



## SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

#### 2014

##### 11th December

PBL PAWS Plus outing to  
Wet 'n Wild - Yr 3-6

##### 15th December

PBL PAWS Plus Outing to  
Hunter Valley Zoo - K-2  
"Carols by Candlelight"

##### 16th December

End of Year Class Parties

##### 17th December

Last day for students

#### 2015

##### 27th January

Staff Development Day

##### 28th January

Students return to school  
(except for kinder students)

##### 28-30 January

Best Start interviews - 2015  
Kinder Students

##### 2nd February

Kindergarten students start

# 2015 SCHOOL LEADERS

Congratulations to our new student leaders for 2015! On presentation day our leaders were sworn in, and have already started shadowing our current leaders. I am sure our new leaders will perform all tasks to the best of their ability and make the school community proud. I look forward to working with them throughout 2015.

*Miss Craig*

*Teacher Librarian*

## This issue:

**Year 6 Farewell**

**Year 6 Fun Day**

**Carols by Candlelight**

**Intensive Swimming**

**PBL Awards**



## Quality Work Shared with the Principal

*Cooper Darcey, Kalob Hasler, Reanna Finneran, Jorja Fernance, Nate Cunningham-Archibald, Madison Netterfield, Cooper O' Dwyer, Max Cumpson, Harrison Fitzgerald, Cody Bushell, Nakeshia Innes, Miah Gay, Cooper Darcy*

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Forty four students from Kinder to Year 6 achieved their PAWS plus. This is an outstanding achievement by the students. For their reward Kinder to Year 2 are going to the Hunter Valley Zoo and Years 3 to 6 will be going to Wet and Wild.

Our Carols night on the 15th December promises to again be the highlight of the year for the Abermain community. This year we have a line up of quality performers as well as the fireworks.

There has been two confirmed cases of students from the school having Whooping cough. As this is infectious all students should be monitored by parents.

The school canteen menu has been evaluated by Hunter New England Health and it is very pleasing to be able to state that in 2015 the canteen will be all green and amber. This certifies that we have a canteen serving healthy food to our students. A copy of the report is included in this newsletter.

Last day of school for students is Wednesday 17th December and all classes will be working to improve student outcomes right up to the last afternoon. We want every student at school every day.

*Mr Boughton  
Principal*

### Road safety reminder for parents and carers these holidays

Remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always: hold your child's hand, talk to your child about road safety and point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments.

**The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand. Talk with your child daily about road safety. For further information visit:**

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html>

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**UNIFORM  
SHOP**

**OPEN  
MONDAY  
& FRIDAY**

**9am-9:30am**

**Until end  
Term 1, 2015  
or all stock  
has been sold**

**CANTEEN**

**OPEN  
Monday  
to  
Friday  
Including  
RECESS**

## YEAR 6 SPECIAL EVENTS

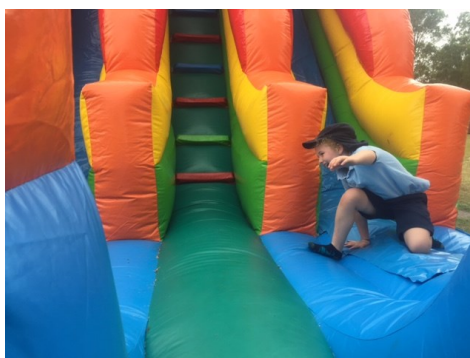
Last week was a big week for Year 6 students at Abermain Public School, with the Year 6 Farewell being the most eagerly anticipated event of the week. It was lovely to see students go to so much effort to dress appropriately for the event, and Mrs Jarlett's photography skills were much sought after as students lined up for the opportunity to have their memories captured to treasure for years to come. The dance floor was crowded all night as staff and students danced the night away before being joined by families who enjoyed a farewell dance with their children. The evening ended with students making their way through the archway of staff and parents, and only a few tears were shed before they made their way home for a few hours sleep.

The following morning, a little tired but still excited, students arrived with their families for the Parent Breakfast. Mrs Jarlett shared a slideshow of photos from the Farewell while everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast of pancakes and muffins. Again, there were a couple of tears (mostly from parents!) as certificates were handed out to parents who have their last student leaving our school this year.

The breakfast led into a celebration for all students as the Year 6 Fun Day got underway. Students had a great time on the inflatable slide and obstacle course, and many tried their hand at the Target Toss at lunch and recess and won themselves a bag of lollies. Year 6 were able to raise around \$300 towards their gift to the school which will include a clock for the school hall.

Friday was an emotional day for staff, students and parents as we said our final farewells to those students who are now officially Year 7 students at Cessnock High School. We wish them all the very best as they begin their high school education.

*Mrs Roberson  
Teacher*



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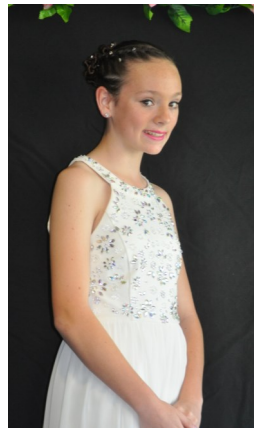
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# LIBRARY NEWS



## BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB

### DECEMBER

Lochie Netterfield

Lily Williams

Ethan Hodgins

## LIBRARY

On Monday 8th December there will be a used book sale at school. Students are encouraged to bring in some change and buy some older books that have been loved by our classrooms and the library. Books will be sold for 10c each. Old library books may have a barcode and stamping, but this will be crossed out and will be stamped with a cancelled stamp. All books purchased on the day must go home, as we don't want any confusion as to who owns the book.

**All library books must now be returned to school.** If you are unable to find a book, either speak to me about where it may be or pay the amount printed on the overdue notice. This is a really important aspect of the library, so please make sure all books are returned. The class that is the first to return all books will receive a special reward from me next week.

As I have recently been stocktaking in the library, I have changed the physical layout of the shelves and the learning spaces. I am constantly trying to make the library an engaging and exciting space where students want to be, and from the feedback so far, students like what they see.

I would like to say a massive thank you to Jess Bate for her work this year in the library. Jess has been a parent helper on Tuesdays throughout the year, performing a number of jobs including covering books and understanding the processes involved with getting new books onto the shelves for our students to enjoy. Jess also helped out during the stressful stocktake time, and I truly am very appreciative of all her help.

*Miss Craig  
Teacher Librarian*



## INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Over the last two weeks a group of 33 students from Years 2 to 5 enjoyed an intensive swimming program at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre. Every student engaged in a safety talk, targeted swimming lesson and rescue response. It was great to see each and every student improve their swimming skills, technique and overall water confidence.

Thank you to Mrs Hedley, Mrs Hodges, Mrs King and Mrs Francis for escorting the group. It was a pleasure taking these students, as they proudly represented Abermain Public School.

Thank you also to the Tarro Hotel Socials Bowlers who kindly donated funds to decrease the cost of the scheme so students could have a greater opportunity to attend. We appreciate their support.

Please make sure that your child continues to engage in swimming lessons or practice as it is such an important life skill.

Enjoy swimming these Christmas holidays!

*Mrs Hourigan  
Teacher*

## 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>

## Choosing School Shoes

Are expensive shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been 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>

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## PAWS PLUS AWARDS

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

Tahlee Roderick  
Shelby Hancock  
Caiden Fenwick  
Charlotte Morrow  
Mitchell Brown  
Ethan Hodgins  
Kalob Hasler  
Justin Hasler  
Nicholas Turkington  
Georgia Betts  
Breanna Bunn,  
Lara Robertson  
Ellie Mitchell  
Felicity Hodgins  
Briana Hall

Joshua Robertson  
Kaitlyn Mitchell  
Travis Haynes  
Daelin McWhirter  
Madison Hall  
Felicity Elliott  
Mya Perry  
Kailtyn Elliot  
Xylis Weissenborn  
Billy Reading  
Dylan Enright  
Jasmine Weissenborn  
Delani Leigh  
Taylah Russell  
Tiffani Musgrave

Bethany Schwager  
Zac Hughes  
Tom Reading  
Ivy Taylor  
MacKenzie Hall  
Mia Pearson  
Amarli Wanasinghagee  
Tyler Bate  
Ebony Fernance  
Emma Corcoran  
Emily-Cate Allaway  
Tyarah Follan  
Cheyeyenne Follan  
Sharntel Hughes





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## PBL LUCKY DRAW WINNERS

Lister McWhirter, Dustin Barnett,  
Damon Besoff, Keira Leggatt

## PBL BORROWER OF THE WEEK

Madison Hall  
Charlotte Morrow  
Aleah Finneran

### PBL PAWS BADGES

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

*Riley Fernance, Jacob Woodbury, Darrian Burley, Allira Rockley, Aiden Spence, Noah Blair, Naomi Jehu, Kyle Jehu, Jackson Fitzgerald, Jack Gilbert*

# CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT



**MONDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 2014**

**Location: Abermain Public School**

**Gates open 5:30pm for a 6:30pm start**

**Gold Coin Donation Entry**

**Food and Drinks available throughout the night**

**Visit from Santa**

**Fireworks begin at 9pm**

**ALL WELCOME!!**

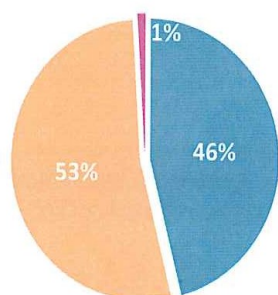
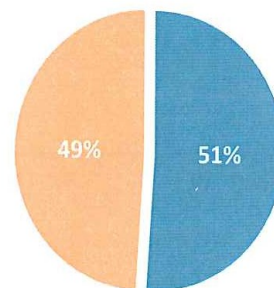
**Abermain Public School****Term 4, 2014****Canteen Menu Feedback**

Dear Cheryl-Ann,

Good for Kids is available to support your school in working towards a Fresh Tastes @ School Canteen. We have reviewed your school canteen menu and the results are summarised below.

**Goals of 'Fresh Tastes @ School'**

School canteen menus should aim to have **>50% GREEN**, **<50% AMBER**, **0% RED** and **0% BANNED** items. Further information regarding 'Fresh Tastes @ School' can be found at the back of this report.

**How GREEN is Your School Menu?****Term 4 2014****Term 1 2015 proposed**

	Term 4 2014		Term 1 2015 Proposed	
	Number of Menu Items	Percentage of Menu	Number of Menu Items	Percentage of Menu
GREEN Items	36	46%	35	51%
AMBER Items	41	53%	34	49%
RED Items	1	1%	0	0%
BANNED Items	0	0%	0	0%





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