



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.

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STAGE 3: Tynan, Liam, Angus, Daelin, Hayley, Felicity, Cooper, Ivy, Emmerson and Tayla



STAGE 2: Chelsea, Max, Jett, Hayleigh, Grace and Charlotte



STAGE 1: Myles, Alyssa, Ainslee, Max, Harley, Isaac and Tabytha



EARLY STAGE 1: Ruth, Amahni and Alice

Congratulations to our Stage 3 Public Speaking Semi-Finalists and Finalists. The topics this year included the student's interests, reflections on the major events of 2020 and meaningful topics like racism and mental health. The Stage 3 team are very proud of all of the students who participated and are looking forward to our Finals in Week 8.



Congratulations to our very first PAWS Badge recipients for 2020;

Krystal and Ivy (Year 6)



JUNIOR PBL TEAM



The Junior PBL Team have been working hard to make improvements to the school playground with new posters. We are excited to announce a competition to raise money for new soccer equipment. Students can enter a design for an imaginative soccer jersey or soccer ball of their choice. Winners will be announced for each stage and have their design featured in the school newsletter. Students can take a design sheet from their class teacher and return it in class by the end of Week 8 (Friday, 11th September, 2020). More than one entry is allowed and each entry is 50 cents.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

PRINCIPAL AWARDS (for receiving 5 Merit Cards) were awarded to: Tom, Tabytha, Myles, Daragh, Noah, Max, Grace, Trinity, Harley, Kate, Keeley, Isabella, Pippa, Emily, Zahlia, Violet, Nicholas, Amahni, Tynan, Ebony, Paiton, Arjay, Sophie, and Lynkon.

SPECIAL PRINCIPAL AWARDS (for receiving 5 Principal Awards) were awarded to: Alyssa, Blade and Charlotte.





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to our Public Speaking finalists, we are looking forward to next week's stage Finals!

This week, we not only had the pleasure of recognising our Principal Award recipients but we also presented our first 2020 PAWS Badge recipients with their badges. Congratulations to Ivy and Krystal, two wonderful Year 6 students, setting a positive example for those around them.

TELL THEM FROM ME—PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT SURVEY

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents/carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents'/carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent/carer survey will be conducted over Term 3 and early Term 4. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. The survey is available in 23 languages.

School families will receive our link via SMS in Week 9 of this Term. Students in Years 4, 5, and 6 will also have another opportunity to provide feedback, alongside our teaching staff. Those students will receive consent forms again next week.

"CLEVER KIDS ONLINE"

A massive thank you to Mrs Hourigan for her work and effort in ensuring our transition program continued in a COVID safe manner. Clever Kids Online has been a huge success as our 2021 Kindergarten students and their families have engaged through our online DOJO platform. This week sees the last session of a 4 part program.

Thank you to our canteen volunteers and our P&C for ensuring a COVID safe return to provide us with an opportunity to purchase lunches on site.

The Department of Education will launch a new **Online Enrolment Process** on 14th September, 2020. We have included more information in this Newsletter for those who it will impact. Kindergarten 2021 will be contacted by our school office to guide them through the process.

Please encourage your children to support our Junior PBL Team by entering the "Design a soccer ball or soccer jersey competition." (Advertised in this edition of our newsletter)

Principals

Ian Lamph and Debbie Bower



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Tell Them From Me parent survey Frequently Asked Questions (parents and carers)

Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation

1. What is the Partners in Learning parent survey?

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys on student engagement. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school.

The survey is designed to measure, assess and report insights from the parent point of view at the school and system levels. The focus of this NSW survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

2. What kind of questions will the survey ask?

The survey questions aim to understand parents' perspectives on their child's experience at school, including teaching, communication and the school's support of learning and behaviour. The survey also aims to understand parents' perspectives on activities and practices at home related to their child's learning.

The survey will ask parents questions about:

Parents feel welcome	Parents are informed	Parents support learning at home
School supports positive behaviour	Safety	Inclusion
Communication preferences	Parents' participation at school	School supports learning

3. How have schools been selected to take part?

The survey is open to all NSW government schools at no cost to them. Your school has decided to participate.

4. How will taking part in this survey benefit my child's school?

The parent survey provides school principals and school leaders with parents' perspectives on their school as well as learning at home. Communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home, and parent views on the school's support of learning and behaviour help build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements. Data collected from the survey responses are quickly compiled into reports for school leaders. Principals can then use this information to help them identify emerging issues and plan for school improvement.

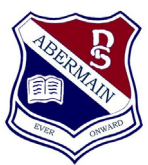
5. How does the parent survey relate to the student survey?

The parent survey is complementary to the *Tell Them From Me* student survey that your child may have been asked to complete. These surveys are offered (along with a teacher survey) to ensure schools can capture the views of students, teachers and parents.

For more detail on each of the surveys, see the survey website: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

6. What do I need to do to participate in the survey?

The survey typically takes 15 minutes and is conducted entirely online through a secure website operated by the survey developers, *The Learning Bar*. You can complete the surveys on desktop computers, laptops, ipads, tablets and smartphones. You will be provided with a link to complete the survey at home or your school may make computers available so that you can complete the survey during school hours. This link will be distributed to you by your school during Term 3.



7. Do I need to participate?

No, participation in the survey is optional. Whilst your responses are very much appreciated, if during the survey, you feel uncomfortable, you can stop the survey at any time. The majority of questions in the survey can be skipped.

8. Will the school be able to identify me or my child from my responses?

Survey responses are anonymous so staff in schools will not be able to identify individual parents or students from parent responses. Data suppression rules are applied to the school reporting tools where there are fewer than five responses. In other words, schools only see responses to questions which have been answered by five or more parents.

9. What sort of analysis will be done of the survey data?

Once the surveys are completed, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days. School leaders can use the data to better understand the experiences and views of parents at their school.

CESE will undertake state-wide analysis of the survey data in conjunction with existing student data held by the department, including performance data. The results will help all schools better understand the relationship between

parents and students' engagement, students' wellbeing, effective teaching and student learning. Results from CESE's analysis of this data will also help teachers and principals discuss what works to improve student outcomes. This supports the department's continuing focus on quality teaching and leadership. The data will be retained for future analysis to help us better understand the nature of student engagement and wellbeing over time.

10. When will the Partners in Learning survey happen?

The surveys will be conducted in all participating schools between Monday 26th August (Week 6, Term 3) and Friday 25th October 2019 (Week 2, Term 4).

What is CESE?

The Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE) is part of the Department of Education.

CESE has been established to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of education in New South Wales. CESE will identify and share what works, creating new opportunities to improve teaching and learning across all of education.

More information about CESE is available at: www.cese.nsw.gov.au

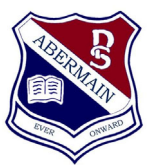
What is *The Learning Bar*?

The Learning Bar is a Canadian education company that specialises in school surveys for both primary and secondary students. Its survey, *Tell Them From Me*, is the largest national school survey in Canada, used in nine of Canada's ten provinces. More than 6,300 schools and 5.4 million students have participated in the survey. Australian schools have been participating in the *Tell Them From Me* surveys since 2012.

The Learning Bar is led by Dr J Douglas Willms. Dr Willms is the President of the International Academy of Education, a Member of the US National Academy of Education and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He recently held the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Literacy and Human Development for 14 years. Dr Willms has played a lead role in the development of questions for the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

More information about *The Learning Bar* is available at: www.thelearningbar.com

If you have any questions about the parent survey, please contact CESE via email: TTFM@det.nsw.edu.au or by telephone: **1300 131 499**.



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Online Enrolment Project

We are excited to announce we will be rolling out the new Online Enrolment System from **Monday, 14 September 2020 (Week 9)**.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents/carers to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local schools only**
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school>.

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our website: <https://abermain-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>.

education.nsw.gov.au



**HAVE A
GREAT
Fathers Day!**

To fathers, grandfathers
and all men who have
had a positive impact on
the lives of your children,
nieces, nephews or
anyone you've influenced

Today is YOUR day!
Celebrate! Relax!
Spend the day with your
family if at all possible.
You are wonderful
You are appreciated
You are loved!
Enjoy your day -
you deserve it!



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Thank you to the students who have checked in with Mr Power and brought their passport in for logging hours.

We have some news about the Graduation for this year. As there will be no assembly or visit to the University of Newcastle, a small ceremony for Abermain Public School students will be held here at school and photos will be put into our Newsletter and on our Facebook page. Unfortunately parents/carers **will not** be able to attend, it will be an acknowledgement at school. Our best case scenario is that a Children's University representative will be able to present the awards, however if this is not possible a graduation package will be sent to the school.

Two things for all Children's University parents\carers and students to check:

1. Mr Power needs to see all passports (even ones already checked) one last time before **Monday 14th September, 2020 (Week 10)**. Students who have not done so will not have hours logged for graduation.
2. **Optional:** If you have any photos of you child's participation in Children's University activities from the year that you gave permission for Children's University to use in their graduation video package which will be used across schools in the program. You can send these to abermain-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to be forwarded on.



ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten 2021

IS YOUR CHILD TURNING 5 YEARS OF AGE ON OR BEFORE
31st JULY, 2021?

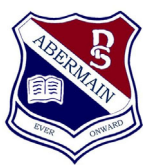
Families wishing to enrol their child in Kindergarten at Abermain Public School in 2021 are asked to contact the school now on 4930 4210 to register their interest.

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 1st September, 2020 (Term 3, Week 7).



HUNTER KIDS ABERMAIN

Vacation Care Program

Service cost: \$60 (Child Care Subsidy will apply to all fees)

Excursions and Incursions \$75 includes entry fees and transport

Note: This is just a general guide.

Activities are subject to change depending on numbers, weather, educator ratio, etc.

Activity/Location	Activity Description	Cost
Monday 28 th September, 2020	CUPCAKE DECORATING Come and enjoy in the fun and decorate your own cupcakes. From unicorns, Dinosaurs, and marvel themes you choose.	\$75
Tuesday 29 th September, 2020	WESTERN DAY Join us in a day of fun, decorate your own western cowboy hat. Enjoy yummy chocolate haystacks and lawn games.	\$75
Wednesday 30 th September, 2020	DRESS UP Dress up as your favourite character. Bring along your fun ideas and enjoy a day of make believe with your peers.	\$60
Thursday 1 st October, 2020	Bike and Scooter Day Bring your helmet and your wheels for a fun filled day of riding. Helmet compulsory and closed in shoes.	\$60
Friday 2 nd October, 2020	PJ MOVIE DAY Don't forget to wear your favourite pyjamas, enjoy a relaxing day of movies and party foods.	\$60



Hunter Kids Abermain Vacation Care Booking Form

Fees Per Day:

September/ October 2020

Service Based \$60

Excursion \$75

Incursion \$75

Bookings (please tick the box each day the child will be attending)

CHILD 1	Family Name:	First Name:	Age:
DOB:	CRN:	School:	
DATE: MON 28/09	TUE 29/09	WED 30/09	THUR 1/10 FRI 2/10 ALL
DATE: MON 5/10	TUE 6/10	WED 7/10	THUR 8/10 FRI 9/10 ALL
	N/A		

CHILD 2	Family Name:	First Name:	Age:
DOB:	CRN:	School:	
DATE: MON 28/09	TUE 29/09	WED 30/09	THUR 1/10 FRI 2/10 ALL
DATE: MON 5/10	TUE 6/10	WED 7/10	THUR 8/10 FRI 9/10 ALL
	N/A		

CHILD 3	Family Name:	First Name:	Age:
DOB:	CRN:	School:	
DATE: MON 28/09	TUE 29/09	WED 30/09	THUR 1/10 FRI 2/10 ALL
DATE: MON 5/10	TUE 6/10	WED 7/10	THUR 8/10 FRI 9/10 ALL
	N/A		

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Phone Number Mobile: _____ 2nd Contact Ph. No: _____

CONDITIONS

- All fees need to be paid seven days after invoice. Fees are payable for days booked, irrespective of attendance. We have a NO REFUND or CANCELLATION policy once the holidays start.
- No swapping of days once holiday has started, only adding on days is allowed.
- Our service is open daily from am to 7:00am-6:00pm. We are unable to provide care outside of these hours.

A late fee of \$5 per 15 minutes or part thereof per child will apply for children collected after 6:00pm.

Hunter Kids Vacation Care Booking Form

Reviewed 26/08/20

Monday 5 th October, 2020	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	N/A
Tuesday 6 th October, 2020	Nature World A day of connecting to the Australian culture through sand art and nature play and painting.	\$60
Wednesday 7 th October, 2020	COLOUR RUN Don't forget to wear a white t-shirt that can get covered in colours of the rainbow. Coloured glasses will be provided for the children to wear.	\$75
Thursday 8 th October, 2020	DISCO PARTY Come along and enjoy our disco dance party.	\$60
Friday 9 th October, 2020	MEGA ART Enjoy a day of creativity! Designing tie dye t-shirts and mini mosaic creations.	\$75

CONTACT OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR ELAINE ON
hunter20kids@gmail.com OR 0410647153

Hunter Kids must have an enrolment form on file for each child to attend

Includes breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea

Hours of operation

7:00am-6:00pm

Excursion days there will be strict drop off times.

Lunch box and closed in shoes are required every day.

Helmets compulsory on bike and scooter day.



Hunter Kids Abermain Vacation Care Booking Form

4. Excursions. Staffing will be based on risk assessment. In the event where these activities are cancelled, service-based activities will be offered.

5. Hunter Kids does not accept any liability for personal injury, property damage, personal items (including jewelry, glasses and electronic devices) or any loss sustained by any child when attending the Vacation Care Program due to any cause whatsoever unless this has been caused by proven negligence of the independently owned operator. I have read, understood and approved the information, policies and procedures on this form, the enrolment form, parent handbook and centre policies and procedures.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Sign: _____ Date: _____

What do children need each day?

1. Pack each child morning tea and lunch for all days unless indicated otherwise on the program. Afternoon tea is provided every day.
2. Dress children in appropriate clothing & footwear for activities and bring a broad brimmed hat. No hat, no play!
3. Bring a water drink bottle every day or even two on hot days.

Hunter Kids Vacation Care Booking Form

Reviewed 26/08/20

Return completed Booking form to:

Elaine McCourt

Hunter Kids OSHC or
hunter20kids@gmail.com



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.