



SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

16th December

"Carols on the Fields"

17th December

Class Parties

18th December

Last Day for Students

19th-20th December

Staff Development Day

28th January

Staff Development Day

29th January

Students Years 1-6
return to school

3rd February

Kindergarten start school

7th February

Swimming Carnival

27th February

School Photos

FAREWELL YEAR 6

On Wednesday, November 27, staff and Years 5/6 students came together at the Abermain Bowling club to celebrate the Year 6 Farewell. This special event is an opportunity to reminisce on some of the wonderful times that our departing Year 6 students have had over their time at Abermain, as well as a chance to wish them well for the next exciting phase of their school lives - high school

Both staff and students enjoyed burning up the dance floor to Mr Power's music mix, and Mrs Jarlett's "photo studio" was a hit with everyone. Year 6 students loved their new USB sticks provided by the P&C and many brought them straight into the school the next day to have them loaded up with Mrs Jarlett's photos. A great night was had by all, and thanks to Mrs Jarlett, students will have photo memories to enjoy for years to come.

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PBL PAWS BADGES

Congratulations to the following students:-

**Jacob Woodbury
Riley Mitchell
Will Toner
Bethany Bushell
Naomi Jehu
Siara Nash
Jayden Green
Nate Cunningham
Cooper Darcey
Keira Leggatt
Brodie Moncrieff
Ella Kirschner
Shelby Hancock
Rory Turkington
Hayden Fullerton
Ryan Bennett
Maddison Netterfield
Zach O'Keefe
Samuel Davies
Jade Perry
Alyssa Soper
Noah Blair
Cody Bushell
Lochie Netterfield
Stevie Deans-Hona
Sean Templeton**

FUN DAY

On Thursday 28th November, Year 6 celebrated their annual Fun Day. Students who had met our school PBL expectations of Safety, Respect and Learning were rewarded with rides on a giant inflatable slip 'n' slide and inflatable obstacle course. Year 6 students were also on hand to run stalls providing chips, lollies, ice blocks and drinks. Thanks to everyone for making the day a great success.

*Mr Power, Mrs Roberson, Mrs Bower
Stage 3 Teachers*



INTENSIVE SWIMMING

During week 8 and 9 a large number of students attended the annual School Swimming Scheme at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre. The students are to be congratulated on their outstanding behaviour over the two weeks. It was with pride that they represented the school both in and out of the water. It was excellent to see their confidence and ability improve over the course of the scheme.

I would like to thank Miss Onslow, Mrs King and Brenton for escorting the students over the two weeks and for their excellent assistance. As the holidays approach please remember to supervise your children during any aquatic activities and remember that learning to swim is such an important life skill.

*Mrs Hourigan
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!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Kindergarten Orientation was a wonderful success, with families attending four sessions throughout November. We were lucky to have had an opportunity to prepare and inform parents and carers through our workshops hoping for a smooth transition to Kindergarten, for both students and families. Massive thank you to all the fantastic staff members for your support. Also thank you to community members and the hard working P&C members who were there each week to welcome and assist families. To our Year 5 and Year 4 students who are to be Kinder Buddies in 2014, thank you, I know that having you there to help them will be extremely important to all our new students.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new and existing families into our kindergarten rooms in 2014.

Mrs Bower

Kinder Orientation Organiser

2014 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

We are still taking registrations for Kindergarten students who will start school in 2014. Any families who have a child starting Kindergarten in 2014 are asked to contact the School Office on 4930 4210, or come to the office during school hours to register their child for Kindergarten 2014.

In 2014, The Cessnock Community of Great public Schools (CCGPS) will again demonstrate its strong commitment to student wellbeing and best outcomes for all students with the extension of its highly successful initiative, providing widespread, comprehensive speech therapy for early stage one students across its 14 local Primary Schools.

Speech and language are essential skills required for success and progress in the future for every child; speech enables them the confidence to express themselves and assert their own will. It provides the basis for decision-making and critical thinking. Good articulation allows students to learn to read, write and converse with peers with greater ease. Students with poor speech skills tend to find it harder to learn to spell, to read, to express themselves, or even to have good relationships.

In 2014 ALL Kindergarten students across CCPPS will be provided with a screening appointment at the same time as they attend school for their Best Start Kindergarten Assessment.

Parents will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns and ask questions about their child's speech and language skills at this screening appointment. Teachers will be better informed regarding the abilities of the students entering their care and students will have access to the appropriate model of support as they begin their journey through school.

Talk to your local Public School about this important initiative.



CONGRATULATIONS

Quality Work Shared with the Principal

<i>Bethany Bushell</i>	<i>Jaylen Burrell</i>	<i>Kaysha Smith</i>
<i>Cooper Darcey</i>	<i>Tahlee Roderick</i>	<i>Kaitlin Dent</i>
<i>Darrian Burley</i>	<i>Jackson Mitchell</i>	<i>Riley Layer</i>
<i>Cameron Phillips</i>	<i>Tom Reading</i>	<i>Jack Richards</i>
<i>Krystal Dent</i>	<i>Shanaya Burrell</i>	<i>Lara Robertson</i>
<i>Cody Lewis</i>	<i>Zealan Love</i>	<i>Allira Rockley</i>
<i>Mitchell Brown</i>	<i>Emma Corcoran</i>	<i>Eliza Lantry</i>
<i>Hayley Chapman</i>	<i>Sean Templeton</i>	<i>Roman Wilson</i>
<i>Keali Hepworth</i>	<i>Roman Wilson</i>	<i>Jazlyn Leigh</i>
<i>Daniel Robinson</i>	<i>Jacob Woodbury</i>	<i>Callum Ford</i>
<i>Samantha Appleyard</i>		

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In 2014 we will be forming nine classes and all of our current teaching staff will be retained. One of the great things about Abermain Public School is that all of our staff want to be here.

We have a number of new strategies which will be put in place in 2014 to improve student learning and continue to create positive learning environments.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the P&C for their continued support throughout the year. Having an active and involved P&C enhances the school in many ways. The reestablishment of the School Council is a good example of this. The school had visits from many of the new Year 7 students from Cessnock High on Friday afternoon. All students said that it is all going well and that they are enjoying it. Some already have been given their first assignments.

The 19th and 20th of December are staff development days. Winding down towards the end of the year is well and truly a thing of the past. On these two days staff will be working through training related to organisation for 2014, School Plan for 2014, Naplan analysis, English, Positive Behaviours for Learning and a Barry Carpenter feedback session.

School resumes on Wednesday 28th January for students entering Years 1 to 6. The new kindergarten students will be undertaking individual Best Start assessment and speech therapy screening on the first two days of term. Individual appointment times are being sent out to our new kinders.

I would like to wish every student and their family a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all for the start of the 2014 school year.

Mr Boughton
Principal

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CANTEEN

**OPEN
Monday
Wednesday
Friday**

**Closed
16th, 17th &
18th December**

UNIFORM SHOP

**OPEN
MONDAY &
FRIDAY
9am-9:30am**

PRESENTATION DAY

Our end of year Presentation Day was held on Wednesday 27th November.

We wish to congratulate all the students who received awards. We would also like to acknowledge the following people for their generous sponsorship:

Abermain Public School P&C - Canteen, Clayton Barr, Abermain View Club

END OF YEAR CLASS PARTIES

Class Parties for the end of this year will be held on Tuesday 17th December. Further details regarding individual class parties will be sent home with students. Students are invited to come out of uniform for party day.

KIK MESSENGER

Does your child use Kik? Police have described it as "the No.1 social media problem involving teenagers", but most parents would barely have heard of messaging app Kik before last week.

Find out what it is: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/5353/Kik+messenger

Why cyber safety experts are concerned: <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/digital-life-news/experts-warn-of-apps-hidden-dangers-20131130-2yif3.html#ixzz2mYlkXFyd>

CHOOSING SCHOOL SHOES

Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

Teach your kids to be waterproof

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/water-safety-tips>

LIBRARY NEWS

Wow, what a year! This year it has been fantastic seeing all classes in the library throughout the year. The growth in students has been great to watch.

Throughout the year the library has undergone some exciting changes, and students are always willing to give feedback on what they enjoy about the library and what they would like to see change.

Next year there will be some exciting new things occurring in the library, and once again I look forward to working with the students and encouraging a love of books and of reading.

If any students have outstanding library books, I really need them to be returned. I am offering a small reward to the first class to have all resources returned.

The holidays are a great time to settle down with a great book or 2 and stay cool and relaxed. Happy holiday's and happy reading!

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian



SCHOOL WEBSITE

Each week, our school website is updated with the weekly newsletter, permission notes, information notes, and class arrangement notices. There is a link to our newsletter on the front page of the website.

The website address is www.abermain-p.school.det.nsw.edu.au.



CAROLS ON THE FIELDS - MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Abermain Mission Hall Church and Abermain Public School P&C will be holding Carols on the School Fields on Monday 16th December. Gates will open at 6pm for a 7pm start. There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks available for purchase. Bring your family and join in on the Christmas spirit.

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.

P&C GUESSING COMPETITION

Recently students were sent home tickets for the P&C Guessing Competition. Prizes include: *Girls & Boys Push Bike, \$50 Bunnings Gift Card and a Hamper*. Tickets are due back to school by Friday 13th December as winners will be drawn at school on 16th December at "Carols on the Field"

CANTEEN

Friday 13th December will be last day in which the Canteen will be open for 2013. The Canteen will not reopen again until **February 2014**.



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