

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

2nd March

Deadly Cooking Program

4th March

Clean Up Australia

8th March

Zone Netball

9th March

Deadly Cooking Program

12th March

Working Bee

14th MarchSchool Assembly
P&C Meeting—5pm**15th March**

Zone Soccer Trials

16th March

Deadly Cooking Program

23rd March

Deadly Cooking Program

24th March

Easter Hat Parade

25th March-28th March

Easter Break

30th March

Deadly Cooking Program

EASTER EGG COLLECTION & HAT PARADE



The annual collection of Easter eggs has begun. Eggs, baskets and Easter related items will be collected by the student leaders daily. Points will be allocated to classes for the amount of eggs provided. The class with the most points will receive a special class prize.

Our annual Easter Hat Parade and Monster Egg Raffle will take place on Thursday 24th March, 2016. Parents/Carers are more than welcome to come for a BBQ lunch, and then be entertained by the parade. The day ends with our massive raffle – which in the past has had upwards of 60 prizes.

Raffle tickets will be sent home with note takers in Week 7, though if more are required they will be available from the office.

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PRINCIPALS REPORT

This week our school leaders had a great opportunity to develop their skills and to gain a greater understanding of the role they have in the school when they attended the National Young Leader Day at All-phones Arena, Sydney. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport and supervision throughout the day.



Last week I received a certificate of endorsement for our school as a “White Ribbon School”. The foundation was very happy with the effort and emphasis that the school had placed on raising awareness of violence against women and developing respect for each other throughout the community. We will continue our support of White Ribbon again this year by promoting respect for each other at all times.

It was pleasing to see an increased number of parents attending the AECG meeting at Kearsley. These meetings provide valuable information and connections for our Aboriginal community members. Opening the fire pit area for our first school meeting of the year was quite exciting. I look forward to the winter meetings around the open fire. During the school meeting it was decided to start an Aboriginal Dance Group this year that will be supported by Joey Griffiths from Cessnock High School.

It was lovely having a “Coffee & Chat” on the lawns last week. I was able to hear from a few people about the good things that are happening at the school. One idea coming out of our get together was the opportunity for students to have their names embroidered on their hats at a cost of \$3. For more information please contact the office.

I have been really impressed by the number of children that are taking up the option of buying watermelon and fruit from the canteen. It’s great to see these options in our school and I encourage the canteen staff to keep up the great work.

I have two timely reminders for our community. First is about the safety of children riding bikes and scooters to school. I ask that parents pass on safety tips for crossing roads, encourage children to have the correct safety equipment and remind the children of the consequences if they are not safe. We want every student to arrive safely at school in the morning and home in the afternoon. Secondly, parents are reminded that if they wish to speak to a teacher or the Principal to please contact the office and make an appointment. This will allow staff to ensure they can set aside adequate time to discuss your child’s needs.

Finally, I would really enjoy your company at the school Working Bee next Saturday 12th March, 2016 to put our school back in top shape. We will start at 8am and finish with a BBQ at 12pm. Last year we had about 75 people attend. This year I would like it to be even bigger. To assist on the day could you please bring any of the following items: whipper snipper, edger, wheelbarrow, paint brushes, paint pots and drop sheets (old will do), drills, gardening tools to dig or cut, tip passes and trailers. The target areas will be: painting lunch seats, painting dots under COLA, installing flyscreens on Stage 2 and Kinder building, weeding, mulching and whipper snipping, and repairs around the canteen. Please remember to sign on under the COLA before you start. Everyone is welcome even if you can only come for an hour or two. This is a great way to support our school, so I hope to see you there.

Ian Lamph
Principal



“STORIES”

Please join us tomorrow afternoon (4th March) between 2:30pm and 3pm for “STORIES”. This is a program designed for families of children 0-5 where stories and nursery rhymes are the focus for early learning and lots of fun! The program is highly interactive with puppets and activities to support children’s early literacy and numeracy. It is also a great opportunity for parents and children to make new friends and become more familiar with our school. We do encourage parents/carers to join in as this promotes a life-long love of learning—something we all want for our children. For further details or to register your interest, please contact the school office or Melinda Stokes (Instructional Leader) on 4930 4210.

“CLEVER KIDS”

“Clever Kids”, our transition to school program, will commence midway through Term 2 and run through until the end of Term 3. If you have a child, or someone you know, who will be enrolling at Abermain Public School in 2017, please contact the school office on 4930 4210 for further details and to register your interest.

READING EGGS FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

Our school is offering limited placements for siblings of enrolled students and for children intending to enrol for 2017/18 to have access to Reading Eggs. This is a highly interactive and successful app which supports the progression of early literacy skills as well as a love of reading. If you are interested in registering or finding out more about this valuable program, please contact the school office or Melinda Stokes (Instructional Leader) on 4930 4210.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

On Friday 4th March, our school will be participating in “Clean Up Australia Day”. Parents/Carers are invited to come along to the school between 2:30-3pm and participate by helping students clean up around our school grounds. Students are encouraged to bring in gloves on the day.

P&C Thompson’s HOT CROSS BUNS Fundraiser

**Order forms to be returned to
school by**

Tuesday 15th March, 2016

Order forms available from school office



LIBRARY

This year we are fortunate again to have a great bunch of Stage 2 students eager to help out in the library as Library Monitors. These students help re-shelve books, keep resources neat and ready for use and will learn how to use the circulation desk and important skills that help make the library run smoothly.

Book Club will be sent home next week and will be due in by Tuesday 15th March, 2016. Orders will be placed the following day, so no late orders will be accepted. LOOP orders will be closed at this time too. LOOP orders enable you to place your order and pay online, these orders come packaged in either student or class bundles and I endeavour to ensure that all items are accounted for.


The first order of Book Club for this year was a big one and this rewarded the school with bonus points, which will be used to buy resources for all students at the school. Thank you for your support for Book Club at our school.

HOMEWORK BAGS

We are looking for volunteers with sewing skills and some spare time to make homework bags for Early Stage One (Kindergarten) students. Below are the instructions to make these bags. Material and cord will be supplied. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Sheldon or Mrs Hourigan and we will organise the materials needed.

Instructions how to make Homework Bags

- Depending on the width of the fabric you are using, you will get 3 bags easily out of 1 or 1.2 metres of material.
- The finished bag measures as a 40cm square which includes a seam around the top
- Thread a wooden bead onto the ribbon and tie it off to gather the drawstring in.
- It has a handle/shoulder strap measuring approximately 60cm.



Strive
For Autism Inc.

Families Supporting Families Coping with Autism

It is our aim to:

- Support and inform parents and families who are new to the world of Autism
- Provide ongoing support to parents and families
- Sharing strategies and ideas
- Lobby for Autism Services in the Lower Hunter.
- Raise funds for Autism Services in the Lower Hunter
- Inform the greater Community about Autism Spectrum Disorder

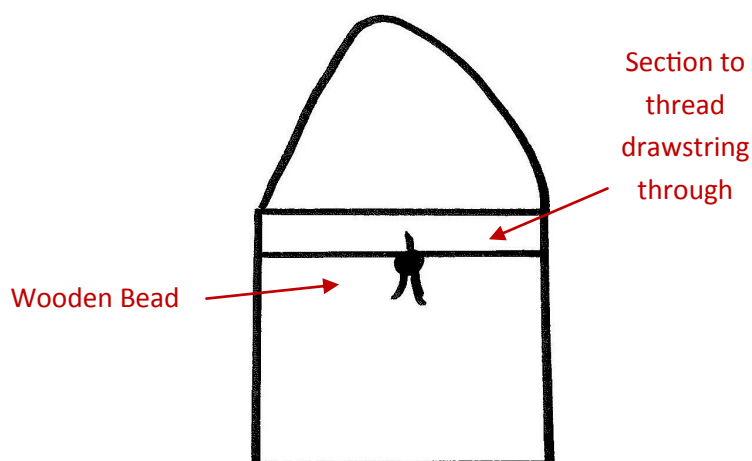
Strive support group meetings for 2016 are
Tuesday 8th March, Tuesday 14th June, Tuesday
13th September, Tuesday 8th November.

Where: Koe-nara building (Cessnock Primary School)
Cnr Quarrybylong & Rawson Sts
Cessnock

Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm

Website: www.striveforautism.org.au

Email: info@striveforautism.org.au





Deadly Cooking Program



YEAR 6-7 ENROLMENT—2017

Next week Year 6 students will be given an “Expression of Interest” form regarding enrolment into Year 7 in 2017. Parents/Carers are asked to complete the Expression of Interest form and then return it to our school **no later than Friday 18th March, 2016**. If you have any concerns regarding your child moving into Year 7 next year, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

SCHOOL WORKING BEE—SATURDAY, 12TH MARCH, 2016

8am—12 midday

Come and support our great school!

Bring along whipper snippers, edgers, wheelbarrows, paint brushes, paint pots, drop sheets, drills, gardening tools, tip pass and trailers



SPORT

PSSA Cricket

Good luck to our PSSA cricket team competing against Kearsley Public School on Monday 7th March at Chinaman's Hollow. Team members are asked to report to Mr Power's room at 8:30am.

Zone Football

Our school trials for representation at the Zone Trials will be held at the school during the next few weeks to select boys and girls who display suitable skills. Boys and girls who are interested in being selected for our school team have already indicated their interest by signing up. However, students who are displaying inappropriate behaviour at school may not be invited to trial. The Zone trials are being held on Tuesday 15th March, 2016 at Abermain Soccer Fields from 9am-12:30pm.

Zone Swimming

On Thursday 25th February, 8 students were lucky enough to make it through to the zone swimming carnival. Unfortunately, no students made it to Regional, though our students competed well, displayed good sportsmanship and performed to the best of their ability with many recording faster times than at our school carnival.

MINDARIBBA PAEDIATRIC CLINIC

OPENING

2nd February 2016
9:30am – 1:30pm

WHERE

Mindaribba LALC
1a Chelmsford Drive Metford 2323

All consultations Bulk Billed • Opened
Every 2nd Tuesday • Hours 9:30am – 1:30pm
• Paediatrician • Child & Family Nurse •
Pathology •



**CONTACT FOR
APPOINTMENT**
02 4015 7000

FAX REFERRAL
4934 8544
Dr Rebecca Healey

MINDARIBBA
LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

P&C MEETING

Monday

14th March, 2016

Commencing 5pm

Held at the School

All welcome to attend!



ATTACHMENT A OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE START UP SCHOOL SURVEY

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To assist the school to plan for a OSHC, parents are asked to complete survey below. The survey will not be treated as a commitment to attend; rather it will inform us of potential future use. Completed surveys are to be returned to the school office.

After School Usage	No. of Children	Tick most likely
I will rely on OSHC for after school care 4 days or more per week		
I will rely on OSHC for after school care 3 days or fewer per week		
I have not previously used the service and now intend to use OSHC for after school care 4 days or more per week		
I have not previously used the service and now intend to use OSHC for after school care 3 days or fewer per week		
I may use OSHC for after school care occasionally		
I have not made any decision		
I will not require the service		

Before School Usage	No. of Children	Tick most likely
I will rely on OSHC for before school care 4 days or more per week		
I will rely on OSHC for before school care 3 days or fewer per week		
I have not previously used the service and now intend to use OSHC for before school care 4 days or more per week		
I have not previously used the service and now intend to use OSHC for before school care 3 days or fewer per week		
I may use OSHC for before school care occasionally		
I have not made any decision		
I will not require the service		

Vacation Care Usage	No. of Children	Tick most likely
I will rely on OSHC for vacation care 4 days or more per week during school holidays		
I will rely on OSHC vacation care 3 days or fewer per week during school holidays		
I have not previously used the service and now intend to use OSHC for vacation care 4 days or more per week		
I have not previously used the service and now intend to use OSHC for Vacation care 3 days or fewer per week		
I may use OSHC for vacation care occasionally		
I have not made any decision		
I will not require the service		
I am consider sending my child to another local vacation care service at		

Summary of potential future use

In summary, please provide an indication of how many children are likely to use the OSHC in the future.

	Number of children likely to attend on these days				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school					
After school					

Please return this note to your child's teacher by _____

Parent / Carer Name: _____

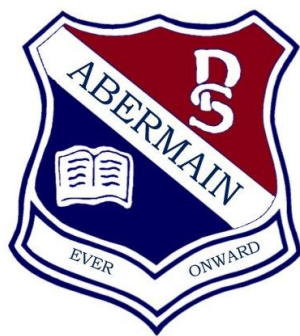
Phone number: _____

Childs Name(s): _____

Class(s): _____

Thankyou Principal

P&C President



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**