



## SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

#### TERM 2

27th June

Last day Term 2

#### TERM 3

14th July

Staff Development Day

15th July

Students return to school  
Parent/Teacher Interviews  
- 1-2k

17th July

Parent/Teacher Interviews  
- 1-2K

21st July

School Assembly - K-6

23rd July

Special Lunch - Canteen



## "MAGIC HAPPENS"

A massive congratulations to all the girls involved in this year's Star Struck "Magic Happens" held during June. Our girls were well behaved and had an amazing time. I was very proud to have total strangers come up to me during our time and congratulate me on how well behaved our students were.

Our group performed in the final song of the show 'Love is All' dressed as butterflies and grasshoppers, as well as in the finale. Everyone I have spoken to has commented on how great the show was, and I encourage everyone to get along and see the next amazing spectacular at least once.

I would personally like to thank all the girls and their families for the effort in preparing for our performances. Thank you for all the things that helped make this such a successful event – transporting students to rehearsals, making/buying food for girls to share, being a parent helper during the performances, coming as a parent helper into Newcastle, ensuring your child was picked up at appropriate times and all the other little things that I have not listed. All this support from the community makes it such a wonderful opportunity for our students and an absolute pleasure for me.

Thanks also to Mrs Parry and Mrs Hodges for their help during show week and organising our group.

*Miss Craig*

*Teacher Librarian*

## This issue:

**Athletics Carnival**

**Jolly Bops Science  
Show - NAIDOC**

**PSSA Boys Football**

**Term 2 PBL Prize**

**Rewards Days**

**GATS**



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### Quality Work Shared with the Principal

<i>Samuel Davies</i>	<i>Cheyenne Follan</i>	<i>Shay Wilson</i>
<i>Mkaylia Rumney</i>	<i>Samuel Chedzey</i>	<i>Zac Campton</i>
<i>Ellie Mitchell</i>	<i>Delani Leigh</i>	<i>Ivy Bowtell</i>
<i>Felicity Hodgins</i>	<i>Lucas Whyburn</i>	<i>Logan Gilby</i>
<i>Mackenzie Hall</i>	<i>Nakeshia Innes</i>	<i>Ivy Taylor</i>
<i>Shanaya Burrell</i>	<i>Nicholas Vincent</i>	<i>Emily Sykes</i>
<i>Lara Robertson</i>	<i>Joshua Humphreys</i>	<i>Belle Brand</i>
<i>Lister McWhirter</i>	<i>Reanna Finneran</i>	<i>Jayden Green</i>
<i>Sean Templeton</i>	<i>Emily-Cate Allaway</i>	<i>Libbia Lorrie</i>
<i>Amarli Wanasinghagee</i>		

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we approach the holidays this week, I wish you all a safe and happy break. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard working P&C and the school community for supporting our quest for new play equipment, we get closer to our goal each day.

Over the last few weeks staff have taken the opportunity to provide you with reports outlining your child's progress. A massive thank you to all staff for their time and effort. The executive have had the opportunity to read all reports and celebrate with our students as they continue to share quality work with us.

Congratulations to our PAWS badge recipients! I look forward to many more students achieving this milestone throughout next term. It is wonderful to see students working towards being safe, respectful learners here at Abermain Public School A huge thank you to Treetops Adventure Park for supporting our PBL draw this term.

It has been a wonderful term with staff providing many exciting opportunities for our students. I would like to thank all those parents/carers who helped with our NAIDOC celebrations. We look forward to our concert next term and Year 5-6 students attending their camp.

Mrs Sheldon will be on long service leave at the beginning of term 3 and we wish her a wonderful break.

*Mrs Bower*  
*Relieving Principal*

*Safe, Respectful Learners*

## NAIDOC and JOLLY BOPS SCIENCE SHOW

Last Thursday all students were involved in a variety of activities to celebrate Aboriginal culture across the school. The day started with an opening assembly that explained what NAIDOC week is and why we celebrate it. We were fortunate enough to have Janayah Lake, who is the President of the Junior Aboriginal Education Consultive Group (JAECG) at Cessnock High School and a past student of Abermain Public School, begin our Assembly with the Acknowledgement of Country. She then explained her role on the JAECG to the students and gave Year 5/6 Aboriginal students something to aspire to when they are in high school. We then had the Aboriginal Star Struck group from Cessnock High School perform their traditional dance for us, which was fantastic.

Students were involved in a variety of activities and when walking around the school it was easy to see the level of engagement and enjoyment from each student. We had the Jolly Bops Science Show come to the school to explain science with an Aboriginal perspective. This was an interactive show that involved students helping to cause objects to pop, paper to fly, boomerangs to come back and making sounds through a variety of Aboriginal musical instruments. Students had the opportunity to paint on wooden boomerangs (made by Samuel and Claire Chedzey's grandfather), whilst listening to traditional dreamtime stories, make Jonny cakes on a campfire with Isaac Lake's dad, Rodney, and Sean Templeton's whole family, and participate in traditional Aboriginal games (supervised by teaching staff, Susan Chedzey and Lyn Mitchell). Students also had a sausage sizzle lunch.

This was an extremely successful day and all students seemed to enjoy all activities that they were involved in. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and the wider community for their help and participation in making this day a wonderful event for the students.

*Mrs Jarlett  
Teacher*



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**UNIFORM  
SHOP**

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

**CANTEEN**

**OPEN  
Monday  
to  
Friday**

## **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

A very successful carnival was held at Birrale Park, Kurri Kurri, on Wednesday 18th June. All staff were impressed with the participation and behaviour of the students.

"Edgeworth" was the winning House this year. The 2014 Athletic Champions are:

Juvenile Champion - Shanaya Burrell

Juvenile Champion - Mitchell Brown

Junior Girl Champion - Miah Gay

Junior Boy Champion - Brayden Gay

Senior Girl Champion - Siara Nash

Senior Boy Champion - Blake Fitzgerald

Thank you to all the parents/carers and grandparents who came along to support the students and help with the events.

Competitors will be notified if they have qualified for the zone, which is being held on Friday 1st August.

*Mrs Hodges*

*Assistant Principal/Carnival Organiser*

## **PSSA BOYS FOOTBALL**

Congratulations to our Football Team who have progressed to Round 3 of the PSSA competition with a hard earned win against Pelaw Main Public School last Tuesday. Trailing 2-1 at half time the boys rallied in difficult windy conditions to storm home 5-2. Congratulations boys and good luck next round!

*Mr Power  
Teacher*



## **NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA**

Our school is participating in a data collection opportunity next term. A letter was recently sent home to all families outlining the collection process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs Bower.

## **FRIDAY SPORT - STUDENTS ENJOY THEIR BIKE RIDE**



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# LIBRARY NEWS



## BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB

### MAY

Billy, Rai,  
Keira, Dylan

### JUNE

Lydia, Blake,  
Corey, Tom,  
Mitchell

## LIBRARY

Another term down! I have been really excited by the positive reading and borrowing patterns I have seen this term. This year I have decided to let students continue borrowing over the holidays as a number of students are reading books as part of the Premiers Reading Challenge. This has led to a little confusion, as in the past borrowing stopped a few weeks before holidays. I would like all outstanding books returned – students will receive a note letting them know which books need to be returned.

As the holidays approach it is a great opportunity to encourage your children to read a couple of good books. This year's Book Week theme is – "Connect to Reading" and a great way to do this is by snuggling up with a good book on a cold winters day. To encourage reading – let your children see you enjoy reading a good book. Connecting to reading will have life long benefits for you and your child.

Happy Reading!

*Miss Craig*  
*Teacher Librarian*

## TERM 2 PBL PRIZE

Congratulations to our Term 2 PBL prize winners:

**Infants - Luke Robson**

**Primary - Billy Reading**

Thanks to the generous support of Tree Tops Adventure Park (Newcastle), our lucky winners have received a gift voucher for a family of four, valued at \$160.



### PBL PAWS BADGES

Congratulations to the following students who have recently received their PAWS Badges:

***Tahlee Roderick, Sharntel Hughes, Tiffany Musgrave, Mackenzie Hall, Mitchell Brown, Delani Leigh***

# 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!

## STAGE 1 REWARDS DAY

On Wednesday 25th June, students from 1-2K, 1-2E and 1-2H attended the Stage 1 Rewards Day. Students enjoyed a trip to Glendale Cinema to watch how "How To Train a Dragon 2". The movie was a hit as was the picnic lunch at Speers Point Park. Everyone enjoyed playing and having some time with their friends. It was an absolute pleasure to escort the children and to see their smiling faces at the end of the day.

*Mrs Hourigan, Miss Onslow & Mrs Hodges  
Stage 1 Teachers*



## 1-2H INDIVIDUAL RE-WRITE - "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"

One Saturday night the roaring dragon came out and - bang! - out of the egg came a little and very cute Dragon. She looked to find some meat.

*Written by Emily*

One Wednesday night the bright moon came out and - pop! - out of the pouch came a little and really curious kangaroo. She began to look for some water.

*Written by Amarli*

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## GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

On 3rd June, 2014 two Year 6 students from Abermain Public School attended one of the four Gifted and Talented Students (GATS) days at Cessnock High School. It was the HSIE Day. During the day they had fun working with mysteries, writing a narrative about six objects in a bag, testing out finger prints and drafting a plan for an environmentally friendly town of their own.

The following week five students attended the scond GATS day, focussing on TAS. All five students had a blast, participating in Industrial Technology, Food Technology and Industrial Art. In these subjects they were creating power with switchboards and learning about power, building and testing catapults, sewing pillows and decorating them with stencil designs. They also made their own gingerbread houses to satisfy their stomachs!

Best of all, they made new friends.

*Lucinda Harding  
Year 6 Student*

Two students attended the final GATS day centred on Agriculture and Science. They dissected a kidney, did a pop test and worked with weights and paper to find rules for science. In Agriculture students cleaned out the pig pen, fed the calves and rabbits, and brushed the steers. All students that attended the GATS days are now more excited than ever about starting High School.

*Joshua Chapman  
Year 6 Student*

## STAGE 3 REWARDS DAY

On Thursday 26th June, Year 5 and 6 students celebrated Positive Behaviour for Learning with a Rewards Day. We watched a DVD, played with technology items and ate pizza!

*Tiffani Musgrave, Briana Hall & Taylah Russell  
Year 6 Students*



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