



## SAFE RESPECTIVE LEARNERS

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**25th June**

Yrs 1-2 Parent Interviews

**26th June**

Last Day - Term 2

**13th July**

Staff Development Day

**14th July**

Students Return-Term 3

**15th July**

NAIDOC Celebrations

**17th July**

Clever Kids

**20th July**

School Assembly

**29th July**

Basketball Gala Day

**3rd August**

School Assembly

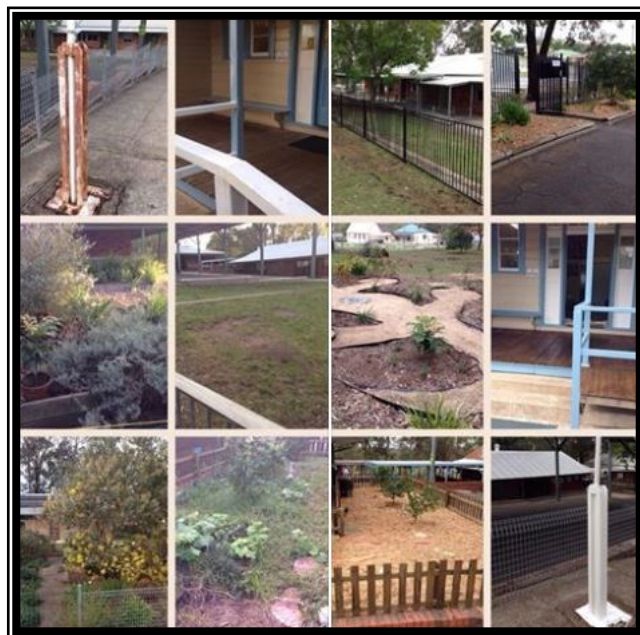
**7th August**

Zone Athletics Carnival

**10th August**

P&C Meeting 5pm

## WORKING BEE



## This issue:

Athletics Carnival

Rewards Day: Megamania

Excursion to The Rocks

Fire Brigade Visit

NAIDOC Celebrations

Rewards Day - Kinder

Star Struck 2015

Basketball Gala Day

Assembly Change

A huge thank you to all the parents, students and staff who attended the Working Bee on Sunday.

The school grounds have been transformed into a beautiful place to visit.

Setting our goal of 400 working hours has been achieved with the addition of some extra work carried out by members of our school community during the week.

Mr Lamph  
Principal





QUALITY WORK SHARED WITH THE PRINCIPAL

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

Kelyka Ward Jack Gilbert Koston Love

**Great Maths Work**

This week I had the pleasure of witnessing a talented young mathematician at work. Koston Love was able to explain the conversion of decimal numbers into tenths and keep his class mates spellbound. It is fantastic to see the great work that is happening in our Stage Three classes.

**Whole School Assembly Change**

To continue the involvement of the community and our fabulous school, I would like to invite all parents and members of the community to our whole school assembly on Monday in Week 2, Term 3 (20th July, 2015) commencing at 2:15pm - 3:10pm. During this assembly students will be presented with their Merit Certificates, Principal Awards and Paws Badges. We will have an opportunity to see 'Sherlock' and his adventures, and from time to time hear our choir sing.

The fortnightly assembly will occur on Mondays of even school weeks throughout Term 3. I look forward to seeing your support and presence at these assemblies.

**School Attendance**

I wish to remind all parents and carers that we want your children at school. It is important that all students arrive for school on time and ready for school. During Term 3 we will be implementing a new program called Sentral that will allow staff to track and monitor attendance much easier. If your child is away from school for any period of time can you please return a note to explain the student absence to the teacher.

**Term 2 Wrap-up**

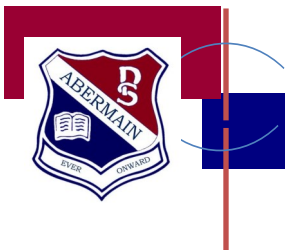
It is always surprising when you look back at all the events that have happened in ten weeks. Here are just a few: storms, ANZAC Day march, Star Struck, boys and girls soccer, PSSA golf, an athletics carnival, fire brigade visit, NAPLAN for Years 3 & 5, Working Bee, Clever Kids, Reconciliation Week and many more class activities. This is a great effort by the staff, students and parents. Thank you.

**Changes Ahead**

As we move into Term 3 I encourage all our community to be actively involved in our school and be aware of the changes that are happening as part of the changing Department of Education and the new reforms that are being implemented. I will endeavour to inform all parents and the community about changes through newsletters, Facebook and the P&C. Next term staff and community will be working with the new Sentral attendance system and the Wellbeing Policy.

Enjoy the holidays, have a safe and restful break ready for another great exciting term.

Mr Lamph  
Principal



## NAIDOC

We will be celebrating NAIDOC on our return next term. Wednesday 15th July will see us participate in a range of activities and cultural experiences. The theme for this year's celebrations is "We All Stand on Sacred Ground".

This year students will participate in a traditional smoking ceremony, boomerang throwing, learning about artefacts, painting boomerangs and totems along with a variety of other classroom based activities. All students will be offered a bush tucker sausage sandwich as part of their lunch. We will also have the privilege of watching the Stanford Merthyr Boys Dance Group perform to close our celebrations for the day.

## SPORT

### **SAVE THE DATE - PSSA Basketball, Wednesday 29th July, 2015**

Our school will be competing in the Hunter Group NSW PSSA Basketball Gala Day on 29th July, 2015 at Maitland Federation Centre. This event is free to attend.

Games will commence at 9am and will finish as late as 4pm should our teams continue successfully throughout the tournament. Each team will play a minimum of two games.

Students in Years 3-6 wishing to play will require private transport. A permission note will be given to students this week, in addition to this reminder note, in order for families to have time to make arrangements for transportation. Parents/Carers transporting children other than their own will require a Working With Children Check (WWCC) and provide copies of current drivers licence and vehicle registration/insurance to the school prior to the gala day.

Mr W Power  
Teacher

## Athletics Carnival

Our athletics carnival was held on Tuesday 16th July, 2015 and the remaining events that we were unable to run on the day due to the bad weather conditions have been held at school this week. A sports assembly will be held this week to announce the carnival results. This year we have 35 students who have qualified to represent at the Zone Athletics Carnival which will be held on Friday 7th August, 2015.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers who gave their time to help with the carnival, especially given the bad weather.

Mrs Hodges  
Assistant Principal



## KINDERGARTEN REWARDS DAY

On Wednesday Early Stage One celebrated being Safe, Respectful, Learners by enjoying a wonderful day out at the movies, followed by a picnic lunch and play at the park.

It was wonderful to see the excitement on the children's faces as they hopped onto the bus.

Thank you very much to everyone who made the day so successful.

Mrs Hourgian/Mrs Sheldon  
Early Stage One Teachers





# PBL



Congratulations to our PBL Badge recipients

## 2016 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT

We are now taking registrations for Kindergarten students who will start school in 2016. Children may enrol in Kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn 5 years of age on or before 31st July in that year. All children must be enrolled in school by their 6th birthday.

Any families who have a child starting Kindergarten in 2016 are asked to contact the school office on 4930 4210, or come to the office during school hours to register their child for Kindergarten 2016.

A letter detailing Kindergarten Orientation details will be sent home to all registered families during Term 3. Parents will need to ensure they have returned their child's enrolment form, together with their child's birth certificate, immunisation certificate, court orders (if applicable) and proof of address before Kindergarten Orientation.

## CLEVER KIDS

The Clever Kids program has finished for Term 2 and will re-commence in Term 3 starting Friday 17th July, 2015.



## LIBRARY

Congratulations to Cody Lewis on his completion of the Premiers Reading Challenge. A number of students are extremely close to finishing theirs, so keep up the reading.

Thank you to the students who have continued to borrow throughout Term 2 from our library collection. It is great to see so many students loving our library and borrowing the great books on offer. Next term will be a huge one for the library with Book Week activities. Lots of fun things are planned for this time, so keep a look out for new things coming to the library. Now might be a great time to start thinking about a costume for Book Week.

The holidays are a great time to curl up with a good book or two and explore new experiences. Students have been able to borrow for the holidays, but if they have read all of the books borrowed it is always worthwhile visiting the local public library. The libraries will have plenty of programs on offer over the holidays, so get out there and check them out.

Miss Craig  
Teacher Librarian

## STAR STRUCK 2015

Star Struck was a very successful event for all the students enrolled. The girls had a wonderful time and performed well over the week.

This years event broke a number of attendance records with over 12,000 people seeing the show during the four performances.

I have to express to the girls how proud I was of their achievements and their behaviour during our time together. Also, a huge thank you to the parents/carers who helped during the performances and with transport to and from the venue.

Miss Craig  
Teacher Librarian

## BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB

*Happy Birthday*

**Lydia (1-2J) and Chloe (3-4G)**

## P&C MEETING

**MONDAY, 10th August, 2015**

**Starting at 5pm**

**All Welcome To Attend**



## STAGE 2 EXCURSION TO “THE ROCKS”

Last Wednesday, students in 3-4H and 3-4G went to The Rocks in Sydney to gain a clear perspective of what they had been learning during the year. They were able to see oyster crushed mortar joints, sandstone buildings, wattle and daub huts as well as being able to follow the 1788 Sydney Cove shoreline around to the Opera House and Botanical Gardens. Seeing images of 1789 against the backdrop of today’s Circular Quay was a site to behold.

*“Some of the buildings still have the shells in them”* said Kyle

*“Seeing the Opera House was the most spectacular building we have ever seen”* remarked Eddie and Chloe

Mrs Hill/ Mrs Gibbs  
Stage 2 Teachers

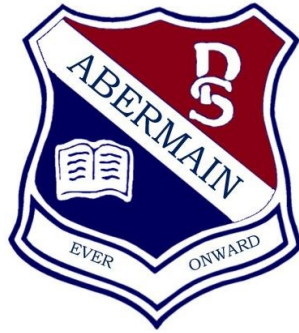


## MEGAMANIA - STAGE 1 REWARDS DAY

On Wednesday 24th June, students in Years 1-2 went to Megamania at Charlestown for their Rewards Day. Students had the opportunity to use up lots of energy through climbing, running, jumping and sliding. Megamania has a very large slide that some students found scary to start with, however, as the day progressed they built up their confidence and lost their fear of heights. Some students enjoyed climbing up the rock wall and others enjoyed having a bucket of foam balls drop all over them. The staff at Megamania complimented our students on their exceptional behaviour and manners, and were truly amazed at the respect our students showed not only for each other, but the general public that were sharing the facility with us. We are very proud of Stage One and it was a real pleasure being able to share that experience with them.

Mrs Jarlett  
Teacher





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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