



## SAFE RESPECTIVE LEARNERS

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

#### 7th August

Zone Athletics Carnival  
Clever Kids

#### 10th August

P&C Meeting 5pm

#### 11th August

Gigalees Crazy Circus Show

#### 13th August

Public Speaking

#### 14th August

Clever Kids

#### 17th August

Wollombi Educational Tour  
School Assembly 2:15pm

#### 21st August

Clever Kids

#### 25th August

"Joffa" Cartoon Workshop

#### 26th August

Book Fair & Book Parade

#### 31st August

School Assembly 2:15pm

## SCHOOL LEADER'S BREAKFAST



On Tuesday 4th August, our six student leaders were lucky to attend the Mayoral Breakfast at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre with other student leaders from the Cessnock electorate.

Students had the opportunity to listen to guest speaker John Contor—a solo trekker, who traversed on the most extreme ranges in the world, "Brooks Range" in Alaska. John spoke about his failures and how he succeeded, not only during his failed attempts and successful attempt, but also in his life. He is currently studying a law degree and is gaining high distinctions, though told how he could not get into university after finishing high school.

Our students enjoyed his presentation and understood the message that John delivered—that wanting something won't make it happen.....drive, determination and hard work make things happen.

Miss Craig  
Teacher Librarian  
Student Leader Co-Ordinator

## This issue:

PSSA Basketball Gala Day

Education Week

Gigalees Crazy Circus Show

Wollombi Aboriginal Tour

Years 5/6 Sports Gala

"Joffa" Author Visit

Book Week

Zone Athletics

Canberra Excursion

2016 Kinder Enrolments





## PRINCIPALS REPORT

I was extremely pleased with the communities involvement in Education Week. During my class visits it was easy to see a large number of parents sharing ideas and working hard with their children. Activities that caught my eye included making pioneer cottages, mathematics, writing and dinosaur construction. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the open classrooms and school assembly. During the assembly we were able to acknowledge Rodney Lake, Ellie Mitchell and the “Clever Kids” program that received Education Week awards at the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools (CCGPS) ceremony. Congratulations to all the students who received class awards during Education Week, we are all very proud of you for your achievements.

### QUALITY WORK SHARED WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Jaylen  
Ivy  
Sharntel  
Georgia  
Nicholas  
Jayda

Nattalia  
Lucy  
Chloe  
Jack  
Jacob  
Oliver

During the past few weeks staff have been trying to organise the safest way for students to exit the school after the 3:15pm bell which is our official end of school. This has included lining students up to be walked to the exit gates then dismissed, this ensures that students are not waiting on the side of the road without supervision. The staff are still concerned with a number of parents/carers who are calling their children across the road for collection. For the safety of all children we are asking that parents/carers cross the road and collect their children from the school side of the road. Council Rangers are regularly patrolling school zones and issuing infringement notices to people who are not obeying road and parking rules around schools.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 10 August, at 5pm in the school library. During this meeting we will be discussing the draft Wellbeing Policy, road safety issues and Carols by Candlelight. I encourage all parents to attend this meeting and have their input towards these programs. Through your attendance at the P&C meetings you will gain a greater understanding of what is happening in our school and have the opportunity to bring new ideas to the school. General business is a respectful time to connect with staff and community members and have an opportunity to voice your concerns and ideas. So, please add this date to the calendar and I look forward to seeing new members at this meeting.

School attendance is compulsory for children who have turned six years old. Parents have the responsibility of ensuring students attend school and arrive at the appropriate time ready to learn. Our official start time is 9:15am, but I encourage all parents/carers to have their children at school by 9:10am. I am concerned by the number of parents/carers who are arriving at school after the 9:15am bell. To ensure your child gets the best start to each day please have them at school on time.

As part of Education Week I would like to thank the wonderful staff at Abermain Public School for the tremendous effort they put in to providing an enjoyable learning environment for all students.

Mr Lamph  
Principal



## SPORT

### PSSA BASKETBALL

Our Abermain basketball teams were in action on Wednesday 29th July at Maitland Federation Centre. It was a first time effort for almost all of our players and their enthusiasm and sportsmanship was truly impressive. It was great to see our basketball skills improving over the day and some students discovered a new talent or favourite sport. The day could not have been so successful without the help of our wonderful parents. Thank you to all of our family members who helped transport the students and filled the stands with supporters for our students.

### ZONE ATHLETICS

The Cessnock Zone Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday 7th August. Congratulations to all of our qualifying competitors. A reminder note for students competing will be sent home before the carnival including their events and extra information for the day.

Mr Power  
Teacher

## CANBERRA EXCURSION

Students in Stage 3 (Ys 5-6) are getting very excited about our fast approaching Canberra excursion later this term. Last week a note was sent home to parents/carers advising that a meeting is going to be held next Tuesday 11th August, 2015 at 2:45pm in the Year 5-6 classroom. This meeting is to provide essential information on what to bring, what not to bring, communication whilst away and expectations of students leading up to and during their stay at Canberra. All parents/carers have been asked to attend this meeting so that there can be no confusion regarding these important matters. Essential notes will only be distributed to parents/carers who attend this meeting or seek a meeting with their child's teacher at an alternative time.

Mr Power, Mrs Roberson, Mrs Bower  
Stage 3 Teachers

## GIGALEES CRAZY CIRCUS SHOW

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have been invited to attend an action packed crazy comedy show with a mad mixture of acrobatics, juggling, knockabout comedy and music mayhem being held at the school next Tuesday (11th August). Permission notes were sent home with students last week and need to be returned, with payment, to class teachers.

## EDUCATIONIONAL ABORIGINAL TOUR

Students in Years 3-4 (Stage 2) have been given the opportunity to attend an educational Aboriginal tour to Wollombi on Monday 17th August. This tour relates to "Australia: You're Standing In It" which the Stage 2 students have been currently learning about. Permission notes have been sent home with students and need to be returned, with payment, to class teachers.

### LOST PROPERTY

Currently we have 22 unclaimed jumpers in our lost property box with no identification. Jumper sizes range from 4-14—if anyone is interested in a free jumper for their child, please feel free to enquire at the school. We also have 6 water bottles, 8 lunch boxes and 1 umbrella

We would like to remind parents/carers to clearly label their child's property/clothing so lost items can be easily returned.



## Congratulations to our PBL Badge Recipients



Riley Fernance  
Charlize Roderick  
Jasmine Weissenborn  
Emma Millington  
Justin Hasler  
Damon Besoff  
Ivy Taylor  
Cheyenne Follan  
Daelin McWhirter

Cooper Subat  
Mya Perry  
Naomi Jehu  
Matthew Leeming  
Kelyka Ward  
Chelsea Dunn  
Teleah Campton  
Alex Peachman  
Lily Williams

## PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The finals of our annual Public Speaking competition will be held in our school hall next Thursday—13th August, 2015. The K-2 finals will get underway at 9:30am and are expected to conclude by 11:15am in time for lunch. The Years 3-6 finals will commence at 12 midday and should be completed around 1:30pm. Students across the school have been working hard to put together some very entertaining and informative speeches.

All members of our community are encouraged to come along and enjoy this exciting event.

Mrs Roberson  
Assistant Principal (Rel)

# The Great Clearing Sale

## @ Congewai Public School

*Saturday  
August 22nd  
9am*

### **BRING YOUR STUFF**

*Clear out the sheds, the house, the old stuff and book a free site!*

*Farm stuff, tools and bits and pieces, collectables new and old, farm implements and machinery, garden goods, antiques and eclectic goods, livestock items and anything else you can think of!*

*Sites are free, please book by Friday 14th August with 20% of sale prices to benefit Congewai Public School's learning programs.*

*All items to the school by 7am of Saturday August 22nd*

**Ph: 024998 1366**

*to book a site and further  
info...don't miss out!*

605 Congewai Road,  
Congewai







## CESSNOCK HIGH SCHOOL GALA DAY

*- Recount by Mikayla and Shay*

*On Tuesday 4th August, Stage 3 students got to enjoy a day at Cessnock High School for a Sports Gala day. We participated in activities such as egg and spoon race, throwing the football at the targets, basketball hoops, hoop to hoop, log roll, throwing bean bags and hockey.*

*We all divided into two groups. Boys played soccer, while girls played tabloid sports. After having lots of fun we got a sausage sizzle for lunch and played on the field. When we finished we changed the groups over and the boys played tabloid games in the hall and the girls went to Turner Park to play soccer. It was an outstanding day for all of us.*





## LIBRARY

On Tuesday 25th August, 2015 all students will have the opportunity to participate in a cartooning workshop with “Joffa”. A lot of students will remember “Joffa” from his last visit, which was extremely popular. “Joffa” will be teaching all students a range of cartooning skills and will have a focus on resilience. A permission note will be sent home with all details.

Wednesday 26th August will see our major celebration for Book Week—our Book Fair and Book Parade. Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. Costumes should not be expensive—think of creative, fun ways to get the look you are after—as these often look the best. Our P&C will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch on the day and the book fair will run in the library throughout the day. Times will be advised shortly.

A number of book prize packs will be raffled as well as some other guessing competitions on the day—so keep an eye out for tickets and posters.

Congratulations to Tahlee Roderick, Xylis Weissenborn, Libbia Lorrie, Emily-Cate Allaway, Cameron Bate and the Kinder classes on completing the Premiers Reading Challenge. All students have until 31st August to complete their challenge.

Miss Craig  
Teacher Librarian

## Book Prizes - Book Week



## STAR STRUCK PERFORMANCE—EDUCATION WEEK

I would like to congratulate our dancers for their performances during Education Week. Our girls danced alongside Kearsley Public School to “Sugar Crush” to give both schools a taste of the dance. During the Star Struck performances our schools performed with 16 school groups who danced and performed drama during the song. Our girls stepped up to dance in a different configuration to what they were used to. It has been a pleasure to work with the girls this year on all our Star Struck performances.

Miss Craig



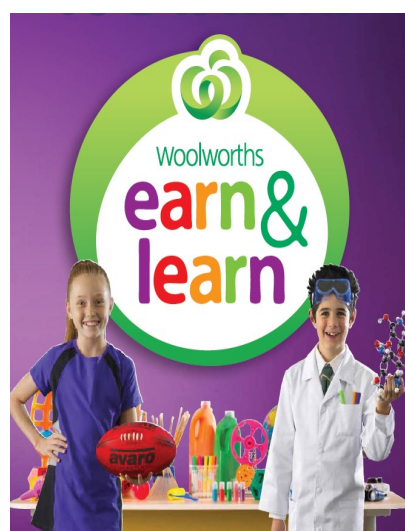


## 2016 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT

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.



**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR  
SCHOOL BY COLLECTING  
THE WOOLWORTHS EARN  
& LEARN STICKERS.**

**COMPLETED STICKER  
CARDS CAN BE PLACED IN  
THE COLLECTION BOX AT  
EITHER WOOLWORTHS,  
CESSNOCK OR IN THE  
FOYER AT THE SCHOOL**

## ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL'S



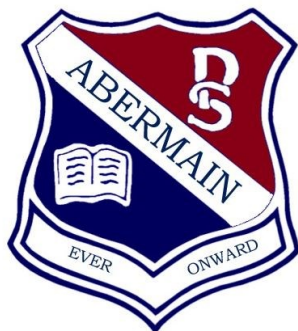
## 2015 TALENT SHOW

**Our school's annual Talent Show will be during this term, with heats commencing in Week 7 and then the Finals during Week 10—Term 3.**

**All heats will be held at the school during lunch time from Week 7 (24-28th August, 2015).**

**We are looking forward  
to seeing our talented  
students perform!**





# 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