



## SAFE RESPECTIVE LEARNERS

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

9th February  
Swimming Carnival

12th February  
Canberra Meeting

13<sup>th</sup> February  
Science Show

17th February  
School Photos

## WELCOME KINDERGARTEN



We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families and kindergarten students who started at Abermain Public School on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2015.

As a memory token of their first days in Kindergarten, parents and carers will be given a complimentary photo of their child.

## This issue:

Swimming Carnival  
Canberra Excursion  
PSSA Cricket  
School APP  
School Photographs





QUALITY WORK SHARED  
WITH THE PRINCIPAL

## PRINCIPALS REPORT

It is pleasing to see how well students have settled in to their new classes. For all students a new year means challenging but enjoyable learning tasks and higher expectations as they move through the grades.

If any parent has concerns about their child settling into the new school year I recommend that they contact the class teacher for a discussion. As a school we want to make sure that every child has a safe, respectful and happy learning environment where they are encouraged to do their personal best.

Maths texts will be distributed to individual students when payments are made. Unfortunately the school is unable to cover the cost of the books if payment is not made.

Mr L Boughton  
Principal

Harrison Fitzgerald

Roman Wilson

Joshua Conroy

Aleah Finneran

**Cancer Council NSW** Nutrition Snippet

### The simplest way

...to make ice blocks.

Summer afternoons are hot and sticky in Australia, and kids come home from school tired and hungry. Get them eating fruit with these super easy, fruit-filled ice blocks ...



Place any combo of finely diced fruit into moulds like:  
mango,  
blueberries,  
strawberries,  
watermelon,  
rockmelon,  
kiwifruit, drained  
canned peaches,  
apricots or pineapple in natural juice, or passionfruit pulp.

Top with a fruit juice of your choice then freeze until solid – at least 4 hours, or overnight.

**Enjoy watching your kids eat fruit!**

For more information visit  
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**Eat It To Beat It**



## MATHS BOOKS/HANDWRITING BOOKS

As part of the students class requirements for 2015, all students in years 1-6 are asked to purchase a Maths Book which is available from the school office and cost \$35.

Students in Kindergarten are asked to purchase a Handwriting Book which is also available at the school office for \$14.

Please note – students will only be given Maths and Handwriting books once they have been paid for. If you require any financial assistance for the purchase of these items please contact the school

## SCHOOL APP

We are pleased to advise that Abermain Public School now has a smartphone school APP. With the introduction of the school APP we hope to enhance the communication between the school and parents/carers.

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

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

The school photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**. The procedure will be the same as last year, that is *prepayment*. An order envelope has been sent home with each student and should be brought back with the order ticked and the correct amount of money enclosed (or order number entered (for on-line payments) if photos are required. Please note that no change will be available from the school office for photo orders. Every child should return their own envelope, even if the payment is enclosed in a siblings envelope by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Parents requiring a *Family Group Photograph* should contact the school for a separate family photo envelope. This should then be returned with payment enclosed.

Students are to wear their best school uniform. We are aware that during the transition period we have a variety of school uniforms. Please be assured that we have had discussions with the photographer who is confident they can create groups of pleasing result.

## CHANGE OF DETAILS

In order to keep records of students up to date, can you please ensure that you advise the school of changes regarding contact details, emergency contacts, medication, health or family relationships.



## CANBERRA EXCURSION

This is a very exciting year for Stage 3 (Years 5-6), with our biannual trip to Canberra coming up in Term 3. This is a major excursion and there is a lot of essential information that parents need with regards to expectations leading up to and during the excursion. We also like to give parents/carers as much time as possible to pay the excursion off so that the expense isn't a burden on families. For these reasons, we are holding a meeting on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30pm in the school library. We would like all parents and carers to attend the meeting so that there can be no confusion regarding these important matters.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please arrange a time with your students's teacher to obtain all the relevant information. Permission notes will be only be handed directly to a parent/carer at this meeting or at an alternative meeting with a Stage 3 teacher.

Mrs Roberson  
Teacher

## PSSA CRICKET TEAM

Trials will be held for the Abermain Public School PSSA cricket team (boys) early in the term. Students selected will receive a permission note outlining details of the first match. It is often a difficult time to secure ground bookings due to the weather and I thank parents and carers in advance for your patience whilst arrangements are made. It would be greatly appreciated if parents/carers of the players could indicate on the permission note whether they can assist with match day transport or duties such as umpiring or score-keeping. There are certain requirements that parents/carers must fulfil in order to assist with transporting children other their own:

*Parents/Carers providing transport to other children will need to provide current car registration, drivers licence, car insurance and Working with Children Check clearance number to the school office prior to providing transport. Applications for a Working with Children Check number can be made on-line at [www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au) and finalised at NSW Motor Registry or NSW Council Agency. There is no cost involved for volunteers obtaining a Working with Children Check.*

Assistance with transporting the boys to each match is greatly appreciated. We're looking forward to building on our cricket success in 2015.

Mr Power  
Teacher

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual swimming carnival is being held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 at Cessnock Pool. Students aged 8yrs – 13yrs have been asked to participate in this carnival. Permission notes were given to students last week and notes/payment should be returned to the school no later than Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February as we need to confirm numbers for the bus and pool.

The swimming carnival is always a good day and I can't wait to see all the talented swimmers participate in our novelty events, 25m races and even the 50m races.

Mrs Hill  
Teacher



## LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to the library for 2015! This week all students have had access to the library for lessons and some students have borrowed. This year all students will need a bag to borrow books. I was allowing older students to borrow a book for the classroom without a bag, but unfortunately due to books being damaged and lost this will no longer be the case. Infants students will be allowed to borrow 2 books in Term 1, primary students up to 4 books. Any library bag will be suitable, and I have already seen a variety. Please clearly label your child's library bag in case there are others of a similar design. I have some bags for sale in the library for \$5 if students are interested. Kinder will start borrowing 1 book as of Week 3 (9-13<sup>th</sup> February).

Abermain Birthday Book Club will again be running this year and students will bring a note home with all the information. Last year this was successful, with over 50 students participating, so I hope the community supports this again.

I have a library website where information on the library, upcoming events, quality work and new books is shared. I update this on a regular basis, so check in from time to time. The website is <http://abermainlibrary.weebly.com>

I look forward to seeing all the students for engaging library lessons this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me in the library Tuesday – Thursday.

Miss Craig  
Teacher Librarian



## BOTTLE TOP AND CANS

Last year infants students worked hard in the library learning all about recycling and how to look after our environment. We collected plastic bottle tops during Term 4 and created a fantastic artwork, which is now hanging on the wall outside the girls toilet.

Students loved this project and it gives a real lift to our playground, so I will still be collecting plastic bottle tops throughout this year. If you could bring them in and either drop them into the library or at the front office and they will be used for another exciting art project.

We are also collecting aluminium cans to raise some money for the school. There is a can recycling bag outside the library, so keep bringing in those used cans.

## SENSORY GARDEN

Last year an application for a grant for a sensory garden was submitted to Cessnock City Council and we were lucky enough to have it accepted. This sensory garden will be established throughout this year by a group of teachers and Mr Emerson. I am asking for any parents who would be willing to be part of this committee. We already have lots of wonderful ideas for an exciting outdoor sensory learning pace where students will be able to explore recycled and reused materials, but are always excited to hear more. If you would like to be involved in this exciting venture please contact Miss Craig, Ms Stokes or Mrs Jarlett.

## BOOK CLUB – All Book Club orders are due Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Book Club will be running again in 2015. This year students will receive 1 booklet, which will make it a lot easier for ordering. Please return your order to the front office with payment by the due date, as orders will be placed on the following Tuesday. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

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.

## BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

January/February

Noah Cox  
Chloe Campbell  
Matilda Berry



## P&C NEWS

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2015 the P&C Annual General meeting was held. At this meeting all positions were declared vacant and the new 2015 committee was elected as follows:

President: Debbie Davis  
Secretary: Melissa Brown  
Fundraising: Deanne Challenor

Vice President: Tracey Toner/Cheryl-Ann Leggatt  
Treasurer: Katrine Reading  
Canteen Supervisor: Cheryl-Ann Leggatt

## Uniform Sale

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February between 2pm-3pm the P&C will be holding a sale on existing school uniforms that are in stock at the school. All items (except for school jackets/sports jackets) will be on sale for \$5 each. the cost for school jackets will be \$20 and red sports jackets \$10.

## Canteen

The school canteen will reopen on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.

## School Banking Rewards now available! Term 1

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program last year, we made **\$547.93** through the program!

These new rewards have just been released for Term 1, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD
- Planet Handball



For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for these exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are 2 new items to come in Term 2 as well!

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2015 School Banking program Information Pack from the School office.

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**WEDNESDAY** is School Banking day!

# The simplest way

...to put healthy treats in your kid's lunch.

This delicious **Blueberry + Banana bread recipe** is fruit-filled and tasty!

## Ingredients

olive or canola oil spray  
3 ripe bananas, peeled  
¼ cup raw sugar (60g)  
½ cup reduced-fat milk  
2 eggs  
2 cups self-raising flour  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
1 cup frozen blueberries



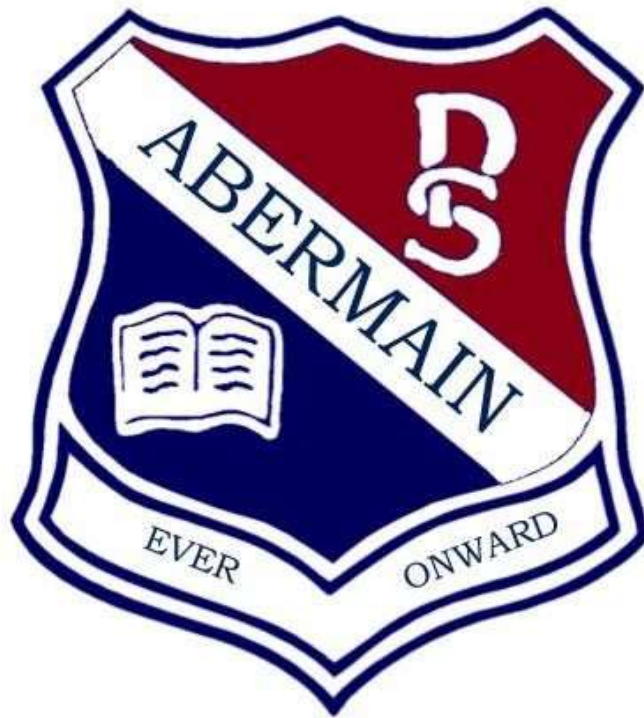
## Method

Preheat oven to 220°C and spray a 20 x 10cm loaf tin with oil - line base and sides with non-stick baking paper. Mash bananas in a large bowl. Add sugar, milk and eggs and mix with a fork until well combined. Sift flours and cinnamon on top of mixture. Mix ingredients together until just combined, taking care not to over-mix, then gently fold through blueberries. Spoon mixture into prepared loaf tin and smooth the surface. Bake for 35-40 minutes, or until a skewer comes out clean from the middle.

## Hint

When cool, slice and freeze individual pieces in snap lock bags and keep for up to 3 months. Send to school as a healthy treat!

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