



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.

2021 SCHOOL AND HOUSE LEADERS

SCHOOL LEADERS: Koby, Angus, Georgia, Talisha, Chloe, Tayla and Jessica

*HOUSE LEADERS: Jorja, Ruby, Cooper, Isabella, Ebony, Cameron,
Zahliia and Oscar*





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations to all our PAWS Badge recipients and to those students who have shared many merit cards with us seeing them achieve not only Principal Awards but also Special Principal Awards.

TALENT QUEST

Last week Mrs Roberson, Mrs Morgan and myself were invited to judge our wonderful 2020 Talent Quest Final. It was such a difficult decision as we had so many talented students. After a long deliberation we came to the following decisions. These students are to be congratulated on the effort they obviously put in before the final, no doubt many hours at home and at school supported by Mrs King and Miss Trotter. Zooming performances to our classrooms saw all students given the opportunity to watch and enjoy. Grace and Alice's performance had all judges in tears as it was so touching to see two talented sisters sharing the stage telling a powerful story.

1st - Alice and Grace B

2nd - Kiarnah S

3rd - (Tied) Elijah S and Maddi B

Cuteness Award - Laura M and Ruth O

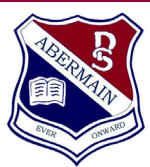
2020 End of Year Special Awards were awarded in a COVID - safe environment this week, with only the students receiving awards and their parents/carers in attendance in the Hall, whilst social distancing. Special thanks to all who attended and for your support in ensuring all restrictions and guidelines were met while on site.

Special thanks also to the organisations and individuals who have continued to support our awards this year.

Congratulations to the following students for their ongoing effort and achievement;

- Ivy T received the Freemasons Cessnock Masonic Achievement Award
- Oliver T received the 3-6 Citizenship Award sponsored by Clayton Barr
- Sophie F received the K-2 Citizenship Award sponsored by Abermain Public School P&C Assoc.
- Mykah G received the Strive Award sponsored by Strive for Autism Inc. Cessnock, for Ongoing Commitment to her Learning
- Jackson F received the Jacarna Bain-Fenton Award
- Tynan C received the Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal
- Zeek J received the Kurri Kurri Lions School Scholarship Award

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED

We also witnessed our 2021 School and House Leaders make their pledges and receive their badges from their parents/carers.

2020 YEAR 6 FAREWELL

We are looking forward to our Year 6 Farewell tonight as we are so incredibly excited that we have been able to ensure they enjoy a night with their friends celebrating their last year of primary school. COVID-safe guidelines and restrictions are in place.

Class Awards will be acknowledged this year at the class ONLY assemblies on Tuesday 15th December, 2020.

If your child is receiving a special class award you would have been informed of this and of the need to follow all COVID guidelines while on site. We will be conducting assemblies throughout the day. Term 4 Student Progress Reports will be included in your child's 2020 Presentation Folder on the day.

CESSNOCK ACADEMY OF STEM EXCELLENCE (CASE)

Mrs Morton has been supporting students and staff as they explored the design process, both in Kindergarten and in Stage 3 for the past 6 weeks. The students were very excited to share their new knowledge.

Thank you all for your ongoing support in what has been an extremely difficult year.

Principals

Ian Lamph and Debbie Bower

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>



PRINCIPAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

PRINCIPAL AWARDS (for receiving 5 Merit Cards) were awarded to: Thomas, Kobe, Daragh, Myles, Indie, Alice, Oliver, Axle, Ally, Violet, Max, Ana, Lucas, Levii, Aidan, Hudson, Ebony, Noah, Logan, Seth, Noah J, Bella, Seth C, Arjay, Laci, Ainsley, Laura, Chloe, Holly, Chevy, Ruby, Aria, Indy, Riley, Hayleigh, Ela, Alice, Thomas, Roman, Charlotte, Nathan, Peter, Dom, Aiden, Abbie, Callum, Nate, Brax, Dakota, Mia, Ebony, Sophie, Lachlan and Elliott

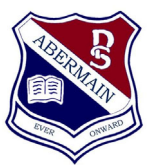
SPECIAL PRINCIPAL AWARDS (for receiving 5 Principal Awards) were awarded to: Hudson, Christopher, Jett, Nate and Aria





PRINCIPAL AWARDS PRESENTATION





Congratulations to the PAWS Badge recipients for this week

Ebony D, Ruby J (Year 5)

Emily C, Trinity W, Mikaylah L, Jaimee L (Year 4)

Hannah P, Hayleigh S, Sophie J, Ruby C (Year 3)

Ruby P, Harley J, Skylette C, Aria B, Isaac L (Year 2)

Myles W, Isla B, Mia R, Hudson T, Dakoda M, Alyssa S, Brax C (Year 1)

Alice B, Zoe Q, Axle F, Arabella S, Myles S, Kye R, Eli J, Indi T, Indie S (Kindergarten)







JUNIOR PBL TEAM

Thank you to our Junior PBL team for their efforts in 2020! It has been a difficult year to run events but it has been enjoyable working together to make changes around the school where we have been able to.

Thank you Harley, Aidan, Kaydem, Lynken, Hayleigh, Olivia, Maddie, Iyla, Charlie, Georgia, Cooper, Kayde, Tayla, Mya and Tynan!

WHAT I'VE ENJOYED ABOUT BEING IN THE JUNIOR PBL TEAM...

"I have enjoyed being a part of the decisions made around the school and working with other PBL representatives." - Mya

"I've enjoyed listening to what others want and helping them." - Tynan

"Helping PBL members and being able to make good decisions to make the school safe." - Kayde

THE QUALITIES THAT MAKE A GREAT JUNIOR PBL TEAM MEMBER ARE...

"Respectful people that are approachable, good learners and people who want to make the school a better place." - Iyla

"Being someone you trust that is caring and safe, helpful and kind." - Maddi



YEAR 6 FUN DAY YEAR 6 FUN DAY YEAR 6 FUN DAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year our traditional Year 6 'Fun Day' activities will look a little different because of the Covid guidelines that are still in place.

Year 6 students still have the opportunity to organise an event to raise money for their Year 6 gift to the school, but instead of playground activities, their events will be run in classrooms!

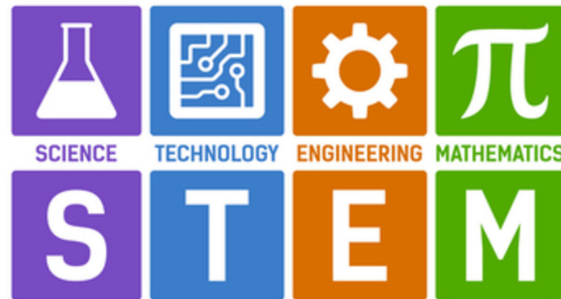
Each class has been allocated a small team of Year 6 students who are running a class-based colouring competition and a lolly jar guessing competition, both of which will be available in classes throughout week 9.

Details:

- When: both competitions will begin on Monday 7th December and be judged on Friday 11th December (Week 9).
- Price: 50c to enter the colouring competition and 50c per guess of the lolly jar (students may guess as many times as they like).
- The winning student from each classroom who guesses the closest amount of lollies will win the lolly jar, and there will be a winner and a runner up of the colouring competition, the prizes are a canteen voucher for 1st place and a chocolate bar for the runner up.
- On Friday 11th December (Week 9) Year 6 students will host a whole school out of uniform day, for a gold coin donation.

Year 6 students would love for your child/ren to join in the fun! \$2.00 - \$3.00 will allow your child to participate in all activities. All money raised goes towards the Year 6 school gift.

Regards,
Stage 3 Teachers



During Term 4, Kindergarten and Stage 3 classes have been working with their teachers and myself to incorporate STEM activities in the classroom. Students completed a series of mini STEM Design Thinking lessons and challenges. Using STEM based technology enabled these activities to be highly engaging for all students.

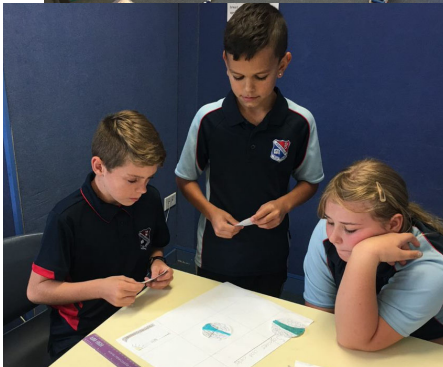
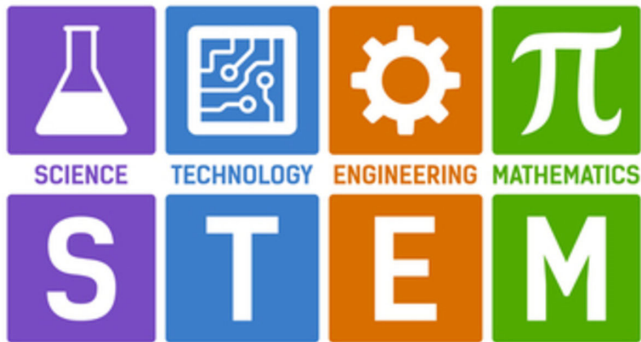
Kindergarten were introduced to the innovative Bluetooth robot named Blue Bot. Blue Bot can be used as a floor robot or controlled using an iPad. Using Blue Bot allowed Kindergarten to consolidate key mathematical skills and explore the wonders of coding by creating their own programs for Blue Bot to complete. Blue Bot was programmed to follow a set of instructions to get from one destination to another and students wrote about and illustrated their journeys. Kindergarten learnt how to create, follow and record algorithms using a series of picture cards and the Blue Bot app on the iPad. During the last lesson with Blue Bot, Kindergarten students worked in small groups to create their own map of a zoo for Blue Bot to explore. Kindergarten enjoyed making their animal coverings for Blue Bot to wear during his time exploring their group's zoo maps. Well done Kindergarten teachers and students. It was so great to see everyone enjoying learning in a new and exciting way.

In Stage 3, I worked alongside teachers to introduce mini STEM challenges to each class. These challenges were based on using the Design Thinking process and understanding how this process can be used to solve a specific problem. The activities assisted students with improving their STEM skills, with particular focus on collaboration and inquiry based learning skills. These challenges engaged all learners in the class and provided creative ways for students to demonstrate what they had learnt in class.

Stage 3 students also explored the exciting world of Tinkercad, a 3D computer design program. Students in all classes demonstrated incredible talent with their 3D designs. I look forward to seeing these skills improve further with lots of practice in designing 3D models.

Thankyou to all staff and students in each of the classes I worked with during Term 4. I was so impressed by your enthusiasm to try new things and I'm looking forward to working with Abermain Public School again next year.

Hope Morton
Cessnock Academy of STEM Excellence (CASE)





PCYC School Holiday Program
CESSNOCK

9am-4pm, For ages 5-12yrs
\$38 per child sibling discount available
Book Today 4991 1407
Enrol for 3 or more days and you can use your creative kids voucher

Monday 21st December
Soccer, Creative Craze, Gymnastics

Tuesday 22nd December
Creative Building, Multi Sports, Free G

Wednesday 23rd December
Gymnastics, Creative Craze, Hockey

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COVID SAFE
CREATIVE KIDS

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Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Monday 4th January Multi Sports, Creative building, Free G	Monday 11th January Soccer, Creative Craze, Gymnastics	Monday 18th January Multi Sports, Creative building, Free G
Tuesday 5th January Creative Craze, Multi Sports, Gymnastics	Tuesday 12th January Creative building, Multi Sports, Free G	Tuesday 19th January Creative Craze, Multi Sports, Gymnastics
Wednesday 6th January Creative building, Multi Sports, Archery	Wednesday 13th January Creative Craze, Multi Sports, Archery	Wednesday 20th January Creative building, Multi Sports, Archery
Thursday 7th January Multi Sports, Creative Craze, Free G	Thursday 14th January Multi Sports, Rock Climbing, Creative building	Thursday 21st January Multi Sports, Creative Craze, Free G
Friday 8th January Rock Climbing, Free G, Soccer	Friday 15th January Free G, Hockey, Creative Craze	Friday 22nd January Rock Climbing, Free G, Soccer

Monday 25th January
Multi Sports, Creative Craze, Free G

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OFFICE OF SPORT

CLAIM TWO \$100 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for two \$100 Active Kids vouchers each year. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. **Voucher one is valid January to December and voucher two is valid July to December.** After 1 July 2020, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1 Visit sport.nsw.gov.au and login to your MyServiceNSW Account
- 2 Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab
- 3 Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)
- 4 Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

Visit sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids for terms & conditions and FAQs

HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1 Find a provider by visiting our website: sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids
- 2 Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number

*Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab

ACTIVE KIDS

Nutrition Snippet

SILLY SEASON SNACKS.
Healthy party food doesn't have to be boring!

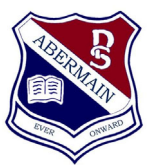
Try these healthy ideas:

- Christmas tree pizzas
- Banana pikelet reindeer
- Tzatziki snowman vegetable platter

Find more healthy party snack ideas at healthylunchbox.com.au

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Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box



We are writing to advise you that we have recently had several cases of nits/head lice in the hair of some students within the school.

Could you please check your child/children's hair for nits and lice tonight. Head lice are only found on the human head and often congregate on the crown of the head, so that is not until you reach these last sections of hair that you find adult lice. However, heads that are severely infected will have lice everywhere. Head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding, carpet or anywhere else in the environment. If you find any eggs or lice, please commence treatment. It is also recommended to repeat treatment every 5-6 days for the next couple of weeks to ensure all eggs have been removed.

Further information on head lice is also available on the NSW Health website at:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx#bookmark3>

We appreciate your assistance in this regard.

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 the 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.