

**SAFE
RESPECTIVE
LEARNERS****DATES FOR YOUR
CALENDAR****16th, 17th, 18th March**

Writers Workshops

17th March

Zone Soccer Trials

18th March

Fighter World Excursion

- Stage 1 Classes

19th MarchCross Country Carnival
March Charge**23rd March**

Young Leaders Day

25th MarchP&C Hot Cross Buns -
Order & Payment Due**30th March**

Harmony Day

No School Assembly

29th MarchP&C Stall - Kurri Kurri
Public School 9am-3pm**1st April**P&C Hot Cross Buns -
collection day 2:30pm-
3:15pm**2nd April**Easter Parade
Last day Term 1**20th April**

Staff Development Day

21st April

Students & Staff return

**SCIENCE SHOW
“Jack Flash &
The Jumping
Bean Stalk”**

Last Friday all students had the opportunity to watch a show performed by a New Zealand Playhouse. It was called “Jumping Jack Flash” and was a spin off from the fairy tale Jack in the Beanstalk. The show taught students about the appropriate ways to dispose of rubbish in a very humorous manner. All students were very engaged in the performance and interacted with the actors freely.

Most classes went back to their rooms to write a recount about the moral of the story and the examples I have read were of a high standard.

Mrs Jarlett
Teacher

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Thank you to everyone for your support as I once again stepped into the role as Relieving Principal. I have had so many wonderful visits from students who have wanted to share with me their quality work. Many students have also shared their learning goals with me and have been able to tell me how they plan to achieve their next goal. It is so exciting to see and hear children engaged in their own learning.

The past few weeks have seen many staff attend professional learning. This learning is then shared at a school level. Mrs Stokes and myself have been to a number of training opportunities recently around our Early Action for Success implementation while Miss Craig and Mrs Jarlett will be sharing Science syllabus training and development with staff this week. Mr Power and Mrs Roberson will be attending Mathematics syllabus training next week and have invited Cessnock High School personnel along with them to build on our partnership with the high school while accessing state Department of Education & Communities (DEC) training.

The School Plan for 2015-2017 is in its final phase after much collaboration with all stakeholders last year. Our directions for the next 3 years at Abermain Public School are to:

1. Develop active, informed and creative citizens
2. Foster quality teaching and leadership
3. Promote effective school and community partnerships

It is our goal as a school community to commit to the achievement of these directions.

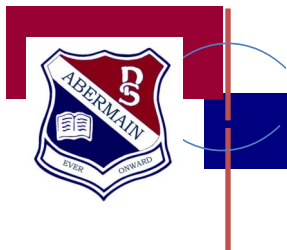
We have many students attending sporting trials this week and we wish them all the best of luck, while Stage 3 boys are excited about their writing workshops in Newcastle.

Our Student Leaders will be heading to Sydney next week for a leadership conference - a wonderful experience for all.

Mrs Bower
Relieving Principal

QUALITY WORK SHARED WITH PRINCIPAL

Liam Witek
Harrison Fitzgerald
Tarryn Hendix
Amity Rockley
Georgia Flannery
Ruby James
Cooper Markham
Elly Scotney
Tayla Perks
Charli Conroy
Cooper Hill
Max Cumpson
Lara Robertson
Lydia Besoff
Lucy Allaway
Nicholas Smith
Tyler Bate
Zealan Love
Rory Turkington
Leverett Johnson
Nate Cunningham
Ivy Taylor
Bethany Bushell
Brendan Burley
Emily Robertson
Roman Wilson
Cody Bushell
Joseph Reading
Ryan Smurthwaite
Kalob Hasler
Saxon Messina
Cooper Darcey
Riley Mitchell
Naomi Jehu
Amelia Ryan
Jasmine Weissenborn
Max Cumpson
Heath Southeron
Keira Leggatt



EASTER EGGS

Our annual collection of donated Easter eggs has begun. Eggs, baskets and Easter related items are being 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. Tickets for the Monster Easter Egg raffle have been sent home with students. More raffle tickets are available from the front office.

CANBERRA EXCURSION - YEARS 5/6

As advised in the permission note previously sent home with students, a deposit of \$50 for those students wishing to attend the Canberra excursion in Term 3 had to be returned to the school by Friday 13th March. The next instalment of \$70 is due on Friday 24th April (Week 1-Term 2). Thank you to all the parents/carers who submitted an Expression of Interest to join us on the Canberra excursion. The draw was held last week and the “lucky” parents have been notified.

“STORIES”

Our new initiative for supporting children’s literacy skills, “Stories” has been off to a flying start with many little faces beaming as they listen to Jane read stories and join in the highly interactive language games. Babies gurgle and toddlers giggle as they actively recite familiar rhymes and songs.

Our partnership with KOE NARA is proving to be very valuable, not only promoting extremely important language and reading skills, but also supporting parents/carers and children in their transition to school.

Parents/Carers and children (aged 0-5yrs) are welcome to join us on Friday afternoons between 2:30pm-3pm. Please let the school know if you are interested.

Melinda Stokes
Instructional Leader

YEAR 6 COMMEMORATIVE SHIRTS

Year 6 students have the opportunity to purchase a commemorative “Year 6 Polo Shirt” at a cost of \$30 each. Students have tried on shirts and received sizes for their order. All Year 6 students have now received a note and order form. The order form and \$30 payment needs to be returned to their classroom teacher by Monday 30th March. Please note orders will not be accepted after this date.

Mrs Roberson
Teacher



LIBRARY NEWS

The Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) has again started and I have been really impressed with the students who are accepting the challenge. There are three different levels of challenge books to read. Kinder - Year 2 students will need to read 30 books with orange stickers and a lot of these will be read during library lessons or during class time. Year 3 and 4 students will read 20 books with blue stickers and the Year 5 and 6 students will read 20 books with red stickers.

If you have any questions about the PRC you can either contact me or check out the information on the PRC website.

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian

BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB

Happy Birthday

COOPER MARKHAM

ANGUS SMITH

BLAKE MILLINGTON



SENSORY GARDEN

Plans for our sensory garden are well under way. This garden will have a lot of recyclable elements in it to encourage creative play. If you have any items that could be used in our garden please bring them down to the library. Items we are looking for are: *pots and pans, spoons, forks, old bike parts, PVC piping etc. Also, any succulent plants that could be easily grown from cuttings would be great.*

Miss Craig
Community Connect Team Leader/Teacher Librarian

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS & ADULTS

Enrolments are now taking place for those interested in a Creative Writing Workshop for Kids and Adults. For more information contact Ed Wright 0408 788 765 or Wendy James 0434 637 270, or visit www.creativewordshop.com.au



SPORTS NEWS

Zone Rugby League

Good luck to Will Stothard and Damon Besoff who are attending the Cessnock Zone Rugby League trial on Monday 16th March. The boys are also looking forward to linking up with a team from Kitchener Public School who have kindly offered the boys a place in the team for the Steve Simpson Gala Day to be held at the end of the month.

Zone Football

Ellie Mitchell, Lachlan Gilbert, Nicholas Turkington, Byron Whyburn and Matthew Brown have been selected to attend the Cessnock Zone Football trials next week. Good luck to everyone.

On another football related note, all primary girls and boys interested in representing the school in PSSA football have submitted their names for consideration this week. Trials will be held to form a team of 14 players for both competitions.

Basketball

Mr Power will soon be looking for all keen and up and coming basketball players from years 3-6. Basketball has started to grow in popularity at Abermain and there are some exciting events taking place over the next few terms. Keep an eye and ear out for more basketball announcements.

Mr Power

Teacher/Sports Organiser

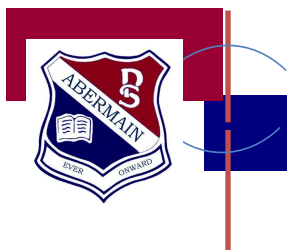
SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Unfortunately, due to wet weather our Cross Country carnival had to be postponed. The annual school Cross Country carnival will now be held at the school on Thursday 19th March. Students who finish in the first six from 8 years up will qualify to compete at the Zone PSSA Cross Country which will be held on Thursday 23rd April, 2015 (Week 1 - Term 2). Students can wear their House coloured t-shirt on the day. They will also need to have their hat and a drink to take outside with them and wear sensible shoes to run in. Students will be sitting in the House groups, so they may take a blanket to sit on.

Parents are invited to come along and watch their child compete and have lunch. If parents/carers are requiring a canteen lunch order it has been requested the parents/carers have an order with payment to the office by Tuesday 17th March, 2015 so that supplies can be ordered. Students can place canteen orders on the day of the carnival.

THE MARCH CHARGE

In support of the Cancer Council NSW, our school will be participating in The March Charge during the Cross Country carnival being held on Thursday 19th March. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation for this cause.



STAR STRUCK

Congratulations to our Star Struck girls who have been successful in making it into Star Struck “A-MAZE-ing” for 2015. A note will go out to the girls to give details of rehearsals and transport shortly.

Star Struck is an amazing production and has over 100 public schools from the Hunter and Central Coast performing in it. This year we are looking at taking students down to watch the show during the matinee performance in June. Tickets for students are discounted for the Friday matinee performance, so keep an eye out for details.

Miss Craig
Star Struck Co-Ordinator/Teacher Librarian

EASTER FESTIVITIES

On Thursday 2nd April we will be celebrating the coming of Easter with a few exciting activities:

11am - 12 noon LUNCH

Parents/Carers are invited to have lunch with their children. The P&C will be manning A BBQ with sausage sandwiches and cans of drink available for purchase.

12:15pm EASTER HAT PARADE

The Easter Hat Parade will start at 12:15pm with all students being involved

EASTER EGG RAFFLE

The monster Easter Egg raffle will be drawn following the Parade. Tickets have been sent home with students and will also be available for purchase on the day.

FIGHTER WORLD

During Term 1, students have been involved in looking at various forms of transport in HSIE and investigating the concepts of “push” and “pull” in Science and Technology. Students in years 1-2 have been invited to attend an excursion on Wednesday 18th March, 2015 to Fighter World, Stockton for a picnic lunch and then a ferry ride across Newcastle Harbour. Permission notes and payment for this excursion must be returned to the school as soon as possible.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will be available for collection by parents/carers at the school office from Tuesday 17th March, 2015. A note has been sent home with students. If you would like your child to collect the photos, please sign the consent form on this note and return to the school office. All photos not collected by Monday 30th March, 2015 will be sent home with students.



P&C NEWS

The P&C are holding a stall at the Kurri Kurri Public School Fete on Sunday 29th March, 2015 from 9am-3pm.

To assist with the smooth running of this stall, extra help is required on the day. If you, or someone you know, is able to assist during the day (either full day, half day or even a couple of hours, can you please contact Deanne on 0402 635 347.

All proceeds from this stall will go towards improvements in the school hall at Abermain Public School.

THOMPSON'S HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

**Order forms and payment to be returned to school
by Wednesday 25th March, 2015.**

**Orders can be collected from the school canteen area
on Wednesday 1st April, 2015 between 2:30pm - 3:15pm**

P&C Meeting

**Monday 11th May, 2015
at 5pm**

Held in School Library

All welcome to attend

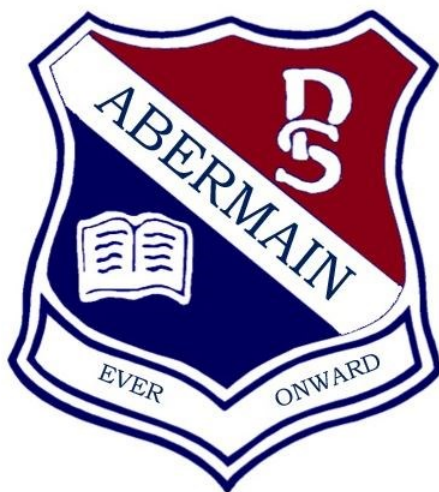
KURRI NETBALL

2015 REGISTRATION

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

3-10yrs \$30 fun net

10-17yrs \$55 Jnr



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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