL

# WAITING PATIENTLY

*Across the school, students have been learning how to wait patiently. As a part of our whole school Positive Behaviours for Learning process, students have been working with their classroom teachers to learn about how they can be respectful. One of the things students can do to practise respect is to 'Wait Patiently'.*

*Students have learnt that to wait patiently they should:*

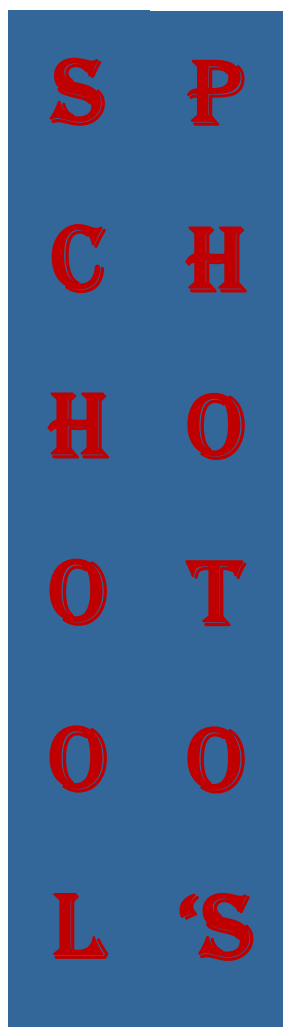
- 1. Be calm*
- 2. Be still*
- 3. Be quiet*
- 4. Ask themselves, 'Is there something I can do while I wait?'*

*Of course, respect is not just something that students should practise at school. Being a respectful member of the community ensures success in adulthood. So, why not use our PBL process to help your child practise their waiting patiently skills at home?*

*Children can practise waiting patiently when...*

- You are talking on the phone,*
- When they are waiting for their turn on swings at the park,*
- When they are grocery shopping,*
- When they are in the car and feel they can't wait to arrive at the destination.*

*The opportunities for practise are ENDLESS! Remind them in all of these situations to, Be calm, Be still, Be quiet and think about something they can do while they wait.*



<b>PhotoworX</b> Phone 49 157 078 <b>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE CANNOT BE GIVEN</b>	
Class _____	
Payment by Cash or Credit card only Cheques not accepted	
<b>Class Package</b> 1 x Class Photo with names, 1 x black and white casual class photo, Portrait Photos - 1 x 5" x 7", 2 x post card size & 4 wallets Qty _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____	
<b>Portrait Pack</b> 1 x 5" x 7", 2 x post card size & 4 wallets Qty _____ @ \$18 = \$ _____	
<b>Class Only Pack</b> Includes 1 x 12 x 8 Class photo with names Qty _____ @ \$18 = \$ _____	
<i>The extras below may only be purchased when ordering one of the above packs</i> <b>Optional extras</b> 2 x 5" x 7" portrait photo : qty _____ @ \$10 = _____ 1 x 10" x 8" portrait photo : qty _____ @ \$10 = _____ Photo Coffee/Tea Mug : qty _____ @ \$20 = _____ <small>( Mug features individual portrait photo designed with School colours and Emblm )</small>	
Total of Order \$ _____	
TICK ONE ONLY      MASTERCARD _____      VISA _____ EXPIRY DATE _____ CARD No. _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ CARDHOLDER'S SIGNATURE _____	

The school photographs will be taken on Monday 11th March, 2019. Students are to wear their school uniform.

An ORDER ENVELOPE for your child has already been sent home with your child. If you would like to order school photos, please complete the details on the Order Envelope, ensure your child's name is written on the top of the order envelope and enclose the correct amount of cash or complete the Credit Card details on the front of the envelope. Please note that no change will be available from the school office for photo orders.

It is vital to the smooth operation of the prepayment system that each child returns their own envelope, even if the payment is enclosed in a siblings envelope.

Sibling Group Photos will also be available on the day. Please contact the school office for a separate Sibling Photos Package order envelope. This should also be returned with the correct payment enclosed.

Order envelopes and payment can be returned at any time up until Friday 8th March, 2019. Photos will be taken of all students, although packages of photos will only be produced when payment is received.



## BUSHFIRE PROCEDURES

### 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](http://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.

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### P&C MEETING DATES

(meetings begin at 5.00pm)

Monday 11th March, 2019  
Monday 8th April, 2019  
Monday 13th May, 2019  
Monday 3rd June, 2019  
Monday 1st July, 2019  
Monday 12th August, 2019  
Monday 9th September, 2019  
Monday 14th October, 2019  
Monday 11th November, 2019  
Monday 2nd December, 2019



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](mailto:hunter@sherpa-kids.com.au)





### **Do you want to join your child to join Children's University – University of Newcastle?**

Students of Abermain Public School are invited to join children across Newcastle, the Lower Hunter; the Upper Hunter; the Central and Mid North Coast, to be a part of this exciting new education program.

The concept of Children's University (CU) is to recognise kids that find new areas of learning through discovering what educational events they can go to in their local area. Different levels of awards are given to students for learning time that occurs out of classroom hours: before school, during lunch, after school and at events in the school holidays. Children log this learning in a passport.

Children's University will be linking families to all educational opportunities in your local and regional communities, strengthening school clubs and linking community organisations to schools to allow opportunities for children to access exciting new learning events throughout the year.

Cost: \$15 per year

We will be hosting a CU launch assembly:

Date: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019

Venue: School Library

Time: 12pm – 1pm

You are welcome to come and listen to more information and ask questions.

If you would like to join, your school staff CU contacts are Jennifer Bailey and Samantha Gyler.

Jump on our website to explore more about the program: <http://childrensuniversity.com.au/>



## 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.

## PARENT PICK UP POINTS

A reminder to all parents/carers to wait on the DOTS area to pick their children up from the “Parent Pick Up Point” at the end of the school day. We ask parents/carers to please not wait outside classrooms and to only come through the front office entry if you are signing your child out early.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

*SMS texts will be sent between 9.45am and 10.00am each day to inform that an absence has been recorded for their child. Parents/carers can explain the absence either by 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.*

## 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.**

## EARLY LEAVERS

Parents/Carers are reminded to visit the school office 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: only parents/carers and those listed on the emergency contact list will be allowed to collect students early. If you would like someone who is not listed as your child's emergency contact to collect your child, please contact the school to advise the name of this person.



*A.E.C.G  
General Meeting*

*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February '19*  
Kurri Kurri High School  
3.30pm for a prompt 4pm start

*RSVP: Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> February*

*Contact:*  
Kurri Kurri High School  
Phone: 4937 1877

*or*

Stephanie AECG Secretary  
0410 303538  
s.earl@bigpond.net.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

**NO  
PARKING**

**Please remember that  
there is no parking in the  
teachers car park or on the  
handball courts. There is  
also no pedestrian access  
to the teachers car park.**

THE MUSIC BUS



The Music Bus are excited to announce they are now a registered Creative Kids provider. A government initiative where every family in NSW with school aged children is eligible for a \$100 voucher towards lessons in 2019. This is the perfect opportunity to enrol and save almost an entire term's worth of fees.

To download your voucher, simply visit [www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher) then call 1300 168 742 or email [creative-kids@themusicbus.com.au](mailto:creative-kids@themusicbus.com.au) to enrol.

Term 1 enrolments are still open, however, The Music Bus have limited availability so it is advised to book asap. Lessons include Singing, Keyboard, Guitar, Drums and Ukulele.

The Music Bus is a wonderful music program that many of our students are already enjoying – a brilliant and cost-effective way for students to get fun and specialist music lessons without parents having to travel all over the area after school. Cost of lessons is only \$16 per week (Drums \$18), around half the price of a regular private lesson.

If you're interested in your child having music lessons through The Music Bus or for more info, check out their website at [www.themusicbus.com.au](http://www.themusicbus.com.au) or call -

1300 168 742.





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| ♦ | Monday 25th February, 2019    | AECG Meeting  |
| ♦ | Tuesday 26th February, 2019   | Canberra Excursion Parent/Carer meeting - 3.30pm  |
| ♦ | Wednesday 27th February, 2019 | Zone Basketball Trials  |
| ♦ | Friday 1st March, 2019        | Grandparents Day<br>Zone Rugby League Trials  |
| ♦ | Monday 4th March, 2019        | Year 3 - 6 Assembly, 2.30pm   |
| ♦ | Tuesday 5th March, 2019       | Regional Swimming Carnival<br>(Information to be sent to qualifying students at a later date) |
| ♦ | Thursday 7th March, 2019      | 'Woo, New and You' Year 6 STEM Event<br>(University of Newcastle)                             |
| ♦ | Monday 11th March, 2019       | School Photos<br>P&C Meeting - 5.00pm   |
| ♦ | Monday 18th March, 2019       | K - 2 Assembly, 2.30pm  |
| ♦ | Friday 22nd March, 2019       | Cross Country Carnival  |
| ♦ | Monday 1st April, 2019        | Year 3 - 6 Assembly, 2.30pm   |
| ♦ | Monday 8th April, 2019        | P&C Meeting - 5.00pm  |

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.*



## ADVERTISING

Family Support Newcastle and Koe-nara Cessnock Schools as Community Centre  
invite you to A FREE 5 week discussion group on

**Stress-Less ... More ease,  
... stronger connections**



**Fridays**  
22<sup>nd</sup> Feb to 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2019  
10.00am – 12.00 noon  
at  
**Koe-nara**  
*In the grounds of Cessnock Public School*

Discussions may include:

- \* Finding beauty in the moment
- \* Slowing down and creating space
- \* Are there alternatives to "there's not enough time"
- \* Prioritising what really matters


Free children's activities &  
Morning Tea provided

To register, please call Jane  
on 4990 9354



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The Family Relationships and Skills program is funded by the  
Australian Government through Family Support Newcastle.



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An 8 week group for caregivers of toddlers–4 year olds

**What is COS-P?** Ever wished your child came with an instruction manual? Children are born with the ability to communicate their needs – they are the instruction manual!

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- Helps caregivers understand how children communicate their needs through their behaviour.
- Supports caregivers to meet their child's need whenever possible and take charge whenever necessary, leading to stronger relationships between caregivers and children.
- Is a user friendly visually based approach to helping parents and carers better understand the needs of their children

**Facilitators:** Margaret Ridgway  
Jane Hodgson  
Circle of Security Registered Parent Educators


**Dates & Times:** **Wednesdays, 13th February – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**  
9.45 arrival

**Venue:** Koe-Nara, Cessnock Public School  
Cnr Rawson & Quarrybylong Streets  
Cessnock


Places are strictly limited and you must be registered to attend.

**Limited FREE children's group available.** If you have a younger baby who is not mobile and would like to attend please discuss this with Margaret or Jane.

**To register contact:**  
Margaret Ridgway Family Care Cottage 4939 2530  
Jane Hodgson Koe-Nara 4990 9354



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**KOE-NARA**  
CESSNOCK SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Term 1 2019

#### MONDAY

Supported playgroup  
at Koe-nara  
from 10 to 12

#### TUESDAY

Supported playgroup  
at Koe-nara  
from 10 to 12

#### WEDNESDAY

Stories @ Bunnings  
10.30 to 12  
Feb 27, March 27

#### THURSDAY

Supported  
Playgroup at  
Cessnock East  
Public from 9 to 11

#### FRIDAY

Stress-Less Parenting a group to  
talk about the challenges of  
parenting and how to look after  
yourself with Family Support  
Newcastle  
Feb 22 to March 22  
10 to 12  
Children's activities provided  
Please call and book your spot

**KOE-NARA is on the corner of Rawson &  
Quarrybylong Sts, Aberdare**

Call us on 49909354 Or 0428 263 854  
or find us on Facebook



**WESTON JFC**

**WE WANT YOU!**

WJFC CURRENTLY HAVE ALL GIRLS AND MIXED  
TEAMS FORMING, WE NEED A FEW MORE  
PLAYERS IN EACH AGE GROUP TO COMPLETE  
OUR TEAMS. REGISTRATION INCLUDES SOCKS,  
SHORTS AND A JERSEY WITH YOUR CHILDS  
NAME ON THE BACK! U5S-U7S ALSO RECEIVE  
SHIN PADS AND A BALL!!

**CONTACT ANITA FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
0403 580 314 or westonjfc@huntervalleyfootball.net.au