

WEEK
8

TERM 3
2019

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 12th September, 2019

ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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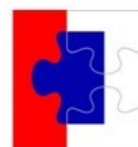


SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS



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.



Strive
For Autism Inc.

Families Supporting Families Coping with Autism

**Showcasing our
beautiful children
in the local schools**



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

LUCAS IS OFF TO THE STATE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL.

Congratulations to Keeley, Jorja, Jackson, Traie, Mya, Mitchell, Zealan and Lucas who competed at the Regional Athletics Carnival Friday 30th August, 2019.

A special congratulations to Lucas who has made it through to the State Athletics Carnival for his 100m age race. Lucas will compete at the Olympic Stadium, Sydney, later in the year.



SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

It is great to see the overall percentage of students wearing school uniform has improved over recent weeks. This week we had 87% of our students wearing the correct uniform. As mentioned in previous Newsletters it states in the Department of Education Uniform Policy, that "Students: wear a school uniform that meets the schools' uniform requirements." If you require assistance with obtaining the correct uniform please contact the office for further information.

STRIVE AUTISM SEMINAR

Abermain Public School was well represented by both community and staff at this week's STRIVE Autism Seminar held in Cessnock. The team that attended were fortunate enough to hear so many wonderful stories from those families living with autism, one of which was an incredible young artist, Tim Sharp. Dr Lee Sturgeon also provided insightful research and practical strategies to ensure every child reaches their full potential in whatever field they choose to seek their own happiness. Thank you to the many staff who gave up their own family time to continue their own learning.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED

TERM 3 REPORTING CATCH UP SESSION

It's that time of the Term when staff will again provide you with a Progress Report / Learning Plan for each of your children in either Week 9 or Week 10. We encourage you to take up the opportunity to visit the school for a catch up session where your child and Classroom teacher will share their successes and new learning goals for future learning.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

As a school we value life-long learning, and our staff continually look for opportunities to extend and deepen their understanding of student learning and curriculum development. We have a number of staff attending training in the next few weeks and look forward to what their expertise will bring to our school.

STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Wishing all of our students and staff a safe and happy trip to Canberra in Week 10. We are confident they will have a wonderful experience that they will remember for many years to come. Thank you to the school team who have been working behind the scenes for the past two years to ensure this opportunity for all of them.

We would like to welcome Brad Hurst to our school. He will be replacing Mr Emerson while he is away. Please take an opportunity to introduce yourself to him.

Ian Lamph and Debbie Bower

INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM (TERM 4, WEEKS 7 AND 8)

All Year 2 students are strongly advised to attend. The first places will be allocated to all Year 2 students who return their permission slips and deposit by the due date of Thursday 26th September, 2019. The remainder of the places will work on a first in first served process for students in Year 3 as we have a limited amount of places in the program. If places are still available after the due date then students in Year 4 - 6 will be given the opportunity to attend. Any swimming ability is eligible to attend.

THE COST OF THE PROGRAM IS \$40.00

Thank you to the P&C who have generously agreed to cover the cost of the bus for 10 days



STAGE 1 FIRE BRIGADE VISIT



CLEVER KIDS 2019





FATHER'S DAY VISITS

Thank you to all the wonderful dads and carers who came to enjoy the STEM Father's Day activities in their child's classroom on Friday 30th August, 2019.





TERM THREE—Reporting Catch - ups

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 3, and discuss and share their learning.

If you are unable to catch up personally this Term, 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 to organise a time to speak to the teacher send an email to the school at abermain-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au 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 for gaining a very clear understanding of how they can help their child with their learning goals.

STAFF AVAILABILITY

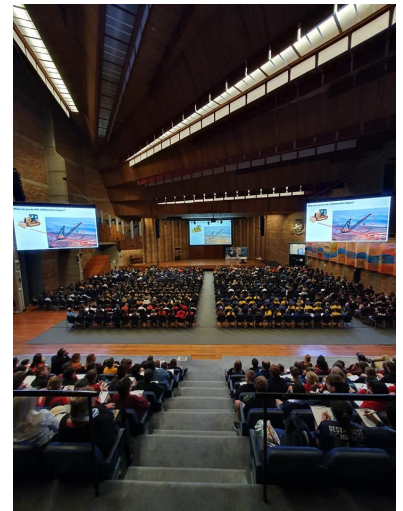
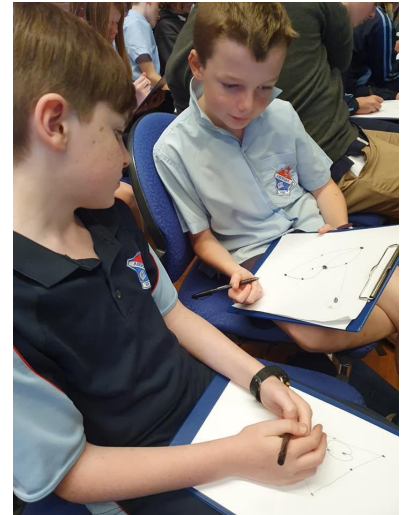
CLASS	TEACHER	DATE	BETWEEN
KS	Mrs Bailey	Monday 23/9/2019	By appointment
KT	Miss Trotter	Monday 23/9/2019 Tuesday 24/9/2019	3:30pm - 5:30pm 3:30pm - 5:30pm
1W	Mrs Wright	Wednesday 25/9/2019	8:30am - 11.00am 2.30pm - 4.30pm
1C	Miss Cartwright	Wednesday 25/9/2019	8:30am - 11.00am 2.30pm - 4.00pm
2A	Mrs Roberson Mrs McLennan	Wednesday 25/9/2019	8:30am - 11.00am 2.30pm - 4.00pm
1/2R	Miss Roswell	Wednesday 25/9/2019	8:30am - 11.00am 2.30pm - 4.00pm
3-4W	Mrs Symonds	Monday 23/9/2019 Tuesday 24/9/2019	8:30am - 9.30am 8.30am - 9.30am
3-4E	Mrs Percy	Tuesday 24/9/2019	8:45am - 11.00am 2:30pm - 4:30pm
4/5P	Mr Power	Monday 23/9/2019 to Wednesday 25/9/2019	By appointment before and after school
5-6G	Miss Gylar	Monday 16/9/2019 to Friday 20/9/2019 Monday 23/9/2019 to Friday 27/9/2019	By appointment before and after school
5-6MB	Mrs McGee Mrs Britton	Monday 16/9/2019 Tuesday 17/9/2019 Thursday 18/9/2019	3:30pm - 4:30pm 3:30pm - 4:40pm 8:15am - 9.15am
6B	Mr Bridge	Monday 16/9/2019 to Thursday 19/9/2019	8:30am - 9:00am 3:30pm - 4:30pm



On Wednesday a group of Students from Years 4 - 6 got the opportunity to go on an excursion to the University of Newcastle to participate in a workshop with Eddie Woo and Adam Spencer. They explained how maths had an impact on many things around us, including keeping trees standing in heavy winds. We learnt a few new maths games for our classroom, as well as discussing more complex topics such as prime numbers. Zealan was even lucky enough to win a copy of Adams newest book. Thanks CASE for the opportunity!

By Zealan and Tyler

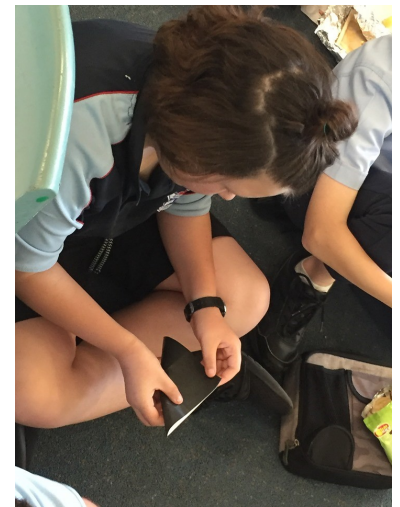
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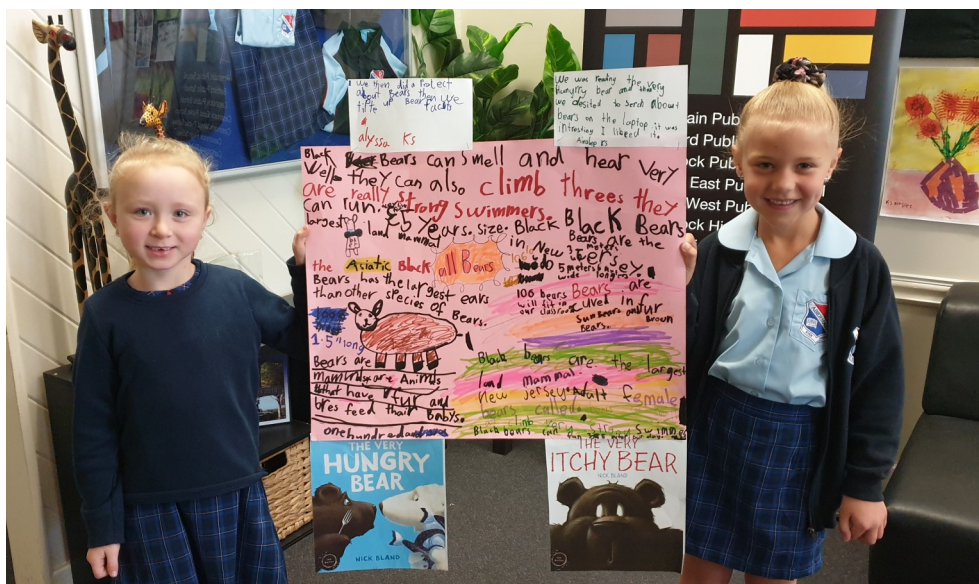


CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY VISIT

Children's University visited to teach students how to fold origami pandas. Abermain Public School students have been working towards completing their hours to graduate in Term 4.



Alyssa and Ainslee from KS have been researching 'Bears'. What an absolutely fantastic job girls.





WHAT'S ON IN PBL

PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

Stage 3 have been displaying their exceptional leadership skills over the past couple of weeks. Each student has participated in running a peer support group to teach younger students about how to value themselves and others. Teachers have commented that students have showed great patience, care, maturity and enthusiasm. As a result, each student has contributed to running engaging lessons that have been enjoyed by all students in our school.

When asked to reflect on their experience, Stage 3 students have said.....

Being a Peer Support Leader means I am a role model and the kids look up to me. The kids have been engaged in their learning and we have been able to teach them how to be a good friend.

By Nate

I have found most parts enjoyable. The kids listen most of the time and I have been able to teach them about kindness and respecting themselves and other people.

By Webcke

I like being a teacher. I have found that it is getting easier each week and giving students praise helps them learn. I feel I have been able to use games to teach them, skills like sharing, as well as having lots of fun

By Jarred-Leigh

As a Peer Support Leader I have been able to help kids make friends. Seeing kids learn new skills because of what I'm doing with them, makes me feel good.

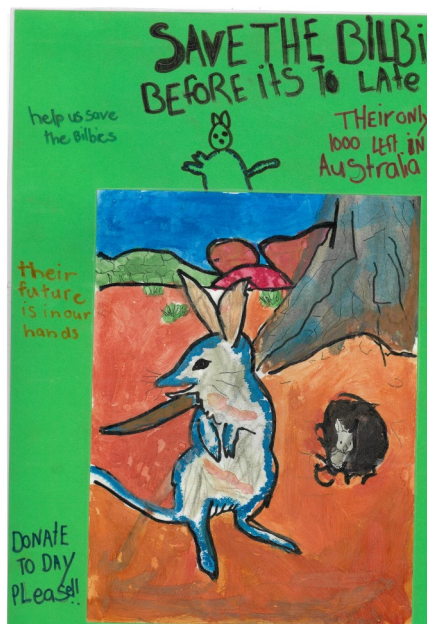
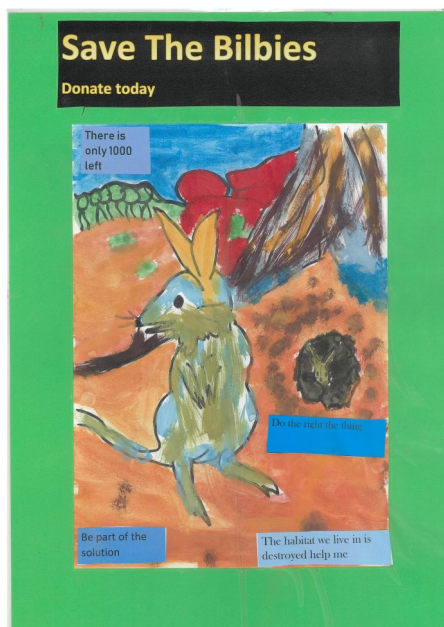
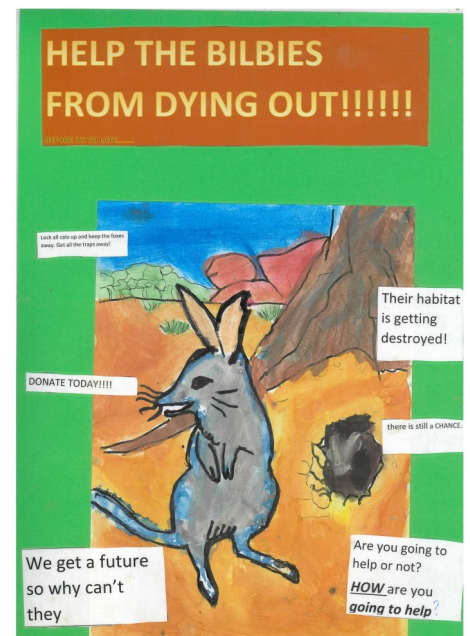
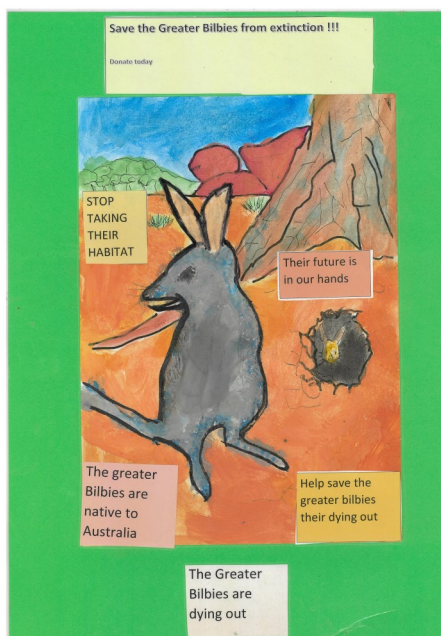
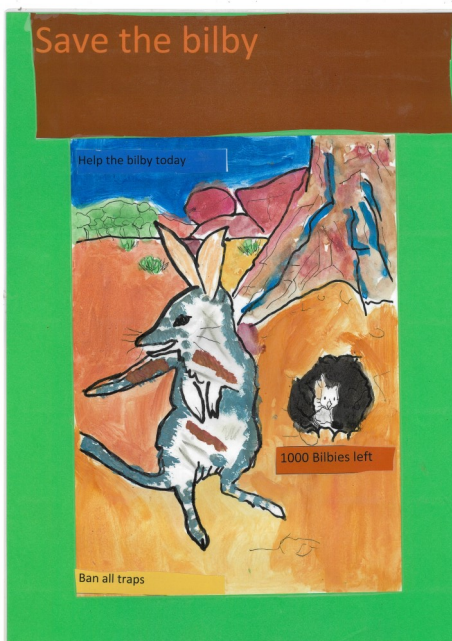
By Jacob





CONSERVATION—by students in 2A

The theme for 2A in Term 3 has been 'Conservation'. We have been learning about endangered native animals like the Greater Bilby. We have created a 'Save the Bilby Poster' using special language features to engage and educate our school community.





“SAVE THE DATE”

ABERMAIN/MISSION HALL CHURCH &
ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESENT...



CAROLS

BY CANDLELIGHT

Location:
ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER, 2019 AT 6PM

Gold Coin Donation

Food & Drinks available throughout the night

Visit from Santa

Fireworks at 9pm



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



Reading Hour Twilight Storytime and Teddy Bear Sleep Over

Put on your comfiest PJs and bring your teddy along to Cessnock Library for an hour of stories, craft and a bedtime snack!

Leave your teddy bear for an overnight sleepover in the library. You can collect your teddy bear in the morning and look on our Facebook page to see what they got up to overnight while the library was closed.

When: Thursday 19th September @ 6.00-6.45pm

Where: Cessnock Library

FREE!

Book online at libraries.cessnock.nsw.gov.au, through the event listing on our 'Cessnock City Library' Facebook page or by calling Cessnock Library on 4993 4399.





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.

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.



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

**THIS INCLUDES
VAPING AND E
CIGARETTES**

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.



- ♦ Monday 16th September, 2019 Stage 3 (Year 5 - 6) Assembly - 2.30pm
- ♦ Thursday 19th September, 2019 Last session of 'Clever Kids'
- ♦ Tuesday 24th September, 2019 to Friday 27th September Stage 3 (Year 5 - 6) Canberra Excursion
- ♦ Friday 27th September, 2019 Last day of Term 3
- ♦ Monday 14th October, 2019 First day of Term 4
P&C Meeting - 5.00pm
- ♦ Monday 28th October, 2019 Children's University Graduation (Evening)



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?

END OF YEAR EVENTS

- ♦ Sports Awards Assembly - 27th November, 2019 (9:30am)
- ♦ Presentation Day - 4th December, 2019 (9:30am and 10:30am)
- ♦ Year 6 Farewell - 5th December, 2019 (evening)
- ♦ Community Carols - 9th December, 2019 (6pm-9pm)

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.**