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TERM 1
2020

NEWSLETTER

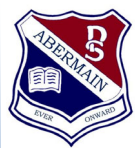
Thursday 5th March, 2020

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.

STAGE 1 TARONGA ZOO EXCURSION





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to Jackson and Dakota for representing our school at the Hunter Region Swimming Carnival and also Koby, Levii, Tynan, Nicholas, Jackson and Traie who represented at the Zone Rugby League Trials during the last week. Jackson, Traie and Tynan have also progressed to the next round of trials. It is always great to see our students competing at an elite level in their chosen sport.

Our Music Bus Open Day visit was a huge success and enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Music Bus for sponsoring a full year of tuition for one of our lucky students this year. To all those who have submitted a nomination form, we would like to thank you for taking the time to complete and submit your application, we wish we had many more scholarships to award. A panel has been formed to make a decision.

Last week staff trained in CPR and Anaphylaxis to hone their skills in case of an emergency. Staff are all required to maintain current qualifications ensuring practises and standards are in place in order to provide a safe and caring environment for everyone. Additionally we have both Miss Trotter and Miss Rowsell involved in the 'Film By' event this year and they will both attend further training next week. As a part of the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) we will be entering a short film produced by students into this years' 'Film By' event. Again this is an example of how committed our staff are to upskilling themselves and in turn the students of our school. We are looking forward to our involvement.

We are currently in preparation mode for the up-coming NAPLAN Online Assessment which is scheduled for May. Children in Year 3 and Year 5 have an opportunity to sit this task, and more information will follow to those parents/carers in the coming weeks. If you have any questions at this point please do not hesitate to speak to either of us.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 9 March, at 5.00pm in the library, where we will enjoy the comfort of our new furniture that arrived this week. You will be impressed with the new furniture and the opportunities this will offer our students and their families. It is our hope that it will provide an engaging learning setting where they can explore and be creative. All parents/carers are invited to attend our P&C meetings. On the agenda next week will be the Easter Hat Parade, Grandparents Day, ANZAC Service discussion, Staff Development Day variations and any general business that may arise. This is a forum where community members can raise ideas and have them discussed in a respectful and transparent setting.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *continued*

Our before and after school care service, Sherpa Kids. will now be known as Hunter Kids Abermain. This service will continue to provide the same service that is currently available at our school, it is only the name that is changing. If you require care for your children on a regular or casual basis please contact Elaine from Hunter Kids on 0410 647153 or collect an enrolment form from the school office. We would also like to remind parents who are dropping off and collecting students attending Hunter Kids that the double gates near the hall is the correct access point to the school for the safety of all.

A friendly reminder that all parents/carers need to provide their current contact details to the school office in case there is an emergency or the school needs to contact you regarding the education of your children

Congratulations to the students below who were successful at their singing auditions and have been offered a position in the Cessnock Community Great Public Schools Choir (CCGPS Choir) .

Tayla B	Emmerson P	Abbie S	Felicity E
Talisha C	Ellie G	Lily W	Ezekiel T
Alexis O	Ana S	Kelleah R	Molly F
Mya P	Ruby J	Tyra-Lea V	Zahlia W

Ian Lamph and Debbie Bower
Principals

TERM 1, 2020 ASSEMBLY DATES

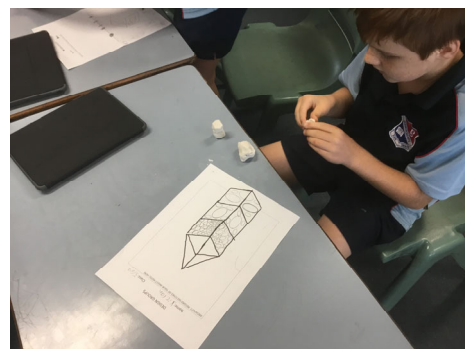
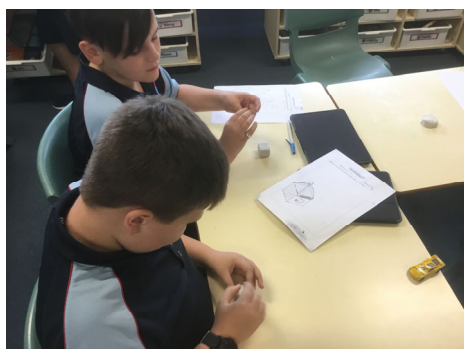
Stage 2 and 3 (Years 3 - 6) - Monday 16th March, 2020, 2.30pm

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



BEE HOTELS

Students in Stage 2 and 3 have been busy defining, brainstorming and designing the last few weeks. They are now up to making prototypes of their bee hotels for our school gardens. They have been producing some great ideas in Science and Technology lessons.



ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Thursday 19th March, 2020

Program

9.30am - Students who turn 11, 12 and 13 this year

10.15am - Students who turn 8, 9 and 10 this year

11.00am - Students who turn 5, 6 and 7 this year

Parents/Carers are welcome to come along and support the students

YEAR 7, 2021 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

On Wednesday 11th March, 2020 an Information Guide and Expression of Interest form will be sent home with all Year 6 students going into Year 7 in 2021

These forms are required to be returned no later than Friday 20th March,



TERM ONE—Reporting Catch - ups

An opportunity to attend a catch-up session with your child and their teacher

2020 will see us once again provide an opportunity to catch up each term with your child and their classroom teacher to discuss and share their learning. In the last two weeks of the Term staff will make themselves available to catch up with you and your child and provide you with a '**Progress Report/ Learning Plan**' for Term One.

If you are unable to catch up personally this Term, the opportunity will again arise each Term and the '**Progress Report/ Learning Plan**' will be sent home with your child at the end of the Term.

If you would like to participate in this opportunity there is a list of available times for each teacher below. Please ring the school on 4930 4210 and speak to the teacher or message your teacher via Class Dojo to lock in a suitable time. Sessions will run for 10 minutes. Staff are also happy to lock in a phone conversation on that day if you cannot attend school.

We have had an incredibly positive response to our new way of sharing your child's progress and their plans to further their achievement. The community have found it a more accessible document by gaining a very clear understanding of how they can help their child with their learning goals.

STAFF AVAILABILITY

CLASS	TEACHER	DATE	BETWEEN
KF	Mrs Ford	Thursday 02/04/2020	3:30pm - 4:30pm 9.15am - 11.00am
KT	Miss Trotter	Thursday 02/04/2020	3:30pm - 4:30pm 9.15am - 11.00am
1-2W	Mrs Wright	Monday 06/04/2020	8:30am - 11.00am 2.30pm - 4.30pm
1-2R	Miss Rowsell	Monday 06/04/2020	8:30am - 11.00am 2.30pm - 4.00pm
1-2T	Mrs Thomsen	Monday 06/04/2020	8:30am - 11.00am 2.30pm - 4.00pm
2R	Miss Roswell	Monday 06/04/2020	8:30am - 11.00am 2.30pm - 4.00pm
3-4S	Mrs Symonds	Tuesday 31/03/2020 Thursday 02/04/2020 Monday 06/04/2020 Tuesday 07/04/2020	8:30am - 9.00am 3.30pm - 5.00pm 8:30am - 9.00am 3.30pm - 5.00pm 3.30pm - 5.00pm 3.30pm - 5.00pm
3-4E	Mrs Percy	Wednesday 08/04/2020	8:45am - 11.00am 2:30pm - 4:30pm
3-4P	Miss Prior	Monday 06/04/2020 to Wednesday 08/04/2020	Before and after school
5-6G	Miss Gylar	Monday 16/03/2020 Thursday 19/03/2020	Before and after school
5-6MB	Mrs McGee/ Mrs Britton	Monday 06/04/2020 to Thursday 09/04/2020	Please contact Teachers for times
5-6B	Mr Bridge	Monday 06/04/2020 to Thursday 09/04/2020	8:30am - 9:00am 3:30pm - 4:30pm



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Thursday the 27th of February, students from Year 1 to 6 all helped in cleaning up our school environment. Along with discussions and activities in class, the children helped to tidy up the school grounds while learning about the importance of keeping our environment free of litter and the impact that rubbish has on plants and animals.

Thank you to every student who picked up a piece of rubbish to ensure our school is clean and tidy.



Our school will be in partnership with [Children's University Newcastle](#) for 2020. This program is designed to connect children and families to learning opportunities beyond the classroom. Children are given a **Passport to Learning** and encouraged to find **NEW** learning experiences within their local and regional areas. Children work towards logging their learning hours and are able to work through certificate levels based on hours of learning. All children who reach 30 hours for the year will be invited to attend a Graduation Ceremony with their family in Term 4.

Find out more via our Facebook page [Children's University Australasia \(Newcastle\)](#)



Abermain Public School's
production of



-AUDITIONS-

Thursday 12 March; Week 7 Term 1

- ◇ Students will present the script they have been busily working on learning
- ◇ Students will be performing on the stage in front of Mr Power and Mrs Roberson
- ◇ Please ensure children have learnt both their lines and their song if they are auditioning for a singing role

Mr Power and Mrs Roberson will be looking for:

- ◆ Students who can deliver their lines and sing their songs without looking at their script.
- ◆ Students who can deliver their performance with expression and enthusiasm.
- ◆ Mr Power and Mrs Roberson will choose children most suited to each role.
STUDENTS DO NOT CHOOSE THEIR ROLE.



EASTER, EASTER, EASTER

We will be holding our annual Easter Raffle. Tickets will be sent home closer to the date. All students are asked to contribute to our Easter Raffle by kindly donating some Easter chocolate. Donations for the raffle can be handed to your classroom teacher.

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 on the day. 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.

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

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NEXT P&C MEETING
MONDAY 9th MARCH, 2020
AT 5.00PM

HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

Easter is just around the corner and there is no better time to stock up on yummy hot cross buns , while helping raise money for your school.

Order forms have been sent home with students and must be returned with full payment to the office no later than 10am Monday 30th March, 2020. No late orders will be accepted.

Orders will be delivered Wednesday 8th April, 2020. Time and collection point will be advertised on the P&C Facebook page (Abermain Public School P&C Association Inc..) Please ensure when collecting your order you bring your own bags.

Thank you for your support.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.



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.

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



Hunter Kids Abermain

PR – 40012708

SE – 40008694

Approved Provider: Elaine McCourt
Contact Number: 0410 647 153

Hunter Kids Abermain: 0480 105 847

Educational Leaders: Whitney Fogg

First Aid: Donna King
Shae Hunter
Whitney Fogg
Jacinta Johnston

Hours of Operation: Before School Care: 7.00am – 8.45am
After School Care: 3:10pm – 6:00pm

All enquiries, complaints to Elaine McCourt
hunter20kids@gmail.com

0410 647 153

Regulatory Authority: Department of Education: 1800 619 113

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.

**A REMINDER THAT THERE IS TO
BE NO SMOKING WITHIN 30
METRES OF OUR SCHOOL.
THIS INCLUDES VAPING AND E
CIGARETTES**

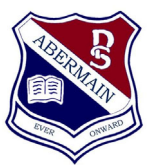
SCHOOL WEBSITE

<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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| ♦ | Wednesday 11th March, 2020 | Year 7 2021 Expression of Interest forms sent home with Year 6 students |
| ♦ | Thursday 12th March, 2020 | Beauty & The Beast Musical auditions |
| ♦ | Monday 16th March, 2020 | Stage 2 & Stage 3 (Years 3 - 6) Assembly, 2.30pm |
| ♦ | Thursday 19th March, 2020 | Cross Country |
| ♦ | Friday 20th March, 2020 | Year 7 2021 Expression of Interest forms to be returned by today |
| ♦ | Monday 23rd March, 2020 | Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (Years K - 2) Assembly, 2.30pm |
| ♦ | Monday 30th March, 2020 | P&C Thompson's Hot Cross Buns order forms to be returned by 10.00am |
| ♦ | Tuesday 31st March, 2020 | Kindergarten excursion to Oakvale Wildlife Park |

EARLY STAGE 1 - Kindergarten
STAGE 1 - Years 1 and 2
STAGE 2 - Years 3 and 4
STAGE 3 - Years 5 and 6