

# Newsletter—Abermain Public School



Len Boughton  
Principal



## TERM 3, WEEK 1 – 20th July 2012

### Term 3

Term 3 is well underway - KP are delighted with their new Interactive Whiteboard National Year of Reading, Mr Power has taken over teaching of 3/4H for the remainder of the year and every class is gearing up for the school concert which takes place later in the term.

### Hall

Flooring in the hall is almost finished and it is looking great. A huge thank you to the volunteers who have spent many hours on the job.

### Canteen

The school canteen will again be open on Wednesdays—thank you to those who have volunteered their time to assist and enable the canteen to reopen on this day.

### National Year of Reading

The National Year of Reading 2012 is about celebrating and encouraging a nation of readers. If your child is learning how to read, or you are looking for book recommendations for avid readers, visit the National Year of Reading Website.

For more information, great tips and to find out what events are being held in your local area go to: <http://www.love2read.org.au/>

### Education Week

Education Week is fast approaching. The theme for this year is “**Creating the Future**”. The school will hold its Open Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Parents are invited to be at the school from 11.15am. The times will be as follows:

11:15am	Picnic lunch with students
12-12:45pm	Classroom visits by parents
1pm	School Education Week Assembly
2:30pm	The Ned Show – free performance for all students.

## Cessnock High

During the last week of last term the transition information pack was sent out to all students who are interested in attending Cessnock High School in 2013. The relevant sections to be returned to Cessnock High School by 27th July.

### Visit by Clayton Barr

On Thursday our local State Member of Parliament, Mr Clayton and the Shadow Minister, Mr Robert Furolo visited the school to discuss road safety issues that had been raised by students last year and addressed to Mr Barr. It was wonderful to see our Stage 3 student engaging in meaningful conversation with the decision makers who represent them.



### Safe Respectful Behaviour

Targeting bullying behaviours and student responses (**Safe Respectful Behaviour**) will be the focus of the Positive Behaviours for Learning weekly lessons in Term 3.

### Theft

During the holidays the school was broken into and our ride on mower, brushcutter and lawn mower were stolen. As part of this a large hole was cut through the rear fence of the school. This is the second time in the last few years that the same school equipment has been targeted.

#### CONGRATULATIONS !

#### Quality Work shared with Principal

Kirstin Dent	Lucas Whyburn	Travis Haynes
Dylan Enright	Olivia Reading	Thomas Robertson
Ethan Hodgins	Will Stothard	Ethan Peters
Damon Besoff	Shara Gibson	Lara Wilson
Nick Turkington	Billy Reading	Blake Smurthwaite
Samuel Davies	Krystal Dent	Jordan Watts
Brayden Fellowes	Jayda Gillis	Zac Taylor
Claudia Reading	Kataya Montabello	Jazlyn Leigh
Ellie Mitchell	Hayden Fullerton	Byron Whyburn
Adam Gilbert	Emily Gellwiler	Dustin Barnett
Megan Coulson	Cody Lewis	Riley Fernance
Mitchell Parker	Miah Sneddon-Clarke	Joshua Conroy
Mitchell Parker	Jessica Frankland-Shambler	

## A new regular feature

Special Student Contribution : This week's contribution is from **Janaya Lake**

# Poverty

I wish I could do more about poverty everywhere. It is so bad and wrong that more people should join in and donate. With all the help we give it still is not enough because there is so many people we are trying to help everywhere it is devastating. If more people donate or tried to help there would be less poverty everywhere. Even if it was 5<sup>cent</sup> or \$1 you donate it is still helping to save lives. If more people respected the charities that are put at there it help save lives and feed poor people. I am saying this because I feel so strongly about poverty.

by Janayah

## Go4Fun® Program

Go4Fun® is a free healthy lifestyle program supporting children aged 7-13 to become fitter, healthier and happier. The program is fun and interactive and supports children and their families to adopt a healthy approach to living. The program is currently being run in towns across NSW. For further information, and to register, go to: <http://au.mendcentral.org/go4fun>

## Story Telling About the Local Area

A bus load of stage 2 and 3 students will be attending a story telling event at Mount View High next Thursday. The first 50 student with their money and notes in will get to go (permission notes went home on Wednesday).

Students from all the local primary schools are invited to this event. The idea is to share stories about the past and present industries and events that shaped Cessnock into the community that it is today. Speakers include John Drayton and Jay Tulloch who will be speaking about the wine making industry in Cessnock, both past and present, Ken Victor, a retired min worker and Steve Sneddon from Coal and Allied talking about the impact of mining on the Cessnock community over the past hundred years, Rita Cox, a member of a migrant family from the 1950's who will be speaking about the migrant influences on the Cessnock community, Uncle Les, a well known Aboriginal figure from this area and Anne Barry, a local teacher who attended local Cessnock schools and has continued to teach there all her life to talk to the pupils about how education has changed over the years. This is a great opportunity for your pupils to get together with the entire Cessnock School community to learn more about the area in which they live.

# Abermain OOSH

Abermain OOSH offers After School Care every day Monday to Friday in the grounds of Abermain Public School.

The OOSH is open from 3.15 to 6.00 pm.

We accept both permanent and casual enrolments.

The children are served a healthy afternoon tea and are offered a variety of activities.

For bookings or additional information please contact Kathy on **0417 437 869**.

## **P&C**

The next P&C meeting will be held in the school library

on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm.

Please come along.