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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

7th November

Kindergarten Orientation

11th November

P&C Meeting

12th November

Cake Stall

14th November

Kindergarten Orientation
Talent Show

21st November

Kindergarten Orientation

25th November -

6th December

Intensive Swimming
(10 day Program)

27th November

Year 6 Farewell
Presentation Day

28th November

Year 6 Breakfast/Fun Day

29th November

Year 6 Last Day

JOLLY BOPS SCIENCE SHOW

Tuesday this week we had the Jolly Bops Science Show visit our school. It was presented in two sessions, the first being about natural phenomenon and energy for years 3-6 and the second was balloon science aimed at K-2. Students got to see live experiments that involved dry ice, liquid nitrogen, making fire balls, crushing tennis balls and popping balloons.

The show was very educational and entertaining with plenty of humour thrown into it. Students were making comments such as, "That was the best show I have ever seen". Staff were also very impressed by the way in which these concepts were presented. We look forward to having these scientists back to our school again in the future.

Mrs Jarlett
Teacher



This issue:

Talent Show

"Day for Daniel"

**Rugby League Tag
Competition**

**Careers Through
Reading - Aim High**

Cybersafe

Intensive Swimming





PBL PAWS BADGES

Congratulations to the following students:-

Harrison Barnett
Shae Smith
Emily Robertson
Paeshence McDonald
Kaitylyn Mitchell
Billy Reading
Jak Woodbury

CESSNOCK RUGBY LEAGUE DAY

Last Thursday, Brenton Robertson and I took 19 students from years 4-6 to the Cessnock Rugby League Tag competition. We submitted two mixed teams called the "Abermain Sharks" and the "Abermain Tigers". The purpose of the day was to learn some rugby league rules and skills in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Each team played five 20 minute games against other schools in the Cessnock Community.

The students thoroughly enjoyed their day and the team spirit and Interactions were wonderful to watch. The behaviour from the 19 students who attended was outstanding. They made me very proud to be a teacher of Abermain Public School.

I would like to thank Brenton for his expertise and knowledge on the day. He was able to give the students some coaching before their games and they responded very well to his instruction. I would also like to thank the parents who attended and really appreciate the continual support we get from the parents in our school community.

Mrs Jarlett
Teacher

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

This term the Intensive Swimming Program will be held from Monday 25th November to Friday 6th December. The Department of Education and Communities School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Program is conducted over 10 days. Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program.

If you would like your child to attend this Program, please contact the office or Mrs Hourigan. Cost for the Program will be dependent on the number of students attending. Permission notes and further details about the Program will follow.

Mrs Hourigan
Teacher

DAY FOR DANIEL

Last Friday, October 25, students at Abermain Public School dressed in red for "Day for Daniel" in order to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. In class, students viewed an age-appropriate, educational DVD resource provided by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation that provided them with strategies for keeping themselves and others safe.

The school now holds a copy of this excellent DVD which also includes tips for parents on managing issues around bullying and cyber safety. This DVD will be made available to parents in the near future should they wish to borrow it.

Mrs Roberson
Teacher

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STOP WALK TALK

Our students are to be congratulated on their ability to use Stop, Walk, Talk strategies in our playground.

Keep up the great work!

CAREERS THROUGH READING - AIM HIGH

For the past three weeks on a Tuesday morning we have had the Newcastle University Equity Division at our school providing a resource from their AIM HIGH program known as Careers Through Reading. Year 5 students had the opportunity to explore what a university is and what it has to offer students in the future through a research task. They then presented their findings to each other and Year 2 students at a graduation ceremony this week. The quality of their research was quite high and I would like to congratulate them on their efforts.

Year 2 students have had a variety of reading group lessons and activities based around career paths. These lessons were delivered by current University students and gave our students an early exposure to University and future career choices.

This week students were able to dress up as their favourite career as part of their graduation ceremony. We had some doctors, teachers, fire fighters and professional football players to name a few.

Year 2 students were presented with an AIM HIGH library bag that had a hard cover book about Hope in it. It was read out to the group of students by one of our parents, Peter Robertson. I would like to thank Peter for giving up his time to come and read to our students, a very daunting task when you are not used to doing this. The purpose of the book is to teach students to have hope for their future. I am sure that this book will be loved by the students and would make a great resource for families to begin talking to their children about their futures and what they have to do to achieve their career aspirations.

*Mrs Jarlett
Teacher*



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CONGRATULATIONS

Quality Work Shared with the Principal

<i>Eain Harris</i>	<i>Logan Southeron</i>	<i>Tyrone Ward</i>
<i>Lachlan Gilbert</i>	<i>Emily Sykes</i>	<i>Nakeshia Innes</i>
<i>Rory Turkington</i>	<i>Riley Mitchell</i>	<i>Shakira O'Keefe</i>
<i>Jak Woodbury</i>	<i>Breanna Bunn</i>	<i>Billy Reading</i>
<i>Wayne Harris</i>	<i>Lucas Whyburn</i>	<i>Ryan Lewis</i>
<i>Haylie Chapman</i>	<i>Megan Coulson</i>	<i>Jayda Gillis</i>
<i>Jack Richards</i>	<i>Madison Hall</i>	<i>Olivia Reading</i>
<i>Amity Rockley</i>	<i>Dustin Barnett</i>	<i>Zealan Love</i>
<i>Ivy Bowtell</i>	<i>Caiden Fenwick</i>	<i>Aron Janek</i>
<i>Braydon Fellowes</i>	<i>Cody Lewis</i>	<i>Shaylie Colless</i>
<i>Emily-Cate Allaway</i>		

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Travel to and from school

It is crucial that students travel safely to and from school. I would like to remind parents that they should not be transporting other students in their car on the way to or from school without the specific permission of that child's parent and the school also needs to be informed of the arrangement by the parent giving their permission. It is equally important that students know where their parents expect them to be at the end of the school day.

Attendance

Young children who frequently take days off school have poorer results in maths, new research shows, but the same level of absenteeism appears to have less of an effect on literacy at the same age. A major longitudinal study from the Australian Institute of Family Studies shows high rates of absenteeism in primary school - about one day a week - had a noticeably detrimental effect on NAPLAN numeracy scores. Students who frequently missed days of school also had poorer literacy results, although it did not have an independent impact over and above other more influential risk factors, such as social and emotional problems or learning difficulties, the study found.

Read more: <http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/missing-classes-in-primary-school-adds-up-to-poor-maths-skills-20131030-2whcu.html#ixzz2jFf7EpmZ>

Mr Boughton
Principal

Where's the octopus

Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxI&feature=youtu.be>

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CANTEEN

OPEN
Monday
Wednesday
Friday

UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN
MONDAY &
FRIDAY
9am-9:30am

2013 STUDENT LEADERS - CAKE STALL

A cake stall will be held on **Tuesday 12th November, 2013.**

Students in classes **1H, 1-2E and 1-2T** are asked to bring in cakes, slices and toffees. Please bring cakes to the Learning Centre before 9:15am

Please send money with your child on this day if they wish to purchase from the stall. Cakes will be on sale to the whole school outside the Learning



CYBERSMART PRESENTATION

Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools is hosting a Cybersmart Presentation for parents and interested community members.

The presentation will be hosted by Bellbird Public School and held on the 7th November at 1pm for a 1:30 start. Light refreshments will be available.

Internet safety awareness presentations offer parents and students cybersafety information which is presented in an easy to understand, thorough, non-technical and informative manner. Each presentation is approximately 60 minutes excluding question time. These presentations cover a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks faced by students online such as cyberbullying, identity theft, unwanted contact and exposure to offensive content
- tips and strategies to help students stay safe online

The presentations are delivered by a team of Outreach trainers, each of whom is an education specialist. Outreach services schools from all sectors nationally. To find out more, go to www.cybersmart.gov.au

NSW PUBLIC SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2013 - 2015.

Find out more: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

Primary school

Jargon explained

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

Home safety

About 50 children fall out of windows or balconies in Australia each year. Spring is a good time to install a window lock to limit how far it opens.

It's this easy: <http://bit.ly/1dRpQw5>

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LIBRARY NEWS

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The library is well and truly back in the swing of things. All students are engaged in their learning and are learning about a diverse range of topics. The library is just not where you can read and borrow books, but also a valuable learning space.

This term Kinder are reading a range of books and developing ways of retelling what they have read. So far they have imagined amazing inventions, written creative sentences and done some fantastic acting. Year 1 and Year 2 are looking at significant days and working on finding facts in what they read. Already covered is Australia Day with Anzac Day our next topic.

Year 3 and Year 4 are looking at local government – Cessnock City Council, and developing an understanding of the important role local government has in determining the services local communities need. Year 5 and Year 6 are researching energy sources and will be using the iPads to publish and present their work.

The library has a small number of tied dyed library bags for sale in the library for \$5. I encourage all students to have a bag for their library books, to keep them protected from nasty accidents that can occur. Hurry in while they last.

The library is always a dynamic place, and it is great to see the number of students borrowing from our collection. Keep borrowing and see you in the library.



Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian

**LIBRARY
BAGS
FOR SALE
\$5 Each**

USEFUL “APPS”

Garage Band - Free

Garage band is an app for those who play an instrument or want to learn. Using the touch elements of the iPad you can play piano, guitar and drums. There is also a microphone, so you can record yourself. There is a recording element so you can create songs and save them and playback. Music lovers will really enjoy this app. More advanced features can be unlocked by paying additional fees.

Weird But True – free

This is a great app full of fun facts. Created by National Geographic, this app has over 600 kid friendly facts that will keep kids entertained but also teach them some weird facts that just might come in handy. Fact: Did you know that didaskaleinophobia is the fear of going to school? This is just one of the facts on the fantastic app.

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KURRI FESTIVAL

Thank you to our volunteers who helped organise and run the P&C Stall at the Kurri Festival last weekend. We would also like to thank all those who attended to help support the P&C raise much needed funds for our school and students.

P&C CHRISTMAS HAMPER

The P&C would like to ask for your support with donations of non-perishable items for this years Christmas Hamper. If you would like to make a donation, could you please bring your non-perishable items to the front office.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Our school is looking for volunteers to help in our school canteen. Some parents are required to perform volunteer work as part of their entitlement for Centrelink payments. Work in the school canteen could count towards the required hours. Please contact the school if you are interested in helping.

At present the school canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.



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