



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.

'WOO, NEW AND YOU'



Year 6 students attended a special STEM event at the University's Great Hall on Thursday 7th March, 2019. The amazing Eddie Woo is well known for his 'WooTube Channel' on YouTube and was last year awarded Australia's Local Hero 2018 by then Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull. Eddie and other local STEM experts engaged students in 2 ½ hours of fun with mathematics, problem-solving, STEM careers information and much more.



SPORTING NEWS

NSW PSSA CRICKET KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

On Thursday 14th March, 2019 Abermain Public School Boys' Cricket Team played in the second round of the NSW PSSA Cricket Knockout competition against Kurri Kurri Public School. All of the boys in the team tried extremely hard whilst batting, bowling and fielding. Our school made 54 runs but unfortunately Kurri Kurri made these runs in the required overs.

It was an entertaining game with everyone getting a go and students from both schools are to be commended for their sportsmanship on the day.

A special acknowledgement to the following students for their efforts on the day:

- ◆ Mitchell B for an amazing innings with the bat
- ◆ Rory T for accurate and skilful bowling
- ◆ Harrison F for 2 outstanding catches in the field



ZONE SOCCER TRIALS

On Wednesday 13th of March, 2019, 7 boys and 5 girls from Stages 2 and 3 represented Abermain Public School at the PSSA Zone Soccer Trails.

Congratulations to Zealan L, Sienna F, Mitchell B and Leshae W who all were chosen for their respective zone teams.





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

CANBERRA EXCURSION

Tuesday 24th September to Friday 27th September, 2019

A reminder that the non-refundable deposit of \$50 and permission note are due back by Friday 22nd March, 2019.

Tell Them From Me Student Survey for Year 4, 5 and 6 students ONLY

We are delighted that this Term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the 'Tell Them From Me' student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

*The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. **Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school.***

We want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 11 March and 12 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

*A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 22nd March,***



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

At each assembly a “Secret Teacher” award is given to the class that are the most safe, respectful learners and 2A was the “Secret Teacher” winning class at this week’s assembly. The whole assembly was very settled with all students showing respect by listening carefully, sitting patiently and applauding sensible. Well done to all the students for being safe, respectful learners.



The P&C canteen committee have been working with the Healthy Canteen Association in preparation for the new menu and the opening of the new canteen in Term 2. We are looking forward to this happening and are planning an official opening.

Unfortunately, due to policy restrictions the canteen volunteers and school staff are no longer allowed to re-heat food that is brought in by students. Parents/carers will need to ensure that their child/children have a suitable lunch that they can eat that does not require heating.

Congratulations to our cricket team on their sporting skills last week. We are extremely proud of the way you played the game.

Good luck to all the students running in the Cross Country carnival on Friday. Mrs Hodges has been working hard with the organisation of this event.

We have been fortunate to see some of the wonderful art works from Stage 2 and Stage 3 students who have been working with Mrs Hewitt (Gillian) in the Imaginaturalist Program we have operating each week. Zac has been designing new bird species, and wanted to share his learning and success with us.



Ian Lamph and Debbie Bower
Principals



TERM ONE—Reporting Catch - ups

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

2019 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 rather than the once a semester approach previously in place. 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 1.

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 49 304210 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
KS	Mrs Sheldon	Monday 8/4/2019 Tuesday 9/4/2019	3:30pm - 4:30pm 9.15am - 11.00am
KT	Miss Trotter	Monday 8/4/2019 Tuesday 9/4/2019	3:30pm - 5:30pm 3.30pm - 5.30pm
1W	Mrs Wright	Monday 8/4/2019	8:30am - 11.00am 2.30pm - 4.30pm
1C	Miss Cartwright	Monday 8/4/2019	8:30am - 11.00am 2.30pm - 4.00pm
2A	Mrs Roberson Mrs McLennan	Wednesday 10/4/2019	8:30am - 11.00am 2.30pm - 4.00pm
2R	Miss Roswell	Wednesday 10/4/2019	8:30am - 11.00am 2.30pm - 4.00pm
3-4W	Miss Williams	Monday 1/4/2019 Monday 1/4/2019 Tuesday 2/4/2019 Wednesday 3/4/2019	8:30am - 9.15am 3.30pm - 4.30pm 8.30am - 9.15am 8.30am - 9.30am
3-4E	Mrs Hedley /Mrs Percy	Wednesday 3/4/2019	8:45am - 11.00am 2:30pm - 4:30pm
4/5P	Mr Power	Monday 8/4/2019 to Wednesday 10/4/2019	Before and after school
5-6G	Miss Gylar	Monday 8/4/2019 Thursday 11/4/2019	8:30am - 9.00am 3.20pm - 4.20pm
5-6MB	Mrs McGee/ Mrs Britton	Monday 8/4/2019 Thursday 11/4/2019	3:30pm - 4:30pm 8:15am - 9.15am 3.30pm - 4.30pm
6B	Mr Bridge	Monday 8/4/2019 to Thursday 11/4/2019	8:30am - 9:00am 3:30pm - 4:30pm



Chase's time in 1C!

"Chase was learning to do Maths" – Lacie

"I gave Chase cuddles." – Tylor

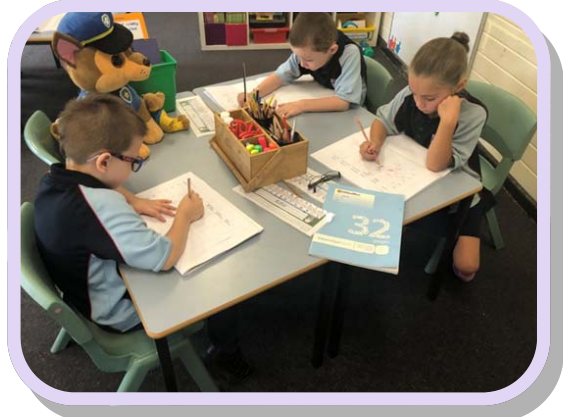
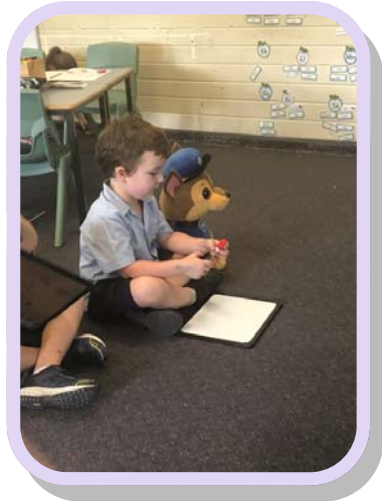
"He was having fun." – Sebastian

"I love Chase." – Aidan

"He went to the library with me." – Laura

"He was a good dog." – Maddie

"Chase learnt how to do silent reading." – Harley





STUDENT SAFETY REMINDER

A change to End of School Day procedures

As discussed at the P&C meeting this month, there are safety concerns that need to be addressed at the conclusion of our school day.

In order to address these concerns and keep every student safe at the end of the day staff will be trialling a new procedure to exit students. This trial will take place in Week 11 of Term 1. After the trial, we will make any adjustments necessary to the procedure so that we are ready for implementation in Week 1 of Term 2.

The trial will see;

- ◆ all gates opened by staff at the end of the day as they walk the students to the gates at 3:15pm
- ◆ the front office gate will be the only gate open prior to 3:15pm, if you wish to collect your child/children before 3:15pm please come and sign your child out and the students will be sent up from the classroom to meet you at the office
- ◆ parents wishing to use the Parent Pick Up Point on the DOTS area are welcome to enter the school when the gates are opened by staff at 3:15pm and walk to the Parent Pick Up Point to collect their child/children
- ◆ everyone on site between 8:45am and 3:15pm will need to sign in on our Visitors Register at **the front office**

If **you** have any concerns or thoughts about the new procedure please contact an executive member of staff.

Staff car-park safety concerns

Please note that the staff car park **IS NOT TO BE USED** to enter or exit the school.

Pedestrian Crossing

It has been brought to our attention that there are a number of students who are not using the pedestrian crossing (when flags are displayed) at the front of the school.

For the safety of all our students you are encouraged to cross the road at the pedestrian crossing.

No smoking

A reminder for the health and safety of the students and community members that the school has a 30 metre **NO SMOKING** exclusion zone from all access points to the school.



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COUNTING AT HOME IS LEARNING FOR LIFE

Children are very quick to learn from the messages we put out. When we say that we weren't good at maths at school, they develop a mindset that some people are good at maths and others are not. This is untrue! Everyone can learn maths but only if they are open to the idea of being a maths person!

Counting, measuring and sorting are important mathematical skills that are used in day to day life. There are many ways you can help your child find practical uses for maths each day. By counting steps, measuring ingredients for cooking or sorting things into colours, shapes and sizes, children are developing a foundational understanding of key mathematical concepts

Games and stories that use counting, size or measurement are also a great way to use maths each day. Why not try throwing some cups and containers into the bath to encourage learning about volume and measurement?

By showing your own interest in maths and helping your child use their skills in everyday activities, you can help them develop an understanding and interest in maths at an early age.

Having good number sense and being open to problem solving are skills that set kids up for success throughout school and beyond. Don't hold them back; even if you think you were *terrible* at maths at school, tell them it was hard but you enjoyed it and when you work at it, you can achieve anything! Teach them to embrace a "sweaty brain" and celebrate their mistakes. Mistakes literally grow your brain!

BEYOND READING CLUB

"To gain membership into the Beyond Reading Club we had to solve clues which led us all around the school and even over to Tilly's. We received a special club-pack with all the things we need to be successful in our new role. It was very exciting!"





WHAT'S ON IN PBL

'VALUING THEMSELVES AND OTHERS'

In PBL this last few weeks we have been focusing on what it means to 'Value Ourselves' and 'Value Others'.

We have learnt that when we value ourselves we;

- believe in ourselves
- talk nicely about ourselves
- show others our special qualities
- try to be the happiest we can be everyday

We have learnt that when we value others we;

- listen to them
- talk nicely to and about others
- value their possessions
- value their personal space
- know that others are special in their own way

At Abermain Public School our students are immersed in the language of PBL. We always talk to our students about how being respectful to others is an important life skill. By valuing themselves and valuing others, people show respect.

Last week saw us recognise the national day against 'Bullying' and this week we will be celebrating 'Harmony Day'. Both of these days highlight what we are working towards achieving each and every day at Abermain Public School. Our community strives every day to ensure that we are inclusive, respectful and that everyone feels like they belong.



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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Cheryl-Ann Leggatt
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Keep coughing kids home

and see your GP.

Whooping cough (also called pertussis) began increasing across NSW towards the end of 2018, especially in children between the ages of 5 and 14 years. NSW Health anticipates that this increase will continue into 2019.

School-aged children who are infected with whooping cough usually experience a troubling cough that can persist for months, but they rarely get severe illness. However they can spread the infection to younger siblings and other more vulnerable people, who are at higher risk of severe disease. Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies.

What can you do to prevent whooping cough?

- ◆ Make sure vaccinations are up to date for all family members
- ◆ Be alert for symptoms of whooping cough
- ◆ Keep coughing kids home, to prevent them spreading the infection to others, and see your GP to get them tested for whooping cough

For more information on Whooping Cough and vaccination visit the [NSW Health Website](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx) (<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>)



A REMINDER
THAT THERE
IS TO BE NO
SMOKING
WITHIN 30
METRES OF
OUR SCHOOL

P&C MEETING DATE

(meeting begins at 5pm
in the school library)

Monday 8th April, 2019



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| ◆ Friday 22nd March, 2019 | Cross Country Carnival
Canberra Excursion deposit due |
| ◆ Tuesday 26th March, 2018 | Optional training session - Regional Soccer Trials |
| ◆ Wednesday 27th March, 2018 | Regional Rugby League Trials |
| ◆ Thursday 28th March, 2018 | Boys Regional Soccer Trials |
| ◆ Monday 1st April, 2019 | Year 3 - 6 Assembly - 2:30pm |
| ◆ Thursday 4th April, 2019 | Zone Touch Football Trials
Girls Regional Soccer Trials |
| ◆ Monday 8th April, 2019 | P&C Meeting - 5:00pm |
| ◆ Friday 12th April, 2019 | Easter Hat Parade
Abermain Mission Hall presentation
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.



Family Support Newcastle

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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
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ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Wednesdays during School Terms

9.30am – 11.00am

ALL WELCOME!

For more information contact

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