



14 November, 2014

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

14th November

Kinder 2015 Orientation

17th November

P&C Meeting - 5pm

21st November

Kinder 2015 Orientation

24 November - 5 December

Intensive Swim Program

26th November

Presentation Day
Year 6 Farewell

27th November

Year 6 Breakfast/Fun Day

15th December

"Carols" at School

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT OFFICIAL OPENING

Last Friday the new school play equipment was officially opened. This was in conjunction with a BBQ tea and school disco. It was a great evening and thanks must go to the students, parents and staff who were part of the evening.

Mr Boughton

Principal

This issue:

Year 6 Farewell

Year 6 Fun Day

Intensive Swimming

Aspirations Committee

Parent Tutors



Safe

Respectful

Learners

Quality Work Shared with the Principal

Lily Williams, Cooper Subat, Reanna Finneran, Will Toner, Isaac Lake, Seth Fraser, Mya Perry, Jorga Fernance, Samantha Appleyard, Emily-Cate Allaway, Charlize Roderick, Riley Fernance,, Jasmine Weissenborn, Mackenzie Hall, Cody Lewis, Lara Robertson, Cameron Bate, Lochie Netterfield, Megan Coulson, Jessica Roser, Luke Robson, Allira Rockley, Lister McWhirter, Justin Hasler, Nate Cunningham, Nakeshia Innes, Madison Hall, Joel Roddenby, Chelsea Dunn, Kelyka Ward, Felicity Elliott

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Kinder Orientation is well underway with parents and our new students for 2015 spending Friday afternoons learning all about our school. It is wonderful to see the excitement on the young faces who are ready to start school in the new year.

Each year's schools from the Cessnock community of Great Public School put on an exhibition of photographs called "Photovoice". This exhibition is linked to Aboriginal education. This year Abermain is represented by Bethany Schwager in the exhibition. The exhibition, including Bethany's photographs, is currently on display at the Cessnock Library.

School banking takes place at Abermain Public School every Wednesday. To have your child be part of this and develop saving patterns, visit your local Commonwealth Bank and have them open a Dollarmite account. Every time a student banks at school money is earned by our P&C.

*Mr Boughton
Principal*

Understanding Climate Change

Is your child learning about climate change at school? CSIRO's scientists are learning how the earth's climate system works through observation, measurement and modelling. Find out more: <http://www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Climate/Understanding.aspx>

Little Aussie Songsters Competition

An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem.

For further details visit: <http://www.aussievault.com.au/vault/136/detail/little-aussie-songster>

The competition is now open and will close on **Saturday 14 February, 2015**

Safe, Respectful Learners

**UNIFORM
SHOP**

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

CANTEEN

**OPEN
Monday
to
Friday
Including
RECESS**

PARENT TUTORS

As part of our strong commitment to high outcomes for all students, we hope to establish a literacy program to support K-2 students in reaching learning goals. Key to this project will be the involvement of parents and carers as tutors within the school. We hope to provide training to interested parents to enable them to work one-to-one with students each afternoon from 2:50pm to 3:15pm. This simple format will involve parents listening to selected students read a passage/list of words for one minute and recording their progress.

Please let the office or Ms Stokes know if you are able to support this initiative. All volunteers must supply the school with a Working With Children Check number prior to helping with this program. If you do not have a Working With Children Check number you will need to apply online at www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au then take your application and proof of identity to a NSW Motor Registry or NSW Council Agency. The Working With Children Check is free and is valid for 5 years.

ASPIRATIONS COMMITTEE

At Abermain Public School, we very proudly support the aspirations of our students and actively plan around the development of strong pathways for future learning and careers. Often our students are unaware of options for their future and as such we are hoping to establish a committee for parents, teachers and community to work collaboratively to plan and organise activities which enhance and strengthen student goals.

The first meeting for this committee will be held in the school library on **Monday 1st December** from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Please join us to share your ideas.

*Ms Melinda Stokes
Instructional Leader
Early Action For Success*

INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM

The School Swimming Scheme will be held for 10 consecutive days from Monday 24th November to Friday 5th December, 2014. Permission notes have been sent home with students who expressed an interest in participating in the program. Notes need to be returned to the school no later than Monday 17th November, 2014

*Mrs Hourigan
Teacher*

Safe, Respectful Learners

YEAR 6 FUN DAY

The Year 6 Fun Day will be held on Thursday 27th November. This event will be the Term 4 Rewards Day for all students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 and is open to students who have had less than two Formal Notifications this term. This year we are very excited to have the Giant Dual Lane Clown Slide and a cool inflatable obstacle course to enjoy, with students also receiving lollies, chips and an ice-block for their entry fee. Permission notes will be sent home within the next few days so make sure you continue to be a Safe, Respectful Learner and join us for what will be an awesome day!

CESSNOCK HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

On Thursday 13th November all Year 6 students starting at Cessnock High School in Week 9 of this term were invited to attend their final Orientation at the high school. Students were able to participate in high school-style mini-lessons and were treated to a sausage sizzle lunch. Please note that these students will start at Cessnock High School on Monday, 1 December.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Abermain Bowling club will again host our Year 6 Farewell and this exciting event will go ahead on **Wednesday 26th November from 6-9:30pm.**

A note containing important information about the night and an invitation with menu selections were sent home last week. By now all menu choices and money should have been returned to the office or classroom teacher. Please remember that this event is a farewell, not a formal, and students need to dress neatly and appropriately to the event. All Year 5 and Year 6 students are invited to attend, however, where a student has not met appropriate behavioural expectations at school, parents or carers may be contacted to discuss their child's eligibility to attend. Staff and students are looking forward to a great night. If you have any questions please contact your child's classroom teacher.

*Mrs Roberson
Teacher*

CAN RECYCLING

Please continue to bring in those aluminium cans for recycling. The bag got a good workout at the school disco, but needs to be full before collection can take place.

The school will earn money for every kilogram of cans we have. So keep them coming.

LIBRARY NEWS



BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB

NOVEMBER

Emily-Cate
Allaway

Will Toner

Jaylen Burrell



LIBRARY

Week 7 (Monday 17/11/14 to Friday 21/11/14) will be the last week for borrowing for 2014. Students who have outstanding books will be notified by an overdue notice and if books cannot be found please pay the amount owing for the book or contact me.

I have been extremely impressed with the borrowing this year and would also like to congratulate the students who participated in and completed the Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC). Certificates will be handed out at our next whole school assembly. The PRC will continue next year and now students understand what is required, I'm sure that many more primary students will complete the challenge.

Stocktaking of the library junior fiction and fiction sections will be starting over the coming weeks. This is a long and exhausting process where all the books come off the shelves, get scanned and then replaced onto the shelves. This process gives the school an indication of the number of books on our shelves and gives me a clearer picture of what books we have in our collection. During stocktake I have a few plans to revitalise the library space, so keep an eye out. If you feel you could lend a hand during this time, please drop by the library, I'm sure I can give you a job.

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian



PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS

Years 1 and 2 are starting on their bottle top upcycling artwork, so if you have any plastic bottle tops lying around, please drop them off at the office or down to the library.

The upcycled works is going to be amazing, so keep an eye out for it.



P
B
L

PBL LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

Thomas Robertson, Keira Leggatt & Hayden Vanderdrift

PBL BORROWER OF THE WEEK

Tyarah Follan (Week 5)

Will Stothard (Week 6)



PAWS PLUS AWARD

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING
STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED THEIR
PAWS PLUS BADGES

Sharntel Hughes and Tahlee Roderick

PBL PAWS BADGES

Congratulations to the following students who have earned their PAWS Badges:

Chelsea Dunn, Jase Follan, Brenden Burley, Jessica Roser, Jacinta Harding, Hope Taylor, Keali Hepworth, Maddy Stothard, Lydia Besoff, Tahlee Roderick

P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held at Abermain Public School on **MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER** at 5pm. We welcome all to attend this meeting.

DOMINO'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER

The P&C will again be holding a fundraiser night at Domino's on 3rd December, 2014. More details will be sent home closer to the night.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS TOY/GIFT RAFFLE

The P&C are currently seeking donations of new toys, DVD's or books to include in a big toy raffle which is to be drawn at the Christmas Carols being held at Abermain Public School at the end of the year. Monies raised from this raffle will go towards shading over the new playground equipment. Please forward any donations to the school office **before Friday 21st November, 2014.**

Positive Partnerships Get Together

Families, carers and service providers working with or supporting children with Autism or behavioural or learning needs are all very welcome to attend.

Where: Nikinpa Aboriginal Child and Family Centre
Beckley Street, Toronto NSW

When: Tuesday 18 November, 2014

Time: Arrival from 9:15am - finish at 2:30pm

Morning Tea and Lunch is provided

You can expect: *yarning, storytelling, sharing, laughter, planning and to learn more about your child at home, school and in the community*

RSVP: Suzanne Donnelly Ph: 0401 983 222

Jane Mann Ph: 02 8977 8367

Email: sdonnelly@autismspectrum.org.au



SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS