

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.

PSSA

During the last few weeks we have had students attend various Cessnock Zone PSSA Trials for Basketball, Cricket, Swimming and Rugby League.

From the Zone trials, a few of our students were successful in gaining selection in a Cessnock Zone Team to attend the next level at Regional Trials.

Well done to our swimmers, Jorja and Jackson who attended the Regional PSSA Swimming Carnival at Lambton yesterday.

Mr Bridge is in the process of conducting school trials for boys and girls football to select a few students to attend the Zone Football Trials in a few weeks.



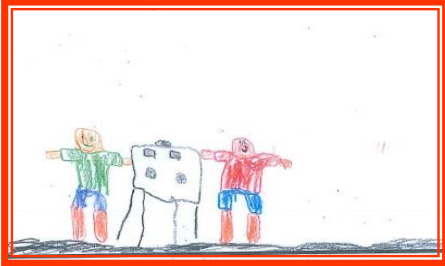


GRANDPARENTS DAY





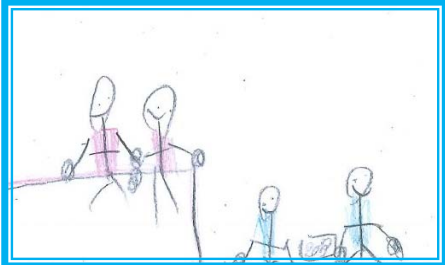
GRANDPARENTS DAY



Grandparents Day - by Elliott 2A

On Friday our grandparents came to school.

I met Jhett's pop. We played on the word board.



Grandparents Day - by Toby 2A

I liked meeting all the grandparents and I played with my nan and mum. I went to my brother's classroom and I went back to my classroom and I played with someone else and I had fun.

On Grandparents Day 1/2R conducted an interview about when our grandparents went to school. I found out where Walla and Pop went to school and what they wanted to be when they grew up. They also helped us with our art and they really liked it.

Ebony - 1/2R

On Grandparents Day 1/2R conducted an interview about when our grandparents went to school and Pop and Nanny helped me with our art. I was so happy and Pop and Nanny really enjoyed it.

Sophie - 1/2R

A big smile spreads across my face as I see my Nan and pop walk into the classroom. Today is Grandparents Day and I'm excited to spend time with them at school. Nan and pop talked about growing up in Abermain and going to the same school that I do. When pop was my age he enjoyed playing soccer and cricket. Nan said that she loved to play Monopoly.

David - 5/6MB

'Ha, ha, ha!' I looked around at grandparents smiling and kids playing games, people laughing and having fun. My friend and I grabbed a game – jackpot! We won! We then joined a discussion about life in the olden days. One of the grandparents explained that back then they got the cane if they misbehaved, so most of them made sure they were always good! I felt happy that life at school is not like that anymore.

Kaysha - 5/6MB



STAGE 3 NEWS

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Just a reminder Children's University notes and payment must be returned to the school office by this Friday 8th March, 2019 if your child wants to be a part of this fantastic program!

CANBERRA EXCURSION

If any parents/carers haven't met with a Stage 3 teacher regarding the Term 3 Canberra excursion, please contact the school to organise a meeting with staff as soon as possible to collect all relevant notes and information.

YEAR 6 POLO SHIRTS

Year 6 Shirt notes went home with students earlier this week. We would like to place an order for the Polo shirts as soon as possible to ensure all students have their shirts for the start of Term 2. Therefore, could you please return your child's note indicating their shirt size by Friday 8th March, 2019. Payment **does not** have to be made at this time.

YEAR 7 2020 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORMS

Just a reminder that the Expression of Interest form must be returned to the school office no later than Tuesday 19th March, 2019.

If you have any concerns regarding your child moving into Year 7 in 2020, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Bower.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This year our school has been selected by the Department of Education to participate in an 'External Validation' process. This process is designed to ensure that schools successfully implement and evaluate their School Plan and is an opportunity to share our success stories with an independent panel.

Our students have excelled on the sporting field and in the pool over the last two weeks. Congratulations to Abermain Public School Rugby League players: Hunter, Nate, Riley, Leverett, Jackson and Traie on representing our school at Zone. Jackson and Traie will now go onto the Regional Trials. Congratulations to Jorja and Jackson who both qualified to compete at the Regional Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 5th March, 2019. Congratulations to Leverett and Riley who qualified for the Regional Cricket Trials this Friday 8th March, 2019.

Construction will begin at the front of the school on Monday 11th March, 2019 with a security fence blocking off our front office access. Therefore the Hall Gate (Gate 2) will be our access point into the school. People wishing to visit the school will need to access via the back steps of the main building. **We wish to remind parents/carers that they are not to go directly to their child's classroom. All visitors to the school must sign in at the school office on arrival.** Construction is expected to conclude at the end of March 2019.

Term Two will see the refurbishment of the school hall. It will be closed for our use and will impact our assemblies throughout the term. We will keep the community informed of any new arrangements as we receive them. We are happy to discuss this if you have any issues or concerns.



Congratulations to 4/5P who were very happy to receive "Marshall" as the winners of the Primary Assembly Award.

Please note at the next P&C meeting on Monday 11th March, 2019 at 5pm in the library, we will be discussing the canteen regulations that will come into effect Term 2 with our new canteen space. This includes the new health guidelines. All welcome to attend.

Principals

Ian Lamph and Debbie Bower



INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER NEWS

At our last assembly 28 Stage 1 students were celebrated for their hard work they have done to reach a level 18 in reading. Those students were applauded as our first “Beyond Reading Club” inductees!

As members of the “Beyond Reading Club”, these students have learned how to read; they are now *reading to learn*. The significance of being able to read for meaning, to pull texts apart and reconstruct meaning is critical for the future of all our students and as such, we are highly committed to supporting their skill development in this area.

Congratulations to all of these amazing students, and also, big congratulations to all of their families who have undoubtedly supported them in being the readers they are today. We wish you all the very best in their next phase of learning.

School Readiness

Do you have a little person coming to school next year? Lots of families are starting think about how they can best support their little ones as they get ready for Kindergarten. Here are our top tips:

1. Spend time talking with your child

Put the phone down! Kids need to see how your moves when you make sounds so that they can learn how to make sounds correctly.

Talking with your child about things you enjoy, places you visit and things that they are wondering about helps them to learn about taking turns in conversation, expressing their ideas, how to use language in different ways and so much more. Talking helps kids process their ideas about the world around them and it is one of the best things to support school readiness.

2. Count everything and look for patterns everywhere

Kids need to be able to use the 1 to 1 principle for counting as well as reading. Every time you count out loud with small children you are teaching this very important skill. Count steps as you climb them, count buttons as you do them up and count the plates on the dinner table. Such a small thing can support huge learning into the future!

Teaching kids to notice what's around them and question things is really important also. Show them how you notice the big bowl of strawberries compared to the small bowl of strawberries, how theirs has more and yours has less. Show them how to recognise quantities quickly by playing games with number symbols like cards, dominoes and dice games where they become familiar with number patterns. This is the beginning of number sense and kids who have good number sense do better in school.

3. Get reading

The more you read with your child the happier they will be! Reading with your child for just ten minutes per day will put them on the road to great reading and writing skills. Kids need to hear beautiful language written in lots of different ways - this is how they hear sounds in words, develop a broad vocabulary and learn about big ideas. Share a story together to relax or have a laugh. Encourage your child to predict what might happen in a story or tell you about their favourite part. While you are reading use the words “I wonder...” (just like they do on Play School).

Kids who are read to regularly learn how to sit and listen. This is a big part of school readiness and will support their learning immeasurably.

Please contact the school should you have any queries.



ABERMAIN LEARNING SUPPORT TEAM 2019

Often students/families are referred to the Abermain Learning Support Team. We thought we would share with both new and existing families what the Learning Support Team (LST) does at Abermain Public School and who you can contact if you would like some support.

What is the learning and support team?

The LST is a group of staff members who support the learning and wellbeing of students across the school. We:

- ◆ Assist in identifying students needing difference supports to their learning and wellbeing
- ◆ Liaise with teachers to provide Best Practice supports in the classroom
- ◆ Meet with the School Counsellor on a weekly basis to provide support for students who are referred to LST
- ◆ Provide support to families to access agencies outside of school
- ◆ Implement small group and individual learning programs

In 2019 the LST is made up of the following staff members:

School Counsellor – Brooke Byrnes

Learning Support Co-Ordinator – Debbie Bower

Janine Roberson, Erin Gibbs and Melinda Stokes

How to contact us:

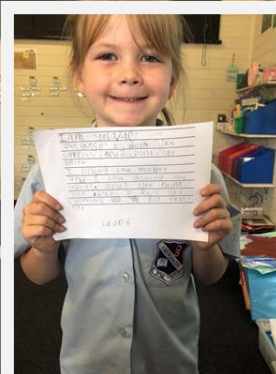
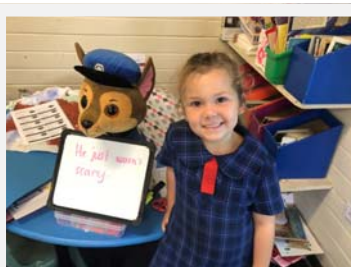
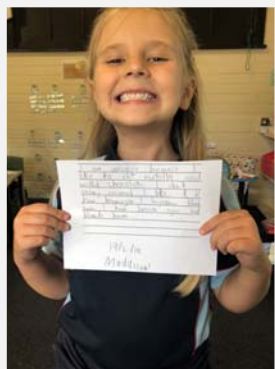
Speak to your child's classroom teacher

Contact Debbie Bower (either in person or phone the office to request a call back)

Together we are looking forward to providing the best possible learning outcomes for all of our students.



This Term 1C have been learning to write simple sentences. We know that a simple sentence needs a capital letter at the start, a full stop at the end and it has to make sense.



CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The annual Cross Country carnival will be held at our school on
Friday 22nd March, 2019.

9.30am - 11, 12 & 13yrs

10.15am - 8, 9 & 10yrs

11.00am - 5, 6 & 7yrs

REMINDER

SCHOOL PHOTOS

MONDAY 11TH MARCH, 2019

**Students are to wear full school uniform. Order forms and payments
are to be returned by 3.30pm Friday 8th March, 2019.**



WHAT'S ON IN PBL

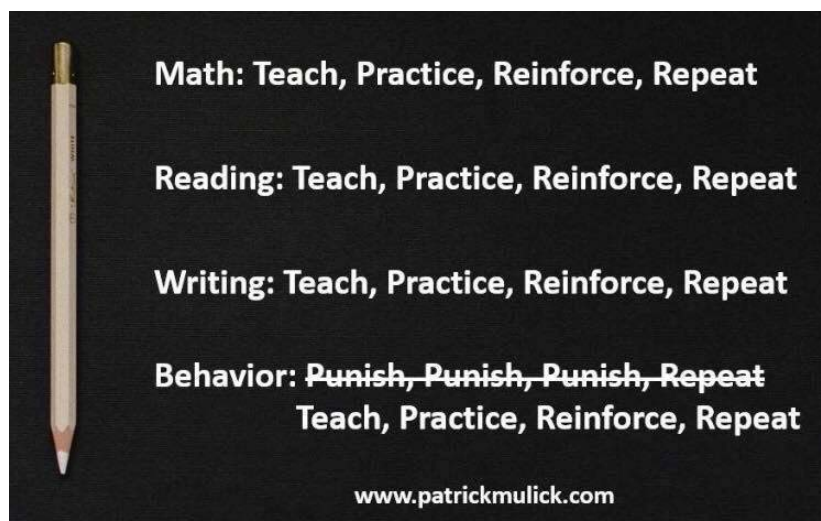
Last week your children brought home their PAWs Contracts. Receiving their PAWs Contracts is special for all of our students and we enjoy watching them strive to be Safe, Respectful Learners in our school. Students have been participating in weekly lessons around our schools core values and we will continually teach, practise, revise and reteach the skills students require to be upstanding citizens both now and in the future.

Teaching behavioural expectations both at home and school is invaluable. Through the use of our PBL processes and the use of our PAWs Contracts, we are able to guide and encourage students to grow into young people who have a positive influence on those around them.

We hope that you have had the opportunity to discuss the PAWs Contract with your child and we look forward to working with you to assist your child in their journey towards pinning on their shiny badge throughout the year.

We know our community highly values the PAWs Badge and we agree that the achievement of this badge is a highly significant student achievement. We love discussing student progress with their parents/carers and we encourage all parents/carers to make an appointment to see their child's classroom teacher at the end of each term during the parent teacher interviews. During this time your teacher will take you through your child's PAWs Contract and work with you and your child to set positive behaviour goals.

We very much look forward to celebrating each students special achievements throughout 2019.





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.



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No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.
Offer ends midnight (AEDT) 14/03/19. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.

2019

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

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



**BOOK CLUB ORDERS TO BE
RETURNED BY
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH, 2019
BY 12.00 NOON.**



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| ♦ Friday 8th March, 2018 | Regional Cricket Trials
Children's University notes and money due back
Year 6 Polo Shirt notes due back |
| ♦ Monday 11th March, 2019 | School Photos
P&C Meeting - 5.00pm |
| ♦ Wednesday 13th March, 2019 | Zone Soccer Trials - Turner Park |
| ♦ Monday 18th March, 2019 | K - 2 Assembly - 2.30pm |
| ♦ Friday 22nd March, 2019 | Cross Country Carnival |
| ♦ Tuesday 19th March, 2018 | Last day to return Year 7 Expression of Interest forms |
| ♦ Wednesday 27th March, 2018 | Regional Rugby League Trials |
| ♦ Monday 1st April, 2019 | Year 3 - 6 Assembly - 2.30pm |
| ♦ Monday 8th April, 2019 | P&C Meeting - 5.00pm |
| ♦ Friday 12th April, 2019 | Easter Hat Parade
Last day of Term 1 |
| ♦ Monday 29th April, 2019 | Staff Development Day |
| ♦ Tuesday 30th April, 2019 | Students return to commence Term 2 |

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
22nd Feb to 22nd 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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Maitland Family Care Cottage in partnership with
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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!

Circle of Security Parenting™

- 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 – 3rd 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



COME AND TRY CLINIC

KURRI KURRI SPORTS GROUND

Tuesday 12th March 2019

The NRL "Come and Try Clinic" is a FREE clinic for boys and girls
aged between 5 and 17 years who are not yet registered with a
junior rugby league club that may be looking to play with the Kurri
Bulldogs Minor Rugby League Club this season.

Come and have some fun in a safe, friendly environment.

4.30pm - 5.15pm - 5 - 9 year olds

5.15pm - 6.00pm - 10 - 17 year olds

A free sausage sizzle will be available for the kids!

All welcome!

For further information and registrations please contact

Rachael - 0416033020 or Eddie - 0414451551

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