



## 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.**



## BEANIE DAY



Abermain Public School students and staff wore beanies on Wednesday 19th August 2020, to raise money for the Beanies for Brain Cancer Foundation. It was wonderful to see so many colourful beanies around the school and it was even more wonderful to see so many children donating a coin or two.

The school raised \$432 which will go directly to research for brain cancer. Thank you to a very supportive school and community for helping to raise this amount of money for such a worthy cause.

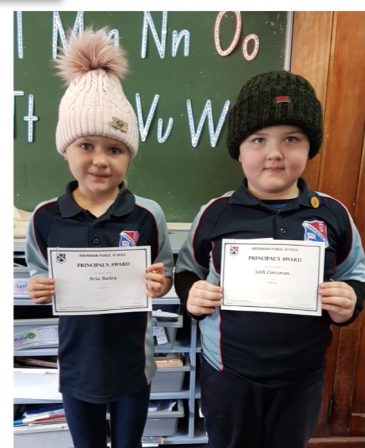
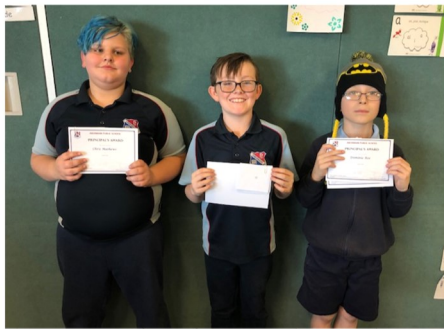




# PRINCIPAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS** (for receiving 5 Merit Cards) were awarded to: Oliver, Mykah, Cooper, Ruby, Chris, Layla, Chelsea, Dakota, Dominic, Isabella, Jett, Skylette, Max, Jaxon, Slater, Aria, Marley, Isabella and Seth

**SPECIAL PRINCIPAL AWARDS** (for receiving 5 Principal Awards) were awarded to: Ainslee.







## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week, has seen us make adjustments to our systems here at school in line with the updated Department of Education (DoE) guidelines. On Wednesday 19th August, 2020, all students took home the updated guidelines relevant to our school. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us by phone. We have also re-published them in this edition of the newsletter.

Next week, we will be celebrating "SASS Recognition Week"! We would like to thank the following staff members for their dedication, professionalism and support of the students and staff here at Abermain Public School.

*Mrs Morgan, Mrs Marquet, Mr Emerson, Ms Crossley, Mrs King, Miss Morgan, Mrs Walton, Mrs Pearson, Mrs Carroll, Mrs Clarke, Miss Morgan, Mrs Stoimenoff and Mrs Clarke.*



**OUR OFFICE STAFF**

**OUR GA**



**OUR SLSO's**



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT continued

We are once again extremely proud of our students who received Principal Awards this week. Congratulations to all students for continuing to look to receive merit cards, by being safe, respectful learners. Many students are currently looking at and setting themselves learning goals as they work towards completing their PAWS contracts.

Thank you Mrs Percy and Stage 2 for organising "Beanies for Brain Cancer Day". We raised some much needed funds for research and gained a deeper understanding of those who are facing such incredible challenges.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Taylor for her ongoing service to the education of many students over many years, as she officially retires this week. We wish her all the best as she begins her new "retirement adventure!"

Thank you again for your ongoing support of our school.

Principals

Ian Lamph and Debbie Bower



ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

# Kindergarten 2021

**IS YOUR CHILD TURNING 5 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE  
31<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2021?**

**Families wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten at  
Abermain Public School in 2021 are asked to contact  
the school now on 4930 4210 to register their interest.**

**2021 Kindergarten Orientation will commence in Term  
4, 2020. Information regarding Orientation will be sent  
to all registered families at the beginning of Term 4.**

### **Non-Local Primary School Placement**

Parents/Carers may seek to enrol their child in a school that is not within their zone, although this is reliant on space within the school and the reasons for enrolment. First contact should be made with your locally zoned school before any out of zone enquiry can be processed.

Parents/Carers wishing to apply for non-local placement at Abermain Public School in 2021 should complete an "application for non-local application" form which includes reasons for seeking non-local enrolment. This application must be returned to the school before 1st July, 2020. Applications will then be reviewed by the non-local placement panel in consultation with the school Principal. Parents/Carers will be informed of the outcome of their application by 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020 (Term 3, Week 7).





## GARDENING GROUP



Could you please check your child/children's hair for nits and lice tonight. Head lice are only found on the human head and often congregate on the crown of the head, so that is not until you reach these last sections of hair that you find adult lice. However, heads that are severely infected will have lice everywhere. Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding, carpet or anywhere else in the environment. If you find any eggs or lice, please commence treatment. It is also recommended to repeat treatment every 5-6 days for the next couple of weeks to ensure all eggs have been removed.

Further information on head lice is also available on the NSW Health website at:  
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx#bookmark3>



**I NSW Department of Education****An updated guide to NSW school students for Term 3 as of Wednesday 19/8/2020**

(Please note that this is a constantly evolving situation, and continues to change in response to the current climate)

**Schools are operating full time while actively following health advice.**

Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. All students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment. Those that remain on hold will be reviewed during the term and will recommence when appropriate based on health and other relevant advice

**Latest COVID-19 case locations in NSW**

Check the Latest COVID-19 case locations in NSW (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#latest-covid-19-case-locations-in-nsw>) and follow the recommended actions if you have been in a location where there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19. We encourage members of the community to monitor this site. Please follow the relevant health advice if you have been at any of the locations at the specified dates and times.

The locations along with the times and dates of when the cases were identified can be found on the NSW COVID-19 website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates#latest-covid-19-case-locations-in-nsw>)

**School attendance**

Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell.

**In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu-like symptoms to be sent home.**

**NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/clinics>).**

**Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.**

Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask.

All schools will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.



### School activities/school site usage

Additional safety measures for school activities have been put in place to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools for the remainder of Term 3. The following principles underpin these measures:

- Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort group (i.e. class, year group, or stage) for all learning activities within their school in order to limit close contacts to the relevant student cohort.
- Interschool activities must remain within the local community or zone. This applies to all interschool sport and physical activities, curriculum activities, arts activities and extra-curricular activities organised or sponsored by the school. Schools must not travel outside of their local community area. Metropolitan schools cannot travel outside their local area or to regional areas. Regional areas cannot travel into metropolitan areas or other regional areas.
- Parents/carers and other non-essential visitors are **not allowed on the school site**.
- All group singing (choirs) and/or other chanting activities, as well as the use of wind instruments in group settings, are not permitted.
- School formals, dances, graduation or other social events are not permitted.

### Activities/site usage that can take place

- Use the school library
- Engage in sporting activities within restrictions
- Canteens and uniform shops can open at the principal's discretion
- School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and **no external visitors**)
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests)
- Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors, Healthy Harold)
- Department of Community and Justice services and programs
- If a P&C meeting is necessary, it must be on-line only
- Parent/teacher meetings will be online or by phone unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion.

### Activities on hold for Term 3

The following events will be reconsidered in Term 3. For now, these events must remain on hold.

- Kindergarten orientation
- Year 7 orientation has been delayed until Term 4
- Excursions (other than field trips explained above)
- School or community-run playgroups
- Face-to-face professional learning for staff
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events
- Parent and carer volunteers – e.g. parent reading helpers (note: canteen and uniform shop volunteers are permitted)
- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events
- Interschool sport, drama, debating and other events that are not within the local community or zone including gala days and regional sporting carnivals.
- Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed.

### Physical distancing

Physical distancing of students in schools is not required under the AHPPC guidelines.

All teachers, support staff and parents must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m).

**Parents should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable them to physically distance from one another and from staff.**

### Tightened NSW-Victoria border restrictions

From 7 August, the border restrictions will be tightened further with the border zone defined to townships along the Murray River including Mildura, Wodonga and Echuca.

All students and staff who reside in or have visited Victoria must have a permit to enter NSW (<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-covid-19-nsw-border-entry-permit>) and are required to comply with health restrictions relevant to their permit which may include the need to complete the 14 day self-isolation period commencing the last day they were in Victoria.





### COVID-19 symptoms can include:



fever



sore throat



cough



shortness of breath.

If your child is sick, keep them at home and get them tested for COVID-19.

If your child is unwell, get them tested and keep them at home until they receive a negative result. Read the latest COVID-19 advice for families on <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

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## KURRI KURRI PRESCHOOL 2021

WE INVITE YOU TO OUR  
2021 OPEN WEEK

WE ARE PREPARING OUR  
ENROLMENTS FOR CHILDREN  
TO START PRESCHOOL IN 2021

PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE  
TO BOOK INTO AN  
OPEN WEEK SESSION

CALL OR EMAIL:  
(02) 49372110 OR 0437 211 544  
ADMIN@KURRIPRESCHOOL.COM.AU



KURRI KURRI & DISTRICT PRESCHOOL KINDERGARTEN  
CRN TARRO & BOUNDARY ST  
SPION KOP 2327  
WWW.KURRIPRESCHOOL.COM.AU

Children born before 31/07/2017 are eligible to attend Preschool in 2021.

Please contact us about waiting list if your child is born after this date.

## 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 to pick up your child, please advise the school office prior.





## **EARLY STAGE 1 - Kindergarten**

**STAGE 1 - Years 1 and 2**

**STAGE 2 - Years 3 and 4**

**STAGE 3 - Years 5 and 6**

## **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>

## **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.

### **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.***

## **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.*