



24 February, 2014

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

24th February

Canteen Re-opening

27th February

School Photos

28th February

Zone Swimming Carnival
Kindergarten students -
last day finishing at 2:30

3rd March

School Assembly
Kindergarten students -
normal school hours (pick
up time 3:15pm)

7th March

Disco/Raffle
- Abermain Bowling Club

14th March

Cross Country
Deposit Due - Wangat
Lodge - Years 5/6

10th April

1st Instalment Due -
Wangat Lodge - Yrs 5/6

8th May

2nd Instalment Due -
Wangat Lodge - Yrs 5/6

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Last year through the generosity of the school community collecting the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers, our school has new resources to help promote learning.

Our resources were delivered last week and will no doubt be enjoyed by all students. We have purchased play based resources, that will be used in the library and science equipment. The science equipment will give students a close up look into models of the eye and the ear and a model of the germination of a seed.

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute by collecting the Earn and Learn stickers. We hope we can count on your support again when this initiative rolls around again.

*Miss Craig
Teacher*



This issue:

Swimming Carnival

NRL Ambassadors Visit

School Photographs

New School Signage

World Of Maths

**Lightfoot Camp
(Wangat Lodge)**



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!

NRL AMBASSADORS

On Tuesday 4th February, students from Years 1 to 6 were given the opportunity to listen to past NRL players Adam McDougal and Anthony Quinn speak about the importance of not being involved in bullying, instead students should be looking after their mates, working together and playing as a team. They each shared some personal experiences as well as answered some well structured questions from the students. Many of the tactics which were spoken about in preventing bullying are already being implemented by our school.

Both players commented that our students were good listeners and well behaved during the talk.

*Mrs Hodges
Teacher*

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual swimming carnival held on Friday 7th February, saw outstanding behaviour from our students on a sunny, hot day. **Two records were broken by Briana Hall (Senior Girls Butterfly) and Lara Robertson (8 Years Girls Freestyle).**

The champions of the carnival were:

Junior Girls – Lara Robertson
Senior Girls – Delani Leigh

Junior Boys – Nicholas Turkington
Senior Boys - Damon Besoff

Congratulations to all the participants who showed great sportsmanship during the competition. A huge thank you to our parent helpers: Mr Robertson, Mr Hall and Mr Hodgins for their outstanding efforts on the stopwatches. A massive thank you to Emma King and Hope Bower for donating their time and helping out on the day.

Students who have made it through to zone will be notified when times for events are released.

*Miss Craig
Teacher*

NEW SIGNAGE

During the holidays new signage was installed to promote our school. The new signage consists of two signs that have the school crest and phone number and website, while our large name sign is attached to the library facing Goulburn Street.

In addition to the large signs, we also have some PBL signs to promote our core values of Safety, Respect and Learning. These signs have our dog logo with the core value written. The dog signs were a gift to the school from the 2013 Student Leaders, made possible through the cake stalls held throughout the year.

Thanks go to Tony Stewart of Coalfields Signs for doing such a great job on our signs.

*Miss Craig
Teacher*



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CONGRATULATIONS

Quality Work Shared with the Principal

<i>Tahlee Roderick</i>	<i>Cody Lewis</i>	<i>Joshua Conroy</i>
<i>Jayden Green</i>	<i>Cooper Darcey</i>	<i>Jaylen Burrell</i>
<i>Ryen Smurthwaite</i>	<i>Will Toner</i>	<i>Kyle Brice</i>
<i>Sean Peachman</i>	<i>Amity Rockley</i>	<i>Miah Gay</i>
<i>Ivy Bowtell</i>	<i>Emily Sykes</i>	<i>Madison Hall</i>
<i>Charlize Roderick</i>	<i>Aron Janek</i>	<i>Tyarah Follan</i>
<i>Lucas Whyburn</i>	<i>Tyler Bate</i>	<i>Joseph Reading</i>
<i>Eliza Lantry</i>	<i>Isaac Lake</i>	<i>Andrew Passfield</i>
<i>Eain Harris</i>	<i>Jed Hawthorne</i>	<i>Krystal Dent</i>
<i>Saxon Ross</i>	<i>Kade Stothard</i>	<i>Nakeshia Innes</i>
<i>Stevie Deans-Hona</i>	<i>Mackenzie Hall</i>	<i>Lachlan Netterfield</i>
<i>Rory Turkington</i>	<i>Ellie Kirschner</i>	<i>Shae Smith</i>
<i>Emily Sykes</i>	<i>Felicity Elliott</i>	<i>Shaylie Colless</i>
<i>Charlotte Morrow</i>	<i>Libbia Lorrie</i>	<i>Jasmine Weissenborn</i>
<i>Amarli Wanasinghagee</i>		

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School weeks

Q: Why does the school use "week 6" instead of dates?

A: We find it useful for planning each term.

Here are the actual dates for the rest of this term for Abermain Public School.

TERM 1	Week 3	10/2	Week 6	3/3	Week 9	24/3
	Week 4	17/2	Week 7	10/3	Week 10	31/3
	Week 5	24/2	Week 8	17/3	Week 11	7/4

Please note that all students are expected to be at school every day. Remember to make every day count!

Helping with homework How much should you help your child with homework?

When your child makes a mistake, should you fix it? **Teachers talk** about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>

Some ways of doing things at school have changed since most parents were at school.

This is particularly true of Mathematics. Please consult your child's teacher if in doubt. Homework, hot weather and class sizes – here are some answers to frequently asked questions about going to a NSW public school.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/back-to-school-2014>

Abermain Public has community groups who use our hall after school hours during the week. These groups are Taekwondo, Junior Air League and dancing. If you are interested in participating in any of these please contact the school.

There has been a great response to the parent surveys that were sent home. Thanks to those parents who have taken the time to complete them.

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CANTEEN

OPEN

**Monday-
Friday**

**Starting
24 February**

UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN

**MONDAY
& FRIDAY**

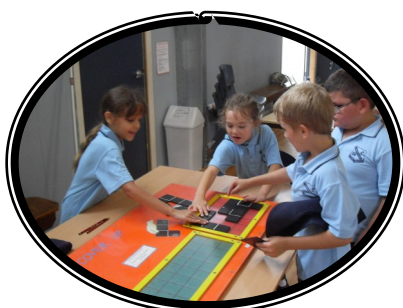
9am-9:30am

WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW

Abermain students from Years 1 through to Year 6 were lucky enough to enjoy a visit from "World of Maths" on Tuesday 18th February. Students formed small groups and were able to attempt a range of hands-on activities designed to develop their problem solving skills. They tried their hand at such activities as building stable bridges and finding the shortest path to return train carriages to their station.

The behaviour of the students was excellent, with the presenter commenting on their maturity and approach. He was also impressed with our school hall as he remembered visiting some years ago and squeezing into the canteen area!

Thank you to all the parents that were brave enough to come along and brush off their rusty maths skills to help out. Your assistance was appreciated and the students loved having you there.



*Mrs Roberson
Teacher*



LIGHTFOOT CAMP - WANGAT LODGE

In September 2014, students in both Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to be the first group from Abermain Public School to visit Wangat Lodge to take part in one of their regarded Lightfoot programs. Information regarding this camp, together with permission notes, have been sent home to students. Permission notes, together with a \$50 non-refundable deposit, must be returned to the school by **Friday 14th**

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographs will be taken on Thursday 27th February, 2014. Order envelopes have been sent home with students. Each student should bring back an envelope with the order ticked and the correct amount of money enclosed, or order payment number entered (for on-line payments), if photos are required. Please note that no change will be available from the school office for photo orders. If you require a Family Group photograph please contact the school office for a separate family photo envelope. This should then be returned with payment enclosed to the school office.

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LIBRARY NEWS



All classes have now had the opportunity to visit the library and I am impressed with the number of students borrowing from our collection. The students are borrowing from all areas of the library and there seems to be some books that are more popular than others.

'Skylanders' is always a popular choice with the boys who love gaming, while the 'My Story' series is proving popular amongst all of our senior students. The 'My Story' books are historical recounts of events that have occurred written from the perspective of a young person living during this time. The series includes Australian stories and Royal stories, and are written for both boys and girls. Well worth a read if you enjoy history.

For the younger students the Nick Bland books and 'Grug' are always popular. These books engage the reader through humour and the simplicity of the words and illustrations.

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian

COMPUTER NEWS

Computer lab is up and running with lots of kids bringing in headphones and USBs.

Please make sure that your child brings their Computer Agreement back in to school so that they are able to use the computers during class and playtime.

Mrs Hill
Teacher

CONTACT INFORMATION

We recently sent out a copy of each child's contact details (including emergency contacts) and health information to parents/carers. It is extremely important the school has up to date information regarding each child's health and contact details. If you have not already returned these forms, could you please check the information and make any necessary changes and return same to the school office as soon as possible.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

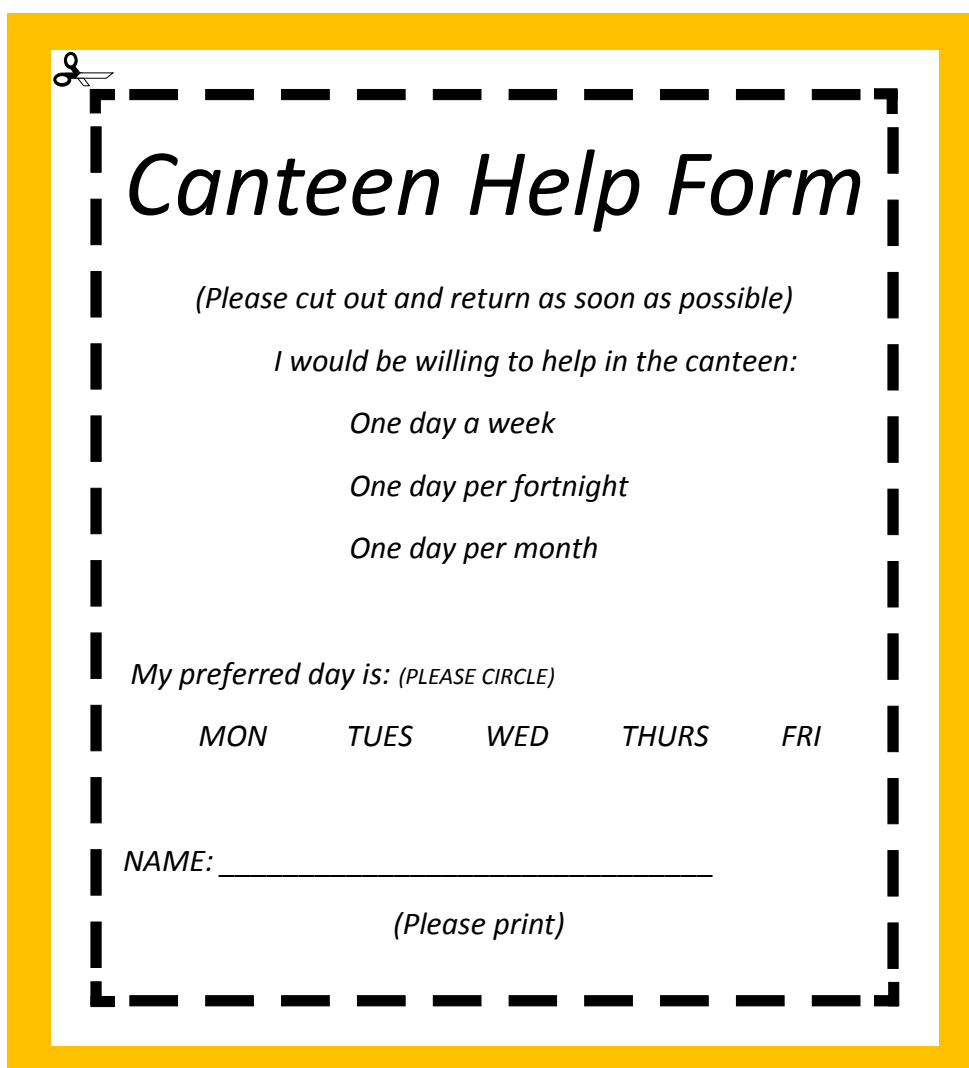
Each week, our school website is updated with the weekly newsletter, permission notes, information notes, and class arrangement notices. There is a link to our newsletter on the front page of the website.

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

CANTEEN REOPENING

The school canteen re-opened on **Monday 24th February** and thanks to the availability of volunteers will be open Monday to Friday. A 2014 Canteen Price list will be sent home with students.

If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer to help in the school canteen please complete the form below and return to the school office. All volunteers must provide a Working With Children Check number to the school. Applications for a Working With Children Check number are available on-line at www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the school office as computers are available each Wednesday at the school



A yellow rectangular box containing a dashed-line border. Inside the border, at the top left, is a small icon of a pair of scissors. The text inside the box is as follows:

Canteen Help Form

(Please cut out and return as soon as possible)

I would be willing to help in the canteen:

One day a week

One day per fortnight

One day per month

My preferred day is: (PLEASE CIRCLE)

MON TUES WED THURS FRI

NAME: _____

(Please print)

YEAR 6-7 TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2015 INFORMATION EVENING



*Mount View High School would like to welcome
your child in 2015.*

*We would like to invite parents and their children in Year 6
to our information evening.*

**Monday 10th March 2014
5.30pm to 6.30pm
in the school hall**

This will be a wonderful opportunity to:

- meet Mount View High School staff, including the Year Adviser for Year 7 2015, Miss Rowena Agostino
- view the facilities of Mount View High School
- hear about subjects on offer for Year 7 2015
- be advised of the enrolment process and
- receive information about our transition program for Year 6 into Year 7 2015.

If you have any enquiries please contact the school on 49902566.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.



ABERMAIN KARATE

FRIDAYS Junior Karate Class: 5-5:45pm
Open Class: 6:7pm
Held at Abermain Community Hall (Bathurst Street, Abermain).
Family Discounts Available. **FIRST LESSON FREE**
Enquiries to: Matt 0411 803 163 Natalie 0402 806 701

KURRI KURRI NETBALL

Netball registration is being held **every Saturday until 15th March** at Kurri Kurri Netball Courts (Mitchell Avenue, Kurri Kurri).

Enquiries:
Deb 0412 053 923



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