



SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

30th October

Olympathon

"Day for Daniel"

"Gonski"

2nd November

School Leader Speeches

6th November

Kindergarten Orientation

"Stories"

P&C Movie Night

9th November

School Assembly

P&C Meeting 5pm

13th November

Kindergarten Orientation

"Stories"

20th November

Kindergarten Orientation

"Stories"

23rd November -

4th December

Intensive Swimming

25th November

Presentation Day

Year 6 Farewell

Grandparents & Special Person's Day



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P&C Movie Night

Carols by Candlelight

Selective High School

On Friday 23rd October, we were excited to have grandparents, special persons and other family members of our students in our school to celebrate the very important role that extended families play in the lives of young people. The theme for the day was "Moments that Matter" and in preparation for our event, students worked hard in their classes writing stories and poems inspired by memories shared with their special person.

We started our celebrations by welcoming our special visitors into our classrooms to participate in a variety of activities with our students. Following this, we came together for a special assembly which saw our school hall filled to capacity. Our audience were not only able to applaud PAWS badges recipients, but were treated to some entertaining and heart-warming pieces of writing delivered by students from Kindergarten right through to Year 6. We were then able to enjoy a sausage sizzle or picnic lunch together, with our special visitors also being invited to relax with a cup of tea or coffee and fresh baked scones with jam and cream.

Staff were overwhelmed by the number of visitors and the enthusiastic feedback received on the day. Thank you to those who came along to help celebrate, and a huge thank you to the staff and P&C that volunteered their time to help make the day such a wonderful success!





PRINCIPALS REPORT

The support of our grandparents on their special day was tremendous. It was with great pride that I addressed the school assembly, which was a full house. During my class visits, grandparents and special friends worked collaboratively with the students to complete fun tasks that allowed for a beautiful interaction between the different generations.

On Monday night, I attended the Cybersmart session for parents which provided great information about the safe use of technology such as iPhones, iPad and tablets. One of the many important things is that the device should be locked down and secured to ensure that appropriate restrictions and photo settings are chosen for children to use the device. This can prevent identity theft and photo material ending up in criminals computers. For more information I encourage you to log into the following website as it is worth a look: www.e-safety.gov.au

Last week the school ran an emergency lockdown drill. This is a mandatory requirement by the department to ensure that we have safe procedures in place for the students, staff and visitors to our school. The drill was very successful as it allowed the school to ensure the staff and students know what to do if we are ever required to lockdown in a real situation.

Thank you to a wonderful group of parents who formed a focus group to assist Cessnock High School gather information about their school and ways to improve the transition and image to provide a better place for Abermain students to attend. I look forward to reporting the results of this interaction at a later date.

Unfortunately we are seeing a few students getting close to being suspended for inappropriate behaviour at school. As you will be aware, at the beginning of this term we commenced a new discipline procedure that has set higher expectations for the students to be responsible for their behaviour. Students are expected to use nice talk, keep their hands to themselves, do their best in class and show respect for all people at school. These behaviours are underpinned by our school PBL values of Safety, Respect and Learning which the students have been learning about all year. Within the new procedures students are given appropriate warnings and timely reminders to improve their behaviour. If the children choose not to comply to the schools expectations then a consequence will be imposed according to the behaviour. If your child is getting close to suspension and you wish to discuss your concerns with the teachers and myself could you please make an appointment at the office. It is important that we set high expectations for our students in regards to behaviour so they have the best possible learning environment to ensure they are prepared for the future.

I'm looking forward to the Olympathon on Friday. It should be a great way to be active, have fun and raise some money for the P&C which will contribute to the development of the stage area of the school hall. Also, remember to wear your red shirt for "Day for Daniel" or your green shirt for "Gonski", and/or a bandana for cancer awareness and research. This is going to be a mega day.

Mr Lamph
Principal

QUALITY WORK SHARED WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Jayda F.
Chloe C.
Alex P.
Laura M.
Harrison B.
Seraiya G.
Koby F.



Congratulations to our PBL Badge Recipients

Mackenzie H
Chloe P

Tyarah F.
Ethan H

Samantha A
Haylie C

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 th October, 2015	1.00pm - 2.00pm Parents & students - Library
Friday 6 th November 2015	1.00pm - 2.00pm Parents - Library Students - Kindergarten classroom <i>Followed by "Stories" at 2:30pm for those who wish to stay</i>
Friday 13 th November 2015	1.00pm - 2.00pm Parents - Library Students - Kindergarten classroom <i>Followed by "Stories" at 2:30pm for those who wish to stay</i>
Friday 20 th November 2015	1.00pm – 3.00pm Parents - Library Students - Kindergarten classroom <i>Followed by "Stories" at 2:30pm for those who wish to stay</i>



GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION—HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS

Our school has entered the Hunter Valley Gardens Gingerbread House competition this year which is run in conjunction with the Lights Spectacular. Schools had to create a fake gingerbread for display that had to be a minimum height of 50cm. Our entry is off an outback farm house, complete with sheep and water tank, and has a gingerbread family as well as a sneaky Santa on the roof.

If you, or your family or friends, attend this event please make sure you vote for Abermain Public School as some fantastic prizes are on offer for the school.



2015

ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

OLYMPATHON

On Friday, 30th October, 2015 Abermain Public School and the P&C will be holding an Olympathon at the school where students will participate in a circuit of events. Students have been provided sponsorship forms where they can ask family, friends and community members to “Sponsor” them in the form of a donation for their participation in the Olympathon. Students have been offered great incentive prizes for the fundraising efforts and participation in the Olympathon. Money raised will go to the P&C for improvements to the school hall.

Parents and carers are most welcome to come and support their child/children in this event.

Students will participate in five activities including *Pizza Box Discus*, *Aussie Thong Throwing*, *Empty The Nest*, *Bean Bag Shot* and *A ball of Fun*. These events will be conducted as follows:

Kindergarten (Early Stage 1)	- 9:30 – 10:10am
Years 1-2 (Stage 1)	- 10:10-11:00am
Years 3-4 (Stage 2)	- 12:00-12:45pm
Years 5-6 (Stage 3)	- 12:45-1:30pm



LIBRARY

Students have been engaged in library activities both during class time and at recess. Students enjoy using the fun resources that the library offers and one of the newest additions have been the “whisper phones”.

The whisper phones are a length of PVC piping with elbow joins on either end that the students place on their ears and talk into. Students of all ages have enjoyed using them during silent reading time and at recess when reading or playing with friends. The whisper phones are not only fun to use, they help isolate the words and sounds children are saying aloud, which can help students struggling to isolate sounds within words, and hear them clearly. I would like to thank Mr Emerson for his help in making the whisper phones for our wonderful students.

BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB

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



SPORT

Students in Years 3-6 have been invited to participate in the Cricket-Milo T20 Blast Cup being held at Turner Park, Aberdare next Thursday (5th November, 2015). Permission notes were sent home with students last week. If your child would like to participate in this event, could you please return their permission note to Mr Power as soon as possible. There is no cost for this event, however private transport will be required.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

Notes for the upcoming Intensive Swimming program were recently sent home with students in Years 2-6. This program will be held for 10 consecutive days from Monday 23rd November to Friday 4th December at Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre. Students will be focusing on achieving a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills and learning to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water.

As all Year 2 students are strongly advised to attend and there are limited numbers available, preference will be given to Year 2 students who return their permission notes and payment first. The remainder of places will be given to students who return their permission notes and payment first.

The cost of this program is \$35 which includes pool entry and swimming instruction for the full days (unless students have a pool pass in which case there will be no cost for this program). The cost of the Intensive swimming program this year has been highly subsidised by the school and P&C Association.

If you would like your child to be involved in the Intensive Swimming program could you please return the permission note and payment by Friday 13th November, 2015.

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



FLYING FREE

Abermain Public School is becoming a hub for community connections. This week saw the first of several planned workshops to be held at the school. “Flying Free” was a creative workshop enabling participants to make a textile bird which will be hung in an exhibition designed to mark International Women’s Day for 2016. It was great to see mums and grandmothers share their enjoyment of creative arts with each other to create something really special. We are very grateful to Jane Hodgson of Koe-Nara for her organisation of this event. The next event will be held in the school canteen from 10:30am to 12:30pm on Monday 9th of November. Please contact the school for more details.



EARLY ACTION FOR SUCCESS

Early Action for Success is a three year state government initiative we are very fortunate to be part of, which aims to improve the outcomes of students in Kindergarten to Year 2. By looking very closely at the development of each and every students’ skills in numeracy and literacy we can support their needs and promote their ability to access all areas of the curriculum. A key component of this very effective initiative is to monitor student outcomes on a five week cycle. This means that Week 5 and Week 10 of each term, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers are making highly informed judgements around student outcomes so that they can plan for the next five weeks ensuring that the needs of all students of all abilities are being addressed.

Please feel free to ask myself, your child’s classroom teacher for more information regarding your child’s progress and how we can work together to achieve greatness.

“STORIES”

Abermain juniors are off to a flying start! A growing number of families are attending “Stories” each Friday afternoon, providing their little ones with an opportunity to share great stories and engage in nursery rhymes and action songs. Jane Hodgson from Koe-Nara joins us each week to bring stories to life with fun hands-on activities for pre-school children and their families. Children giggle as they grow in confidence in this intimate group and parents enjoy the opportunity to get involved with their kids and have a few laughs together.

“Stories” will continue until Week 8 this term and we welcome all new-comers. Please feel free to call in after orientation and make some new friends!



YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT IN 2017

The application process for Selective High School Placement in 2017 is now open.

Applications are available online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Applications will not be accepted after 16th November, 2015. All applications are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test which will be held on Thursday 10th March, 2016.

If you have a child who may be interested in applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2017, please contact the school for further information or visit <https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/publicschoolsnsn/school-programs/selective-high-school-placement>

CHRISTMAS 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.

ABERMAIN MISSION HALL CHURCH &
ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL
present...

**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!!



“SAVE THE DATE”
FRIDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 2015

WHITE RIBBON DAY

Earlier this year Abermain Public School joined the White Ribbon Breaking the Silence Schools program. White Ribbon is a campaign to end violence against women. The Breaking the Silence program supports schools to embed respectful relationships in school culture and classroom activities. Research shows that students who learn and experience respectful relationships help prevent the perpetration of violence against women and girls.

On Friday 20th November, 2015 the school will acknowledge White Ribbon Day. We will be asking staff and students to wear white as we take a short walk around nearby streets to raise awareness of this important event. We will also be inviting family and community members to join us on our walk or to tie something white on their fence or letterbox to show their support.

Upon return to school, we will hold a special assembly followed by a barbeque lunch to raise funds for the White Ribbon campaign. Please mark this date on your calendar as we would love to see as many people as possible come along and help Break the Silence.



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.
DON'T SETTLE FOR LESS!

HELP ENSURE WE GET THE FULL GONSKI FUNDING. IGIVEAGONSKI.COM.AU

Authorised by Susan Hignett, Federal Secretary, Australian Education Union, 121 Cleveland St, Southport QLD.



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



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



In support of "Day for Daniel" and Gonski Week, students have been asked to wear something red or green on Friday 30th October, 2015.



APS P&C

Invite you to attend the screening of

THE DRESSMAKER

\$20 per person
(includes pre movie nibbles)



*a bittersweet comedy
about love, revenge
and haute couture.*

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.**



AUTHOR

TONY PARK

A FREE LITERARY EVENT @ YOUR LIBRARY
(BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL)

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

CESSNOCK CITY 10.30AM

KURRI KURRI LIBRARY 1.30PM



Sessions are approximately one hour, and refreshments will be provided.

PETER WATT

@ KURRI KURRI LIBRARY!

Thursday 26th November 9.30am

A FREE literary event
(bookings essential)

*Author talk and
book signing*

Where?

Kurri Kurri Library
251 Lang Street (cnr
Lang and Allworth)

Time?

9.30am (approx
one hour)

What?

Talk, book sales
(optional, cash only)
signings, and
refreshments

How?

Contact Kurri Kurri
Library to book your
place.

Kurri Kurri Branch Library
Cnr Lang and Allworth
Streets **KURRI KURRI**
Ph 4937 1638

Cessnock City Library
65-67 Vincent Street
CESSNOCK
PH 4993 4399

Ask about our 'WebWise' computer classes



eReaders

Learn how to find, and download free
eBooks to your eReader.

Friday October 30, 2015

10.30am to 11.30am

Bookings essential, numbers limited

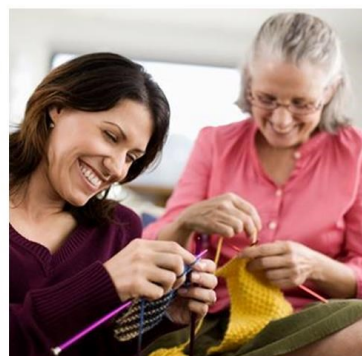
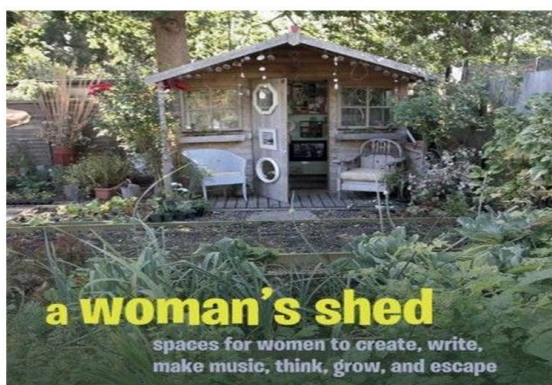
Kurri Kurri Library
251 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri Ph 4937 1638



Cessnock Community Women's Shed

Members of Branxton Greta Community Men's Shed

Bringing Women Together



If you would like to make new friends
or get involved in a community project
Come along to
Cessnock Community Women's Shed

Every Wednesday at 10.30 am
At the CYCOS building
49D Aberdare Road, Cessnock
On the second Wednesday of each
month our meeting will be held in
the D.I.Y area at Bunnings Cessnock



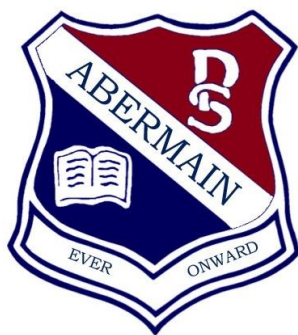
For more information

Please contact Marjorie on 0437 368 123

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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**