



SAFE RESPECTIVE LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

30th April

Zone Cross Country
Carnival - Cessnock

6th May

Star Struck Rehearsal

7th May

Mothers Day Stall

8th May

Stewart House Donation
Regional Cross Country

11th May

P&C Meeting

12-14th May

NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5

22nd May

Athletics Carnival

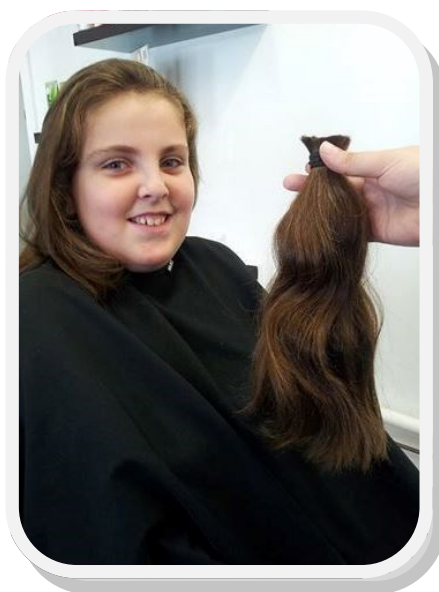
27th May

Star Struck Rehearsal

5th June

"Clever Kids" begins

DONATION TO A WORTHY CAUSE



This issue:

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NAPLAN

Stewart House
Young Leaders Day
Star Struck
Zone Cross Country
Canberra Excursion

We would like to acknowledge one of our students who during the school holidays kindly donated some of her hair to the "Pantene Beautiful Lengths" program which uses hair donations to make wigs for women with cancer.

Congratulations Ivy for making such a generous and thoughtful donation to help others.



**QUALITY WORK
SHARED WITH PRINCIPAL****PRINCIPALS REPORT**

Thank you to all the people who have made me feel very welcome to Abermain Public School. Last week was certainly a different way to start at a new school. Luckily the school only sustained minimal damage and everyone was able to remain safe. My thoughts are with the people who have had flooding and structural damage to their property and I hope they are starting to recover from the super storm.

Congratulations to the 32 students that represented Abermain Public School at the local ANZAC march and the 8 students who were able to participate in the Cessnock march that moved down Vincent Street. Having the school represented at both marches was a great show of support for our community as Australia celebrated the Centenary ANZAC. The day was very successful and I would encourage everyone to participate in these activities again next year.

During the week the manager from Woolworths visited the school with a car load of stationery and goodies that the teachers will be able to use in classrooms and for special rewards for the children. There were many great prizes for Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) prizes that will come in very handy. A big thank you to the Woolworths staff for thinking of Abermain Public School.

During the week we had a delivery of bark chip for the play equipment area. Thank you to Reading Landscape for making this possible. We have had a dedicated team of helpers (Sean, Adam, Logan, Doug and Sharntel and Brayden) spreading the bark chip during the week ready for use on Monday.

The office staff will be sending notes home on different coloured paper to assist with communication between home and school. Please remember that Yellow notes -need to be returned to school, Green-information for parents, Orange -Medical alerts, Blue -P&C, Pink -canteen. I'm hoping this will help parents collate all the information that is sent home to keep you informed of the school activities.

If you haven't had the opportunity to drop in and say hello to me during the week, please don't hesitate to come in and have a chat. Remember, if you have any concerns or issues about school come and talk to the staff we will always do our best to help.

Ian Lamph

Leverett Johnson

Mitchell Brown

Ryen Smurthwaite

Lucas Whyburn

Nate Cunningham

Keira Leggatt

Aiden Spence

Riley Mitchell





STAR STRUCK

Congratulations to Felicity Hodgins who has been successful in gaining opposition in a tap dance ensemble piece for Star Struck “A-MAZE-ing”. Preparations for this years dance group is beginning, with our girls attending their first rehearsal next week. I look forward to seeing the girls learn and practice their dance over the coming weeks.

Our school will be purchasing tickets to the matinee performance of Star Struck on Friday 12th June, 2015 to watch and support our school dance group and Felicity. Notes will be sent home with students this week and the first 45 students to return their money and permission note will be able to attend. There will be 10 spare seats available for any parents attending on that day. Parents/Carers will be able to pay to travel on the bus with the students, however the school is only able to purchase tickets for students so parents/carers will have to purchase their own ticket separately.

Miss Craig

Star Struck Co-Ordinator

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our annual athletics carnival will be held on Friday 22nd May at Birralelee Oval, Kurri Kurri. Permission notes with further information will soon be sent home with students .

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2015

The annual Stewart House donation drive will be on Friday 8th May, 2015. Envelopes for \$2 donations will be sent home with students early next week. Donations support the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT. All donations will go in to a draw to win a \$4,000 holiday to a destination of your choice. This draw will take place at Stewart House on 22nd May, 2015.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN (Literacy and Numeracy) tests for students in both Years 3 and 5 will be conducted on 12-14 May, 2015. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard. For any students who are absent on test day, there will be a “catch up” day on Friday 15th May, 2015.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents/carers in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent/carers consent form must be signed. Please make an appointment with the Principal if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN. Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.



YOUNG LEADERS DAY

At the end of Term 1, I had the opportunity to attend the National Young Leaders Day in Sydney with our six student leaders and their parents. This was a fantastic day, which motivated and encouraged us all to become better leaders. Over 6,000 students from around the state attended the event held at the Qantas Credit Union Arena, where they had the opportunity to listen to inspiring leaders from a range of lifestyles and age groups. Speakers on the day who shared their own experiences of leadership and what being a leader means were Premier Mike Baird, Rachel Leahcar, Bindi Irwin, Dylan Parker and James Norton.

I would like to congratulate the leaders on their behaviour during this day and thank their parents for attending this special event with us.

Miss Craig
Student Leader Co-Ordinator



CANBERRA EXCURSION

By now students who are attending the excursion to Canberra in September should have returned both their permission note and deposit. To assist parents/carers with payments, regular instalment dates were set up. The next instalment of \$70 is due on Friday 22nd May, 2015.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the 35 students who participated at the Zone Cross Country held on Thursday 30th April, 2015. All students tried hard and all completed either the 2km or 3km course.

Some very exciting results were the two boys who have qualified to represent the Cessnock Zone at the Hunter Regional Cross Country next Friday 8th May, 2015. Congratulations to Brayden Gay who placed 2nd and Jackson Fitzgerald who placed 6th. Both boys will compete in the 11 year boys 3km event. Caiden Fenwick finished 8th place and is a reserve for the 10 year boys 2km event.

Mrs Hodges
Assistant Principal



LIBRARY

Welcome back to the library for Term 2. Students are already borrowing from our collection and are always excited by our new arrivals. All students have the opportunity to borrow - all they need to do is have their library bag, so please encourage them to remember their bags on library day.

This term classes will again be participating in a range of exciting lessons which will extend their knowledge and help with developing the skills needed to be active, engaged learners. I look forward to working with all classes again.

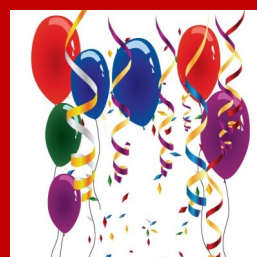
We have a number of students participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge and I would like to congratulate the students who have already read half of their required number. Keep up the great work!

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian

BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB

Happy Birthday

**Rai Berry, Keira Leggatt, Billy Reading,
Emma Millington, Shaylie Colless**



BOOK CLUB – All Book Club orders are due Friday 8th May, 2015

LOOP orders are available for parents/carers who wish to order and pay for their Book Club on-line. If you submit a LOOP order, you do not need to send anything into school. Your order will arrive with the school's order. If you would still like to send in the order slip and payment, you are more than welcome to. 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.



UNIFORM COLOURS FOR NOTES

A new system is currently being introduced regarding notes being sent home to parents/carers.

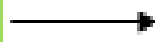
Below is a reference chart to assist parents/carers with this new system.

Yellow Notes



Permission Notes to be returned to school

Green Notes



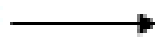
Information for Parents/Carers

Orange Notes



Medical/Headlice Alerts

Blue Notes



P&C Notes

Canteen Notes

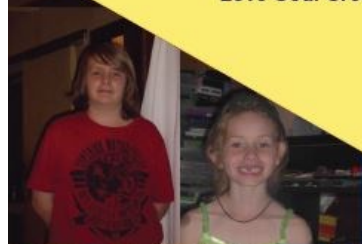


Canteen Notes

BARNEYS

Love God. Grow Together.

All age contemporary service.
Activities for kids.
Live Music, Bible teaching and BBQ.
All welcome!



4pm, Sunday 17th May
St Paul's Anglican Church,
118 Lang St Kurri Kurri

For more info:
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Fr Chris - 49371061/ 0401717686

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KURRI ANGLICAN YOUTH BAND

MUSICIANS WANTED

SINGERS
KEYBOARD

GUITAR
DRUMS

TO FEATURE AT NEW
CONTEMPORARY
CHURCH SERVICE – "BARNEY'S"

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FIRST
REHEARSALS
11AM 2ND &
11AM 9TH MAY
@ ST PAULS
KURRI KURRI
LANG ST

BARNEY'S
FIRST
SERVICE
SUNDAY 17TH
MAY – 4PM





Koe-nara, Schools as Community Centre
In the grounds of Cessnock Public School
Corner of Rawson & Quarrybylong Sts
Cessnock NSW 2325

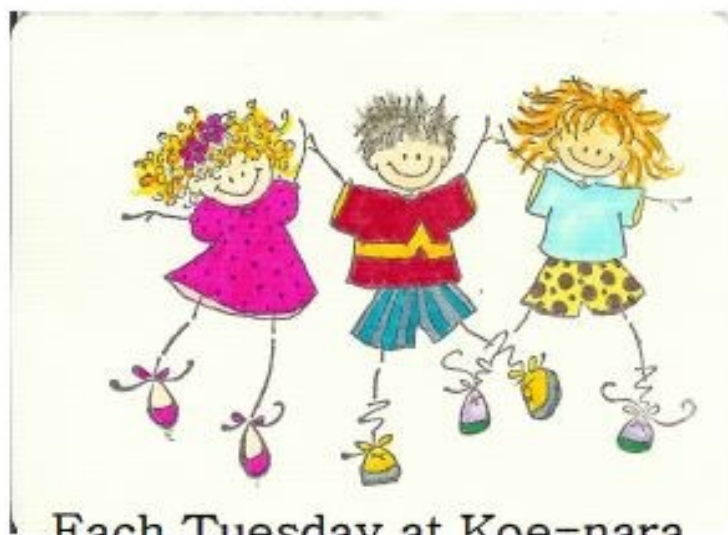
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2015 Program

Term 2

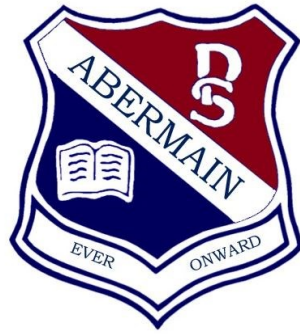
Let's Play

Most activities are inexpensive alternatives
to expensive toys.



Each Tuesday at Koe-nara
From 10 to 11.30
Morning Tea provided

Morning Tea is provided for children
Tea & Coffee for the grown ups at all playgroups



SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

P&C Meeting

Monday 11th May, 2015

at 5pm

Held in School Library

All welcome to attend

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