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# NEWSLETTER

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## SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**7th December**

P&C Meeting—5pm

**14th December**

Carols by Candlelight

**16th December**

Last Day for Students

**17th-18th December**

Staff Development Day

## 2015 PRESENTATION DAY SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMANCE

### This issue:

Woolworths Excursion

White Ribbon Day

Carols by Candlelight

PAWS PLUS

Presentation Day

Sports Assembly

Thank you to our school choir who entertained parents/carers, staff and students with a wonderful performance at our annual Presentation Day on Wednesday 25th November, 2015.





## PRINCIPALS REPORT

### QUALITY WORK SHARED WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Seth P.  
Jesse B.  
Cooper H.  
Angus S.  
Liam C.  
Jade A.  
Sharntel H.

This year's Presentation Days have been a wonderful success. Thank you to all the parents and friends who have attended our presentation days this week. It really is the pinnacle of the school year to see the children receive their awards. My thanks are also extended to the teachers who have prepared and planned for this day over the last few months.

The Year 6 farewell was a buzz and a big show of bling. The boys and girls all looked very smart in their outfits. Sadly, it is time to say farewell to our Year 6 students. Some students will actually start at Cessnock High School on Monday as they continue their journey on the education trail.

Year 6 students have had a great afternoon today with their Fun Day. The playground was full of shrieks of laughter, giggles of fun and students moving between activities. This is a good indication that the day has been very successful and one that I hope the students remember for a long time.

Last Friday the school celebrated its support for the White Ribbon Foundation with a walk around the local community, a special assembly and a barbeque lunch. As hot as it was, I was very proud of the children on the walk and during the assembly as they showed great respect. Mr Jon Chin, our special guest, spoke to the students with a wonderful knowledge of White Ribbon and a simple message. We must speak out, raise the awareness and stop violence against women and show respect for each other. These words were fittingly echoed by Stan on Monday's assembly. It is for the children of the future that we have the best opportunity of stopping the cycle of violence against women and showing respect and compassion for each other. The Abermain Public School has taken a big step towards that bright future by becoming a White Ribbon School.

Over the past few weeks I have been talking to a number of parents about Cyber smart/ iPhones awareness. I have attached a link that will give parents an idea of the Apps, games and programs that students are accessing. Please have a look at this link and talk to your children about the programs they are using. <https://esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking>

Thank you to the parents that attended the discipline procedure review last week in the library. As a result of this review the staff will look at adding a section to be signed and returned to the school for the first informal notification. The other key points to be taken from this session are all students need to have similar consequences and teachers need to be consistent with their judgement. As I indicated, teacher judgement is something that staff is continually working on and making slight adjustment to be as consistent as we can. We need to remember that we are dealing with issues that are not always black and white.

Students will receive Olympathon prizes on Friday 27th November, 2015. This will allow them to have an enjoyable weekend playing with their great prizes. Thanks again for all the people who were able to participate in this P&C fundraiser.

Mr Lamph  
Principal



## Congratulations to our PBL Badge Recipients

**1T**

Madison N.

**1-2J**

Onyx K.

**3-4G**Miah G.  
Tikeira C.

## Congratulations to our

## PBL PAWS PLUS recipients for 2016

**KS**

Eli B.

**2H**

Mitchell B.

**3-4H**

Keali H.

**5-6P**

Felicity H.

**1T**

Bethany B.

Emma C.

Amarli W.

Jorja L.

Dylan E.

Kaitlyn E.

Kyle J.

Riley F.

**1-2J**Mya P.  
Felicity E.  
Kalob H.  
Mia P.**3-4G**Olivia R.  
Emily-Cate A.  
Ethan H.  
Chloe P.  
Emma M.  
Tyarah F.  
Shaylie C.  
Mackenzie H.Madison H.  
Charlize R.  
Jeff W.  
Lara R.

## CAKE STALL

Stage two students provided a vast array of cakes that were sold on behalf of the student leaders to raise funds for a gift for the school. It has been decided that the leaders will purchase some new mats with the school emblem for various places around the school. Thank you to Stage 2 parents/carers and students for supplying the cakes and to the entire school community for supporting this event.

To the student leaders, we would like to congratulate you on your efforts throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to work alongside you all and watch you grow into confident and capable young leaders. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours and the wonderful opportunities that High School has to offer.







## 2015 PRESENTATION DAY & SPORTS ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all our 2015 award recipients and our 2016 School Leaders and House Captains.

### 2016 SCHOOL LEADERS



### 2016 HOUSE CAPTAINS







## WHITE RIBBON DAY

Thank you to the community who supported our White Ribbon event today, either by joining us on our walk and at our Special Assembly, or by tying something white on their letterboxes and fences. In particular we thank Mrs King and P&C members for their work on our fundraising barbeque.

We were very fortunate to have Mr Jon Chin, White Ribbon Ambassador, speak to our school community today and his message was very clear. Violence should never be tolerated in our society, and we should never be silent when we know that someone is a victim of violence. As parents and educators of young children we have a role to play in putting an end to domestic violence. Let's work together to create a society where boys and girls are valued equally and there are no expectations on us because of our gender. Let's teach our children to value everything about themselves that is special and unique, and to offer that same respect to others.





## LIBRARY

All borrowing has now stopped for 2015 – only students who are part of the Birthday Book Club and haven't had a chance to borrow their books yet will be borrowing.

All books are now to be returned to the library for stocktaking. Reminders were sent home at the end of Week 7 and a number of students have already returned their books. Another reminder will be sent at the end of this week. If your child has a reminder note please encourage them to return their books as soon as possible. If your child is unable to locate the books please help by checking in your own bookshelves as they can often be misplaced, or encouraging a clean-up of the bedroom, as books sometimes find their ways into rather unusual places. After searching for books and if they are still unable to be found please either pay the cost on the reminder notice or come and talk to me about your situation.

Over the last few weeks of school I will be running a competition to design a library bag. Templates will be available in the library and students are encouraged to think about what the library and books means to them when creating their designs. Two designs will be selected – one from infants and one from primary – to be printed onto library bags that will be available for purchase next year. There will be a 50cent cost to submit a design, with the money used to obtain printing materials. Students who create the winning design will receive a library bag and certificate.

## STAGE ONE EXCURSION TO WOOLWORTHS

On Wednesday 4th November, students in 1T, 1-2J and 2H went on an excursion to Woolworths at Cessnock as part of their Science and Technology unit 'From Paddock to Plate'. Whilst there the students got to learn about the role of the baker and how the bread is produced. They got to watch how the butcher makes mince and then how it is packaged ready for sale. Students also got to see what is behind the big clear plastic doors and on our way in we heard "I have always wanted to go through these doors." Once there they saw the loading docks, a lot of long life produce and how the fruit and vegetables are prepared for selling. Students asked the staff at Woolworths some very interesting questions that enhanced their learning experience and got to enjoy some tasty treats. All of the Stage 1 teachers were very proud of the student's behaviour and impeccable manners. We would also like to thank all of the wonderful parents who came along to support staff and students throughout the excursion.



### BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB

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



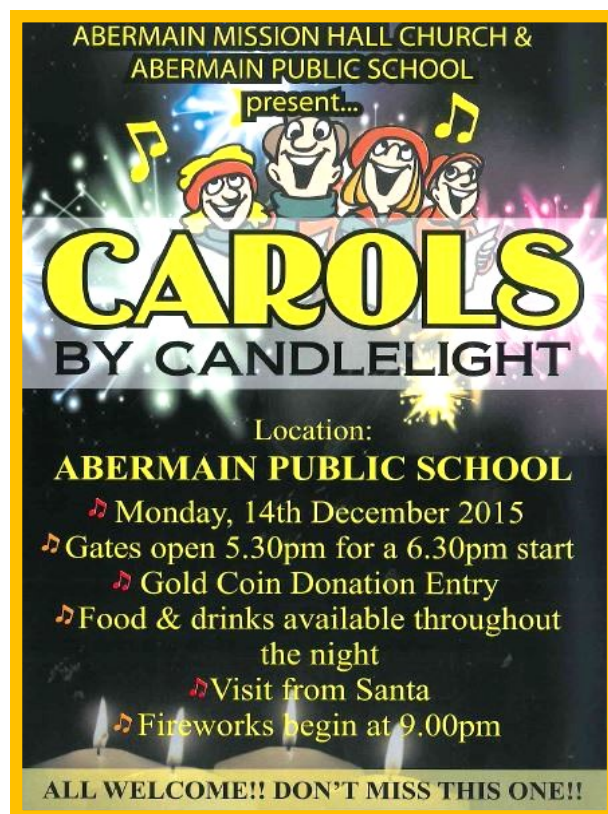


## CHRISTMAS TOY/GIFT RAFFLE

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.**

Tickets for the Christmas Raffle are being sent home with students on Thursday 26th November, 2015



### Little Owl Early Education Centre

Long day care centre opening in Abermain on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015. This is a new service under new management with qualified educators.

Children aged 2 to 6 years

School readiness program

Hours 7.00am to 6.00pm

23 Grafton street, Abermain

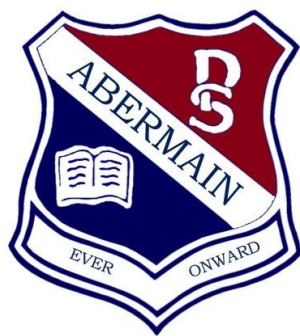
Ph: 49372738

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Taking enrolments now for 2016 and remainder of 2015.

Previously known as Abermain Early Learning Centre





# 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**