



SAFE RESPECTIVE LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

3rd March

Cake Stall

6th March

P&C Disco - School Hall

9th March

P&C Meeting

13th March

Science Show

Cross Country

Book Club Orders Due

1th, 17th, 18th March

Writers Workshops

23rd March

Harmony Day

2nd April

Last day Term 1

20th April

Staff Development Day

21st AprilStudents & Staff return
to school for Term 2

FAREWELL MR BOUGHTON



After 20 years of teaching and then leading Abermain Public School, Mr Boughton has retired! He will be doing lots of riding and travelling while retired.

The school community said their goodbyes at a special assembly last week where Mr Boughton received his Service Medal from Mr Bryan Campbell, School Director. The students remembered all the wonderful things Mr Boughton had made happen for our children and their families, the P&C also thanked him for leadership and dedication to this community.

It was with much sadness that the choir, led by Mrs King, sang to Sir with Love for him followed by a beautiful poem read to him by Felicity and presented to him by Mya to keep. Thank you to our outstanding student leaders for making such an effort to make our assembly what it was, a lasting memory for Mr Boughton and his family.

We wish him a wonderful retirement after 39 years in education but we will miss him so very much!

Goodbye and thank you Mr Boughton!

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Easter Eggs

Primary Sport





PRINCIPALS REPORT

Last week saw us say a very sad goodbye to Mr Boughton after working at Abermain Public School for 20 years. He will be greatly missed and we hope he visits soon. We wish him a very happy retirement and I know he will enjoy riding his bike more often. Thank you to the students, staff and community for providing him with wonderful memories in his last week.

As Mr Boughton retires there have been a few staff changes. We welcome Mrs Bailey who has picked up my teaching load, as well as Mrs Gibbs who has accepted the Relieving Assistant Principal role while Mrs Roberson will continue in her role of Relieving Assistant Principal and will be on site 5 days a week. Thank you to all staff, students and families who have been so supportive during this transition period.

We have many exciting things planned for the next few weeks, including the P&C Disco to be held in our school hall. A huge thank you to **Firestorm**, a local business who has provided and installed our new fans in our hall - it has made such a difference to our learning space.

Mrs Bower
Relieving Principal

QUALITY WORK SHARED WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Chevy Taylor
Lucy Allaway
William Davidson
Logan Southeron
Jack Perry
Megan Coulson
Justin Hasler
Lucas Whyburn
Layla Goodchild
Angus Smith
Liam Coghlan
Koby Follan
Aleah Finneran
Chevy Taylor
Ivy Taylor
Reanna Finneran
Brendan Burley
David James

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



CAKE STALL

A cake stall will be held on **Tuesday 3rd March, 2015**. Students in classes 5-6P and 5-6R are asked to bring in cakes, slices and toffees. Please bring cakes to the Learning Centre before 9.15am.

Please send money with your child on this day if they wish to purchase from the stall. Cakes will be on sale to the whole school outside the Learning Centre at lunch time. Prices will range from 50c to \$2.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the following children who qualified and competed at the zone swimming carnival which was held at Cessnock Pool on Wednesday 18th February:

Harrison Fitzgerald, Lara Robertson, Jak Woodbury, Ethan Hodgins, Caleb Witek, Delani Leigh, Ellie Mitchell, Byron Whyburn, Damon Besoff, Nick Turkington, Josh Robertson

EASTER EGGS

Starting on Monday 2nd March the annual collection of Easter eggs will begin. Eggs, baskets and Easter related items will be collected by the student leaders daily. Points will be allocated to classes for the amount of eggs provided. The class with the most points will receive a special class prize. Our monster egg raffle will take place at our Easter Parade and raffle tickets will be sent home with students in the next couple of weeks.

STAR STRUCK

The girls that have nominated to be in our Star Struck dance group worked hard over the last few weeks to learn and perfect the dance. We have filmed our audition piece and now await to hear if we have been successful.

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian

ANAPHYLAXIS

Currently we have two students enrolled at Abermain Public School who have been diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis). Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It usually occurs rapidly after exposure to very small amounts food (especially peanuts, tree nuts, eggs), insect or medicine to which a person may already be allergic. Our school follows the policy and procedures as set by the Department of Education & Communities however to help minimise the risks we ask if parents/carers can support the school by talking to their children about not sharing their food with other students and by not sending any nut products to the school.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Last week a print out of student details we currently have on record (ie emergency contacts, medical information etc) were sent home with each student. This information is of vital importance in case of an emergency and to ensure we have the most up to date information relevant to all our students. We ask that parents/carers read the information carefully, make any necessary changes/additions, then sign and return to the school office as soon as possible.



LIBRARY NEWS

It's great to see so many students borrowing from the library and engaged in reading and library lessons. A few students have been disappointed that they have not been allowed to borrow as they do not have a library bag. If your child does not have a bag, I have some still available to purchase for 50cents.

The Premiers Reading Challenge will begin shortly - March, and I encourage all students to participate in this rewarding challenge. Infants students will meet challenge expectations through library lessons and class reading. Primary students will need to read 20 books themselves to meet their challenge level. The challenge runs until September.

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Individual students will not be identifiable from their response. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. If you **do not want** your child to take part in the survey, please complete the attached form sent home with your child and return it to the school by Tuesday 3rd March, 2015.

SENSORY GARDEN

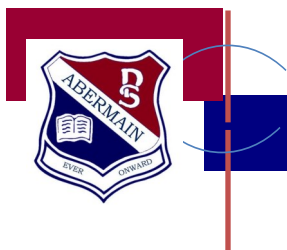
Work will start shortly on our Sensory Garden, which the school received some funding for through Cessnock City Council. We are aiming to make a visually interesting and exciting environment where children can play and use their imagination that is also environmentally sound. We will be up-cycling and recycling as many materials as possible within the garden. One of the items we would like to include is a music/sound wall. If you have any old, clean pots, pans, saucepans or lids or cutlery that are no longer needed could you start bringing them in. All items can be left down in the library.

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian

BOOK CLUB – All Book Club orders are due Friday 13th March 2015

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.



KINDERGARTEN

Our kindergarten students have settled well into “big” school life and are enjoying learning lots new things and meeting some lovely friends. Week 5 (23-2-15 to 27-2-15) will be their last week of early leave before commencing their first full days at school. On Monday 2nd March, 2015 kindergarten students will need to be picked up at 3:15pm. We have enjoyed meeting you all at our Best Start interviews and look forward to a fabulous term ahead.

Mrs Hourigan & Mrs Sheldon

CANBERRA EXCURSION - Catch up Parent/Carer Meeting

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended our Canberra meeting last week. It was great to see such enthusiasm from both students and their families for what promises to be an outstanding excursion. Next Tuesday 24th February, at 3:30pm in Mrs Roberson’s classroom, Stage 3 teachers will be repeating the same information for parents/carers who were unable to attend the initial meeting. If you are also unable to attend this alternative meeting, please contact your students’ teacher as soon as possible so that they can make other arrangements to share this information and issue you with a permission note.

Please note: Any parents wishing to submit an Expression of Interest to attend the excursion with their student needs to return their completed form by Friday 27th February. A draw will be held and successful parents/carers will be notified the following week.

Mrs Roberson

Teacher

WRITING WORKSHOP

The Newcastle Writer’s Festival is an annual event for children and adults that celebrates literature. A small group of students have been selected to attend workshops run by experienced and award winning authors and illustrators including Matt Otley, Kaz Delaney and Dr Ed Wright at Newcastle Cultural Centre. These workshops will aim to support student creativity and writing skills.

Mr Power

Teacher

PRIMARY SPORT

Primary sport groups run every Friday between 10:15am and 11:15am. This term, students are participating in netball, hockey, mixed ball games and cricket. Thank you to our regular parent helpers who lend their skills and expertise, it is greatly appreciated. Please be reminded that all students in years 3-5 are expected to participate to the best of their ability each week. Sport is a significant opportunity for children to learn how to co-operate with others, accept decisions and develop gross motor skills. As such, all students should be prepared for sport each Friday with a school hat, sports uniform, drink bottle and appropriate footwear.

Mr Power

Teacher



STORIES

KURRI NETBALL

2015 REGISTRATION

SATURDAY 2 1st February
till 21st March
at Kurri Netball Courts

3-10yrs \$30 fun net

10-17yrs \$55 Jnr

Friday afternoons

At 2:30

Starting on the 27th Feb 2015



STORIES is a weekly story-time for families hosted by Abermain Public School in conjunction with Koe-Nara.

Parents are invited to bring their children (birth to school-age) to enjoy stories and rhymes each Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:00.

Children will develop important skills to support later-learning at school and have lots of fun along the way.

In the grounds of Abermain Public School

Please contact Abermain Public School on 49304210 to register your interest.



NEW SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The following new uniforms have been made by one of our students' grandmother and are available for purchase:

Size 8 School Dress \$30

Size 6 School Dress \$30

Size 5 Skirt

Size 8 Skirt x 2

\$25

\$25ea

Please contact the school if you are interested in purchasing any of the above uniforms



SCHOOL GATES

The school gates will only be opened once staff are on duty.

Gates will be opened during

8:45am - 9:15am
2:30pm - 3:30pm (whilst kinder's finish early)
3:00pm - 3:30pm

Students arriving before 8:45am must be signed in at the office by a parent/carer and students must be picked up from school before 3:30pm.

Students are not supervised before 8:45am or after 3:30pm

P&C FAMILY DISCO

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FRIDAY 6TH MARCH, 2015

Where: Abermain Public School Hall

Time: 6pm to 8pm (BBQ from 5:30pm)

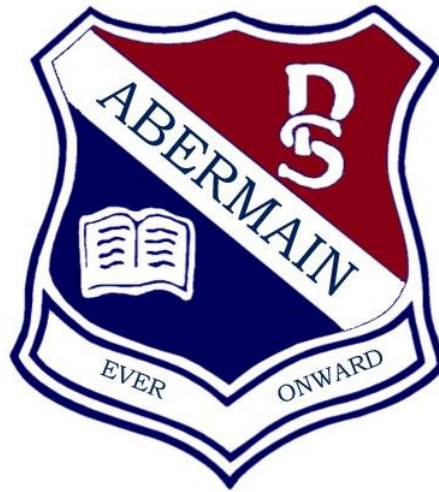
Theme: “Bright Colours”

The P&C will be holding a BBQ from 5:30pm. There will be sausage/steak sandwiches, illuminated water, cans of drink, lollies and glow products available for purchase on the night.

Please note - only students from Abermain Public School can remain at the disco without a parent/carer, however they must be signed in and out. All other children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

If you are placing an order for your child/children at the school canteen, can you please remember to refer to the 2015 Canteen Price List.



CORRECT FOOTWEAR TO BE WORN WITH ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM



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