



SAFE RESPECTIVE LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

3rd September

Fathers Day Stall

4th September

Fathers Day BBQ Breakfast
Clever Kids

7th September

Oakvale Farm—Kindergarten

8-11 September

Yrs 5-6 Canberra Excursion

9th September

Domino's Fundraiser—4-8pm

11th September

Clever Kids

14th September

Spelling Bee Finals

18th September

Clever Kids
Last school day—Term 3

6th October

Students return—Term 4

9th October

TTFM—Pizza party

23rd October

Grandparents Day

"CLEVER KIDS"



This issue:

Tell Them From Me

Joffa/Book Week

Fathers Day Breakfast

Oakvale Farm

Grandparents Day

Domino's Fundraiser

School Choir

Regional Athletics

Road Safety

Spelling Bee

Earn & Learn

"Clever Kids" had a great excursion into town last Friday. They caught the bus, enjoyed a picnic in the park and visited the library. They had lots of fun at the fire station and even got to spray the fire hose and climb up into the fire truck. The children learned all about fire safety and "stop-drop-cover and roll". At the library they played with puppets, read stories and did craft. It was a fantastic adventure and I am sure all of the children would join me to say thank you to the mums, dads and nans that accompanied them.

We have just three more sessions of "Clever Kids" remaining and will finish with a special graduation and celebration on the last Friday of this term (18th September). If you have not yet been to "Clever Kids" and your child is enrolling to start kindergarten next year, it is not too late and you are very welcome to join us.

We will be having lots of fun tomorrow with "Room on the Broom" and heaps of exciting activities. Wear old clothes—we have a bit of a messy one lined up for you which should provide lots of giggles.

We will be running STORIES again each Friday afternoon next term, as well as some parent workshops. More details to come.

Ms Stokes

Instructional Leader, Early Action for Success





PRINCIPALS REPORT

As the season changes and I walk around the school, I really do get a lovely feel about everything that is happening at Abermain Public School. The grounds are looking good, the students are working well and showing greater respect for their peers, teachers and themselves. It's pleasing to hear nice talk happening throughout the school. Teachers are working hard providing quality lessons that are engaging and fun. Members of the community appear to be enjoying the opportunity to attend a variety of events that showcase their children's skill and abilities. I believe that by working together, sharing ideas and communicating the future direction of the school we can build a stronger school - community partnership that will provide for our current and future citizens.

This week the Council Rangers have been patrolling local schools to ensure people are parking correctly in school areas. I have also been informed that the police highway patrols will be increasing their presence around local schools following an accident where a student was hit by a car at another local school this week. I would like to remind all drivers that crossing two solid white lines to park or do a U-turn is an offence that can result in the driver being fined. For the safety of our children please obey speed limits and road rules.

Many parents have enquired about parking rules at the school. Therefore, I have put together advice from the Ranger. In Melbourne Street we have 14 rear to kerb 90 degree parking spaces, all other parking should be parallel to the road edge. In Goulburn Street there is a section outside the library that is 45 degrees rear to kerb, all other sections are parallel to the road edge. If there is no sign please park parallel. Please don't stop (on the road) and drop students off without parking or park nose to kerb anywhere around the school. Please help us keep your children safe in and around our school.

The school has been very active in making our roads a safer place for the students. This week the 40km flashing lights have been installed. Installing flashing lights in school zones has been shown to improve driver awareness of the need to travel at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and others coming and going from the school area. I have also had the support of a community member to suggest that we could start a petition to present to council for the installation of pedestrian crossings. This sounds like a great idea and we will commence that petition on Friday at our Father's Day breakfast.

This week I have asked all the children to bring in a rock that they can carry in one hand to be placed around our bush tucker garden goanna outline. The idea behind this is that each student can have a story of where their rock came from. All the rocks connected around the outline of the goanna, connect to earth and show a symbol of respect to Aboriginal people. Rocks can be placed in the milk crate under the school bell at anytime during the next two weeks.

Once again, congratulations to Miss Craig, students, staff and parents for their tremendous effort in making costumes for the Book Week parade. It was a fabulous event and I look forward to seeing it grow even more next year by encouraging more parents to dress up for the occasion too.

Congratulations to the students who received their certificates for the UNE spelling competition - *Joshua, Nicholas, Lara and Olivia* It is fantastic to see the student enter these competitions and do well.

Mr Lamph
Principal

QUALITY WORK SHARED WITH THE PRINCIPAL

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



Congratulations to our PBL Badge Recipients

KS
Emily
Nattalia

5-6R
Nicholas
Samuel D

5-6P
Samuel D
Sharntel
Brodie
Zackary H

TELL THEM FROM ME

STUDENT SURVEY

An information note and non-consent form regarding the Tell Them From Me student survey were sent home with students in Years 4-6 last week. This survey is being completed by participating students at school this week.

PARENT SURVEY

A note was sent home with students on Tuesday 1st September inviting all parents/carers to complete an online survey to find out your thoughts on how Abermain Public School meets the needs of your child/children both academically and socially. Your responses will help the school plan our priorities for the next three years. As a school we value every parent/carer's opinion, so please be involved. The more surveys we receive, the more we are able to use your ideas to improve our school. Once you have completed the survey could you please complete the slip that is attached to the note sent home and the children in your family will be entitled to a complimentary pizza lunch on Friday, 9th October, 2015 (Term 4 – Week 1).

Mrs Bower

Assistant Principal



Our Father's Day Breakfast will be held on **Friday 4th September, 2015**, starting at **8:15am**.

We would like to encourage as many dads and grandfathers to please come and join us.

After breakfast you are invited to join your child/children in their classroom.



BOOK WEEK 2015





LIBRARY

A massive thank you to everyone for their efforts during Book Week.

BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB
Happy Birthday
DAMON & LIAM

From the discussion I have had with parents and students, everyone enjoyed themselves and had a wonderful time. I would like to extend an extra thank you to Miss Crossley for helping with the book fair and Mrs King for selling tickets on the day, I really do appreciate all your help. I would also like to say a massive thank you to our P&C for cooking the BBQ and selling items on the day. With our book fair and guessing competition the school raised over \$600 which will be spent on resources for the library.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is now finished for 2015. Congratulations to all the students who participated and completed this challenge. A full list of names will be included in the next newsletter. Certificates for students will be handed out next term.

There is a quick turn around for Book Club orders this time, due to the book fair. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. All orders are due on Friday 4th September, 2015.

JOFFA VISIT

Students who participated in the workshop offered by Joffa last week did some amazing drawings, but also learnt about the importance of resilience and trying new things. Joffa entertained both students and staff with his dry humour and his ability to give everyone the confidence to draw their own unique cartoon. Students were encouraged to draw their cartoons using basic shapes and letter formations with a focus on individuality—the results were amazing!

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian

P&C FUNDRAISER

DOMINO'S PIZZA KURRI KURRI

**WEDNESDAY 9TH
SEPTEMBER, 2015**

\$1 from every pizza sold between
4pm-8pm will be donated to our school



**P&C
Shower Gel
Fundraiser**

**STOCK UP
FOR
CHRISTMAS**

Each Gift Box includes
5 x 250ml Botanical Extract
Shower Gels from Nutrimetics
YOU PAY ONLY \$30 (save \$40)

**\$5 from each box set sold will be
directly donated to the school**

**Payment and order forms to
be returned to the office by
Friday 4th September, 2015**



Grandparents Day

FRIDAY, 23rd OCTOBER, 2015

On this date the school will be celebrating “Grandparents Day” and the important and valuable contribution they play in our lives and the lives of our children. We will be celebrating with a number of events during this day, so keep an eye out for information.

OAKVALE FARM

Kindergarten students have been invited to attend an excursion to Oakvale Farm on Monday 7th September, 2015. This excursion supports the science unit “Living Things”. Permission notes have been sent home with students. Parents/Carers have also been invited, however there are limited seats available for parent helpers. Permission notes and payment for this excursion are to be return to the school by Friday 4th September, 2015

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL MEETING

The cultural meeting for Term 3 is being held on Thursday 3rd September, 2015 at Abermain Bowling Club from 6pm. It is hoped that Carl Davidson from Barkuma will be able to attend this meeting. Carl is the Community Liaison Officer who is interested in supporting the students at our school. During this time there will be an opportunity for parents/carers to suggest ways in which Carl can support their child/children and other students around Aboriginal culture.

SCHOOL CHOIR

The choir is now singing the Australian National Anthem at each school assembly. Over the next couple of months, they will also be working with country music artist Lyn Bowtell. Lyn will support the students in learning songs that the choir will be able to perform in her upcoming Spring concert. Thank you to one of our amazing parents for this valuable connection. More information will be provided soon.

Miss Gylar
Teacher

SCHOOL CANTEEN - CLOSED WEEK 10, TERM 3

**During the last week of this term
(Monday 14th September—Friday 18th
September) the canteen may be open
during recess and lunch depending on
available stocks. However NO LUNCH
ORDERS will be taken during this time.**



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.

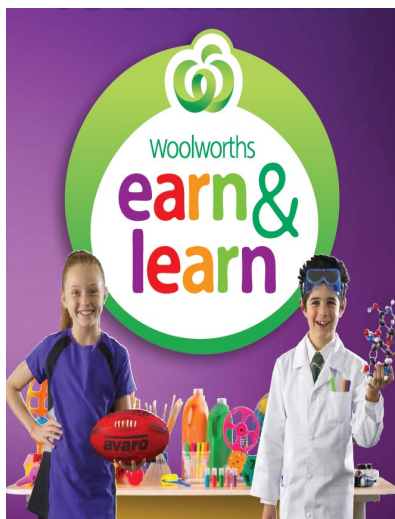
REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our 2015 Regional Athletics team that competed at Glendale Sports Centre on Friday 28th August. Thank you to our parents and carers who are always so supportive at school sports events. Our 2015 team: *Miah, Jazlyn, Shanaya, Mitchell and Will*

REGIONAL SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Gabby and Xylis (Stage 2), and Jackson and Nicholas (Stage 3) who will represent Abermain Public School at the Regional Spelling Bee on Monday 14th September, 2015. Good Luck!!

Mr Power
Teacher

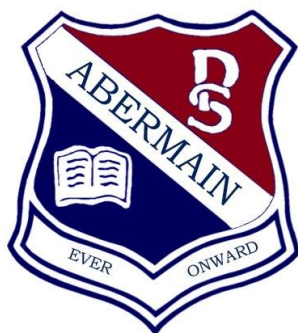


Just a reminder that the Woolworths Earn and Learn is coming to a close on Tuesday 8th September, 2015.

Thank you for sending in the stickers collected and completed cards. Cards and stickers can be placed in the box in the foyer near the front office or outside Woolworths, Cessnock.

When filling in sticker cards, please place stickers in the boxes provided as no additional stickers can be used. Each card has a set value and when we send them away for collating each card is completed card is counted, not individual stickers.

Thank you for supporting our school.



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SCHOOL APP

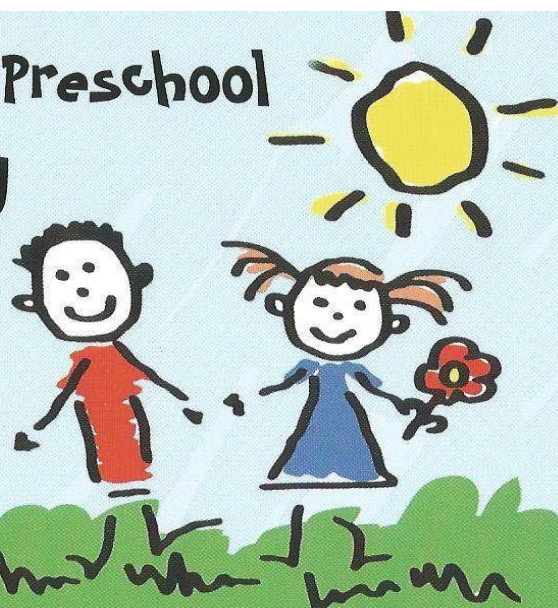
The school app is available to the whole community

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

Weston Community Preschool Family Fun Day

Weston Civic Centre
Saturday 10th October
11am till 2pm
\$10 per family



Face Painting, Fancy Dress Competition, Balloon Artist,
Disco and local stalls