



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.

'LIVING WORLD'



As part of the science 'Living World' unit, Kindergarten have been exploring plants as living things and what they need to survive. Kindergarten, along with their teachers, have built a greenhouse in their new outdoor learning space where they can care for their own plants and grass heads and watch as they grow!





PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is with a little sadness that we farewell Miss Gyler this Friday as she leaves to welcome her first child. We wish her and her partner much happiness and look forward to meeting our new school family addition. Students in 5/6G have met their new classroom teacher this week, Mrs Hope Quartly. We welcome Mrs Quartly to our Abermain Public School community. She is excited about getting to know you all. We have been able to extend an invitation to her to work alongside Miss Gyler in their classroom this week, to ensure a smooth transition for the students and herself.

Mr Lamph is currently on Extended Leave and we wish him well and look forward to seeing him in Term 2.

This week I have had 1/2W share wonderful writing with me which we have published in this newsletter. They have told me they are keeping copies of their writing each week so they can look back and see how their writing skills have improved throughout the year. Very exciting!

Congratulations to Katelyn Edwards on receiving the 2020 'Music Bus Scholarship'. I know she is really excited and again we thank the company for this initiative.

NAPLAN ONLINE Assessment information was sent home to all Year 3 and Year 5 students this week. If for some reason you did not receive your information package or have additional questions please do not hesitate to call and speak to myself or the office. The website does contain additional information (nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site).

This week, the school team has implemented and addressed the directions from the Department of Education and in doing so we have worked through the impact on school events. The following letter (see next page) was sent home with all note takers in order to clarify and outline these decisions. Please take a moment to re-read and if you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact the school. However since Tuesday please note the additional implementations.

- Outside agencies have been asked not to attend until further notice.
- Parent helpers thank you for your support however at this time we again ask that you don't attend until further notice.
- In line with social distancing policies we are asking parents/carers to leave immediately after dropping their children to school in the morning.

We will continue to work to ensure a safe and positive learning environment for all students and staff. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Debbie Bower
Relieving Principal



In line with the Department of Education directions that came into place on Monday 16th March, 2020 the following upcoming Abermain Public School events have been cancelled or adjusted as outlined below:-

- * Assemblies will not take place until further notice however we will give students' awards out in their classroom settings as an assembly date rolls around.
- * School Cross Country will take the form of stage only groups running at a time. Unfortunately this year we ask that the community do not attend to spectate. (SMS was sent out to families today)
- * The Positive Behaviours Parent Workshop in line with our "Day of Action" we were planning will be rescheduled to later in the year.
- * The Grandparent Morning Tea we had been planning for the end of this term will be rescheduled.
- * The P&C Easter Raffle will still go ahead so please continue to support this fund raiser by sending in Easter Eggs. The draw will happen on the last day of term and the P&C will contact any winners.
- * EASTER HAT Parade has been cancelled, we will however, for the younger children be making Easter Hats and they will participate in a class parade with their peers only on the Thursday. The P&C have offered to run a "special canteen lunch" for students on that day too.
- * Sporting events across schools (including training) have been cancelled.
- * Whole school sporting events have been cancelled until further notice.
- * Outside providers (for example Speech and Occupational Therapists) have been asked to contact the school daily before attending sessions so that we can advise if they are to attend.
- * Staff training conferences have been cancelled.

We are currently unpacking the implications of the current directions for our upcoming Musical "Beauty and the Beast". We will keep you informed as we work to come to a decision.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to ensure a safe and positive learning environment for our students. The staff met yesterday, as a team, to discuss and unpack these events and to discuss adjustments that we could put in place for our students.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself if you require any further clarification, we do urge families to watch and follow recommendations given by Mark Scott, Secretary of Department of Education, which were posted on our Facebook page last night.

Please be assured that all staff have been briefed by the Department of Education so that they are all aware of the guidelines and expectations now in place.

It is our hoped that this has given you some clarity, as you plan ahead as a family, thank you again for your support.



Random Acts of Kindness

RESPECT

Valuing Others

This week our PBL focus is 'Valuing Others'. In their classrooms, your children are learning about HOW they can value others. Students are learning that by following the points below we can all practise respecting others.

1. *Listen to others*
2. *Talk nicely about others*
3. *Value other people's personal space*
4. *Value other people's possessions*
5. *Know that others are special in their own way*

In class students are participating in lessons based on the theme, 'Random Acts of Kindness', which prompted us to think....

Why not encourage our whole school community to join in to value others and spread the message of respect by showing your support of other community members by offering gestures of kindness.

Family Challenge

As a family, view and discuss the image below. There are simple things here that we can all do, each and every day to nurture and encourage a kind caring community spirit and together work to breed a culture of care and respect of all people.

What can each member of your family do from the suggestions in the image every day to help grow kindness? How many of these can become daily habits? After a week, discuss with your children what they have noticed, i.e., How do people react to Random Acts of Kindness? What do they say?

Together we can grow a community that values, respects and supports each other... wouldn't that create a nice place for our children to live and grow??






1-2W have been working really hard on their writing this term.
We plan, draft, edit and publish our writing each week.

Thomas

Paris 14-76


A ginormous wave came past the sand. It was very dark. It was carrying a ship and an army boat. The Tsunami destroyed the town. It shredded houses into underwater houses. Thousands of people died. It caused car crashes. The wind howled. Submarines came and pushed some tall walls to push the Tsunami backwards. Some people took buckets of water and got some water. Towers were re-built. Families got back to gether and cars were re-built.



Maddison

Italy 1 o'clock 1942.

The dark grey clouds appeared in the blue sky. The hail destroyed the trees which wrecked the houses. The hail cleared away and the people fixed the houses in Italy. The people came in the new houses just in time for the Easter Bunny who was coming this year.



Emily

Sydney March 1977 the sky
Was black The thunder roared
and the the high thning
fished.



1-2W work continued.

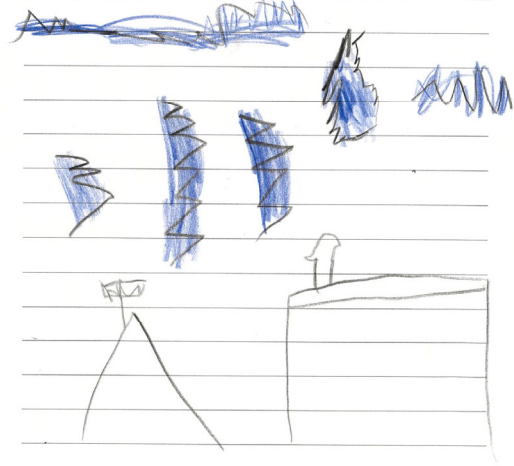
Isaiah

Australia 2020 A massive
Wave STRUCK the city it got
washed away and a
helicopter got ruined it looks
ginormous it destroyed lots of
houses It was only water
Worriors fixed the country and
We had new houses.



Brax

China 4/42 December
It was looking in the sky and I
saw a thunder strike it
was blue and black and suddenly
it hit a power line then the
lights turned off everyone
crashed into walls.



Paris 2020 October a Tsunami
of Waves were coming
It was going to drown us.
It was so strong it
destroyed and wash houses
away.

Hudson



E-Safety

A reminder for all families to be aware of the apps and online behaviour of their children. Many Apps used by primary aged children are recommended for age groups such as 13+, 16+ or higher. Recommendations are there to protect children from inappropriate content and to keep them safe. The eSafety Commissioner website features a page called The e-Safety Guide which is a useful place to read and learn about apps (old and new) that you may be unsure of. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

CCGPS CHOIR

In line with Department guidelines CCGPS Choir will be cancelling all rehearsals until further notice

BULLYING. NO WAY!

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.



P&C NEWS

We will be holding our annual Easter Raffle. Tickets have been sent home with students. 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.



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.



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.

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

THIS INCLUDES VAPING AND E CIGARETTES

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.

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>

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.***



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.



Notice from CommBank School Banking

The health, safety and wellbeing of our communities and our people is our first priority. Due to the rapidly developing situation with coronavirus, School Banking has been temporarily paused from **20 March 2020 until the start of Term 2**. Please don't bring your deposit book with your weekly banking into school and we will notify you when banking will recommence.



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

ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Wednesdays during School Terms

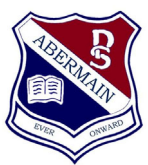
9.30am – 11.00am



ALL WELCOME!

For more information contact

Cheryl-Ann Leggatt Ph: 0414 625 872



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- ◆ 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) Awards, 2.30pm (handed out to students in class)
- ◆ Monday 30th March, 2020 P&C Thompson's Hot Cross Buns order forms to be returned by 10.00am
- ◆ Thursday 9th April, 2020 Last day of Term 1
- ◆ Monday 27th April, 2020 Staff Development Day (students do not attend)
- ◆ Tuesday 28th April, 2020 Students return to school for Term 2

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