

## SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

#### 15th October

Aboriginal Community  
Meeting

#### 23rd October

Grandparents Day  
"Stories"

#### 26th October

Cybersafety Education

#### 29th October

Kindergarten Orientation  
"Stories"

#### 30th October

Olympathon  
"Day for Daniel"  
"Gonski"

#### 2nd November

School Leader Speeches

#### 6th November

Kindergarten Orientation  
"Stories"

#### 9th November

P&C Meeting 5pm

#### 13th November

Kindergarten Orientation  
"Stories"

#### 20th November

Kindergarten Orientation  
"Stories"

#### 25th November

Presentation Day  
Year 6 Farewell



## This issue:

Grandparents Day

Art Exhibition

Kinder Orientation

Community Connect  
Meeting

Gonski Week

Cybersafety Educaiton

Choir News

Spring Music Showcase

P&C Movie Night

Carols by Candlelight

## Excellent Service to School Sport

We would like to congratulate Mrs Hodges who was presented an award at our school assembly for her "Excellent Service to School Sport". Mrs Hodges has been involved in school sport for many years and has been recognised for the following service:

- Regional Life Member of PSSA
- President of the Zone PSSA
- Regional Athletics Manager (17yrs)
- Zone Soccer Selector
- Zone Athletics Carnival Convenor (10yrs)
- Regional Girls Soccer team Manager (13yrs)
- State Girls Soccer team manager (3yrs)





## PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome back to Term 4. It looks like it's going to be another exciting adventure fun filled term.

It was great to see some new faces at our P&C meeting on Monday. Being part of the P&C is extremely important for the efficient running of a school. During the P&C meeting you have the opportunity to discuss school issues. This meeting provided information and discussion about PBL discipline procedures, parent improvement focus group, Olympathon, canteen, Grandparents Day, hall extension, school reports, Tell Them From Me Survey concerns and Cybersafety for parents. By knowing more about what is happening in the school you have a greater chance of supporting your child's education for the future. Please save the date and time for the next P&C meeting to be held on 9 November at 5pm in the library.

Congratulations to Mrs Hodges for her excellent services to sport. Mrs Hodges had been very dedicated to school sports for many years and thoroughly deserves this award.

Parents are always invited to attend our school assemblies held each fortnight. This week students received PAWS badges and class awards for their achievements and following our PBL values. The next assembly date has been changed to Friday 23 October at 10:15am to coincide with Grandparents Day, this will be followed by a BBQ lunch. I look forward to seeing you all there.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that the staff are always willing to discuss student issues that occur at school. I would like to remind parents not to take matters into their own hands and approach other students in school about particular issues. Please come and talk to the staff or Principal and we will assist you in resolving any concerns .

A special thank you needs to be extended to Eddie Gerigk for the extra effort in maintaining our school over the past few weeks. Eddie has volunteered his service to do a few extra handy man jobs around the school.

The 'Stories' program is still available for all preschool aged children on Friday afternoon in the library. Jane Hodgson has been a wonderful support for our school and it would be great to see more preschool students attending her free sessions at 2:30 Fridays in the library.

Over the next few weeks you will receive information regarding volunteers for the Carols by Candlelight to be held on 14 December. This is a super event for the school, but we need your help in running the evening. Please volunteer some time on the evening. With your help, even for half an hour, we can enjoy a fabulous fun evening with the Abermain community. Hope to see your name on the list.

Mr Lamph  
Principal

## QUALITY WORK SHARED WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Tahlee R.  
Finlay P.  
Tyler B.  
Shae S.  
Rai B.  
Jack G.  
Tori H.  
Roman W.  
Max C.  
Laura M.  
Lucy A.  
Eli B.  
Noah c.  
Ayden F.  
Jayda F.  
Ryan H.  
Cooper M.  
Allira R.  
Elijah R.  
Amelia r.  
Nicholas S.  
Joseph R.  
Adam G.  
Delani L.  
Felicity H.  
Harrison F.  
Cooper F.  
Riley M.  
Cooper O.  
Oliver T.



THE RIGHT RESOURCES TO MEET THE  
INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF EVERY STUDENT.

- Smaller class sizes
- Additional specialist support
- Greater support for students with disabilities
- Better professional development
- Expanded literacy and numeracy programs

OUR KIDS ARE WORTH MORE.  
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Authorised by Susan Haggard, Federal Secretary, Australian Education Union, 121 Cleveland St, Southbank VIC.

## Gonski Week 26<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November

You may have heard a lot of talk about Gonski recently around the school and in the media.

### What is Gonski?

Gonski funding is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education. Look out for Abermain's Gonski story, showing how this funding has already made a difference in our school.

If you haven't already, please register your support for Gonski at [www.igiveagonski.com.au](http://www.igiveagonski.com.au)

## SCHOOL CANTEEN

STARTING IN WEEK 3 (19TH OCTOBER, 2015) THE SCHOOL CANTEEN WILL AGAIN BE OPEN EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO HELP IN THE CANTEEN



## Congratulations to our PBL Badge Recipients



**KS**  
Cooper O.

**1-2J**  
Keira L.  
Kaitlin P.  
Kalob H.  
Will T.  
Joe R.  
Felicity E.  
Layla G.  
Lydia B.

**3-4G**  
Olivia R.  
Emily-Cate A.

**3-4H**  
Jorja L.  
Dylan E.  
Jeff W.  
Madison H.  
Kyle J.  
Cameron B.  
Ella K.

**5-6P**  
Amity R.  
Tarryn H.  
Jackson D.  
Zane S.

**5-6R**  
Maddy S.  
Caleb V.  
Caitlyn O.

## Kindergarten Orientation

On Thursday 29th October, 2015 we will commence our Kindergarten Orientation program to welcome students starting school in 2016 and their parents/carers to explain some of our procedures.

Our Kindergarten Orientation Program focuses not only on the children but also provides opportunities for us to inform, support and prepare parents and caregivers for the very exciting first year of their child's formal education.

If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2016 it is not too late to register for the Kinder Orientation Program. Please contact the school office or Debbie Bower (Assistant Principal) on 4930 4210, or come to the office during school hours to register your child for Kindergarten 2016.

2016 Kindergarten Orientation Program	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October, 2015	1.00pm - 2.00pm <b>Parents &amp; students</b> - Library
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	1.00pm - 2.00pm <b>Parents</b> - Library <b>Students</b> - Kindergarten classroom <i>Followed by "Stories" at 2:30pm for those who wish to stay</i>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	1.00pm - 2.00pm <b>Parents</b> - Library <b>Students</b> - Kindergarten classroom <i>Followed by "Stories" at 2:30pm for those who wish to stay</i>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	1.00pm - 3.00pm <b>Parents</b> - Library <b>Students</b> - Kindergarten classroom <i>Followed by "Stories" at 2:30pm for those who wish to stay</i>





## TERM 4 PBL REWARDS

As we head into Term 4, students who uphold Abermain Public School's core values of Safety, Respect and Learning have many things to look forward to. As always, we have our Seeking Successes to trade in twice a term. And don't forget, students are able to earn their PAWS badge right up until the very last day of the school year, so we encourage all students to continue to work towards this very commendable achievement.

As if this isn't enough, students who have already achieved their PAWS badge, or those who are able to achieve their badge within the next two weeks, can work towards PAWS Plus. To achieve PAWS Plus, students must consistently demonstrate the PBL expectations throughout the entire school year, and therefore are unable to be signed off on this prestigious award until after Week 5 this term. In addition to receiving a special medal, PAWS Plus recipients will attend their own exclusive reward event, and have their photo displayed in the PAWS Plus achievement board in the school foyer. The PBL team are currently investigating a number of ideas for this end of year celebration with details to be revealed later in the term.

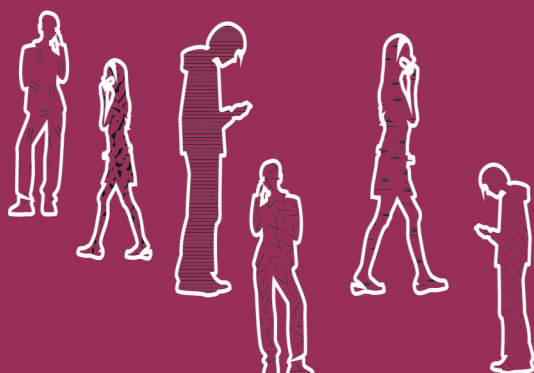
Of course, the Year 6 Fun Day is also coming up in Week 8 and this will be the Term 4 Rewards Day for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. To be eligible to attend, students will need to display appropriate safe, respectful behaviours throughout the term and ensure that they do not receive two or more Formal Notifications.

So, students need to make sure they continue to meet the school's PBL behavioural expectations and enjoy these great rewards in Term 4.

**BEING HELD AT ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL ON MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER, 2015**

**PLEASE ADVISE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND**

## CYBERSAFETY EDUCATION FOR YOUR CHILD



Contact the school for more information about the upcoming cybersafety presentation.



## **LIBRARY**

Welcome back to Term 4! Amazing things are already happening in the library and it's only week 2. Each stage is engaging in quality learning and will have wonderful opportunities to show the school community what they are learning.

## **BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB**

**Happy Birthday  
Joel, Joe, Jayda  
& Olivia**

As the weather warms up, a lot more students frequent the library to escape the heat, so some exciting Makerspace's will be appearing in the library over the next few weeks. A Makerspace is an area where students can be creative to explore new concepts or techniques and expand their imagination and skills. One of the spaces of French knitting, so if anybody has spare wool that is no longer needed, please donate it to the library for students to use. I look forward to seeing the students utilise the spaces within the library.

**Book Club is due this Friday 16th October** and will be the second last issue for the year. There are a number of great new books featured, which could make fantastic Christmas presents. If you are unsure of the books your child is interested in and reading, I'm more than happy to offer some advice on suitable titles.

## **PRIMARY SPORT**

Students in Years 3-6 will begin participating in our primary sport activities on Friday of Week 2. This term, netball, cycling, tee-ball, soccer, and cricket are on offer and provide a great opportunity for students to develop movement and decision making skills, and an understanding of teamwork and strategy. Students interested in playing in the school PSSA cricket team are asked to participate in the cricket group for the development of skills for the following year.

All students should be prepared each Friday with a hat, water bottle, sports shoes, sports uniform and sun-screen.

## **COMMUNITY CONNECT MEETING**

The next Community Connect meeting is being held at Abermain Bowling Club on Thursday, 15th October, 2015 at 6pm. Some of the items to be discussed range from the Kullaburra Awards Ceremony, Personalised Learning Plans to future planning for next year.

## **CESSNOCK HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION**

Students attending Cessnock High School in 2015 will be attending an orientation day on Thursday 22nd October, 2015. A BBO lunch will be provided. The school office will be open all day for collection of book packs, the payment of fees and camp deposits. The canteen will be open from 2:30pm for collection of uniforms. Students will receive a note this week.

## **CESSNOCK HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION EVENING**

The Cessnock High School information evening will be held at Cessnock High School on Thursday 22nd October, 2015 at 5:30pm. Members of staff, including the year adviser, will be present for any questions. Students and parents are welcome to attend.

The commencement date for Year 7 is Monday, 30 November, 2015.



# Grandparents & Special Persons Day

Our school will celebrate the special role Grandparents play in the lives of our students on Friday, 23rd October. Grandparents or special persons have been invited along to school for the morning to share this special occasion with their grandchildren.

Classes will invite our visitors into the classroom from 9:15am-10:15am, where they will see the quality work being produced and hopefully engage in some conversations about the changes in school since they were young. If Grandparents would like to bring in any photographs or memorabilia to share with classes please encourage them to do so.

The school will hold a special assembly at 10:15am where Grandparents will hear some remarkable writing by students. Awards will be presented to students and everyone is welcome along to this assembly.

A BBQ lunch will be provided to students and guests. Notes have been sent home with students this week, so please return slip with numbers for catering purposes. If families would like to have a picnic lunch they are more than welcome to bring in additional food to share. Our P&C will have a special morning tea available for Grandparents & special persons only in our canteen area throughout lunchtime. There will be no canteen on this day, so please provide additional food if a sausage sandwich will not be enough for students.

This should be a wonderful day and both staff and students are excited to have Grandparents and special people share in this day.

## ART EXHIBITION—FACE OF THE WORLD

Stage 2 student, Ryan Lewis has entered an artwork into an exhibition at Newcastle gallery for an art show titled “Face of the World”. Artworks created for this exhibition had to represent a face from any culture within the world. Ryan created a self-portrait that shows his skills with a range of different techniques. Ryan had success earlier this year at the Weston Art Show and we would like to take this opportunity to wish Ryan good luck in this competition.

## CANBERRA EXCURSION 2015

Last term students in years 5/6 undertook an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the costs of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards these costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school on completion of the excursion, and was taken into consideration when the school offered the excursion to families at a reduced cost.





## CHOIR NEWS

This week the choir were very excited to rehearse with country music singer Lyn Bowtell. Lyn has asked the choir to perform in her Spring Music Showcase on 15th November, 2015. The concert is fundraising for Nova Pooch Rescue Inc. Read Leverett's story below.

A note will be sent out this week for those children involved. Please contact Miss Gylar (Teacher) if you require further information



### Come to the Concert and help save lives

*We rescued Zeek and Zuma, our family dogs that were going to be put down and Zuma was already pregnant. When it came time for Zuma to have her puppies, one was born, but then the others got stuck.*

*It was an emergency!!*

*Zuma might die!*

*Laura's friend, Lyn Bowtell, told us about the dog charity called Nova Pooch Rescue. They organised a vet to operate on Zuma and they got 6 more puppies out!*

*That day Nova Pooch Rescue saved 7 lives!!!*

*They did not charge us anything.*

*We want to raise money to help Nova Pooch Rescue help other people and their dogs.*

*By Leverett*

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15TH 2pm-5pm**

**SPRING MUSIC SHOWCASE**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO NOVA POOCH RESCUE INC.**

**Featuring performances from 3 X Golden Guitar winner Lyn Bowtell, her students and Abermain Public School Choir!**

**An afternoon of family fun and beautiful music**

**LUCKY DOOR PRIZES • JUMPING CASTLES  
MINIATURE PONY • FAIRY FLOSS  
FOOD AND DRINK • COFFEE CART**

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# CAROLS

## BY CANDLELIGHT

Location:  
**ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL**

- Monday, 14th December 2015
- Gates open 5.30pm for a 6.30pm start
- Gold Coin Donation Entry
- Food & drinks available throughout the night
- Visit from Santa
- Fireworks begin at 9.00pm



**ALL WELCOME!! DON'T MISS THIS ONE!!**

Please join us for  
a wonderful  
evening of  
community carol  
singing under the  
stars.

All you need is  
a blanket or chair.

### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS TOY/GIFT RAFFLE**

The P&C are currently seeking donations of new toys, DVD's or books to include in a big toy raffle which is to be drawn at the Christmas Carols being held at Abermain Public School on Monday 14th December, 2015.

Monies raised from this raffle will go towards improvements to the school hall.

Please forward any donations to the school office before **Wednesday, 9th December, 2015.**



Invite you to attend the screening of

**APS P&C**

## THE DRESSMAKER

**\$20 per person**

**(includes pre movie nibbles )**



**When: Friday the 6th November 2015**

**Time: 5:45 pm—for nibbles in café area.**

**At: Reading Cinemas Maitland.**

Tickets to be purchased from the school and presented  
on the night for entry to movie.

**\$20 per ticket with funds raised going towards  
projects within the school.**

**DON'T MISS OUT—TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**





## THE ATHLETE'S FOOT

**The Athlete's Foot is a supporter of Abermain Public School in the  
"Back To School Rewards Program"**

**Our school will receive \$5 for every pair of shoes purchased in store at  
The Athlete's Foot Charlestown, Kotara, Glendale or Greenhills.  
All you have to do is tell them you belong to Abermain Public School**

### *Cessnock Schools as Community*

*Centre*

*Koe-nara*



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[pinterest.com/koenaraschoolsa/](https://pinterest.com/koenaraschoolsa/)

**Playworks @ Koe-nara, Mondays 10 to 12**

Supported playgroup, Stories with Mr K, Cessnock School Librarian

**Let's Play @ Koe-nara, Tuesdays 10 am to 11.30 am**

Discover how to use the everyday as play materials

Songs, dancing and music with Lyn

**Term 4 program**

**Playworks @ East,**

**Thursdays 9am to 11am**

Join in with other parents at our  
Supported playgroup, songs, dancing  
and music with Lyn

**Babies at Koe-Nara, Thursdays**

**12.30pm to 2pm**

Meet new friends, find out about local services and  
what to expect next in your baby's development

**Young Parents Playgroup at Koe-Nara, Fridays 10am to 12pm**

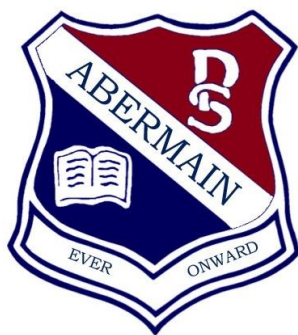
Supported playgroup for parents who are under 25 years of age, create a  
scrapbook for your child, meet new people & learn about other services.  
Morning tea is provided.



For more information contact Jane Hodgson on 49909354 or 0428 263 854 or

[Jane.Hodgson@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Jane.Hodgson@det.nsw.edu.au) or at

Koe-nara, on the corner of Rawson & Quarrybylong Sts, Aberdare



# SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

## SCHOOL APP

The school app is available to the whole community

To download the school app visit the Apple App store or Google Play store and search for Abermain Public School.

Log in using - Username: community Password: abermainps



**CORRECT FOOTWEAR  
TO BE WORN AT  
ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL**