



NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

28th July

Beanie Day
- Gold Coin donation

30th July

MADD Concert - Yrs 5/6
- Cessnock High School

31st July

Education Week Assembly
Canteen Week Celebration

1st August

Zone Athletics

4th August

Interrelate - Year 5/6
Whole School Assembly

6th August

School Leaders Breakfast
Special Lunch - Canteen

12th August

Interrelate - Year 5

20th August

Book Parade

4th September

School Concert
- Plaza Hall

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE



This issue:

Education Week

Beanie Day

Pre-Service Teachers

Kindergarten 2015

PBL

Canteen Week

POSTIVE BEHAVIOURS FOR LEARNING

We are celebrating a major milestone ...

98% of our students have achieved PBL success in our school playground in Semester 1 this year, and 88% of our students have achieved PBL success in their classroom setting in Semester 1 this year.

GO ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL!!

Safe, Respectful Learners all round ...!!



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A very exciting term lies ahead with Education Week, Book Week, our School Concert and the Year 5/6 camp all coming up this term.

We welcome Mrs McGee, a Pre-service teacher working with Mr Power this term on 5/6P as well as Mrs Blinman working as a School Learning Support Officer in our Kindergarten classrooms. Mrs Genge returns to our school to cover Mrs Sheldon's leave for the first 4 weeks.

This week sees us celebrating our PBL successes both as individual students continue to achieve their PBL PAWS badges and our whole school success, as

- 97% of our students have achieved PBL success in our school playground in Semester 1 this year
- 88% of our students have achieved PBL success in their classroom settings in Semester 1 this year. CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!!

Next week we celebrate Education Week with a special whole school assembly, this is an opportunity to focus on and celebrate the success of our students, staff and the community. An opportunity to say THANK YOU to all staff and students for their focus and effort each and every day here at Abermain Public School.

We will commence a number of new and exciting initiatives this term, one of which is our Ready, Set, Go! program aimed at extending our orientation program for 2015 kindergarten students. I encourage everyone who can, to participate in our Friday afternoon sessions when they are up and running.

We welcome back Mr Boughton at the end of next week, and we are all looking forward to hearing about his adventures and travels.

Mrs Bower

Relieving Principal

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BEANIE DAY

On Monday 28th July, 2014 students are encouraged to wear a beanie to school and bring in a gold coin donation to support the Mark Hughes Foundation. All funds raised will go directly to the Brain Cancer Research at Hunter Medical Research Institute. For participating our school will go in the draw to win a Rugby League Coaching clinic with Mark Hughes and MHF Ambassador, Danny Buderus. There is also a signed 2014 Knights Jersey up for grabs!

*Mrs Hodges
Assistant Principal*

**UNIFORM
SHOP**

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

CANTEEN

**OPEN
Monday
to
Friday**

EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Parents/Carers, grandparents and relatives are invited to join us to celebrate Education Week at Abermain Public School on **Thursday 31st July, 2014.**

At 11:15am join us for a family picnic lunch, followed by a whole school assembly at 12:20pm. Students who have recently had their PBL contracts signed off will also be receiving their PBL Badges at this assembly.

The canteen will be available for the family picnic lunch. If you would like to place an order please ensure your child hands it in to the school canteen that morning.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL/PBL

Last term the Student Representative Council (SRC) put the challenge out to classes to name our PBL dog. The dog was designed by a former student and has been used within the school for the past 7 years. Each class had the opportunity to submit some names for our seeking success dog, with the SRC and PBL teams making the final decision.

This week during assembly the class who selected the winning name was announced, along with the name and a very cute mascot that will be travelling around our school and hopefully visiting all the classes.

The winning class was K/1S and the winning name is '**Sherlock**', the seeking success dog.



*Miss Craig
On behalf of SRC and
Mrs Parry*

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**NO PETS
ALLOWED
ON
SCHOOL
GROUNDS**

3-4T's MARVELLOUS METAPHORS

The toad was a super suspicious spy looking at Mrs Taylor.

The paper was a white bird floating in the air.

The typewriter was a violent vacuum flying through the sky.

The dragon was a furious fireball flying through the volcano.

The bat was a violent vampire waiting in the supermarket.

The Earth was a golden galaxy rolling to Mars.

WANGAT LODGE

We would like to remind parents/carers that the final instalment for Wangat Lodge was due to be paid on 23/7/14. As final numbers must be submitted by Wednesday 30th July, full payment for this excursion must be made by Tuesday 29th July, 2014 to secure your child's place on this excursion. Please contact Mrs Roberson, Mr Power or the school office if you are experience financial difficulties or have any concerns regarding payment.

HEAD LICE

We would like to remind parents/carers to regularly check your child's hair for head lice. We have recently had several students with head lice. Head lice are spread by contact occurring between one human head and another human head. If your child presents with live lice or eggs, they should be treated using either with chemical treatments or using the comb and conditioner method. Treatment should be repeated every 6 days for at least two weeks. It is also recommended that long hair be tied back and braided.

PRE-SERVICE TEACHER 5-6P

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and say 'Hello' to you all!

My name is Carolyn McGee and I am in my final year at Newcastle University. I am completing my internship at Abermain Public School, and I will be teaching with Mr Power in 5/6P this term. I want to let you all know how excited I am to get to know the students and families, and to experience life as a 'real' teacher. Please feel free to come and say hello."

Carolyn McGee

Pre-Service Teacher

PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS - KP/1-2K

During the past 4 weeks our school has been fortunate to have both Genevieve Bird and Megan Foster working at our school as Pre-service Teachers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Genevieve and Megan and wish them both the very best with their studies.

Mrs Hodges

Assistant Principal

SPORT - CARPET BOWLS

As the rain prevents students from doing lawn bowls for sport at Abermain Bowling Club, we are hoping to provide the students with an alternative of doing indoor carpet bowls on these days instead. If you, or anyone you know, has any carpet bowls which the school could borrow, could you please see Mrs Taylor or contact the office.

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JULY

Felicity Hodgins

Zac Stair

Layla Goodchild

Samuel Davies

Teleah Campton

LIBRARY

Well what an exciting term we have in store! This term sees the library host its pinnacle event of the year – Book Week. This year we will be celebrating book week by holding a book fair and a book parade in week 6. The event will be held on the Wednesday 20th August, 2014.

I will be giving out more details closer to the event, but I encourage all students to think about which book character they might dress as for our parade. This event is not designed to cost a lot of money, so I encourage parents to be creative in the costume choices and recycle and hand make where possible.

The theme for book week this year is ‘Connect to Reading’ and is designed to get everyone thinking about how we connect to each other, the environment, our country – all the things that make us unique and special. During library lessons students will be exploring this theme and will experience the shortlisted books for 2014.

Keep an eye out for all the exciting events that will be occurring during term 3.

*Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian*



PBL PAWS BADGES

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

Felicity Hodgins, Taylah Russell, Brianna Hall, Ellie Mitchell, Shelby Hancock, Joshua Robertson, Kaitlyn Mitchell, Tom Reading, Bethany Schwager

SECOND HAND TOYS

If anyone has any toys (ie dolls, trucks, trains etc) that they would like to donate to the school for use during playtime in the Kindergarten rooms, could you please see Mrs Parry or drop items off at the school office.

CANTEEN WEEK

Be part of the fun and activities and help us celebrate Canteen Week. Students are being encouraged to be involved with a colouring-in competition which could win our canteen \$250 to spend with our distributor, while winning a \$20 iTunes voucher for themselves. Students have been given colouring-in sheets which need to be handed in at the school canteen by Thursday, 31st July. The best entry will be selected and then sent in to ASCA who will select a winner for each state.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C, Cheryl-Ann Leggatt (Canteen Co-Ordinator, Skye Brand (Canteen Supervisor) and all our volunteers who give their time to help in the canteen. With their support and dedication we are able to have the canteen available for students five days per week.

STOP WALK TALK

Our students are to be congratulated on their ability to use Stop, Walk, Talk strategies in our playground.

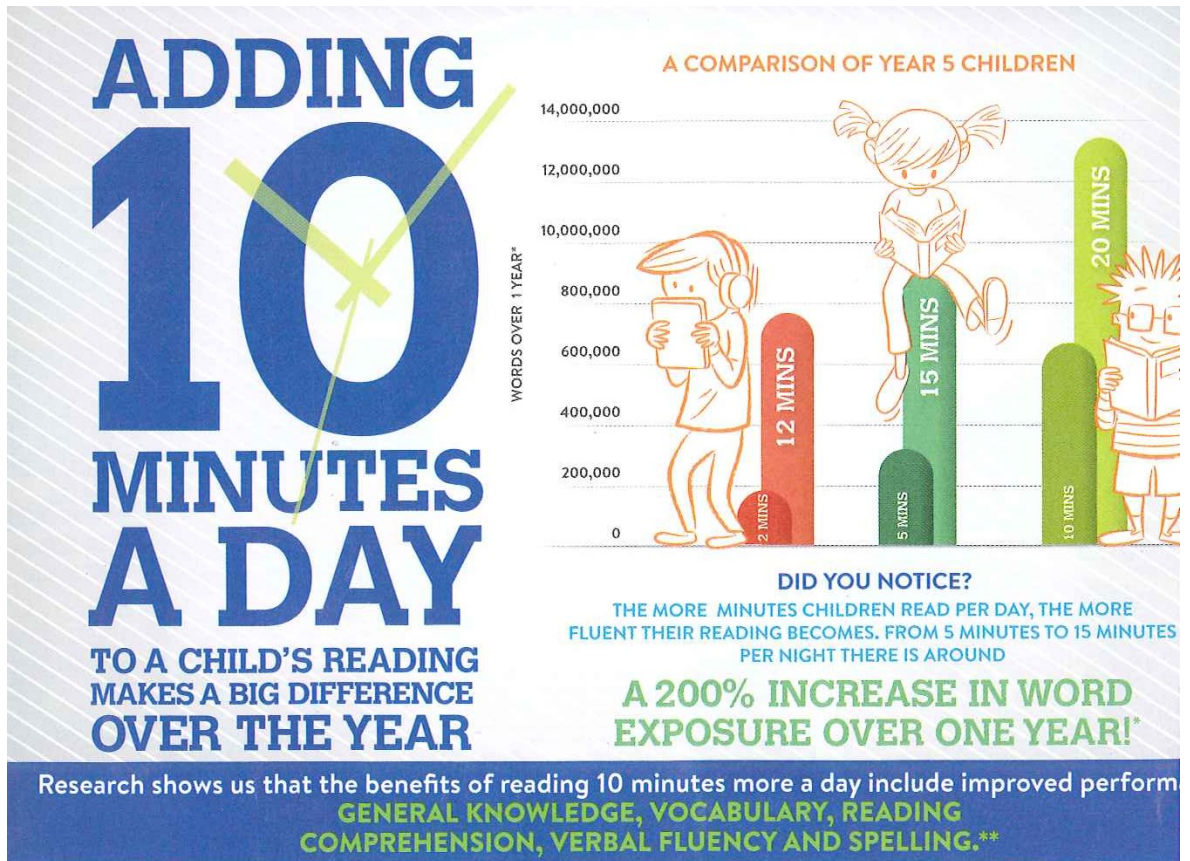
Keep up the great work!

CELEBRATE Canteen WEEK
valuing staff & volunteers

Major sponsor:
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28 JULY – 1 AUGUST
BE PART OF THE FUN AND ACTIVITIES

Daily sponsors:
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K I N D E R 2 0 1 5

2015 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

We are now taking registrations for Kindergarten students who will start school in 2015. Any families who have a child starting Kindergarten in 2015 are asked to contact the school office on 4930 4210, or come to the office during school hours to register their child for Kindergarten 2015 and complete an enrolment form.

A letter detailing Kindergarten Orientation details will be sent home to all registered families during Term 3. Parents will need to ensure they have returned the enrolment form and their child's birth certificate, immunisation certificate and proof of address before Kindergarten Orientation.

READY, SET, GO!

Abermain Public School is highly committed to ensuring that all children are given the support they need to start school in the best way possible. As such, we will be offering an extended transition program, **Ready, Set, Go!**, for all children starting school next year. This program is available to all children enrolled to start in 2015. *If you have a child and you are undecided as yet as to whether they should start next year, they are also very welcome and staff will support you in making this decision.*

The sessions will be around school readiness with language as a focus to give your child a great head start before school. Sessions will run each Friday afternoon from 1pm – 3pm with opportunities for children to experience some fun classroom activities as well as meeting with their buddies and having time in the playground. Parents are asked to stay, get involved with the activities and get to know each other.

Please register your interest in the program by returning the slip below so that the school can send your child an invitation to attend our first session.

Yes, my child.....would be interested in attending the **Ready, Set, Go! Extended Transition Program.**

My child is already enrolled/not enrolled for kindergarten at Abermain Public School.

My child has allergies or disabilities/conditions you should be aware of

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