



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.

STAGE 2 TARONGA ZOO EXCURSION





2020 SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Students had a wonderful time at our swimming carnival last Tuesday. The main purpose of the carnival is to select swimmers who qualify for the next level, which is the PSSA Zone Carnival. The weather was perfect, and all students were safe and respectful throughout the day. Congratulations to everyone who took part in the races.

Thank you to the wonderful people who helped Mrs Roberson with timekeeping – Mel, Rachel and Brooke. Thank you also to the parents and family members who came along to support the children.

Once again, this year the Age Champions were not necessarily students who won all their races, but rather students who participated well across all the strokes and gained places.

- ◆ Junior Girls Champion: Tayla B
- ◆ Junior Boys Champion : Chevy T
- ◆ Senior Girls Champion: Kayde M
- ◆ Senior Boys Champions (tied): Angus S and Jackson F
- ◆ Winning House: Hunter

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Some students went on to participate in the Zone swimming carnival on Wednesday 19th February and although there were a few nerves on the day, all students did their best and should be proud of their efforts. Their sportsmanship was excellent. A special congratulations to our Junior Girls' relay team, who came first in their heat.



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you Mrs Marquet for the wonderful PBL display in the foyer of the 111 students who received their 2019 Paws Badge. It is a great reflection on our school to see that 2731 Merit Cards, 447 Principal Awards and 39 Special Principal Awards were also awarded by staff last year.

Congratulations to all our Zone swimmers who represented the school this year. Special thanks to Mrs McGee and her band of helpers for running a successful school swimming carnival last week. The carnival was blessed with beautiful sunny weather and many enjoyable memories were made.

The School Music Bus Open Day was held on Friday, 21 February where parents/carers attended an information session and students from each class had the opportunity to visit the Music Bus and participate in 15 minute sessions. If you are interested in having music lessons for your child then this is an opportunity to seek further information.

The AGM for the School P&C was held last week. It was great to see some familiar faces attend the meeting. Unfortunately due to lack of nominations we were not able to fill all of the positions to form an executive team. It was an opportunity to also acknowledge and thank the outgoing committee. The P&C body is an important part of our school, meetings run for about an hour once a month. During the meeting you may receive updates from the school, information about activities that the P&C are involved in and have an opportunity to voice ideas during general business. It's important to note that the P&C operates the canteen, Mother's Day Stall, Father's Day Stall etc. If we don't have a P&C then the canteen and other activities cannot operate. The P&C are here for all the students, please come along to the next P&C meeting being held on 9 March, 2020 at 5pm in the library as we do need your support.

As we move towards the end of our School Plan for 2018-2020. We wish to highlight our three Strategic Directions of Transformational Leadership, Inspired Teachers and Productive Partnerships. Productive Partnerships is about the community working together to deliver students who connect, succeed, thrive and learn. We encourage parents/carers to communicate with their class teachers, office staff and executive members to seek assistance and clarification of any issue or concerns that may arise throughout the year. To ensure we have allocated time for individual meetings please contact the office to make an appointment.

As part of our reflection processes we once again shared with those at the recent P&C meeting the reviewed School Anti-bully Policy please follow the link below to view a copy of the policy.

https://abermain-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/a/abermain-p/policies/Anti-Bullying_Policy.pdf

Our School Musical "Disney's Beauty and the Beast" is underway with Mr Power and Mrs Roberson having many students signing up for auditions at lunch and recess. Students have been given scripts and music scores to start practicing before the **Auditions on Thursday 12 March, Week 7 Term 1.**

Ian Lamph and Debbie Bower
Principals



FABRIC DONATIONS NEEDED

Stage 3 are learning about sustainability and how to reduce fabric waste in landfill.

For our design project we will be upcycling old clothes/fabric.

To create our designs Stage 3 is asking for any donations of **old clothes (e.g. T-shirts, skirts, dresses, jeans), pieces of fabric, ribbons, buttons, wool, cotton etc.**

Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please send them with your child to Stage 3 classrooms.

Thank you for your support.

INTEREST GROUPS


















Abermain students are offered a range of interest group activities during lunch and recess to keep them busy and to build on skills outside of their regular classroom routine. Some of these interest groups are lego and library, outside lawn games, STEM club, games and planes, karaoke and dance group! Three days a week, children are able to come and participate in dance group with Miss Trotter. Here they can learn a number of different dance styles, with the most popular one at the moment being Cheerleading. Miss Trotter spent a year as a dancer for the Newcastle Knights and she loves sharing her passion for dance with everyone. Other than just dancing, students can learn how to work as a team to perform cool stunts!













INTEREST GROUPS SCHEDULES

Interest Groups Schedule – Term 1

LUNCH					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11.30 - 11.55	 <u>Library & Lego</u> Miss Rowsell	 <u>Library & Lego</u> Miss Rowsell	 <u>Library & Lego</u> Miss Rowsell	 <u>Library & Lego</u> Miss Rowsell	 <u>Library & Lego</u> Miss Rowsell
	 <u>Stage 2 Soccer</u> Mr Bridge Stage 2 Field	 <u>Stage 2 Soccer</u> Mr Bridge Stage 2 Field	 <u>Stage 2 Soccer</u> Mr Bridge Stage 2 Field	 <u>Stage 2 Soccer</u> Mr Bridge Stage 2 Field	 <u>Stage 2 Soccer</u> Mr Bridge Stage 2 Field
	 <u>K - 2 Outdoor Games</u> Mrs Bailey Top Field	 <u>Dance Group</u> Miss Trotter Kinder Rooms	 <u>STEM Club</u> Mr Power 1/2R	 <u>STEM Club</u> Mr Checkley 1/2R	
			 <u>K - 2 Outdoor Games</u> Mrs Wright Top Field	 <u>K - 2 Outdoor Games</u> Mrs Bailey Top Field	
			 <u>K - 6 Games & Planes</u> Mrs McLennan 3/4E		

Interest Groups Schedule – Term 1

RECESS					
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2.00 - 2.25	 <u>Karaoke Group</u> Miss Trotter Kinder Rooms	 <u>K - 6 Games & Planes</u> Mrs Percy 3/4E	 <u>Karaoke Group</u> Miss Trotter Kinder Rooms	 <u>Dance Group</u> Miss Trotter Kinder Rooms	 <u>Dance Group</u> Miss Trotter Kinder Rooms
		 <u>K - 2 Outdoor Games</u> Mrs Bailey Top Field	 <u>K - 6 Games & Planes</u> Mrs Percy 3/4E	 <u>K - 6 Games & Planes</u> Mrs Percy 3/4E	



P&C Fundraising News

Welcome to 2020, we have some exciting times ahead with fundraising. All money we raise goes towards helping you and your children during the year.

Upcoming events

Family Fun Night

We will be holding a family fun night at Kurri Kurri McDonalds. 10% of all sales during that time will be donated to our P&C.

The P&C will also be holding a 100's club & guessing competition on the night.

Please come along and support our schools P&C.

Easter

We will be holding an annual Easter Raffle, tickets will be sent home closer to the date. Donations of Easter Eggs will be gratefully appreciated.

Guessing competition - Guess the amount of eggs in our jar for 50c per guess, prize is the jar of eggs.

We will be doing pre-order lunch orders, order forms will be sent home closer to the date. Our menu will be sausage/onion/sauce on a bread roll or Taco boat, both will be \$3.

Drinks, chips, lollies etc will also be available to purchase on the day.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at these events.

NEXT P&C MEETING

**MONDAY 9th
MARCH, 2020
AT 5.00PM**

**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
FUN NIGHT
AT McDONALD'S®**

RESTAURANT: Kurri Kurri
ORGANISATION: Abermain Public School P&C
DATE: March 4th 2020
TIME: From 6pm
Until 7pm

McDonald's will donate
10% of sales during
this time period!

Contact:
Abermain Public School P&C on Facebook

**Korrell Wonnai AECG
Dates / Venues 2020**

ABOUT THE AECG:

➤ The AECG is an Aboriginal community-based organization made up of **volunteer** members who are involved in Junior, Local, Regional & State AECG's throughout NSW. The AECG is recognized as the principle source of advice on behalf of Aboriginal communities on issues relating to Education.

***All AECG meetings are 3.30 for a 4pm starting time.**

Term 1 2020: 24 Feb (Week 5) @ Kurri Kurri High School*
10 Mar JAECC/AET Leadership Day @ CHS

Term 2 2020: 11 May (Week 3) @ Bellbird PS*
13-15 May CTC
1 June (Week 6) @ Weston PS*
9 June JAECC/AET Leadership Day @ KKHS

Term 3 2020: 17 Aug (Week 5) @ Cessnock West PS*
***KULLABURRA Awards 26th August @ Mount View HS**
1 Sep JAECC/AET Leadership Day @ MVHS
16-18 Sep CTC

Term 4 2020: 26 Oct (Week 3) + AGM @ Mount View HS*
23 Nov (Week 7) @ Cessnock HS*
24 Nov JAECC/AET Leadership Day @ SPCC

CESSNOCK COMMUNITY
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KURRI KURRI
LEARNING COMMUNITY



Abermain Public School's
production of



-AUDITIONS-

Thursday 12 March; Week 7 Term 1

Consider:

- Talk with your family about being in the main cast - it is an amazing learning opportunity and lots of fun, but also requires dedication.
- A lead role is on stage most of the show and often sings alone, a minor role is often part of a group and not on stage as often as a main role, and there are some non-singing roles too.

What you will need to do:

1. See Mrs Roberson or Mr Power in the Planning Room during lunch to sign-up and receive a script and musical score. When you sign up, you will need to let us know if you would like a *lead*, *minor* or *non-singing* role. **Sign-ups close at the end of Week 5 (Friday 28 February)**
2. Choose one role from the script to work on at home, and be ready to perform at auditions.
4. Choose one song from the score to work on at home, and be ready to perform at auditions.

Note: The audition script is for the purpose of observing performance, and does not mean it is the part the student will be assigned.

Licensed exclusively by music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.



ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

In general, schools do not administer medication to any student which has not been specifically requested by a medical practitioner for a specific condition. When a student requires prescribed medication to be administered during the school day, parents/carers are responsible for:

- * Completing a “Request for Support at School of a Student’s Health Condition” form for daily medication, or an “Intermittent or Emergency Medication” form. Both these forms are available from the school office and must be returned to the school office prior to commencement of medication administration.
- * Ensuring information is updated if it changes
- * Supplying the medication for administration in a timely way and in its original container or Webster pack with the students prescribed dose attached.

Please note: For the safety of all students, medication must be supplied to the school office in person by a responsible adult. Students are not to carry medications to or from the school.

In some cases medical practitioners may request students to take “over the counter” medication that does not require a prescription. NSW Health advises that this does not mean that the medication is not potentially harmful and that schools should follow the same procedures for such medications as for “prescribed medications”.

PARENT PICK UP POINT

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.



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 1, 2020 ASSEMBLY DATES

Stage 2 and 3 (Years 3 - 6) - Monday 16th March, 2020, 2.30pm

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 (Year K - 2) - Monday 23rd March, 2020, 2.30pm

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.

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.



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>

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



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

**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 2020 please ensure you have been to the office to complete a 2020 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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| ♦ | Tuesday 25th February, 2020 | Kindergarten STEPS Vision Screening |
| ♦ | Friday 28th February, 2020 | Beauty & The Beast Musical audition sign up closes
Last day of Kindergarten starting and finishing early
School Photo envelopes to be returned to school by today |
| ♦ | Monday 2nd March, 2020 | School Photos
Kindergarten students start and finish at normal time |
| ♦ | Monday 9th March, 2020 | P&C Meeting, 5.00pm |
| ♦ | Thursday 12th March, 2020 | Beauty & The Beast Musical auditions |
| ♦ | Monday 16th March, 2020 | Stage 2 & Stage 3 (Years 3 - 6) Assembly, 2.30pm |
| ♦ | Monday 23rd March, 2020 | Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (Years K - 2) Assembly, 2.30pm |

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WILL START AT 9.15AM AND FINISH AT 2.30PM UNTIL FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 2020.

Parents/carers are asked to wait until 2.30pm before entering the school grounds to pick up their child from the classroom. If parents/carers would like to pick up their child earlier they will need to sign them out at the school office.