



SAFE RESPECTIVE LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

1st August

School Leaders Breakfast

2nd August

Zone Athletics

Film & Drama Workshop

6&7th August

Mayoral Challenge

9th August

P&C Meat Raffle/Disco

12th August

P&C Meeting

16th August

P&C Out of Uniform Day

20th August

Cartoon Workshop

21st August

Australian Pioneer Village

22nd August

Book Fair/Parade

30th August

Father's Day Stall

Regional Athletics

EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Emily Bodley &

Mr Tony Jarrett (Regional Director Public Schools)

Congratulations to Emily Bodley on receiving the Regional "Excellence in Student Achievement" award at this weeks Education Week Awards ceremony at Mount View High School,

The whole school community are proud!

This issue:

Education Week

Discover Uni Day

Zone Athletics Carnival

Assembly Changes

**Mayoral Academic
Challenge**

**2014 Kindergarten
Enrolments**

**School Leaders
Breakfast**





PBL LUCKY DRAW

Term 3

Week 2

Infants - Joseph Reading
Primary-Delani Leigh

PBL PAWS BADGES

Congratulations to
the following stu-
dents:-

Thomas Robertson
Emmie Stothard
Ben Innes
Libbia Lorrie
Miah Gay
Riley Layer
Callum Coulson
Amity Rockley
Sharna Appleyard
Keiran Bunn

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

As part of our school teachers ongoing Teacher Professional Learning, Mrs Hourigan and Mr Power recently attended the “Rock and Water” program through the Family Action Centre at the University of Newcastle. The program teaches a new way to interact with boys and girls through physical-social teaching. This program has now been introduced to our school on a weekly basis for a group of students from Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. It is a weekly opportunity to offer exercises and ideas to assist students to become aware of their purpose and motivation in life. Physical exercises are constantly linked with mental and social skills. Rock and Water begins with simple self-defence, boundary and communication exercises which lead to strong notions of self -confidence.

*Mrs Hourigan/Mr Power
Teachers*

STUDENTS TO REPRESENT AT ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday 2nd August, 35 students will represent our school at the Cessnock Zone PSSA Athletics carnival being held at Turner Park. We would like to wish the following students the best of luck at this carnival:

Breanna Bunn	Jak Woodbury	Jessica Frankland-Shambler
Caiden Fenwick	Jacinta Harding	Ethan Hodgins
Amittee Cunningham	Nicholas Turkington	Amity Rockley
Brayden Gay	Blake Smurthwaite	Grace Frankland-Shambler
Delani Leigh	Eain Harris	Jessica Roser
Hayden Fullerton	Siara Nash	Damon Besoff
Briana Hall	Jed Hawthorne	Billie-Lea Reid
Andrew Passfield	Sharna Appleyard	Daniel Robinson
Cheyenne Bushell	Noah Page	Kaitlin Mitchell
Wayne Harris	Jade Gilmour	Jeremy Hancock
Emmie Stothard	Bailey Rumney	Chelsea Wilson

*Mrs Hodges
Teacher*

YEAR 6 VISIT NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

Last Friday Year 6 students and family members attended an open day at the University of Newcastle. Students attended a lecture, tutorial workshop and enjoyed a guided tour of the Auchmuty library and campus grounds. The excursion was a great opportunity for students and families to experience life at university, with the group taking on the role of Business Degree students for the day. Students were able to learn more about their future education opportunities beyond high school and were introduced to possible career paths they might not have considered before. Most importantly, students had a fantastic day and were excited to see that a University campus can be a pretty fun place to be! Thank you to the family members who attended on the day.

*Mrs Roberson & Mr Power
Year 5/6 Teachers*

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CONGRATULATIONS

Quality Work Shared with the Principal

<i>Roman Wilson</i>	<i>Jazlyn Leigh</i>	<i>Cody Lewis</i>
<i>Zac Hughes</i>	<i>Brooke Moncrieff</i>	<i>Cody Bushell</i>
<i>Justin Hasler</i>	<i>Heath Southeron</i>	<i>Joshua Conroy</i>
<i>Lucas Whyburn</i>	<i>Shaun Peachman</i>	<i>Kelvin Arnott</i>
<i>Brianna Bunn</i>	<i>Georgia Betts</i>	<i>Tahlee Roderick</i>
<i>Jacob Woodbury</i>	<i>Kaysha Smith</i>	<i>Mitchell Brown</i>
<i>Emma Corcoran</i>	<i>Emily Robertson</i>	<i>Saxon Ross</i>
<i>Jackson Davies</i>	<i>Ebonie Fernance</i>	

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The last few weeks have seen our school celebrate Education Week and our students participate in so many different opportunities. I would like to thank all that attended our "open classrooms" this week, it was a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their way of learning. Thank you to our very dedicated and professional staff for their continued commitment to providing a quality education, for all students. Thank you to our P&C and community for your ongoing support. Congratulations to our award recipient, Emily Bodley.

Massive thank you this week to Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Leggatt for spending their time completing applications for grants to insulate our hall and construct playground equipment, both ladies have lodged our bid for funding. Clayton Barr is also coming to visit next week to get a first hand look at our needs.

I had the pleasure of having breakfast with some of our School Leaders at the Mayoral School Leaders Breakfast, we had a very inspirational speaker address the group after breakfast, and I know adults and students alike took a lot from Sebastian's message.

Our very talented Miss Craig, surprised the students last week with our "new wall message". We all say thank you, it looks amazing!

Mr Boughton is due back next week from his long service leave break and I'd like to thank staff, students and parents for their continued support.

Mrs Bower
Relieving Principal

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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!

EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Education Week saw our school open classroom doors and invite families and the local community to witness the wonderful learning and teaching that takes place every day. It is a time to celebrate the success of our students and the teachers and the staff who support them. Here at Abermain Public School we have outstanding teachers and the research is very clear that the quality of teaching has a significant impact on student learning. As we celebrate Education Week I would like to acknowledge the dedication and professionalism of our teachers and school support staff here at Abermain—thank you to all.

None of us here work in isolation and with your help we form a strong team around each and every one of our students. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our parent and community body for your continued support in so many ways.

Together we work to “create a future for our children”. We need to continue to support, encourage and acknowledge our students efforts and achievements. At Abermain Public School we truly believe that being engaged and active in their own learning are life skills worth learning early. Congratulations to all our award winners.



EDUCATION WEEK - 2013 AWARD RECIPIENTS

<i>Krystal Dent</i>	<i>Brodie Moncrieff</i>	<i>Ethan Hodgins</i>	<i>Tahlee Roderick</i>
<i>Tabitha Hendrix</i>	<i>Ellie Mitchell</i>	<i>Caiden Fenwick</i>	<i>Jacob Woodbury</i>
<i>Jeremy Hancock</i>	<i>Damon Besoff</i>	<i>Roman Wilson</i>	<i>Kaysha Smith</i>
<i>Jackson Mitchell</i>	<i>Samuel Davies</i>	<i>Lister McWhirter</i>	<i>Emma Corcoran</i>
<i>Billie-Lea Reid</i>	<i>Caleb Vanderdrift</i>	<i>Samantha Appleyard</i>	<i>Kaitlyn Elliott</i>
<i>Daniel Robinson</i>	<i>Shay Wilson</i>	<i>Miah Gay</i>	<i>Kalob Hasler</i>
<i>Laura Fogg</i>	<i>Mikayla Jeffcoat</i>	<i>Kyle Jehu</i>	<i>Mitchell Brown</i>
<i>Benjamin Innes</i>	<i>Madison Hall</i>	<i>Mackenzie Hall</i>	<i>Cameron Bate</i>
<i>Sharntel Hughes</i>	<i>Hope Taylor</i>	<i>Lakia Fogg</i>	<i>Thomas Robertson</i>

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PHOTOVOICE

PHOTOGRAPHS

TAKEN BY

KIARA PEACHMAN
(Year 6)



CHANGE OF ASSEMBLY TIMES

We would like to advise parents and carers that our school assembly has been changed and is now going to be held on Mondays at 1:30pm.

The new structure for our school assembly is as follows:

- Infants/Primary Assembly - Fortnightly (starting 5/8/13)
- Whole School Assembly - Fortnightly (starting Monday 12/8/13)

NEW WEBSITE FOR CESSNOCK COMMUNITY OF GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS (CCGPS)



Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) has developed an exciting and interactive new website to support families and the broader community. The website explains more about the initiatives in place across our schools and create strong educational pathways for all students.

There is great links to parent support sites and local community services, as well as information about CCGPS and what they are doing within the community. Check out the new website and get involved in your child's future today - www.ccp.g.schools.nsw.edu.au

MAYORAL ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Zac Humphreys, Wayne Harris and Ben Innes. The boys will represent our school at this year's Mayoral Academic Challenge in Cessnock. The team will compete against other school teams in a challenge of knowledge and understanding on a wide range of topics. We wish them well and look forward to the event.

FILM & DRAMA WORKSHOP

On Friday 2 August, both Ben Innes and Callum Coulson participated in two exciting workshops at Cessnock High School. These workshops were delivered by a professional writer/producer of children's television who has worked on Channels 7 & 10 and Disney programs.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

We would like to remind parents to update family details such as home address and telephone numbers as soon as they change. If you have recently changed any of your details or need to change emergency contact people, please advise the office in writing as soon as possible

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.

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BOOK WEEK - "Read Across the Universe"

Book week is fast approaching (19-23 August) and the excitement in the library is building. The theme this year is 'Read Across the Universe' and is all about the amazing places we can go by reading books. A huge thank you to my great library monitors who have helped me decorate in the theme. Everyone (parents included) is more than welcome to come in and have a look at this amazing learning space and see the exciting things that are taking shape.

All students will have the opportunity to attend the workshop by our visiting illustrator/cartoonist 'Joffa'. Permission notes will be given to students next week and note and money (\$5) is to be returned to classroom teachers by 16th August, 2013. All students attending will enjoy a 1½ hour session where they will be taught the skills to produce their own cartoon.

In addition to 'Joffa', we also have our book fair and parade. Talking with students about ideas for characters that they are dressing as is exciting and I'm truly impressed with their enthusiasm.

Our book fair will open at 8:30am in the library for students and parents to attend. The book fair will stay open until 10am for any parents wishing to come in and make purchases. The book fair will again open at 11am until 12:30pm.

Teachers are opening their classrooms from 10:30 – 11am, for you to share in a literacy activity around one of the CBC shortlisted books for 2013. At 11am there will be a picnic lunch, with a BBQ provided by our P&C. (Menu items available for purchase will be supplied with costs at a closer time)

At 12pm students will return to classroom to prepare for the parade, which will start at 12:15pm. Each child participating in the parade will go into the draw for several book prizes throughout the parade. At the conclusion of our book parade, we will draw the winners of the iPad and book packs. Please support this event by purchasing tickets (more tickets are available at the Front Office)

I look forward to a wonderful book week and encourage all parents to ask their children about the wonderful books that are being read in our library during lessons or being borrowed and read at home.

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian

PLAYGROUP

Abermain Public School Playgroup is held in the school canteen hall each **Wednesday** during school terms.

Playgroup is available for children aged between 0-6 who have not started school.

For further information, please contact
Cherylanne Leggatt
Ph: 0414 625 872

IPADS AND LEARNING

Abermain Public School has introduced iPads into the various learning environments across the school to great success.

The school has purchased eight iPads, which will support and enhance the delivery of curriculum across the different key learning areas.

Mrs Gibbs has used this exciting new teaching and learning tool in her support teacher role, where students have used a range of apps to practice sounds and spelling strategies.

Miss Craig has used the iPads with her PEGs group, who are developing animation clips and stop motion movies using the various apps installed on the devices.

The iPads are being introduced gradually.

A massive thank you to the P&C who generously supported the introduction of the iPads by purchasing our gripper cases.

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian



USEFUL “APPS”

- **“Articulation Station”** - helps teach children to pronounce the sounds in the English language with 6 fantastic & engaging activities
- **“Chicktionary”** - free online word game, great for spelling
- **“Educreations”** - free app that turns the iPad into a recordable whiteboard. The user can create a video tutorial by tapping, touching and talking. Photo's can be taken or chosen from the photo library. This app has so many uses and is wonderful for students to record and listen to themselves.
- **“School A-Z”** - free Department of Education app which provides practical handy tips for both parents and students

COMMUNITY NOTICE

KURRI NETBALL

Summer

Competition

Womens &
Mixed Teams

Age 13yrs +

Registration \$75

Competition
starts September

Enquiries:

Debbie Davis

0412 053 923

BOOTCAMP

Tuesday Nights

6-7pm at

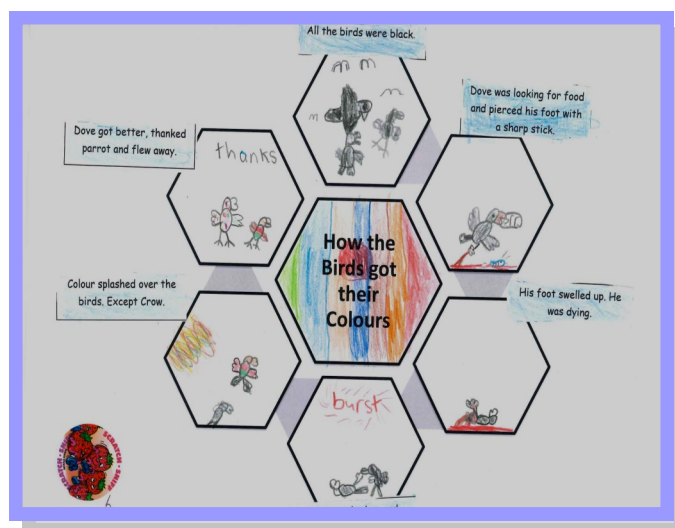
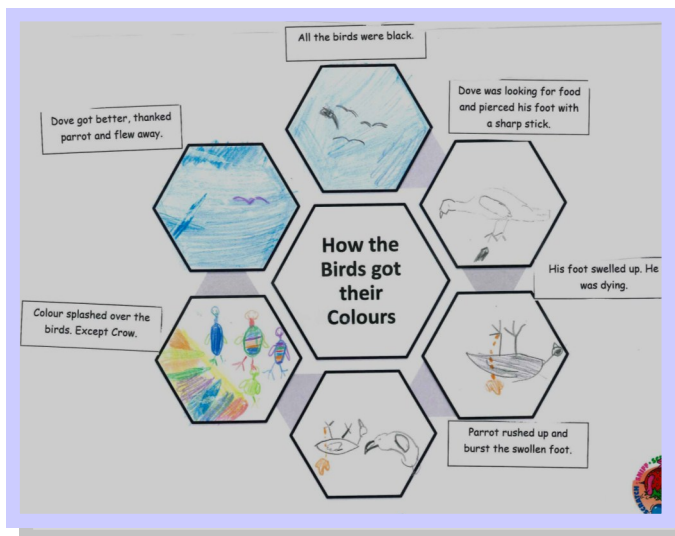
Kurri Netball
Courts

Cost \$5

All Welcome

QUALITY WORK SAMPLES FROM 1-2T

Students from 1-2T have recently enjoyed working on their independent comprehension activity "How the Birds got their Colours". Below are some examples of their quality work



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UNIFORM SHOP

**OPEN
MONDAY &
FRIDAY**

9am to 9:30am

CANTEEN

**OPEN
Monday,
Tuesday,
Wednesday
and Friday**

2014 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

We are now 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.

A letter detailing Kindergarten Orientation details will be sent home to all registered families during Term 3. Parents will need to ensure they have returned the enrolment form and their child's birth certificate, immunisation certificate and proof of address before Kindergarten Orientation.

NEW "NO PARKING" SIGNS

Recently Council installed some "No Parking" signs in front of the school in Goulburn Street (near the school hall). We wish to advise parents/carers that you are able to drop off and pick up your child within this zone, however you cannot park your car between the hours **8 - 9:30am** and **2:30pm - 4pm**

STUDENT PORTFOLIO

At the end of last term, parents/carers were given their child's Student Portfolio for Term 1 and Term 2 to take home and look over during the school holidays. We would like to remind parent/carers to please return the Student Portfolio to their child's teacher so teachers can include work for both Term 3 and Term 4.

PARENT HELPER/VISITOR ATTENDANCE

In keeping with the Department of Education's Work, Health and Safety requirements, we ask that any parent/visitor attending our school during school hours sign our Parent Helper/Visitor Attendance book at the front office. On arrival parents/visitors will be given a "Visitors" badge to be worn during their stay and asked to return the badge and sign out on their departure.

EARLY ARRIVALS

It has been noted by staff that the number of students arriving at our school before 8:45am has grown. Please be advised that students are not supervised by staff until school grounds open at 8:45am. Staff are concerned about student safety at this time, and encourage parents and carers to be fully aware that staff supervision commences at 8:45am and that students arriving prior to this time need to be supervised by a parent/carers until staff arrive on duty. Please be aware that if your child arrives at school before 8:45am you will need to sign your child in at the front office.

GATE ENTRY THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY

We would like to remind parents that only one school entry and exit gate located near the front office will be unlocked between the hours of 8:45am and 3pm. Parents/Visitors are asked to close this gate behind them.

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

AUSTRALIAN AIR LEAGUE

**Starting on Friday
9th August**

at the School Hall

Enquiries:

Sqd/Lt Neil Sykes

Ph 0407 972724

or

4930 4881

SCHOOL LEADER BREAKFAST

Message from the School Leaders:

On 1st August, the School Leaders and Mrs Bower were invited by the Mayor of Cessnock (Counsellor Bob Pynsent) to a School Leaders Breakfast, at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre. We started off by having a delicious breakfast, then into the theatre for an inspirational talk with Sebastian about his "100 goals" to do before his life ends. Sebastian talked about some of his goals and they were marrying a stranger in Las Vegas, growing a beard and delivering a complete strangers baby. The School Leaders told Sebastian some of their goals and they included swimming with whale sharks, going to Disneyland, and going on the red carpet. We all recommend you check out his website 100things.com.au and buy his book. We all enjoyed our time at the School Leader Breakfast with Sebastian and would like everyone to start writing their own 100 Things To Do list, because we have. We thank Cessnock Council for giving us the opportunity to hear Sebastian's message.

*Kaitlin Mitchell, Cameron Phillips, Mikayla Haynes, Riley Layer,
Emily Bodley & Ben Innes (School Leaders)*

NEW WALL MESSAGE



Painted by Miss Craig

Teacher Librarian

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NEW MENU

Breakfast from 8.45am – 9.00

Toast with:

Vegemite or Jam	\$.50
Muesli Bars	\$1.00
Fresh Fruit	\$.80
Plain Milk.....	\$1.00
Flavoured Milk.....	\$1.40
Water	\$1.00

Sandwiches & Rolls

Sandwiches (white or wholemeal)

☺Vegemite.....	\$1.50
☺Lite Cheese.....	\$1.60
☺Lite Cheese & Tomato.....	\$1.80
☺Salad	\$3.00
☺Egg & Lettuce (with mayo).....	\$2.50
☺Tomato	\$1.60
❖Chicken/Ham/Tuna.....	\$2.20
❖Chicken/Ham/Tuna Cheese & Tomato	\$2.60
❖ Chicken/Ham/Tuna & Salad	\$3.50

Salad Ingredients: Lettuce, tomato
Beetroot, Cheese, Pineapple

All ingredients given unless specified

Roll extra	\$0.80
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Extras

Tomato Sauce Singles.....	\$0.20
Barbeque Sauce Singles	\$0.30
☺Lite Cheese.....	\$0.40

Hot Food,

Pies & Sausage Rolls

Hot Food

❖Large Pie (Lite).....	\$2.60
❖Party Pie (Lite).....	\$1.60
❖Sausage Roll (Lite).....	\$2.00
❖Hot Dog.....	\$2.00
❖Chicken & Gravy Roll.....	\$2.50
❖Pizza - Ham & Pineapple	\$2.20
❖Pizza - Cheese.....	\$2.20
❖Pizza - Meat Lovers.....	\$2.20
❖Chicken Dino Nuggets (each) ...	\$0.40
❖Chicken Wedges (each).....	\$0.55
❖Chicken Pattie (only) Burger.....	\$2.40
❖Chicken Pattie Burger with Lettuce & Mayo	\$2.80
☺Lasagne.....	\$3.00
☺Spaghetti Bolognese	\$3.00

Fruit & Fruit Salad

☺Fruit Salad Tubs.....	\$1.30
☺Fresh piece of fruit (seasonal)...	\$0.80

Drinks, Deserts & Ice Blocks

Drinks

☺200ml Plain milk	\$1.00
❖Flavoured Milk 250ml.....	\$1.40
❖Playfruit Water 350ml.....	\$2.00
☺Water 600ml.....	\$1.00
❖Poppers	\$1.00
❖Slushies	\$2.00

Ice Blocks

❖Jelly Sticks.....	\$0.20
❖Safari Pop	\$0.20
❖Dixie Cups	\$1.00
❖Moosies.....	\$1.40
❖Billabongs.....	\$1.40
❖Frozen Yogurt	\$1.40
❖Juicies(frozen juice)	\$0.50
❖Icee Pole	\$1.00

Snacks

❖Muffins (Choc Chip Lite).....	\$1.00
❖Honey Soy.....	\$1.00
❖JJ's (Chicken/Pizza/Salt&Vinegar)	\$1.00
❖Choc Chip Cookies.....	\$1.00
❖Monster Noodles	\$1.00
❖Finger Bun.....	\$1.00

☺ Food items with this symbol are "GREEN" foods & are highly recommended

THE CANTEEN IS OPEN 8:45AM-9:15AM
FOR LUNCH ORDERS ONLY
OPEN DURING LUNCH 11:30AM-12:00PM
Closed Thursdays

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