



SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

23rd May

Star Struck Instalment Due

27th May

Cake Stall - 5-6P and 5-6R
to supply cakes

Star Struck - Parent Meeting
at 3:15pm in Library

29th May

Star Struck Rehearsal

23rd May

Star Struck Instalment Due

11-14th June

Star Struck

18th June

Athletics Carnival

27th June

Last day Term 2

14th July

Staff Development Day

15th July

Term 3 begins -
Students return to school

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



STUDENT LEADERS - ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

On Wednesday 21st May our six Student Leaders participated in a leadership conference with 1000 other students from the regions primary schools.

The students participated in a number of workshops on how to be an effective leader and what qualities a leader should demonstrate. It was a fun day with lots of hands on activities and some 'loud noise' moments that had them doing some crazy things outside their comfort zone.

The students got to meet a number of students from different schools and had a wonderful day.

*Miss Craig
Student Leader
Co-Ordinator*

This issue:

PSSA Girls Netball

PSSA Girls Soccer

Discover Uni Day

Mother's Day Celebrations

High School Transition

Term 2 PBL Prize

Star Struck



PSSA GIRLS NETBALL

Abermain Public School Girls Netball team played against Bellbird Public School in the PSSA Netball Knockout competition. Unfortunately, Bellbird was just too good for us but I was very proud of the way the girls conducted themselves. They never gave up, supported one another and worked as a team. Most of the girls had never played netball before and I admired their commitment and determination to learn new skills required for the game. Well done girls on your fantastic effort. Don't they look great in their uniforms!

*Miss Onslow
Teacher*



DISCOVER UNI DAY

On Friday 9th May, Year 6 students and their families visited Newcastle University for their "Discover Uni Day". The purpose of the visit was to allow students the opportunity to experience some of the exciting aspects of studying at University and living the lifestyle of a university student.

On the day, we got to be Psychology students, Engineering students and Law students. Some of our tasks were to create a play-doh model of the brain, argue for and against a new law and probably most exciting of all was to use a computer to control the actions of a fully-functioning robot!

During lunch we enjoyed watching a science show with lots of smoke, bubbles and even a bit of balloon art thrown in! Everyone had a wonderful day and we certainly hope that this excursion continues to be a regular event on the Year 6 calendar.

*Mrs Roberson
Teacher*

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!

Quality Work Shared with the Principal

<i>Ryen Smurthwaite</i>	<i>Maddy Stothard</i>	<i>Shakira O'Keefe</i>
<i>Ebonie Fernance</i>	<i>Sharntel Hughes</i>	<i>Madison Hall</i>
<i>Mackenzie Hall</i>	<i>Corey Roddenby</i>	<i>Brayden Gay</i>
<i>Nakeshia Innes</i>	<i>Joel Roddenby</i>	<i>Jack Perry</i>
<i>Michael Edwards</i>	<i>Amity Rockley</i>	<i>Kelyka Ward</i>
<i>Sean Templeton</i>	<i>Dustin Barnett</i>	<i>Kalob Hasler</i>
<i>Darrian Burley</i>	<i>Layla Harvey</i>	<i>Mya Perry</i>
<i>Amitee Cunningham-Archibald</i>		

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The school is looking at options for school photographs for 2015. With this in mind we would be interested in any parental feedback on the school photographs which were recently distributed to parents. Please give any comments in writing to the office at school. School photograph options will be discussed at the next P&C meeting.

There have been some episodes of younger students trading or swapping items at school. This has included such things as toys and pencil cases. The school does not encourage this to take place at school. Our approach is that whatever students bring to school with them they should take home with them at the end of the day.

Mr Boughton
Principal

Too sick for School?

Every day that a child is not at school they miss important learning which puts them behind their peers. As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

MENTAL MATHS STRATEGIES

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

PSSA FOOTBALL

On Friday 16th May our girls took on Pelaw Main Public School in the NSW PSSA Knockout competition. The girls put their training to good use taking a 1-0 lead. Both teams tried hard and the match ended 2-2. Victory was awarded to Pelaw Main on a corners count. Congratulations to our team on a hard fought game played with great sportsmanship.

Thanks again to the P&C for the donation of our fantastic new football kits. Abermain Public School representative teams now proudly wear a very distinctive red and white uniform when playing in PSSA competitions.

PSSA Football Girls 2014: *Grace Bennett, Krystal Dent, Briana Hall, Shelby Hancock, Lucinda Harding, Tabitha Hendrix, Felicity Hodgins, Delani Leigh, Ellie Mitchell, Kailtyn Mitchell, Tiffani Musgrave, Siara Nash and Taylah Russell*



Mr Power
Teacher

MOTHERS DAY

This year saw a wonderful response to our “**Cake an Craft**” afternoon, to celebrate Mother’s Day here at Abermain. We were joined by lots of mums, nans, grans, grandmas, sisters and aunts.

Many people commented on what a lovely afternoon they had had with their children, enjoying a piece of cake and a coffee then a craft activity.

A massive thank you to all the staff at Abermain Public School for their contribution to our afternoon celebration and to our awesome children for hosting their visitors in their classroom.

Mrs Bower
Assistant Principal

STAR STRUCK

The Star Struck plans are well and truly in place and costumes are well on their way. Our next major rehearsal is **Thursday 29th May** at Newcastle Entertainment Centre.

I would like to see any available parents for a quick meeting in the library on Tuesday 27th May at 3:15pm. This is just to sort out transport and give out a few details for show week. A note will be sent home with any information covered afterwards. Just a reminder to finalise any payments and provide the necessary paperwork if you intend on helping with transport. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian

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LIBRARY NEWS

The library is again in full swing. With the announcement of the CBCA shortlisted books I have been busy ensuring we have these outstanding books as part of our collection. Over the past year we have managed to purchase all but 2 of the shortlisted books.

The CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) selects books in a range of categories each year that become shortlisted, out of these books 1 winner is selected. The range of categories includes best picture book, new illustrator, information book and older reader. Shortlisted books will be a focus in term 2 for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes, as we get ready for book week and the announcement of the winner.

As part of my professional development I was lucky to attend the annual MANTLE conference held in Newcastle. This is a conference dedicated to teacher librarians from the Hunter region from public and private primary and secondary schools. During the conference I had the privilege to hear renowned author Jackie French speak about her influences and her love of history and how she creates her stories. She was such an inspiration and I have a new found respect for her writing and encourage primary students to discover her vast array of books.

*Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian*

Give your kids a head start.....

Reading with kids

Before reading with your kids, talk about the cover, the title, the pictures, and discuss what the book may be about.

- * During reading, discuss what has been read up to that point, and imagine what will happen next time.
- * After reading is finished, talk and ask questions about the story and the pictures.
- * When reading a harder book together, take turns. Beginning readers can read the repetitive parts and more experienced readers can read a paragraph or a page.
- * On finding an unknown word:

Pause to give your child time to work out the word

Prompt

- go back to the beginning of the sentence, or read past the difficult word to the end of the sentence.
- look for a clue in the picture or the words
- look at the first letter and think about what the words could be
- ask "Does this make sense?"
- try to sound out the word
- if necessary tell your child the word

Praise your child for trying even if mistakes are made.

But most of all, teach your children to love reading!

*Mrs Stokes
Instructional
Leader K-2*

COMPUTER LAB

Could we please reminder parents/carers to send headphones to school with their child as the children are using Reading Eggs and it is an interactive program.

*Mrs Hill
Teacher*

CANTEEN

OPEN

**Monday
to
Friday**

**UNIFORM
SHOP**

OPEN

**MONDAY
& FRIDAY**

9am-9:30am

TERM 2 PBL PRIZE

The winner of this term's PBL Prize will get to go with an adult to **TreeTop Adventure Park** which has:

- 96 challenges, including 20 flying foxes
- 2 courses for children 3-9 years of age
- 3 flying foxes
- 17 flying foxes for Juniors (2 courses) & Adults (4 courses)



YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION

On Tuesday 20th May, all Year 6 students travelled to Cessnock High for their first ever experience of a day in the life of a high school student. Students were split into six groups and throughout the day moved between five different high school style lessons. Lessons including PE, Art, Japanese and Food Technology were on the timetable for the day, and the mini pizzas some students got to make were a real hit! Lunch is always a popular event in any schedule, and this one was all the more enjoyable being a sausage sizzle and soft drink provided by the high school.

Student behaviour was excellent, and Mrs Bower and myself were, as always, proud to be seen out with our safe, respectful learners. Future transition days have been scheduled for later in the year and students will attend these at the high school for which they have been enrolled.

*Mrs Robertson
Teacher*

CAKE STALL

Just a reminder that a cake stall to raise funds for the Students leaders, will be held on **Tuesday 27th May**. Cakes will be supplied by Year 5 and Year 6 classes and will be on sale at lunch and recess (if there are cakes left) outside the library. Cakes will be up to \$2 in value. Please support this event.

*Miss Craig
Student Leader
Co-Ordinator*

Safe, Respectful Learners



CANTEEN PRICE LIST

As from 14th May, 2014

Breakfast from 8.45am – 9.00am

Toast with:

☺Vegemite or ♦Jam.....	\$0.50
☺Fresh Fruit.....	\$0.50
☺Raisin Toast	\$0.40
☺English Muffin	\$1.00

(These items are available during lunch)

Sandwiches, Salads & Rolls

Sandwiches (white or wholemeal)

☺Vegemite.....	\$1.50
☺Lite Cheese.....	\$1.60
☺Lite Cheese & Tomato.....	\$1.80
☺Salad	\$3.00
☺Egg only (with or without mayo).....	\$2.40
☺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.....	\$0.60
Wraps 8" (small) extra	\$0.20
Wraps 12" (large) extra.....	\$0.40

Extras

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

Hot Food, Pies & Sausage Rolls

Hot Food

♦Large Pie (Lite).....	\$2.60
♦Party Pie (Lite).....	\$1.60
♦Sausage Roll (Lite).....	\$2.00
♦Hot Dog (with squirt of sauce)...	\$2.00
♦Chicken & Gravy Roll.....	\$2.50
♦Pizza - Ham & Pineapple	\$2.20
♦Pizza - Cheese.....	\$2.20
♦Chicken Wedges (each).....	\$0.55
♦Chicken Dino Nuggets (each).....	\$0.40
♦Chicken Pattie on roll.....	\$2.40
♦Chicken Pattie Burger with Lettuce & Mayo	\$2.80
☺Lasagne (Beef or Chicken or Vegetable)....	\$3.00
☺Sweet & Sour Chicken	\$3.00
☺Potato Bake	\$3.00
☺Baked Potato Skins	\$0.40
With a little lite shredded cheese.....	\$0.40
♦Sweet Potato Wedges	\$0.20
☺Tuna Sushi Handroll.....	\$2.00

Extras -

☺Lite Cheese.....	\$0.40
☺Tomato	\$0.20
☺Pineapple.....	\$0.20

Fruit & Fruit Salad

☺Fresh piece of fruit (seasonal)	\$0.50
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Drinks, Desserts & Ice Blocks

Drinks

☺200ml Plain Milk	\$1.00*
♦Flavoured Milk 300ml.....	\$1.40*
☺Assorted Poppers.....	\$1.00*
☺Water 600ml.....	\$1.00*
☺Water 350ml.....	\$0.50*
♦Slushies.....	\$2.00

*available for the 'Breakfast Menu'

Ice Blocks

♦Moosies.....	\$1.40
♦Bulla Ice cream Cups.....	\$1.00
☺Juicies (frozen juice).....	\$0.50
☺Juicies tube (frozen juice).....	\$1.00

Snacks

♦Muffins (Choc Chip Lite).....	\$1.00
♦Honey Soy Chips.....	\$1.00
♦JJ's (Chicken/Pizza/Salt & Vinegar).....	\$1.00
♦Finger Bun.....	\$1.00

☺ Food items with this symbol are "GREEN" foods & are highly recommended
♦ Food items with this symbol are "AMBER" foods & are a sometimes food

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

Lunch plus Recess Bags \$16.00

If you can or someone you know would like to volunteer for canteen weekly, fortnightly OR be on our backup call list please call me on 0414 625 872 or leave a message with the office and I will contact you.

Thanks Cheryl-Ann (Canteen Coordinator)



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