

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

18th September

Clever Kids

Last school day—Term 3

6th October

Students return—Term 4

9th October

TTFM—Pizza party

“Stories”

12th October

Whole School Assembly

15th October

Aboriginal Community

Meeting

23rd October

Grandparents Day

“Stories”

26th October

Whole School Assembly

30th October

Olympathon

CANBERRA



This issue:

Spelling Bee

Primary Sport

Aim High

Kinder Enrolments

Oakvale Farm

“Clever Kids”

Canberra Excursion

Discipline Procedures

What an amazing week! Stage 3 (5/6R, 5/6P) and “Sherlock” have returned from a great trip to Canberra which included visiting the Deep Space Centre, AIS, Questacon, Australian War Memorial, Parliament House and many other significant Australian sites.

Our students displayed an impressive level of knowledge and understanding, asked terrific questions and returned with a greater sense of the history of our nations' capital. We cannot say thank you enough to the wonderful parents who joined us on our trip. It was a real pleasure to see our students excitedly sharing their stories with family members on returning home.

Stage 3 students are to be commended on their safe and respectful learning throughout the excursion. Thank you to everyone who helped make Canberra 2015 a great success!

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





PRINCIPALS REPORT

QUALITY WORK SHARED WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Angus S
Taylor B
Will T
Aleah F
Leverett J

Zealon L
Shae S
Tahlee R
Elijah R

Wow!! We have talented students at our school. The talent quest final on Tuesday was fantastic. There was a variety of acts that really demonstrated the effort and skills of the students. Special thanks to Mrs King for organising the event and congratulations to all the helpers. The guest appearance by the Wiggles was a highlight for me.

This term we have been focusing on school attendance. I'm happy to inform the school community that we have increased our percentage of attendance for term 3. Thank you to all the parents who have been returning notes to explain the reasons for student absence.

Week 2 next term will be the commencement of the new discipline procedures for classroom and playground behaviour. Students will be reminded of the new procedures during Week 1. The new computer program 'Sentral' that has been implemented this term will make it easier for teachers to track student behaviour and respond to the needed of the students with greater effect. Thank you to the 30 parents that responded to the discipline procedure survey that was sent out last week. As a result of the notes returned we have changed one section of the procedure so that students will only be removed from the playground for 1 week following a period of suspension. Thanks again to the parents that took the time to reply as your information is very much valued.

Tomorrow afternoon our "Clever Kids" program will conclude for the year with their graduation. This has been a fabulous program that has developed confidence in many of our Kindergarten children for 2016. Special thanks need to be extended to Melinda Stokes, Jane Hodgson and the staff that have supported this program throughout the year. This a program that Abermain Public School is extremely proud to present to our community.

Olympathon information has been sent home with students today. This is an exciting fundraiser that the P&C are running next term on Friday 30 October. Parents and friends are welcome to attend this fun activity— mark it on the calendar.

Our school petition to have pedestrian crossings marked at the school will remain open until the end of Week 2 next term. If you wish to support this road safety proposal please come and sign the petition at the front office.

During this weeks assembly, I reminded students of two things. Firstly, school uniform is an important part of their identity while at school and that every effort should be made to wear our school uniform proudly. Unfortunately a variety of shoe colours are being worn. The desired colour for Abermain Public School is full black shoes or black joggers. I encourage all parents to use the guide on the back page of this newsletter to assist when purchasing shoes for school.

Secondly, during the holidays families need to be away of stranger danger and remain safe. This was also brought to our attention last week with "Walk for William" walks and a police report of children being approached in the Cessnock area.

Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday. I look forward to having a great Term 4 at Abermain Public School.

Mr Lamph
Principal



Congratulations to our PBL Badge Recipients

KH

Angus S
Georgia F
Cooper H

1T

Emily R

2H

Mitchell B
Amarli W
Kaitlyn E

New Discipline Procedures

After consultation with the school community, feedback has been considered and the Discipline Procedures have been modified. Below are the new procedures which will take effect from the beginning of Term 4.

Informal Notifications

Three Informal Notifications in a **rolling 5 week period** will result in a **Formal** Notification.

Parents will be notified of Informal Notifications in the following ways:

Informal Notification 1 = a slip to parent, sent with child

Informal Notification 2 = will be mailed home

Informal Notification 3 = phone call (as it will be recorded as an Informal but will become a Formal Notification)

Formal notifications

A **Formal** Notification will result in a **2 day playground withdrawal**.

Two Formal Notifications within a **rolling five week period** will result in a **5 day playground withdrawal**, and **loss of Rewards Day**.

Three Formal Notifications in a **rolling five week period** will result in a **suspension** allowing the school time to re-address the student's needs.

Four Formal Notifications in a **term** will result in a **suspension** allowing the school time to readdress the needs of the student.

Return after suspension

A return-to-school Meeting will be attended by parent, child and school executive. The team will discuss strategies to ensure a successful return to school and put into place any support needed. The student will need to share completed set school work with the team at the Return-to-school Meeting.

Students returning to school after a suspension will be required to spend the next **week** in the **Playground Withdrawal Room**.

Playground Withdrawal Room

Additional staff will be assigned to support students in their ability to return to the playground.



LIBRARY

It has been a massive term in the library during Term 3, but things will continue to be exciting during Term 4. Quality learning programs that engage all students will be a focus during Term 4, with a few new initiatives taking place for some classes. Keep an eye out for some of the exciting things that will be taking place.

BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB

Happy Birthday
DAMON & LIAM

As everyone winds down for the holidays and enjoys some quality time with family and friends, make sure you continue to read to and with your children. Sharing a good book can build some magic memories and install a love of reading.

If you have spare time and are looking for something to do, Cessnock City Libraries have a range of activities on offer for different age groups throughout the holidays. A number of the activities are free, but spaces are limited, so check out the information in our newsletter and check them out.

Happy Reading!

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian

WOOL DONATIONS

Next term in the library during play sessions, I will be creating some “makerspaces” for students to experiment and be creative with some new materials. This is not compulsory, though all students are welcome to come along and try some new skills. One of the first activities I will be setting up is a French knitting station. Students can come along and learn a new skill. Basic French knitting dollies will be provided and some wool, however any donations of any old wool that is no longer needed in any colour or texture would be greatly appreciated. The knitting made will be joined together to make something for the library.

Thank you in advance.

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian

STAGE 3 REWARDS

Safe and respectful learners in 5-6P and 5-6R enjoyed a technology party on Thursday to celebrate their achievements this term. It has been a great term filled with project- based learning, students preparing for high school and future school leadership, and a wonderful trip to Canberra. Thank you Stage 3!

Mrs Roberson
Assistant Principal (Rel)

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to our Stage 2 and Stage 3 competitors in the Regional Spelling Bee held at King St Public School on Monday 14th September. Well done Nicolas, Jackson, Xylis and Gabby!

DISCOVERY DAY—SCIENCE CHALLENGE

On Monday, the year 6 students travelled to Mount view High School for a science and engineering discovery day. We competed in activities like creating a bionic hand and mini catapults. It was a great experience for all involved.

Josh R.
Stage 3



September Holiday Activities @ your library

Places limited, pre-booking essential, no phone bookings

Movie & Craft – ages 5-12

Monday September 21 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 4.00 FREE

Wednesday September 23 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 4.00 FREE

Come along and enjoy an afternoon at the movies at the library, followed by craft.

Baby Rhymetime - ages 0-2

Monday September 21 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 10.30 FREE

Monday September 28 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 10.30 FREE

Lap sessions for babies 0-2 years – songs, rhymes, instruments and books – come and join the fun.

Spring Storytime – ages 2-8

Tuesday September 22 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE

Wednesday September 23 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE

Celebrate the arrival of spring with stories, songs and craft!

At the Easel Art Workshop – ages 10+

Thursday September 24 Kurri Kurri Library 9.30 – 12.00 FREE

Thursday September 24 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 4.30 FREE

Presented by Sandii Walker of Casscar Art studios, this workshop is designed to encourage painting and experimentation at the easel.

Roger Fletcher Cartooning Workshop – ages 8+

Friday September 25 Kurri Kurri Library 9.30 – 11.00 FREE

Friday September 25 Cessnock Library 2.30 – 4.00 FREE

Calling all budding cartoonists! Come along and pick up some new tips with cartoonist, illustrator and writer Roger Fletcher.

Art Attack – ages 5-12

Monday September 28 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 3.00 \$3.00

Wednesday September 30 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 3.00 \$3.00

Stories and craft for kids who like art.

Board Games and Wii – ages 8+

Thursday October 1 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 4.00 FREE

Friday October 2 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 4.00 FREE

Bored? Come and play some “board” games at the library – there’ll be Wii as well!

Make a Noise! – Recycled Instruments – ages 5+

Thursday October 1 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 \$3.00

Friday October 2 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 \$3.00

Create your own instrument from recycled junk, then be part of the Recycled Library Orchestra performance at the end!

Noisy Storytime – ages 2-8

Tuesday September 29 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE

Wednesday September 30 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00 FREE

Make a noise at the library – stories, songs and craft

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

Sandy Ryan

Childrens Services Officer

49 934384

Email: Sandra.Ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au



KINDERGARTEN VISIT OAKVALE FARM



OAKVALE FARM

On Monday we went to Oakvale Farm. First we caught a bus, it was a very long ride! Then we had morning tea and got ready for the day. Next we went on a tractor ride and visited lots of animals. We got to feed lambs, pigs, ducks and kangaroos.

During the day we got to touch a bearded dragon, a snake, a koala and even milked a cow. It was the best day!

Thank you to everyone who made the day so successful.

Recount from Kindergarten students



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.

AIM HIGH

Stage 3 Reading + University = Career Choices

The University of Newcastle's Aim High Team will be in our school next term running the *Careers through Reading* program. University students will lead small reading group sessions with Year 5 students and start conversations about lifelong learning and post-school education opportunities.

The program is being used to strengthen the existing literacy block already provided in the school. During the five visits students will continue to learn to interact confidently with their peers, speak confidently in group discussions, to listen strategically, to read with comprehension.

The cross-curricular activity-based model for Careers Through Reading aims to strengthen the students' love of reading whilst linking the importance of reading for positive educational outcomes.



OLYMPATHON 2015

Although it's not an Olympic year, RIO will be hosting the Olympic Games in 2016, so the students at Abermain Public School will be holding their own Olympathon on Friday 30th October, 2015 and will participate in a circuit of events. Money raised will support our P&C with their fundraising towards improvements to the school hall.

Sponsorship forms have been sent home with students today.



Cessnock Community Connect 2015

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 2015
10:00am - 2:00pm

CESSNOCK TAFE - DARWIN ST, CESSNOCK

FREE ENTRY!

**YOUR
PATH
AHEAD**

Linking you with assistance, training and employment options to connect your future.
Activities and services on the day include;

Industry Career Advice

(Local employers will provide advice and information on career pathways!)

Birth Certificates - First 30 FREE
(Health Care Card plus 2 forms of ID required)

ASSISTANCE

Centrelink and Medicare information
Assistance getting your Drivers Licence
Help with outstanding fines

SUPPORT

Your rights in consumer and legal matters
Tax file numbers and lodging a tax return
Plus LOTS MORE!

GUIDANCE

ADVICE

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Cessnock Community Connect 2015

Links to assistance, training and employment. Connecting your future.

Thursday 15th October, 2015
10:00am - 2:00pm (Setup from 9:00am)
Cessnock TAFE Grounds
Darwin Street, CESSNOCK NSW 2325

REGISTRATION FORM

Organisation: _____ Phone (Work/Mobile): _____
Contact Person: _____
Email: _____
Postal Address: _____

Please identify the most appropriate "Hub" or Service you provide;

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accommodation & Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Social |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment/Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial, Debt Management or Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> Activities - sport, craft, music etc |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Please provide details of your services;

Do you require access to power or have any other special requirements? If so, please specify;

Please Note: Organisations are required to keep the number of staff manning their exhibit to **no more than two (2) people at any time.**

Please return by Friday 25th September, 2015
Attention: Bev Morrow - Cessnock Community Connect Day
Fax: (02) 4993 0442 Ph: (02) 4993 0450
Post: PO Box 366, CESSNOCK NSW 2325
Email: bev.morrow@tafensw.edu.au

SCHOOL CANTEEN - CLOSED

WEEK 10, TERM 3 and WEEK 1, TERM 4

During the last week of this term and the first week back of Term 4 the canteen may be open during recess and lunch depending on available stocks. **NO LUNCH ORDERS** will be taken during this time.



“CLEVER KIDS” GRADUATION

This Friday will be our final “Clever Kids” transition session for 2015. We are very proud of each child’s progress and know that all of our “Clever Kids” are going to do so well in Kindergarten next year.

On Friday 18th September, 2015 we will be holding a special graduation Ceremony for all our “Clever Kids” and we have lots of fun activities to celebrate your great achievement.



PRIMARY SPORT

This term has been another successful sporting term. Students in Stage 2 (Yrs 3/4) and Stage 3 (Yrs 5/6) have been engaged in weekly soccer, dance, tee-ball and basketball skills development and games. Thank you to Maddi Benson from the Cessnock Cobras Basketball Association who has been a weekly visitor this term. It’s great to see basketball growing in popularity with our students. Next term will see Primary Sport move to earlier in the day to avoid the summer heat. All families are reminded that students should be in sports uniform every Friday and be equipped with a hat, water bottle, sunscreen and sports appropriate shoes.

PSSA SPORT

It’s been an action packed sports term! Events have included the PSSA basketball gala day, and zone and regional athletics carnivals. At an individual level, Byron has recently represented Abermain Public School at the State Softball carnival.

Next term, boys considering playing for the school team will begin skills development for the 2016 PSSA cricket team.

Mr Power
Teacher



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.

PCYC CESSNOCK Multi Sport Holiday Program

For Primary School Aged Children

Children will get the chance to learn the basic skills of a wide variety of sports in a fun and inclusive environment.

SOCCER HOCKEY NETBALL CRICKET AND MORE

WHEN? Wed 23 September
Wed 30 September

TIMES? 10am-2pm

COST? Members \$15
New Members \$20
(incl sausage sizzle)

Phone 4991 1407 or see reception to register.





Cessnock High School

Aberdare Road, CESSNOCK, 2325

Telephone: (02) 4990 1977, (02) 4990 1439

Facsimile: (02) 4991 1815

Cessnock High School

Aboriginal School Community Worker

Cessnock High School and its' partner primary schools are seeking to appoint an Aboriginal person to support activities which nurture and educate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, youth and adults to improve pathways to prosperity and wellbeing. This includes improving family and parenting support; early childhood development, care and education; school education; youth engagement and transition; and higher education. The programme has a critical focus on increased school attendance and improved educational outcomes which lead to employment.

Interested applicants should address the following criteria:

- Aboriginality

As well as the ability to:

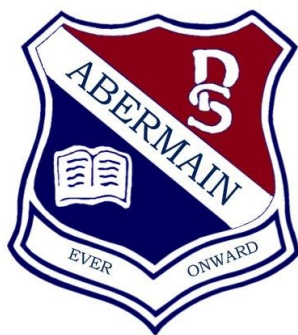
- Contribute to and when required lead the development of consultative mechanisms to promote understanding between Cessnock High School, its partner primary schools and the local community
- Develop, implement and evaluate support programs for students and community
- Assist to build the capacity of Aboriginal community members so that students in the local area recognise the importance of engaging with education
- Act as a conduit between local schools on the views of the local Aboriginal community, including the Korreil Wonnai AECG, which have relevance for the Aboriginal students in schools and the Aboriginal education programs

Applications should include the contact details for two referees and be forwarded to christopher.bice@det.nsw.edu.au by 4.00 pm on Friday 2nd October 2015.



stage 3 in Canberra





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



**CORRECT FOOTWEAR
TO BE WORN AT
ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL**