



## SAFE RESPECTIVE LEARNERS

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

#### 21st August

Clever Kids

#### 25th August

"Joffa" Cartoon Workshop

#### 26th August

Book Fair & Book Parade

#### 31st August

School Assembly 2:15pm

#### 3rd September

Fathers Day Stall

#### 4th September

Fathers Day BBQ Breakfast  
Clever Kids

#### 8-11 September

Yrs 5-6 Canberra Excursion

#### 11th September

Clever Kids

#### 14th September

Spelling Bee Finals

#### 18th September

Clever Kids  
Last school day—Term 3

#### 6th October

Students return—Term 4

## MATHS/SCIENCE CHALLENGE



On 19th August our team (Joshua, Kaitlyn, Felicity, Zackary and Brodie) competed in a Maths/Science Challenge at Cessnock High School. We went up against three other schools—Cessnock East, Cessnock and Kitchener Public School. The team were down for the first few rounds but caught up in the last three rounds to beat Cessnock East Public School by two points.

Our team won all but one bonus round and got a chocolate each time. On Monday 24th August the team will head up to Cessnock High School assembly where they will receive a \$30 gift voucher and a medal each.

*By: Felicity, Zackary, Kaitlyn, Brodie, & Joshua*

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QUALITY WORK SHARED  
WITH THE PRINCIPAL

## PRINCIPALS REPORT

Wow!! Silly Socks Day sure did bring out some amazing colourful socks. The day was well supported by staff and students and a total of \$145 was raised to assist Bryon to attend the state softball trials later in the term. It's now time to get your Book Week costume ready for the big day next Wednesday.

Last week I visited all classes and spoke to all the students about “**nice talk**”, which included **not** swearing. By encouraging students to have nice talk to each other, we are developing respect towards each other. Respect is about deserving fair social standards, and being honest and decent people. It is hoped that the improved respect for each other at school will extend to the way students communicate and respect other people in our community.

Research from Australia and overseas has found that students achieve better outcomes from education when schools, families and the community work together to support students learning. Benefits include respect from staff for families' strengths and efforts, school image within the community is improved, students participate more which improved literacy and numeracy skills and families feel the support from school and other parents. Therefore, I encourage all parents/carers to participate in the development of the new discipline procedures on Monday afternoon in the library at 3:15pm.

Congratulations to all the students that participated in the Public Speaking finals last week. It is always amazing to listen to the variety of topics and the wonderful skills that our students have when presenting their speeches. You and your families should all be very proud.

Road safety practices are essential around all schools and today students will be bringing home a Road Safety Education pamphlet with safety advice specific for our school. Could you please support our school by reading through this pamphlet and practising safe road behaviours with your child.

Mr Lamph  
Principal

Reanna  
Shay  
Zealon  
Kaitlyn  
Aiden  
Daelin  
Will  
Alex  
Lily  
Lara  
Tyler  
Cooper



## SPORT

### ZONE ATHLETICS

A team of over thirty students represented Abermain Public School at the Cessnock Zone Athletics carnival held on Friday 7th August at Turner Park. Congratulations to all of our students on their efforts, sportsmanship and the excellent manner in which they represented the school community. Thank you to all of the family members for your support.

### REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Jazlyn, Miah, Shanaya, Mitchell (all 100m) and Will (discus) who have qualified for the 2015 Regional Athletics carnival being held on Friday 28th August. Students will receive information and permission notes this week.

Mr Power  
Teacher

## PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Last week we held our annual Public Speaking Finals. Mr Boughton came back to join Mrs White as our special guest judges. Both judges were extremely impressed with the quality of the speeches, and feel that the standard has improved again from last year. The audience were engaged in every single presentation and enjoyed learning new facts about everything from blood plasma to the dwarf planet Pluto. We also laughed along to tales of annoying younger siblings and our imaginations were ignited with ideas of hybrid dinosaurs!

Despite some very close scores, the judges were able to choose just one winner from each year grade (except Year 4 where they were unable to separate two of our finalists) and the winners this year were:

Kindergarten	-	Lucy Allaway	Year 4	-	Caiden Fenwick
Year 1	-	Lily Williams			Ryan Lewis
Year 2	-	Finlay Page	Year 5	-	Nicholas Turkington
Year 3	-	Madison Hall	Year 6	-	Felicity Hodgins

Congratulations again to all of our finalists.

Mrs Roberson  
Assistant Principal (Rel)

## CANBERRA EXCURSION

With only a short few weeks left until Stage 3 head off to Canberra, we still have a number of parents/carers who are yet to contact us to receive important information that they will need before their students can leave on this major excursion. If you have not yet contacted a Stage 3 teacher to obtain these essential documents, please do so as soon as possible.

There are also a very small number of families who have an outstanding financial balance. It would be appreciated if you could now finalise your account.

Stage 3 Teachers  
Mrs Roberson, Mr Power, Mrs Bower, Mrs Bailey



## Congratulations to our PBL Badge Recipients



Elijah Bate  
Aiden Fenning  
Oliver Traeger  
Chloe Campbell

Lucy Allaway  
Lara Robertson  
Claire Chedzey  
Keali Hepworth

## Proposed changes to Discipline Procedures

The school is in the process of reviewing their discipline procedures and we are interested in your feedback.

Below are some of the ideas on how the new system could look:

- \* A certain number of Informal Notifications could equate to a Formal Notification, eg three Informal Notifications within five weeks would result in a Formal Notification
- \* Any Formal Notification would result in a two-day Playground Withdrawal, two Formal Notifications within a five-week period would result in a five-day Playground Withdrawal (and loss of Rewards Day) and any student receiving four Formal Notifications within a term would be suspended from school allowing time to re-address the student's needs
- \* The first Formal Notification in the term would result in a two-day Playground Withdrawal, the second Formal Notification within the term would result in a five-day Playground Withdrawal (and loss of Rewards Day) and any student receiving three Formal Notifications within a term would be suspended from school

We would like parents and carers to come along and have their say. Things we are particularly interested in hearing your thoughts on are:

How many Informal Notifications would result in a Formal Notification?

When and how would parents/carers like to be informed of incidents that their student(s) have been involved in?

How many Formal Notifications would lead to time off the playground?

How many Formal Notifications would result in suspension?

A meeting will be held on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 3:15pm** in the school library. If you are unable to attend this meeting to share your thoughts, please feel free to write them down and put them into the survey box in the school foyer, or email them to [abermain-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:abermain-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) You could also speak to Mr Lamph, Mrs Bower or Mrs Roberson before Monday's meeting.

### Why change?

- \* **Raise expectations of student behaviour**
- \* **Create a safer, more productive learning environment**
- \* **Simplify the existing procedures**





## CLAYTON BARR VISIT

Students in Years 5/6 have been learning about all things government this term in preparation for their visit to Canberra in Week 9. On Wednesday they were lucky enough to have our State Member of Parliament, Mr Clayton Barr, visit them for a talk.

Clayton spoke about his different career choices, how he got into politics and why he is passionate about Cessnock and the people who live there. Our students asked very meaningful questions and Clayton was generous with his time and his answers.

We are sure that by having this visit from Clayton, our students will be much more engaged when they visit Canberra.



Miss Craig & Mrs Percy  
Teachers

## GIGALEES CIRCUS SPECTACULAR

Last week all infants students were invited to attend the Gigalees Circus Spectacular. The show consisted of two women who were very entertaining and extremely talented at performing circus tricks that had our children fully engaged for the whole hour. Screams and laughter could be heard from the street and even “Sherlock” got to have his photo taken with the performers. Who knows, this show may have inspired some of our students to want to learn how to juggle or take acrobat lessons in their future.

Mrs Jarlett  
Teacher





## LIBRARY

Only a few more sleeps until Book Week celebrations begin at school, and I 'm pretty excited!

Tuesday sees Joffa here to do cartooning workshops with all students who have their permission notes back and have paid to attend. Joffa is an amazing talent and I know all the kids will love what they create. One student who went last time and has been practicing their cartooning skills has asked if he could bring in some of his creations to show Joffa. That lets me know how relevant it was and how engaged our students are in the amazing things we offer our school community.

The Book Fair and Parade will be running on Wednesday (26th August) and everyone is more than welcome to attend this great event. The Book Fair will have a range of books and stationary items available to purchase and the P&C will be having a BBQ lunch. Parents/Carers are invited into classrooms from 10:30am to read with their children and then stay for lunch and the character parade. Our parade will start at 12 noon with all classes showing off their favourite book character costumes. We have special guests as well for the parade with our "Clever Kids", Playgroup and Tilly's Preschool groups attending, so make them feel welcome. This is an exciting week for the library and I can't wait for all the students to get involved.

Congratulations to all our infants students who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge. The challenge closes on Friday 21st August and I have been pleased with the efforts of students taking on the challenge.

Miss Craig  
Teacher Librarian

## BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB

Happy Birthday  
**Reanna, Charlotte, Aleah,  
Talisha, Lara, Finlay, Megan**

# Book Prizes - Book Week

**DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR TICKETS TO BE IN THE  
DRAW TO WIN ONE OF THESE FANTASTIC BOOK PRIZES**







## NAPLAN 2015

Results of the students who completed NAPLAN 2015 have been released. Student reports are being sent home with students this week. If you would like to discuss your child's NAPLAN results, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

## SCHOOL BANKING

Concerns have been raised regarding the "Cosmic Light Beam Torch" reward item due to the inclusion of our button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards program. Parents/Carers are requested to dispose of any "Cosmic Light Beam Torches" their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a "Cosmic Light Beam Torch" are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

We would also like to remind families that WEDNESDAY is school banking day.

## CESSNOCK CITY LIBRARY VISIT

On Tuesday 18th August students in KS, 1T, 1-2J and 2H got to participate in a fun filled hour of book fun with Sandy and Karen from Kurri Kurri and Cessnock Public Libraries. Sandy and Karen told everyone about the services the library offers to the community and what great resources they have on offer, but the best part was the reading of a few of the shortlisted books. They acted out on of our favourites "Pig the Pug" and got the students up participating in "Scary Night". The teachers and students loved it and it is always wonderful to share a love of reading and books with our students.

Miss Craig

Teacher Librarian





## **TELL THEM FROM ME STUDENT FEEDBACK SURVEY**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information will follow soon.

## **PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY**

Our school will also be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practice at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17th August and 16th October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however your responses are very much appreciated. More information in the coming weeks.

Next Wednesday at the Book Parade there will be an opportunity to complete the survey in our computer lab.

More information about the survey is available at <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Mrs Bower  
Assistant Principal

## **KINDER CLASSROOMS**

With the cold winter season we have experienced recently, we have also had lots of students with runny noses. We are asking if parents/carers could please send in a box of tissues to help replenish our kinder classroom supplies.

Mrs Sheldon  
Teacher





**CONGRATULATIONS TO JORJA,  
HAYDEN, MATTHEW, KAITLYN  
AND REANNA WHO RECEIVED  
AN AWARD AT THE KULLABARRA  
AWARDS EVENING AT  
CESSNOCK HIGH SCHOOL**

## **“CLEVER KIDS” NEWS**

“Clever Kids” are very busy at the moment. We have been learning lots about numbers, sounds, nursery rhymes, stories and even drumming!

This week we will be reading “Elmer the Elephant” and making elephant ears. We will also be making some grassy egg-heads which should be lots of fun.

Next week, we are going on an adventure! We are going to catch the bus into Cessnock and have a picnic before going to the town library for storytime. We would love it if all families (not just next year’s enrolments) could join us on our excursion. Below are the details for this outing:

- Date:** Friday 28th August, 2015
- Time:** 11:45am - Meet at Harold Sternbeck Park, Cessnock for lunch  
then visit Fire Station  
1pm - Cessnock Library  
2:15pm - Return to School/Home
- Cost:** Bus Fare (each way): \$4.70 Adult \$2.30 Child

Please contact the school if you require further information.



## 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.

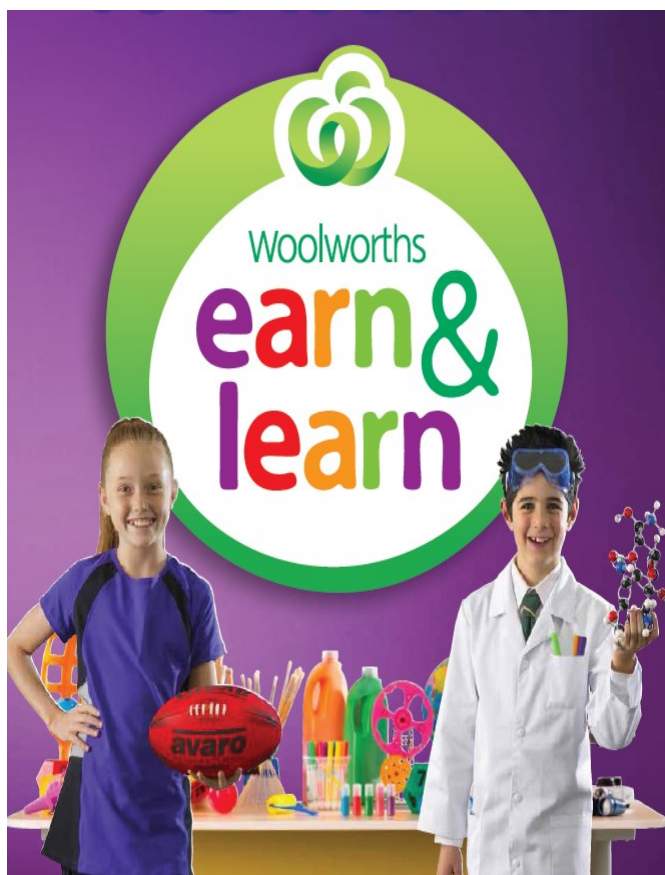
### ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL'S

**GOT  
★ TALENT**

**TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER**

We are looking forward to seeing  
our talented students perform!





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SCHOOL BY COLLECTING THE  
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LEARN STICKERS.**

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WOOLWORTHS, CESSNOCK  
OR IN THE FOYER AT THE  
SCHOOL**

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FOR GIRLS**

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NOW**

AIA Vitality MiniRoos Kick-Off for Girls is an introductory football program for girls aged 5-11 starting October 2015.

Visit the website to find a location nearest you.

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NSW FOOTBALL**

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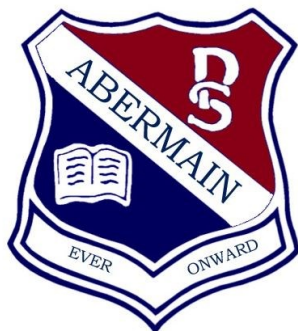
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# SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

## 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