



## 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 Children's University Graduates

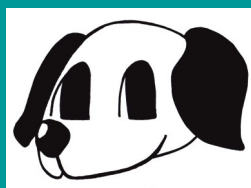
This group of 21 amazing students graduated from the Children's University Newcastle last week. We are extremely proud of the hard work and valuable learning these students have shown. Make sure you ask any of these wonderful students to share their experience about what they have learnt this year. Look out for information early next year for the 2020 Children's University.

The Children's University offers educational experiences for students throughout the year. Learning opportunities have included online and outdoor learning challenges, learning lunches and a variety of activities provided through learning destinations. Each child is issued with a *Passport to Learning* in which the hours of learning activities are recorded. Once students have reached the required number of hours (30 hours at the beginning), they will graduate from the Children's University. Certificates are presented at graduation ceremonies held once a year at the University of Newcastle's Great Hall.





Congratulations to our Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) PAWS Badge recipients;  
Ruby, Adam, Aria, Olive, Sebastian, Iyla, Grace, Ruby and Hayleigh



Congratulations to our Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4) PAWS Badge recipients;  
Charlotte, Jaimee, Trinity, Mikaylah, Emily, Chelsea, Olivia, Oscar, Tayla, Lucy  
and Emmerson.



## **INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM**

**(Monday 25th November - Friday 6th December, 2019)**

**A reminder that the balance of \$30 for the Intensive Swimming Program is due by Friday 15th November, 2019.**



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **Newcastle Children's University Graduation**

We felt extremely proud of our students as we watched them graduate from the Newcastle Children's University. The students all looked incredible in their cap and gowns during the presentation last week. Thanks to Miss Gylar, and all the family members who attended with us to support and celebrate their child's achievement.

### **Hall completion**

Construction on the hall should be completed by the end of this week. The works will bring our school up to building code and provide external access to the toilet block and new pathways. We look forward to having our school assemblies back in the hall.

### **Kindergarten Orientation**

Our School Leaders welcomed our 2020 kindergarten students and their families last week as we commenced Orientation. We would like to thank Ayasha and Tahlee for their welcome and share with you some of their thoughts.

The girls shared the following:

- ◆ our school is a safe environment because our students are safe respectful learners
- ◆ we are surrounded by wonderful staff members that teach us well at this school
- ◆ we have incredible possibilities like a music bus to teach music
- ◆ we have STEM here, as we are a part of the Cessnock Academy of STEM Excellence group from Cessnock High School
- ◆ we have a Tech Girl group that comes every year to encourage girls to extend their learning in technology
- ◆ we have a lot of sporting possibilities and interest groups
- ◆ we know your child will enjoy their years at Abermain Public School and will be just as sad to leave it as we are now that we are heading off to high school
- ◆ once again welcome to our school

Thank you also to our students who have volunteered to be Kinder Buddies in 2020.





## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

# CONGRATULATIONS LUCAS

Lucas W is presently representing our school at State Athletics. We have heard that he has come 5th in his 100m race with a time of 14.90 putting him 22nd in the state.

An incredible effort! We are looking forward to hearing all about his experience when he returns.

### **Carols Update**

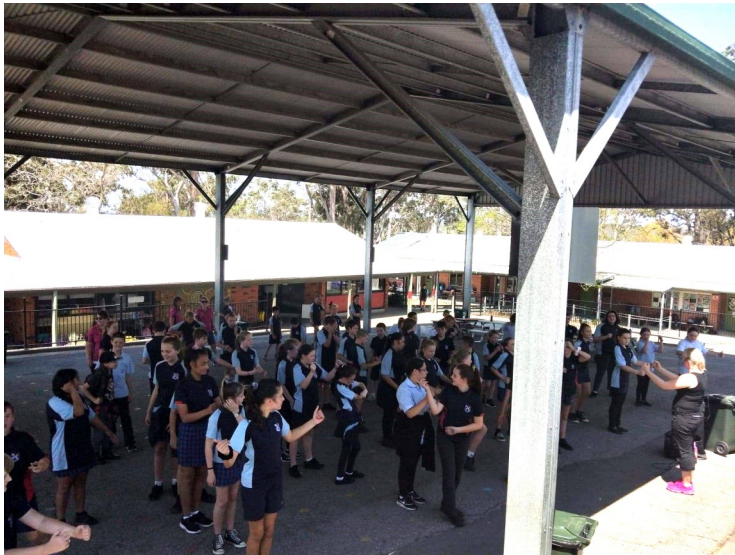
I would like to thank the P&C and the Mission Hall for their ongoing support of the school with the presentation of the Carols evening this year. It is through the work of this dedicated group of people that we can sit back and enjoy a spectacular evening of community celebration under the ceiling of our fireworks. We look forward to seeing you all here.

Ian Lamph and Debbie Bower  
Principals

## **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.*



## DANCE2BFIT

We have had the Dance2bfit Program at our school in Term 4 this year. The Program is an energetic, innovative and a fun way for our students to get fit and funky, learning the latest dance styles to the hottest music tracks. This is a great program to improve the fitness levels of students while they are having a great time. Year 5 and 6 are really enjoying the dancing - especially the partner dancing! Dance2bfit will be preparing our Stage 3 students for their Year 6 Farewell.

The Dance2bfit program has been developed specifically for NSW Primary Schools under the PDHPE syllabus. Students will learn a range of routines suitable for their age and ability level as well as develop their confidence and skill in this area of the Arts.







# KINDER NEWS

KT have been learning all about honey bees! In our classroom we set up our own honey shop and beehive which is filled with lots of awesome information and facts about bees. We were lucky enough to have Hudson's Uncle Eric come and visit and show us his beehives and what he wears when he collects honey. He even let us taste some of his yummy honey!



KS and KT loved dressing up, playing games and doing arts and crafts for Halloween!



KT have been participating in the Australia Post Pen Pals program. We were paired with a Kindergarten class from Dundas Public School and at the end of last term we wrote to them to introduce ourselves. Last Thursday we got our replies!



On the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, 2019 I was at the Upper Hunter Cattle Beef Bonanza. It is a cattle show. On Saturday I paraded my steer Zinon and there were four other steers with our school. I won 5<sup>th</sup> place in the parade. The judge was nice and there were 397 steers. There were 78 bulls and 101 heifers. On the Sunday I judged cattle and bulls.

**Emmerson P**

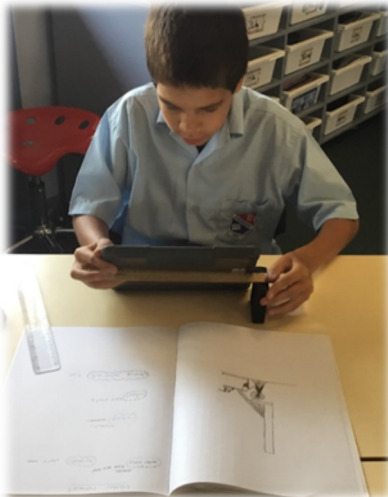
## **5/6MB CASE Visit**



Miss Quarterly from Cessnock High School came in and explained a bit about the Stem Design Process. At first she told us to create a water wheel and she didn't give much information, so we could try and use the Design Process. Soon she explained that water wheels create electricity and that she designed the Design Process logos. Overall it was amazing.

**By Krystal**

Here are photos of students following the STEM Design Process. Students are defining water wheels, brainstorming ideas and designing their water wheel.







## ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL TALENT SHOW - 2019

A REMINDER THAT ENTRY/PERMISSION NOTES ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL BY  
FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER.

**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

### MATILDA THE MUSICAL

On Thursday 24th October, 2019, Mrs Roberson, Mrs Symonds and Mr Power had the privilege of escorting 52 very excited students to the Hunter School of the Performing Arts in Broadmeadow to see their high school production of Roald Dahl's 'Matilda'. The students were totally enthralled by the performance - as were the teachers! The behaviour displayed at the school and inside the theatre was exceptional. Mrs Symonds was extremely proud when a member of the public approached her to ask what school we were from, saying that our students' behaviour throughout the entire performance was amazing! We thank our school P&C for making this experience possible by covering the cost of the bus to make the excursion more affordable for our families.

*Lights, camera, ACTION! And so began a magnificent performance filled with extraordinary actors. The stage was set, accompanied with great props and an intrigued audience. The students of HSPA ( Hunter School Of Performing Art) must have rehearsed a lot because it really did show in their beautiful performance. Overall, it was a spectacular day!*

**By Amarli and Tahlee - 6B**

*The 'Matilda' musical was an experience of a lifetime. When I walked in, I sat in my seat. The stage was huge and glistening. The performers were fantastic. They didn't miss a line or a cue. The show went for a two and a half hours. I think \$25 was worth spending. If you didn't see the musical, make sure you get a ticket for the next one.*

**By Olivia - 3/4W**

#### **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.***





## STAGE THREE TERM 4 - UPCOMING DATES

<b>CESSNOCK HS ORIENTATION</b>	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2019</b> - 9:20am to 12 midday
<b>SPORTS ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019</b> - commencing at 9:30am
<b>KURRI KURRI HS ORIENTATION</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019</b> - 10am to 1pm
<b>PARENT INFORMATION EVENING</b> - KURRI KURRI HIGH SCHOOL	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019</b> - 4-30pm to 6pm
<b>PRESENTATION DAY</b>	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2019</b> - commencing at 10:30am
<b>YEAR 6 FAREWELL</b>	<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2019</b> - commencing at 6pm
<b>YEAR 6 BREAKFAST</b>	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019</b> - commencing at 8:30am
<b>YEAR 6 FUN DAY</b>	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019</b> - commencing at 10:30am
<b>YEAR 6 SHIRT SIGNING</b>	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019</b> - all High Schools
<b>YEAR 6 BELL RINGING CEREMONY</b> - for students enrolled at Cessnock High School	<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2019</b> - commencing at 3pm
<b>CESSNOCK HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2019</b> - students starting Year 7 in 2020 will commence attending school at Cessnock High School
<b>YEAR 6 BELL RINGING CEREMONY</b>	<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019</b> - commencing at 3pm



### Information sessions for PARENTS and PROVIDERS

#### NDIS and its Interface with Education

The Department of Education together with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), would like to invite you to attend an Information Session for parents about the NDIS and the range of supports available including supports which assist young people to transition to post school life and employment.

#### The Information Session will cover:

- Understanding the NDIS
- Seeking access to the NDIS
- The participant pathway
- Post school pathways and employment supports
- Preparing for your planning appointment
- Let's Talk About Work booklet
- Meet Providers in your local area
- Q&A

**Tuesday 19 November, 1-3pm**  
Callaghan College Waratah Campus  
Turton Rd, Waratah NSW 2298

**Wednesday 20 November, 1-3pm**  
Maitland Education Office  
Level 1 2 Caroline Place, Maitland NSW 2320

**Thursday 21 November, 1-3pm**  
Muswellbrook Public School  
3/9 Roger St, Muswellbrook NSW 2333

Please contact Rowan Coombes on (02)6656 6644 OR email  
[rowan.coombes@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:rowan.coombes@det.nsw.edu.au) to confirm your attendance.

### CESSNOCK DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE NETWORK

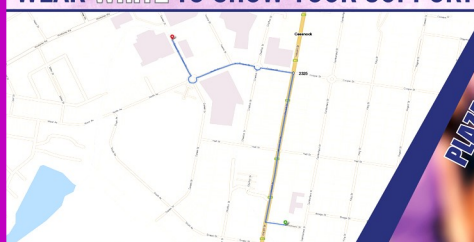
# CESSNOCK WALKS KAWUMA

FREE  
ENTERTAINMENT  
FOOD & DRINK  
SERVICE STALLS



A peaceful walk to raise awareness of the prevalence and impact of domestic and family violence within the Cessnock community.

WEAR WHITE TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!



PLAZA ON CASTLEMAIN ST @ 10AM

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**  
FIND US ON FACEBOOK | [cessnockwalkskawuma](https://www.facebook.com/cessnockwalkskawuma)



# SLUSHIES



Just to let you know that the P&C are obtaining a new slushie machine.

This means that once the current mix is gone, there will be no slushies available until the new machine arrives and is set up.

We will advise students when this occurs and will also post on Facebook.

The price of the slushies will remain at \$2.

## TERM 4, 2019 ASSEMBLY DATES

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





## SHERPA KIDS HOLY SPIRIT

### VACATION CARE AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS 2019/2020

Please complete an enrolment form. No fees payable for enrolment.

In case of emergency care the information provided will allow your children to visit and attend the service. Come in for an inspection anytime.

We are play based and provide social activities in a safe environment.

Afternoon tea is provided, programs include cooking and technology, art and craft, outdoor and drama activities.

Vacation Care and Staff Development Day provided as required, Once vacation are starts bookings cannot be changed

Sherpa Kids is an approved provider for Child Care Subsidy.

Please call Elaine McCourt on 0410647153  
or email: [hunter@sherpa-kids.com.au](mailto:hunter@sherpa-kids.com.au)  
for further information



### CHRISTMAS STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND VACATION CARE REQUIREMENTS

#### HOLY SPIRIT INFANTS SCHOOL:

Family Name:

Address:

Contact Number:

Email address:

DAYS REQUIRED: (Please circle or cross)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
DECEMBER				19 <sup>TH</sup>	20 <sup>TH</sup>
JANUARY	6 <sup>TH</sup>	7 <sup>TH</sup>	8 <sup>TH</sup>	9 <sup>TH</sup>	10 <sup>TH</sup>
JANUARY	13 <sup>TH</sup>	14 <sup>TH</sup>	15 <sup>TH</sup>	16 <sup>TH</sup>	17 <sup>TH</sup>
JANUARY	20 <sup>TH</sup>	21 <sup>ST</sup>	22 <sup>ND</sup>	23 <sup>RD</sup>	24 <sup>TH</sup>
JANUARY	N/A	28 <sup>TH</sup>			

#### Childrens Names:

Child 1:

Child 2:

Child 3:

Please return the form via email or to the Sherpa Service by End November, 2019.

REACH ENGAGE CHALLENGE Once we establish the required days of service, programs will be made available.

Thanking you

SHERPA KIDS HUNTER ABN 16 621 849 009 | INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED  
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BEFORE SCHOOL CARE | AFTER SCHOOL CARE | VACATION CARE

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 and closes at 10pm on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. Applications must be completed before the closing 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>

## **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.



## “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



## Certificate of Awesome!

Thank you for your enthusiasm  
and excellent behaviour.

Canberra  
Excursion

24 – 27 September 2019

**ABERMAIN PUBLIC  
SCHOOL**

You are a credit to your teachers,  
your school and your community.

Congratulations from the  
Macquarie Educational Tours Team



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FOR BUSY TEACHERS**

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INSTORE & ONLINE THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER.

\* Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear layby's. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only.  
Styles and colours may vary from store to store.  
No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.  
Offer ends midnight (AEST) 14/11/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

## 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





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| ♦ Friday 8th November, 2019                            | Talent Show Permission/Entry notes to be returned<br>(no late entries will be accepted)<br>Cessnock High School Orientation                             |
| ♦ Monday 11th November, 2019                           | Stage 3 (Year 5—6) Assembly - 2.30pm<br>Selective High School 2021 Application Website closes<br>P&C Meeting - 5.00pm                                   |
| ♦ Thursday 14th November, 2019                         | Kindergarten Orientation Program 10.00am - 11.00am  |
| ♦ Friday 15th November, 2019                           | Final payment due for Intensive Swimming Program  |
| ♦ Monday 18th November, 2019                           | Talent Show heats commence  |
| ♦ Thursday 21st November, 2019                         | Kindergarten Orientation Program 2.00pm - 3.00pm  |
| ♦ Monday 25th November to<br>Friday 6th December, 2019 | Intensive Swimming Program  |
| ♦ Wednesday 27th November, 2019                        | Sports Awards Assembly - 9.30am   |
| ♦ Tuesday 3rd December, 2019                           | Kurri Kurri High School Orientation<br>Kurri Kurri High School Parent Information Evening   |
| ♦ Wednesday 4th December, 2019                         | Presentation Day - <b>Kinder to Year 2 - 9.25am</b><br><b>Year 3 to 6 - 10.30am</b>   |
| ♦ Thursday 5th December, 2019                          | Year 6 Farewell   |
| ♦ Friday 6th December, 2019                            | Year 6 Parent Breakfast<br>Year 6 Fun Day<br>Year 6 Shirt signing<br>Year 6 Bell Ringing Ceremony (for students enrolled at<br>at Cessnock High School) |
| ♦ Monday 9th December, 2019                            | Carols by Candlelight - 6.00pm (Gates open at 5.15pm)<br>Cessnock High School Year 7 2020 students commence   |
| ♦ Wednesday 18th December, 2019                        | Year 6 Bell Ringing Ceremony<br>Last day of Term 4  |