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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

25th November Kinder Orientation

<u>28th November</u> Assembly—2.30pm

<u>1st December</u> Year 6 Parent/Carer Breakfast—8.30am

<u>2nd December</u> Colour Run

7th December Presentation Day

<u>12th December</u> Carols by Candlelight

<u>13th December</u> Assembly—2.30pm

<u>14th December</u> Year 6 Farewell Mission Hall Visit—9.30am

<u>15th December</u> Class Parties

<u>16th December</u> Last day of school

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Assembly—Change of Date Colour Run Stage Three Astronomy Night Presentation Day Stage One Virtual Classroom School Leader Lunch Tea Towels Intensive Swimming Talent Quest Sternbeck's Colouring Competition Parent Online Payments (POP)

2016 SCHOOL LEADER

"THANK YOU" LUNCH

Mr Lamph hosted a luncheon to say "thank you" to our 2016 School Leaders on Wednesday 23rd November, 2016.

A lovely lunch at Billabong's Restaurant (East Maitland) was had by all.







PRINCIPALS REPORT

Wow, the end of year is approaching quickly!

Planning for 2017 is well underway and teachers are being allocated classes for next year. It is at this time that we see major changes within schools. I would like to congratulate Mrs Jarlett who has been appointed to an Instructional Leaders position for the next three years. Mrs Jarlett will be working in Greta and Gresford Public Schools. Another change is that Miss Craig has accepted a position at Telarah Public School for the next 12 months as she continues to share her knowledge and skills as a Teacher Librarian. These changes will open up positions within the school that will allow for significant staff movement in 2017.

Due to construction on the school site this weekend and beyond, the library gate will be locked as of this Friday afternoon after school to prevent entry and exit through that point. We apologise for the inconvenience and ask that you enter the school through one of the other gates.

It is great news that the school is in the process of securing a provider for Out of School Hour Care (OSHC). The OSHC is hoping to commence at the beginning of 2017. This will allow parents/carers to drop children at school earlier and collect them later in the afternoon. This should be a big help to all families in our school. Information about fees and availability will be sent out as soon as the paper work is finalised by the Department.

I had the pleasure of taking our current School Leaders to lunch yesterday to thank them for their contribution to the school. They are a delightful group of students that we can all be very proud of to have as School Leaders. Thank you also to Mrs Bower for assisting with the transport and buying the drinks to celebrate the occasion. Tomorrow I will be announcing the 2017 School Leaders to the students as they prepare to take on their roles as we transition to next year. Our new Leaders will be officially inducted at our school Presentation Day on Wednesday, 7th December, 2016.

The P&C and Carols committee have been busy arranging everything for this years Carols and fireworks being held on Monday, 12th December, 2016. Gates open at 5:30pm. Please remind friends and neighbours that the fireworks will commence at approximately 9.00pm and they should secure their pets that may be frightened by the noise of the fireworks. We would love to have extra people come help set up and support the P&C on the day. If you can spare some time to help on the Monday please contact the school.

I was looking forward to the colour run next Friday, 2nd December, 2016. This is a great initiative that is happening in Mrs Hill's Stage Two class that has a real purpose which has engaged the students in an interesting activity and some fantastic learning. Unfortunately I'll be away that day, however I have come up with an interesting way of being in two places at once. Hope you are able to come along on the day and see me their too!

Many thanks need to be extended to Mrs King who has organised the Talent Quest again this year. It was a big success and the students enjoyed the performance that was presented by the contestants. Congratulations to the all the people who had a go and gave it their best on the day.

Mr Lamph



PRESENTATION DAY

WHEN: Wednesday 7th December, 2016

WHERE: School Hall

TIME: 9.30am

Parents/carers of children receiving special awards will be notified by mail.

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.

ASSEMBLY CHANGE OF DATE

Due to the Carols being held at the school on Monday, 12th December our usual Assembly will now be held on Tuesday, 13th December, 2016 at 2.30pm.

PAWS PLUS

Hayley C Emily-Cate A Justin H Tahlee R Daelin M Lucy A **Felicity E Angus S** Avden F **Charlotte M** Ivy T Mya P Madison H **Charlize R Emily C Brock F Charlotte F** Sharntel H **Tyarah F** Naomi J

PBL BADGE RECIPIENTS

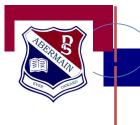
Shaylie C Taylor W Cooper D Jye H Aimee E Tyler B Mitchell B Callum B Amarli W Finlay P Brock C Ana S Alex P Jackson F Traie F



QUALITY WORK SHARED

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER, 2016



LIBRARY

All borrowing has now stopped for the year. We ask that all books be returned to the library, ready for borrowing next year. Overdue notices have been sent home with students and it would be appreciated if parents/carers could please encourage their child to look for any missing books. If you cannot locate them, come and speak to the Miss Craig or pay the nominated price on the return slip at the school office.

The final Book Club order for the year has been placed and all orders will be handed out as soon as they arrive. Thank you for your support of this throughout the year. With your purchases the school earns rewards, which has meant we have been able to purchase new resources for the library, including a new car mat and big book storage.

STAGE ONE VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

On Thursday 17th November Stage One students got the opportunity to hear author and illustrator Gus Gordon talk about how he makes his books through our connected classroom. Gus talked about the processes he goes through to come up with ideas, how long a book can take to write and his love of animals. The students and staff all enjoyed this opportunity to connect with Gus, who was in Sydney and spoke to well over 1000 students from across the state.









We were fortunate to have clear skies for viewing the moon through a total of six telescopes. Using the telescopes and iPads, our students were able to further their interest and learning in Science and Technology.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING

2G have been writing exciting recounts of their first Intensive Swimming experiences at Kurri Kurri Swimming Pool.

As my feet hit the water, SPLASH! The water was as freezing as a piece of ice. Shiny clear crystal water was splashing against the clear edge of the pool. When my face hit the water I could not see anyone, only myself. I could only feel my legs and arms.

By Mya P

Splash! Splash! It's nearly my turn... it's my go. I swam to one metre! I had to wait at the end of the line after my go. Then one of the teachers took us outside so we could learn safe pool rules. The man showed us some pictures. On one of the pictures there were three children doing some naughty things. One child was pushing another child and one was cannon balling a different child.

By Mia P





TALENT QUEST

We have talent at Abermain! On Wednesday, 23rd November the annual Talent Quest was held, where students were able to display their tap skills, dance routines, music flair and singing ability. The students enjoyed seeing their peers on stage, participating in activities they love!

For infants, in first place was Charlotte F (KS) for her clever and brave act of hula-hooping, and in second place was Charlotte M (2G) for her artistic Tae Kwon Do routine.

In primary first place was tied with Eliza L (3/4M) with her fast paced dance routine and Mackenzie H (3/4H) who sung while Madison H and Charlize R (3/4M) held the beat during the performance.

Elijah R (3/4H) was also recognised for his great drumming skills.

A big thank you to Mrs King for organising the show and to the parents/carers and community who attended.







STERNBECK'S REAL ESTATE COLOURING COMPETITION.

Colouring Competition forms have been sent home with students today.

Forms need to be returned to school by Friday, 2nd December and winners will be announced at the Assembly on Tuesday, 13th December, 2016.

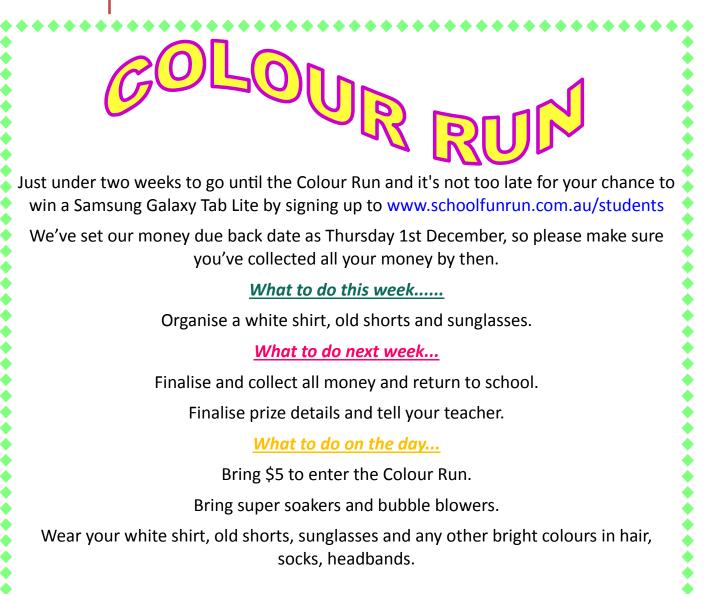
Parent Online Payments (POP) and End of Financial Year Rollover

Due to our school's end of financial year rollover, we will be unable to accept POP payments from today, Thursday 24th November to Friday 2nd December, 2016.

During this period we will still be able to accept cash and cheque payments for school activities, however we will be unable to issue receipts until Week 9.

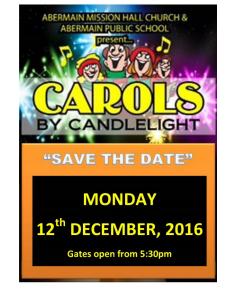
We appreciate your understanding and patience while we finalise the school's financial position for 2016.





WE STILL HAVE A FEW TEA TOWELS AVAILABLE SHOULD ANYONE STILL LIKE TO PURCHASE ONE.

COST IS \$15 EACH OR 3 FOR \$40 AND MAY BE PAID FOR AND COLLECTED AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.





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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

