



## SAFE RESPECTIVE LEARNERS

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**29th July**

Basketball Gala Day

**30th July**

Education Week Assembly

**31st July**

Clever Kids

**3rd August**

School Assembly 2:15pm

**4th August**

School Leader Breakfast

**7th August**

Zone Athletics Carnival  
Clever Kids

**10th August**

P&C Meeting 5pm

**17th August**

School Assembly 2:15pm

**31st August**

School Assembly 2:15pm

# EDUCATION WEEK

## This issue:

NAIDOC Celebrations

Woolworths Earn & Learn

P&C 5c Challenge

2016 Kinder Enrolments

The annual celebration for NSW Public Schools Education Week is being held during Week 3 of this term (Monday 27th July to Friday 31st July).

The theme for 2015 is "Celebrating Local Heroes".

Our school will be celebrating Education Week on Thursday 30th July .

Parents/carers, relatives and friends are invited to visit the school to join both staff and students in these celebrations which will include visits to classrooms, afternoon tea, followed by a whole school assembly to present our Education Week awards.

Afternoon tea will be available to purchase from the school canteen, or you could bring in a packed afternoon tea to share with your child.





**QUALITY WORK SHARED  
WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

## **PRINCIPALS REPORT**

Once again we have a busy term ahead. Throughout the term the staff and students will be participating in many activities within the school and community. Therefore, it is vital that we build positive lines of communication. As a staff, we will endeavour to get information about events to you as early as possible and it is hoped that any returning notes be received by the due date or before. If we work together I'm confident that we can make Term 3 very successful.

**Bethany Bushell  
Ivy Taylor  
Charlotte Morrow  
Adam Gilbert  
Roman Wilson  
Kalob Hasler**

### **Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) Education Week Assembly**

Education week is a time to celebrate the achievement of our students, staff and community members. Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) will be presenting their annual awards at Mount View High School on Wednesday 29th July at 3:45pm (for a 4pm start) in the hall. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

Our school will celebrate Education Week by holding an open classroom session at 12:30– 1:30 followed by and afternoon tea and then an assembly between 2– 3pm. All parents/carers and friends are invited to attend whole school assemblies.

### **White Ribbon**

Abermain Public School has signed up to be a White Ribbon school. White Ribbon will support our school Wellbeing policy and PBL goals as it focuses on building respectful relationships within our school and community. Mrs Roberson and I will be talking to the staff and students about ways we can improve relationships between boys and girls and building an awareness of respectful relationships through the year.

### **Safely departing our school**

Students are being much safer when departing our school. Following discussions at a P&C meeting, we now have set areas where students line up to be dismissed at the end of the day. This has allowed for a teacher to walk the children to the school gates ensuring that each student is collected by a parent/carer and not left waiting outside the school. Parents/Carers are still welcome to collect their children from the DOTS under the covered area. I would like to remind parents/carers that it is very important to set a positive example by collecting their children on the school side of the road and parking the correct way as indicated by the signs at the collection areas.

### **School Assembly**

On Monday, we held our whole school assembly that ran very smoothly. The timing of the assemblies have been set to allow parents/carers and students to finish at the end of school (2:15– 3:15 every second week). If you can attend our next whole school assembly on 3 August it would be appreciated by the staff and students.

### **Student Enrolments**

As a requirement by the Department of Education, we are to submit our anticipated student enrolments for 2016 by Week 4 this term. The number of anticipated enrolments will determine the funding our school receives next year. Therefore, if you or someone you know is anticipating enrolling a child at Abermain Public School, or your circumstances have changed and your child will be leaving the school, could you please notify the office no later than Friday 31st July, 2015.

Mr Lamph  
Principal



## WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program again this year. Through this program we will be able to get new education resources for our school from groceries you purchase at Woolworths. For every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards) you will receive 1 sticker. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker sheet. Completed sticker sheets can be placed into the collection bin in the front foyer of our school, or outside of Cessnock Woolworths.

Previous years rewards have seen the school purchase class lego sets, art equipment, play items and scientific models for use in lessons. Your support is much appreciated.

If you would like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)



## NAIDOC WEEK

Last week all students had the opportunity to participate in activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week. Our celebrations were opened by Leigh Ridgeway who performed a traditional smoking ceremony for all students. This year the theme was 'We All Stand on Sacred Ground'. Students created a drawing based on what was sacred to them and then went into a draw to win an e-tablet donated by Barkuma. Congratulations to Samuel Chedzey who was the lucky winner.

Throughout the day students decorated their own boomerangs, class totems and did a variety of different art-works or activities in the classroom. We were also fortunate enough to have had representatives from Barkuma and Shawn Stowe volunteer their time to teach the students about a variety of artefacts, traditional stories and boomerang throwing.

Students had the opportunity to try bush tucker sausages at lunch time and ate lollipops that were lemon myrtle flavoured. Our day concluded with the Stanford Merthyr Infants School Boys Dance Group coming to perform an Aboriginal dance for us.

The day was highly successful due to the outstanding behaviour and participation from all students. We were lucky to have so much support from people within our community to make our day so memorable for all students and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our helpers and visitors once again.

Mrs Jarlett  
Teacher







## LIBRARY

Exciting things are in store for this term at the library.

Book Week celebrations will occur later in the term with a few special things planned. I have organised an illustrator to have a day at our school working with all stages to produce some amazing illustrations of their own, plus we will have our Book Fair and Parade. More details to come in the next newsletter.

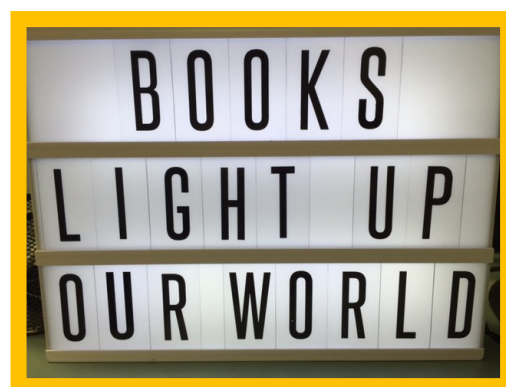
The theme for Book Week this year in the library is “books light up our world” and all classes have been discussing their favourite books that have lit up their world. It is great to hear so many children struggling to pick just one book!

Books play such an important role in our lives and reading books gives us knowledge, lets us be creative and use our imagination as well as letting us experience so many different things that we may not otherwise have a chance to do. I encourage all parents/carers to talk about their favourite books with their children to ignite that love of books and reading.

During this term I have set a reading challenge for students from all classes. Every time a student borrows a book they will receive a stamp on their class chart, the class with the most stamps at the end of term will receive a class prize. Students need to remember their bag so they can borrow from our great collection.

Miss Craig  
Teacher Librarian

**BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB**  
Happy Birthday  
**Callum and Teleah**



## BOOK CLUB

**All Book Club orders are due Friday 24th July, 2015**

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.



## 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.

### TRIPLE P SELECT PROGRAM

Triple P Parenting Seminars

Week 1 Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015  
Week 2 Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015

The two seminars will cover the following topics:

- The Power of Positive Parenting
- Raising Confident, Competent Children &
- Raising Resilient Children

*This program is free*

Time: 9.30 am - 12.00 pm  
at  
5 HALL STREET,  
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THERE WILL BE NO CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

To book a place or for more information please phone  
CESSNOCK FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE  
on  
**4990 4507**



Seminars are presented by an accredited Triple P practitioner  
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A workshop run by  
Cessnock Family Support Service  
and The Family Action Centre



## 1-2-3 Magic Parenting Program

**Easy-to-learn Parenting  
solutions that work**  
For parents with children 2-12 years



**1-2-3 Magic** is a leading resource for parenting solutions that are easy to learn and are proven to work.

An effective and positive way to discipline your children. 1-2-3 Magic offers parenting solutions that are easy-to-learn and that WORK!

**Venue:** Cessnock Family Support  
**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015  
**Time:** 10am - 12pm

To express your interest, please contact:  
Robyn on 49 90450  
Or email [admin@cfss.ngo.org.au](mailto:admin@cfss.ngo.org.au)

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**  
**NO CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**

**Topics covered include:**

- Children are not mini adults.
- Too much talk, too much emotion.
- Brain development: toggling.
- Patterns in families.
- Remaining flexible as a parent.

"An end to the arguing and yelling!"  
"It saved our lives"  
"Simple, sane, effective"

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# **P&C MEETING**

## **MONDAY, 10th August, 2015**

**Starting at 5pm**

### **All Welcome To Attend**

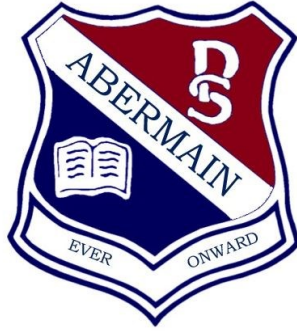
#### **ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C**

### **5 CENT CHALLENGE**

During Term 3, students in every class at Abermain Public School have been asked to participate in a 5 cent challenge.

Each class has been provided a platypus who loves to eat 5 cent coins. Students are encouraged to bring in 5 cent coins to feed their class platypus. At the end of term 3, the class who has been able to collect the highest amount of money in both Primary and Infants will receive a special reward.





# SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

## 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