



## SAFE RESPECTIVE LEARNERS

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

#### 20th August

Cartoon Workshop

#### 21st August

Australian Pioneer Village

#### 22nd August

Book Fair/Parade

#### 28th August

Fathers Day Stall -  
Kindergarten only

#### 29th August

Fathers Day Stall  
Oakvale Farm - Kinder

#### 30th August

Father's Day Breakfast  
Regional Athletics

#### 6 September

P&C Disco

#### 9-11th September

Canberra Excursion

#### 13th September

Fun Run

## MAYORAL

### ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

Where was Waltzing Matilda first performed? This was one of the challenging questions posed to our Mayoral Academic Challenge team.

Congratulations to Zac Humphreys, Wayne Harris and Benjamin Innes on their performance in the 2013 Mayoral Academic Challenge. The boys proudly represented the school in an extremely close competition and despite an outstanding performance in the Rapid Fire round the team placed a narrow second.

The Mayoral Academic Challenge was enjoyed by the Year 5 and Year 6 students who attended the event at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre to support the team. For the record it's believed to be Winton, Queensland.

*Mr Power/Mrs Robinson*

*Year 5/6 Teachers*



## This issue:

**Fathers Day Stall**

**Fathers Day Breakfast**

**Mayoral Academic  
Challenge**

**2014 Kindergarten  
Enrolments**

**Canberra Excursion**

**Regional Athletics  
Carnival**

**School Banking**





### PBL LUCKY DRAW

Term 3

Week 4

Infants- Riley Fernance

Primary- Damon Besoff

Week 5

Infants- Dylan Enright

Primary- Kyrstal Dent

### PBL PAWS BADGES

**Congratulations to the following students:-**

**Thomas Robertson**

**Emmie Stothard**

**Ben Innes**

**Libbia Lorrie**

**Miah Gay**

**Riley Layer**

**Callum Coulson**

**Amity Rockley**

**Sharna Appleyard**

**Keiran Bunn**

**Emma Corcoran**

**Amarli Wanasinghagee**

**Eliza Lantry**

**Kaitlyn Elliott**

**Aiden Spence**

**Nicholas Turkington**

**Shanaya Burrell**

**Emma Corcoran**

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**Kaitlyn Elliott**

**Aiden Spece**

**Nicholas Turkington**

**Shanaya Burrell**

## STUDENTS TO REPRESENT AT REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to *Grace Frankland-Shambler*, *Hayden Fullerton* and *Noah Page* who have all qualified to attend the Regional Athletics Carnival at Glendale on Friday 30th August.

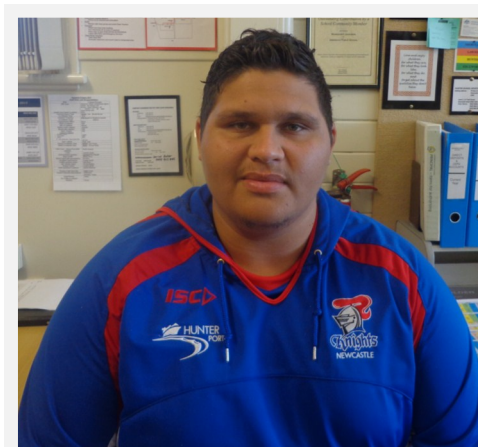
All other students from Abermain Public School who attended the Zone Carnival competed to the best of their ability.

*Mrs Hodges*  
Teacher

## NEW STAFF MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome our newest member of staff, Brenton Robertson, to Abermain Public School. Brenton is taking on the role of Norta Norta Tutor providing additional in-class academic support to Aboriginal students. Brenton has already proven a real hit with all of our students who are impressed by his rugby league experience with the Newcastle Knights Under 20's side last year. They are all keen to have Brenton out on the oval with them at recess to kick around the oval ball and teach them a few skills. Welcome Brenton!

*Mrs Roberson*  
Teacher



## TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Last Thursday Mr Power was fortunate to attend a Level 1 Basketball NSW Coaching course at Maitland Federation Centre. Mr Power is looking forward to getting back on the court and putting his own basketball experience to good use.

Abermain Public School has been entered into the boys and girls PSSA Basketball competitions for 2014 - an exciting sport to look forward to over the terms ahead as we prepare for teams next year.

## ITEMS FOR SALE

The following list of used items are available for purchase from our school for a small cost. If you are interested in any of the items listed below, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

1 x Organ

1 x Overhead Projector

2 x Bicycles

3 x Grey Computer Desks

2 x Computer Chairs

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# CONGRATULATIONS

## Quality Work Shared with the Principal

<i>Lucas Whyburn</i>	<i>Haylie Chapman</i>	<i>Matthew Brown</i>
<i>Ellie Mitchell</i>	<i>Roman Wilson</i>	<i>Josh Humphreys</i>
<i>Tyler Bate</i>	<i>Jak Woodbury</i>	<i>Brodie Moncrieff</i>
<i>Jacinta Harding</i>	<i>Samuel Davies</i>	<i>Will Toner</i>
<i>Tahlee Roderick</i>	<i>Jacob Woodbury</i>	<i>Lakia Fogg</i>
<i>Zealan Love</i>	<i>Rory Turkington</i>	<i>Rai Berry</i>
<i>Roman Wilson</i>	<i>Kaitlin Phillip-Dent</i>	
<i>Miah Sneddon-Clark</i>		

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is great to be back at Abermain Public School following long service leave for ten weeks. Coming back after that period of time you get a real perspective on how a school and student learning progresses. It is indeed a privilege to work with staff who are so committed to improving student learning. Particular thanks go to Mrs Bower who has acted as relieving Principal and to Mrs Morgan who has taken over the role of relieving School Administration Manager.

One of our outstanding programs continue to be Positive Behaviours for Learning. In the following week staff will make presentations at a regional level at the Cessnock District level which demonstrate the high regard in which Abermain is held in this worthwhile progress.

Parents are reminded of parking restrictions around the school Cessnock Council Parking Officers have been in the area over the past few days.

*Mr Boughton*  
*Principal*

## 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](http://www.abermain-p.school.det.nsw.edu.au).

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*Reported by:*  
*Jack Richards*  
*Zac Humphries*  
*Kaitlin Mitchell*  
*Mikayla Haynes*

## HAIR CUT IN SUPPORT OF CANCER SUFFERERS

School Administration Officer, Mrs Guthrie, cut her hair on 3rd August, to create a wig for cancer sufferers that had been subjected to chemotherapy. Mrs Guthrie has friends and family that have suffered from cancer and some sadly have died. This has motivated her to cut a length of 30cm of hair to donate to the Cancer Council where they will turn it into a wig. She was feeling nervous at the time, but happy as well.



Mrs Guthrie encourages others to do the same so cancer sufferers can build self-esteem with a realistic wig and it may erase some of the terrible memories of their medical therapy procedures.

We are really proud of Mrs Guthrie for giving up her hair for such a worthy cause.

## COOKING LESSONS

Students from Mr Power's class have been participating in lessons linked to curriculum learning. These are going to be hosted by Mrs King. These lessons will give the students a life time skill and will be used throughout their life.



## MAYORS VISIT

On Monday 5th August, the Mayor of our local area (Mayor Pynsent) came to Abermain Public School for a visit to talk to the six School Leaders that went to the School Leader Breakfast the previous week.

At the Breakfast the six School Leaders talked about their goals. They also talked to the Mayor letting him know that he could come to our school at any time.

The Monday after the Breakfast the Mayor came to our school. The leaders had a nice morning tea with the Mayor as well as talk about their goals and some local things that could be fixed around the community. They listed some ideas including the roads, the crossing on the main street and the pond in Peace Park (a fence around it).

All the School leaders enjoyed talking to the Mayor and hopefully some of the ideas discussed will be fixed.



# 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!

## T20 BLAST SCHOOL CUP

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August a team of Year 5/6 cricket players attended the T20 Blast School Cup at Baddeley Park, Cessnock. The format of the day allowed the team to participate in a round robin of matches against several schools in the local area. The boys played with great sportsmanship, enjoying a fantastic opportunity to improve their skills and make friends. I am looking forward to cricket trials for the 2014 school PSSA representative team in term 4.

*Mr Power*  
Teacher

## Playground Artwork

School beautification work continues around the school. The playground art that has been a fixture at Abermain since the 1990's, received a much-needed facelift last week. A massive thank you to the community members who gave generously of their time and painting talents - *Katrine Reading, Brodie Packham, Melissa Brown and Lynn Mitchell*. It is the efforts of the entire school community which help make our school such a great place.

Further painting will be happening over the coming weeks, so if you have a few hours free, feel free to drop by and help out. Ask myself or the P&C representatives for days and times.

*Miss Craig*  
Teacher Librarian



## 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.

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## BOOK WEEK IS HERE!

Book week is finally here and I cannot wait for the fun to begin.

On Tuesday 20th August, 2013 Joffa will be here conducting workshops with the students. If students haven't returned their notes and \$5 payment, please do so by Tuesday. Joffa will have his cartooning books for sale for the great price of \$13 (regular price \$19.95). If students would like to buy one, money needs to be bought in on Monday or Tuesday to secure your purchase at this low price.

On Thursday the library will open its doors for the book fair. Our book fair will open at 8:30am for students and parents to purchase items. The book fair will stay open until 10:30am for any parents wishing to come in and make purchases. The book fair will again open at 11:00am until 12:30pm.

Parents are invited into classrooms from 10:30am – 11am, 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, outside the library.

At 12 midday 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 fantastic event. See you in the library.

*Miss Craig*

*Teacher Librarian*

## BOOK FAIR/PARADE BBQ

The BBQ will be operating outside the library and food will be available from 11am onwards over the lunch break.

- \* Sausage sandwiches \$3
- \* Can of drink \$2
- \* Bottle of water \$1

## USEFUL "APP"

**"APopplet lite** (free) **and Popplet** (\$5.49)

This app has so many uses. This app is a mind-mapping tool and allows ideas to flow in popples – small boxes for text and images. In the lite version only one popplet is available at a time, whilst the full version allows multiple popplets to be saved and shared.

Information can be added to popples through images, drawing and text and can be manipulated with ease. A great app to have a play around with and explore its many possibilities.

## **CANTEEN CLOSED TUESDAY & THURSDAY**

As from Monday 19th August, 2013 the school canteen will only be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday due to the unavailability of volunteers.

In order to keep the canteen open every day more volunteers are urgently needed. If you or a family member are able to help in the canteen please contact the school office.

## **P&C POSITION AVAILABLE**

The P&C are currently looking for someone to take over the role as "Canteen Supervisor". If you, or someone you know, are interested in fulfilling this role could you please contact the School.

## **FATHERS DAY STALL**

The annual P&C Father's Day Stall will be held on:

**Wednesday, 28th August, 2013 - Kindergarten students only**  
(due to excursion on Thursday 29th August)

**Thursday, 29th August, 2013 - Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6**

**Cost of Gifts will range from \$2 to \$10**

## **SCHOOL BANKING**

Thank you to all those who have a Dollarmite account and are banking with the school. So far this year we have had 17 new accounts join us and we have received \$231.37 in commission from the Commonwealth Bank.

If you are interested in participating in school banking, to join you need to open a Dollarmite account at any Commonwealth Bank branch and then send the Dollarmite wallet and money to be banked to school with your child on each Wednesday. The banking is then processed and the book returned to your child. There is no minimum deposit, it is all about developing health savings habits.

The benefits in having a Dollarmite account are:

- after every 10 deposits the student can claim a "reward", will receive a certificate and a special token
- Abermain Public School P&C receives \$5 the first time a student banks and also receives 5% commission on every deposit made at the school

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our School Banking Co-Ordinator, Cheryl-Ann Leggatt on 0249308034 or 0414 625 872

**UNIFORM SHOP**

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

**CANTEEN**

**OPEN**  
**Monday,**  
**Wednesday**  
**Friday**



**CESSNOCK**  
**COMMUNITY**  
OF GREAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### **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](http://www.ccp.g.schools.nsw.edu.au)

### **MAKE EACH DAY COUNT**

During Education Week the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) announced the launch of its campaign aimed at improving student attendance. The intention of this proactive initiative is to work collaboratively with students, parents, staff and community, across all Cessnock public schools to develop and foster a shared commitment to improving attendance.

"Each of our schools you will soon begin to promote a consistent message. That message is to "Make Each Day Count"," said Desley Pfeffer, Leader of The CCGPS Wellbeing Team and Principal of Mount View High School. "There is considerable evidence which shows clearly, that higher rates of attendance at school are related to higher achievement. It unquestionably shows that 'turn up = grades up.' "

Each of the 16 schools have begun implementation of a new data accountability tool which enables schools to track the attendance of each student more effectively and strategically. The schools believe this ability to consistently monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance will benefit both the safety and the achievement levels of students.

"As a group of schools we are committed to making student attendance a 'big deal.' In doing so, we plan to provide consistent messages to our school communities about attendance, and employ strategies including working with students and parents, a 'no-tolerance' approach to unexplained absences, and the introduction of incentive and reward programs, to meet an attendance improvement target across our group of schools" said Desley.

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## 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

## How do I know if my child is ready to start school?

Children may enroll in Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn five years of age on or before 31 July in that year. All children must be enrolled in school by their sixth birthday.

Talk to your early childhood educators, carer or doctor. Are they physically ready? Are they socially and emotionally ready?

Kids don't need to read or write before they start school, they don't need to know the alphabet or tie their shoe laces.

Visit your local school and attend orientation days before you decide. Talk to the teachers in your local school.

Our teachers are trained to work with your child regardless of their age or level of development.

Aboriginal families may also seek support through the local AECG

## How can you help your child to be "ready" for school:

Parents/caregivers can do a lot to help prepare their child for Kindergarten before the big 'first day'. Below is a list of skills that will be useful for children starting Kindergarten. We recognise that not all children will have these skills as everyone develops at a different pace, so this is intended only as a guide so that starting school may be just a little easier.

Encourage your child to attempt the things mentioned below, but don't worry if your child can't do all of them. Talk to the Kindergarten teacher, and together you can support and assist your child's learning.

### It would help your child to be able to:

#### **Language**

- talk to other people about familiar objects and events
- answer and asks simple questions
- make needs known
- follow simple instructions
- use books for enjoyment or for looking at pictures
- identify pictures in books, magazines, on television or video
- use a variety of things (pens, pencils, textas, paintbrushes, sticks in the dirt) to draw, to scribble or to write
- join in singing familiar songs

#### **Mathematics**

- recognise that numbers can be used to count - uses words such as many, a lot, more, less
- identify things in a group that are different
- see differences in shapes
- differentiate between opposites - up and down, under and over, in front and behind, day and night



# 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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## 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

# NEW MENU

## 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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