

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

1st April

Cross Country
"Stories"

4th April

Assembly
Autism Awareness Day

8th April

Out of Uniform Day
Regional Football Trials
Last Day—Term 1

25th April

Anzac Day

26th April

Staff Development Day

27th April

Students Return—Term 2
School Anzac Day Service

6th May

Athletics Carnival

9th May

P&C Meeting

Happy Easter



This issue:

Easter Hat Parade

Cross Country

Regional Football Trials

Autism Awareness Day

Harmony Day

End of Day Dismissal

Stories

ANZAC Day March

What a wonderful day it was for our Easter Hat Parade.

Thanks to all of the donations we received for our Easter Raffle we were able to have over 40 prizes. Congratulations to the major prize winners.

1st Prize—Lydia B

2nd Prize—Tarryn H

3rd Prize—Jack P

Congratulations also to Sharntel and Reanna who both won the Sternbeck's Real Estate Easter colouring competition.





**QUALITY WORK SHARED
WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

PRINCIPALS REPORT

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter break. A massive thank you to everyone who joined us for our wonderful Easter Hat Parade and huge Easter Raffle. The hats that were created by the children were spectacular. A visit from the Easter Bunny thrilled the many in attendance. We had a great response to the School Leaders' request for Easter Eggs and had many prizes for our raffle.

Congratulations to 3/4M for a wonderful effort in supplying the most chocolate for our raffle prizes. Thank you to the P&C for organising the BBQ on the day. Many sausage sandwiches were enjoyed during our picnic lunch.

On Wednesday, 23rd March students also had the opportunity to attend the Mission Hall Church Service and had a wonderful time. All students at our school were given a lovely Easter egg by the Mission Hall.

I have had many students visit with quality work over the last couple of weeks, sharing their joy and pride with their achievements.

Students have popped in to speak to me about their PAWS Contracts and share some interesting ideas for fundraising.

A reminder note about Anzac Day services will follow next week. Our students are encouraged to attend the local community services and/or the Cessnock service.

Please take a moment to read the End of Day Dismissal Procedure flyer we have sent home with students. Students have revisited the expectations around the end of day process.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Debbie Bower

Relieving Principal

Reanna F
Ivy T
Cooper S
Hayley C
Leshae W
Calum B
Charlotte F
Chevy T
Emily C
Chelsea L
Jorja F
Chloe C
Emmerson P
Max C
Mykah G
Georgia F
Daelin M
Lilly C
Olivia J
Blade H
Cooper M
Ezekiel T
Ashleigh K
Ana S



SPORT

Cross Country

The School Cross Country will be held this Friday 1st April, 2016 in the school grounds. Parents/Carers and family are invited to come along and watch their child/children compete.

Program

9.45am: Children aged 11, 12 and 13 years

10.15am: Children aged 8, 9 and 10 years

10.45am: Children aged 5, 6 and 7 years

The first 6 students from each age group from the 8/9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs and 12/3yrs will be selected to participate at the Cessnock Zone Cross Country to be held Thursday 19th May, 2016 at Cessnock Race Track.

Regional Football Trials

Good luck to Breanna, Nicholas and Jackson as they participate in the Cessnock Zone teams at the Regional Trials on Friday 8th April, 2016

These trials are to select a Hunter Region Boys and Girls Football team to compete at the State Championships next term.

STORIES

This Friday will be our last “Stories” for this term. We will start again in Week 1 of Term 2. (29th April 2016) Next Wednesday afternoon, pre-schoolers and their families are invited to a play in the park. We will be meeting at the park behind the school from 1.30pm where we will enjoy a story and a play. Please bring a hat, a snack and a drink. This is a great opportunity for littlies to play and for parents and carers to get together. We hope you can join us for this friendly get together.



ANZAC DAY Monday 25th April 2016—as advised by Abemain

Bowling Club

March starts at 8.30am from Cnr Bathurst Street/Cessnock Road

Walk to the Cenotaph—finishing about 9.15am

All are then welcome to attend Abermain Bowling Club for a free breakfast.

Abermain school children who are attending are asked to wear their full school uniform.

READING EGGS

A big thank you to Sue Ford who has given her time to make Reading Bags for our Kinder students.

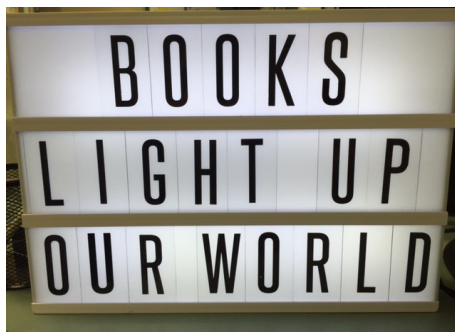


LIBRARY

It was revealed last week that our school library has made it onto the list for Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) 'Great School Libraries Honours List'. This is quite an achievement and indeed an honour to be recognised with a range of school libraries from different sectors from across Australia. The information gathered from the nominations shows that school libraries with qualified Teacher Librarians play an integral part in educating students in a range of 21st Century skills and help build a knowledge and love of reading and literacy that stay with students long after they leave school. For more information on the statistics revealed and schools included go to the following website <https://www.alia.org.au/news/14116/great-school-libraries-honours-list>

Our library is certainly a place that students love to visit and it is a pleasure to teach our students and help them discover some of the amazing resources that our collection has on offer.

I would also like to thank my library monitors for their outstanding efforts and the commitment they have shown to their role. They have some great ideas to develop our library so keep an eye out.



AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Monday 4th April, 2016 is Autism Awareness Day. Students are asked to wear either blue socks or a blue ribbon to school on this day. Teachers will conduct a brief talk explaining Autism and how the children can help to make our school a better place for their classmates affected by Autism





END OF DAY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

All students have participated in a PBL lesson this week practising these procedures. We ask that parents again become familiar with the outlined process below.

- 3:10pm - Classroom teachers will dismiss all Bus 1 students. All Bus 1 students will move straight to bus lines at the front gate. Students who are riding bikes or scooters will move off with Bus 1 students so they can collect their bike/scooter and assemble on DOTS area with other students
- Classroom teachers will walk his or her class to the DOTS area. Once on the DOTS, students will move to dismissal lines as outlined below:

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| * Bus 2 | * Side Gate |
| * Parent Wait Point | * Hall Gate |
| * Bottom Gate | * Library Gate |

- 3:15PM - Teachers will walk the students to the dismissal gate. Parents are asked to ensure that they meet their child at the gate or inside the school at the Parent Wait Point (under the COLA).

**FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN, PLEASE MEET THEM AT THE GATE
RATHER THAN ASKING THEM TO CROSS THE ROAD UNASSISTED. STUDENTS
LEAVING PRIOR TO 3.15PM MUST BE SIGNED OUT AT THE OFFICE BY A PARENT.**

AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person?

**You are invited to Carer Connections
Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers
and listen to our Guest Speaker!**

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

Guest Speaker: Turnbull Hill Lawyers

Topic: "Legal Issues for Carers"

Venue: Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Cost: FREE - includes Morning Tea

When: Wednesday 27 April 2016

RSVP: Wednesday 20 April 2016



**For more information or to Register Contact
HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter**

on: 4924 6146 or 1300 887 776

**or Email: hnelhd-EducareAdmin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)**



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District



HARMONY DAY—3/4H





April holiday activities @ your library

Bookings essential, numbers strictly limited, no refunds.

Tickets on sale late March.

Wii & Board Games – ages 7+

Monday April 11 Cessnock Library 3.00 – 5.00

FREE

Monday April 18 Kurri Kurri Library 3.00 – 5.00

FREE

Come and join the fun and games at the library these holidays!

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle Story time – ages 2-6

Tuesday April 12 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 10.45

FREE

Wednesday April 13 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 10.45

FREE

Save the world by lunchtime – find out how in this special story time all about our rubbish!

Rock Your Sock! – ages 9+

Tuesday April 12 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 3.00

\$3.00

Wednesday April 13 Cessnock Library 2.00 – 3.00

\$3.00

Every family has stray socks – rescue one from your ragbag and bring it along to transform it into a funky mobile phone cover!

Clothing Swap Night – ages 12+

Tuesday April 12 Kurri Kurri Library 5.00 – 6.00

FREE

Wednesday April 13 Cessnock Library 5.00 – 6.00

FREE

Exchange your old clothes for tokens and swap your way to a whole new wardrobe!

Manga Drawing Workshop – ages 8+

Thursday April 14 Kurri Kurri Library 10.30 – 11.30

FREE

Thursday April 14 Cessnock Library 1.30 – 2.30

FREE

Learn the art of Japanese anime cartooning with practising Manga artist Matt Lin.

Bowls from Books Papier Mache Workshop – ages 5-12

Friday April 15 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 11.00

\$3.00

Friday April 22 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00

\$3.00

Bowl your friends over with your beautiful creation! Warning – wear old clothes, as this activity can get messy!

Happy/Sad Story time- ages 2-6

Tuesday April 19 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 10.45

FREE

Wednesday April 20 Kurri Kurri Library 10.00 – 10.45

FREE

Stories, songs and craft about our emotions

Movie & Craft Afternoon - ages 5-12

Tuesday April 19 Cessnock Library 3.00 – 5.00

FREE

Wednesday April 20 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 4.00

FREE

Come and enjoy an afternoon at the movies, followed by a free craft activity.

Gift Making Workshop – ages 5-12

Thursday April 21 Cessnock Library 10.00 – 11.00

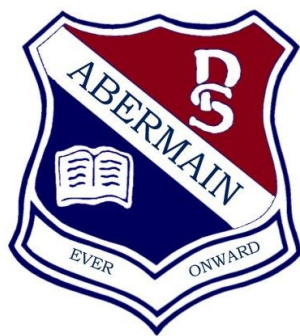
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Thursday April 21 Kurri Kurri Library 2.00 – 3.00

\$3.00

Create a beaded keyring and a flowery paper bouquet – perfect mothers day presents!

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



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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



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