

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

13th November

Kindergarten Orientation
"Stories"

17th November

Discipline Procedures
Meeting—6pm in Library

20th November

White Ribbon Day
Kindergarten Orientation
"Stories"

23rd November -**4th December**

Intensive Swimming

25th November

Presentation Day
Year 6 Farewell

26th November

Sports Assembly

25th November

Presentation

7th December

P&C Meeting—5pm

14th December

Carols by Candlelight

16th December

Last Day for Students

17th-18th December

Staff Development Day



Stage 3 MARS MISSION

This issue:

Olympathon

Paper Planes

White Ribbon Day

Gonski Week

Presentation Day

Sports Assembly

Carols by Candlelight

Students in 5-6P and 5-6R have been fortunate enough to participate in Part One of a Mars Mission video conference series run by the Mars Lab at the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney. The students were able to communicate with a staff member from The Mars Lab and ask questions about Mars and outer space. This week's session also gave the students the opportunity to learn more about the next phase of their Mars Mission. All students accepted the mission and were keen to get started.

If you want to know exactly what exciting mission students will be undertaking next week, you will have to find a Stage 3 student who is willing to let you in on the secret or wait for the next Abermain Public School Newsletter!!





PRINCIPALS REPORT

Paper planes were all the go on Tuesday. From all accounts the students, parents and teachers all had a great time learning, challenging and having fun with this adventure. A big thank you to Mrs Roberson for organising such a great event.

Our gingerbread house, that was made by the students and Miss Craig is now on display at Hunter Valley Gardens. If you are visiting the Christmas lights display this year remember to vote for our entry, as there are some great prizes available for the school.

The Olympathon is now over and it is time to return the sponsor sheets and money to the school. This will allow the P&C time to organise the prizes for the students. Please return all money raised promptly (by Friday 13th November).

White Ribbon Day is fast approaching, (Friday, 20th November). We are asking that students and parents wear something white on this day and make a \$2 donation for a sausage sizzle to raise the awareness of violence against women and to encourage greater respect for each other. I encourage parents to join our school walk (9:30am) and assembly (10:30am) to raise the awareness of this very worthy cause.

The P&C is a very important reference group for the school and information about what is happening at the school is presented at each meeting. There is also opportunity for questions and clarification and we would really like to see as many parents and carers attending these meetings. Students will be bringing home a parent survey on Friday 13 November regarding P&C Meeting times for 2016. Could you please indicate on the survey which time would be most suitable for you to attend and return the survey to the school office.

Thank you to the 59 parents that completed the Tell Them From me Surveys (TTFM). The information that is collected from this survey will allow the staff to make adjustments to the way the school operates to ensure better communication and improved services for the students and parents.

From the results of the survey we have identified the following features:

- * 8 out of 10 feel welcome when they visit the school and can speak easily to the teachers
- * 8 out of 10 feel that their child is clear about the rules for school behaviour and their child feels safe at school.

Areas that the school should focus on according to this survey are:

- * Only 6 out of 10 feel activities are scheduled at times when they can attend
- * 6 out of 10 talk about how important schoolwork is
- * 7 out of 10 parents feel the school helps prevent bullying.

These are a few of the results that have been identified. The TTFM survey was presented at the P&C meeting earlier this week. I would encourage all parents to participate in surveys as they do provide us with valuable information that leads to the effective management of the school. Please contact the office if you wish to read through the full TTFM report.

A meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th November, 2015 in the library at 6pm to review discipline procedures that have been active for the last 5 weeks. This will be an open forum for parents/carers and teachers to discuss the process. I emphasise the focus will be on the process, not individual students. If you have individual issues please arrange a time to meet with the class teacher.

Mr Lamph
Principal

QUALITY WORK SHARED WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Nattalia D.

Talisha C.

Elijah R.

Allida O.

Cooper M.

Cooper H.

Isabella R.

Matilda B.

Liam C.

Logan S.

Felicity E.

Seth P.

Ellie G.

Georgia F.

Seraiya G.

Taylor P.



Congratulations to our PBL Badge Recipients

KH

Tayla P.

2H

Allira R.
Finlay P.

3-4H

Shanaya B.
Jazlyn L.
Nakeshia I.

1-2J

Mykah G.
Mia P.

Harrison F.
Lydia O.
Eliza L.

Congratulations to our first PBL PAWS PLUS recipients for 2016

KS

Oliver T.
Emily R.
Nattalia D.
Ayden F.
Lucy A.

1T

Emily R.
Alex P.
Kelyka W.

1-2J

Daelin M.
Charlotte M.
Ivy T.

2H

Tahlee R.
Tyler B.
Naomi J.

5-6R

Cheyenne F.

STUDENT WRITING

WOW! I do not believe what I'm looking at. I did not know that elephants can surf. I think that it is so talented for an elephant. I think that it is cool. You think it would be on the NBN news.



Written by Maddison (1T)





LIBRARY

After waiting for what seems like ages, the items purchased for the library from our Book Fair profits have finally arrived. We have a fun reading nook—in the form of a tepee—as well as a light table and some SciTech items like dinosaur x-rays and slices of crystals to explore the natural world. The tepee has already proved to be a huge hit with students at recess, and during class a couple of students are selected to sit in and read during our silent reading and borrowing time.

In preparation of the annual library stocktake all books will need to be returned - Week 7 will be the last week for students to borrow. Students going to Cessnock High School have been advised of any overdue books. If your child has overdue books, could you please return them. If they are damaged or lost, please let me know or pay the money on the overdue slip so the book can be replaced.

BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB

Happy Birthday
**Will, Jaylen
& Emily-Cate**



BOOK CLUB

All Book Club orders are due Friday 20th November, 2015

This will be the last Book Club for the year and **no late orders** will be accepted. Please return your order to the front office with payment by the due date.

By supporting Book Club, you are giving your child quality books and education experiences as well as supporting the school. Our school receives bonus points from sales, which allows the school to buy additional resources for our library.

I GIVE A GONSKI!

Abermain Public School supporting Gonski Week!

Abermain Public School has been able to make major adjustments towards a better education for the students due to the input of the Gonski Funding. If you haven't already, please register your support for Gonski at www.igiveagonski.com.au





PAPER PLANES

The first ever Abermain Public School Paper Plane competition has been run and won! Students, staff and community members had a fantastic time on the day enjoying such events as the Longest Distance, Amazing Aerobatics and the Decorative Design. But without a doubt the most anticipated was the Staff and Parents vs Students Knockout! Thank goodness for Mrs Jarlett and Ms Ryan who were our only adult finalists and a huge congratulations to Ms Ryan who took out the event with an ever-so-slightly longer flight than Will in 5-6P.

Other winners on the day were:

LONGEST DISTANCE

Early Stage 1 - Noah C. (KS)
Stage 1 - Jacob W. (1-2J)
Stage 2 - Jayden G. (3-4G)
Stage 3 & Overall - Will S. (5-6P)

DECORATIVE DESIGN

Mitchell B. (2H)
Matthew B. (5-6P)
Hayley C. (3-4H)

AMAZING AEROBATICS

Mitchell B. (2H)
Luke R. (3-4G)
Caiden F. (3-4G)
Jack P. (5-6P)
Miah G. (3-4G)
Lochie N. (3-4H)

Congratulations to all our winners, who will receive their certificates at the next whole school assembly.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event and to our judges Miiss Crossley, Miss Jerrett, Mrs Parry, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Bower. Year 6 raised almost \$200 on the day to go towards their gift to the school.



SAVE THE DATE

2015 PRESENTATION DAY

Wednesday - 25th November, 2015

Being held in the School Hall
Commencing at 9:30am

2015 SPORTS ASSEMBLY



THURSDAY - 26TH NOVEMBER, 2015

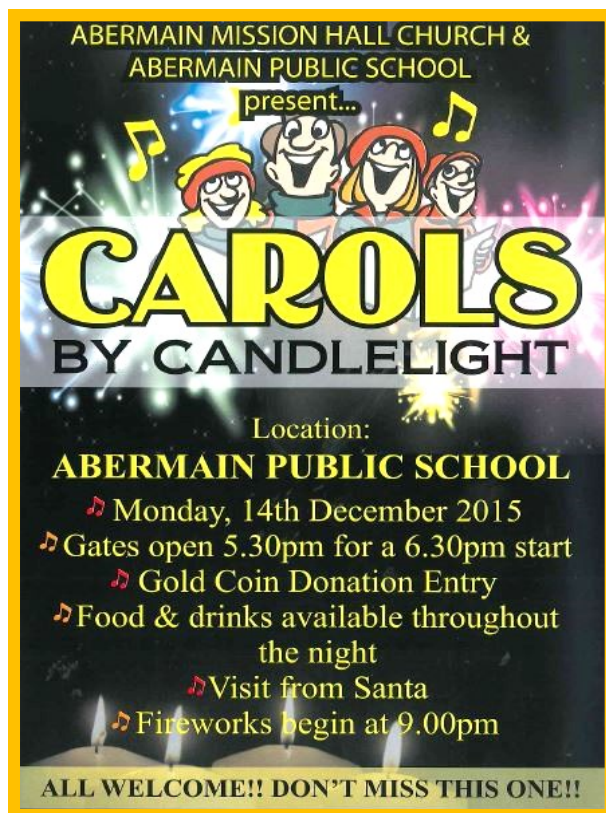
BEING HELD IN THE SCHOOL HALL



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.**



2015
OLYMPATHON

ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL

**SPONSORSHIP FORMS AND MONEY NEED TO BE
RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY
FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 2015**

**DUE TO LACK OF VOLUNTEERS
THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED
Monday - 23rd November, 2015**

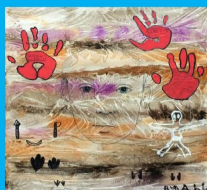
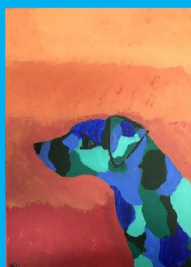


On Friday 20th November, 2015 the school will acknowledge White Ribbon Day. We will be asking staff and students to wear white as we take a short walk around nearby streets to raise awareness of this important event. We will also be inviting family and community members to join us on our walk or to tie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

For catering purposes, could you please indicate whether or not you will be joining us and attending the barbeque lunch.

Year 4 Student Ryan Lewis has an artwork entered in the exhibition in Newcastle. The opening of the show is Saturday, so if you are free, please drop by.

Congratulations to Ryan on his amazing artwork and for having his image on the poster and invitation



FACE

‘the World’

K - 10 Art Exhibition

Open from Sat Nov 7-29

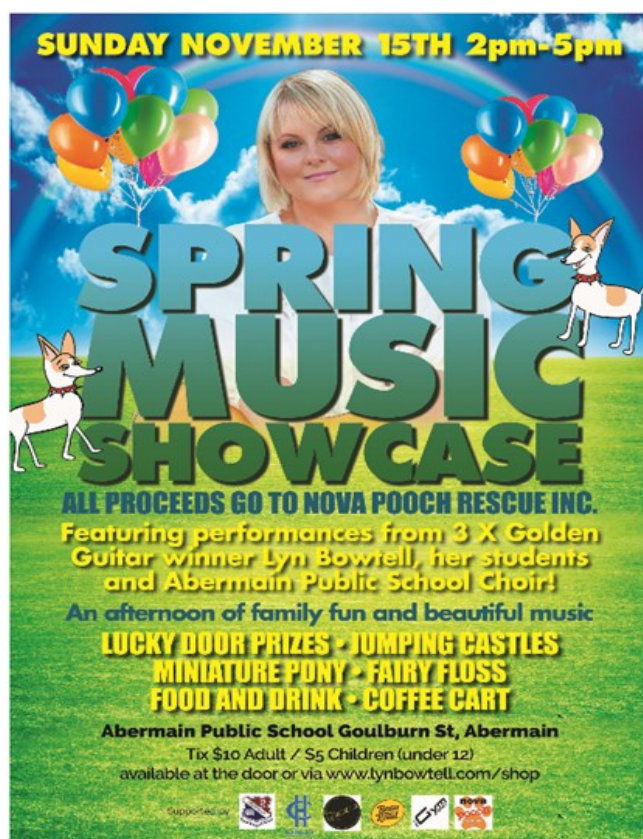
Official opening is

Sat 14th November 2-4pm

Children, family and guests welcome



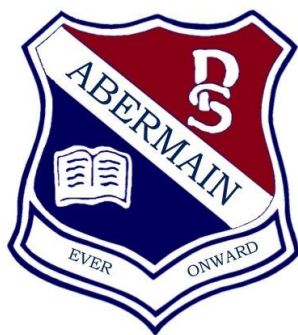
A: 738 Hunter St, Newcastle West
P: 4023 8927 | M: 0407 107 053
www.cstudiosartgallery.com.au
Gallery Hours: Thurs – Sun 12pm-4pm



The Spring Music Showcase is on this Sunday, 15th November, 2015 in our school hall, with all proceeds going to Nova Pooch Rescue Inc..

The choir will be performing at the beginning and the end of the concert with Lyn Bowtell and her students. Throughout the day they will enjoy the festivities outside and listening to the other performers.

There will be a reminder note sent home for those children involved.



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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**