



SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

29th April

Digital Day Out

2nd May

Assembly

5th May

Mother's Day Stall
Aboriginal Community
Meeting—6pm

6th May

Athletics Carnival

9th May

P & C Meeting—5pm

10th May

NAPLAN—Year 3 and 5

11th May

NAPLAN—Year 3 and 5

12th May

NAPLAN—Year 3 and 5

16th May

Assembly

19th May

Zone Cross Country



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MOTHERS DAY ACTIVITIES

Mother's Day Stall

Abermain Public School P&C Association will be holding a Mother's Day Stall on Thursday 5th May, 2016. Gifts range in price from \$1.00 to \$8.00.

Mother's Fun Day

Mother's/Grandmothers/Carers are invited to afternoon tea in the school hall from 2.00-3.00pm to celebrate Mother's Day. From 2.30-3.00pm you can join your child/children in fun activities on the fields. Have fun with skipping, hoola hoops, netball, soccer etc



PBL PRIZE WINNERS

(Drawn 8th April, 2016)

Tahlee R

Charlie R





PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break and are ready for another exciting term. The ANZAC Marches at Abermain and Cessnock were well supported by students this year. It was great to see the students proudly wearing family medals and marching in memory of their family members. Student manners and respect on the day were exceptional. Thank you to all the parents and staff that also came along and supported the school on the day. On Wednesday we held a small service at the school to remember the fallen and honour all services that provide our freedom and safety. Once again the students level of engagement was tremendous.

This term we have commenced our new SMS calling for student attendance. If your child is absent, or arrives late without an explanation you will receive an SMS in which you can reply to directly to explain the reason for your child being away and this will be directly attached to the electronic roll. The SMS system will also be used to notify parents of assembly awards and discipline notifications being posted, however, you can not reply to these SMS, you will need to call the office on 49 304210 for further information.

Keep an eye out for information about all the wonderful events happening this term. We have Star Struck, NAPLAN, Public Speaking, PSSA soccer, Athletics Carnival, Mother's Day, P&C meetings, Clever Kids and many more things during the term. Be alert and be ready for a fun Term 2.

Ian Lamph



SCHOOL READERS

We are very keen to send readers home with our students so that they can practice this vital skill at home and show their families their progress. Unfortunately, these books often get mislaid at home and aren't returned to school. Could you please keep an eye out for these valuable resources and return them to school if found, as we want to be able to utilise them in our guided reading sessions.

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY MEETING

Our next Aboriginal Community Meeting is being held at the school on Thursday 5th May, 2016. The meeting will commence at 6pm. Those attending are asked to please bring a plate to share please



SPORT

Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students at Abermain Public School who participated with enthusiasm and sportsmanship at our Cross Country Carnival held on Friday 1st April.

Thank you to the wonderful parents who came along and supported their child, and even participated.

Age Champions

5 Years—Molly F, Lucas P

6 Years—Ana S, Eli B

7 Years—Jorja F, Cooper O

8/9 Years—Shanaya B, Jayden B

10 Years—Mia G, Lucas W

11 Years—Caitlyn O, Travis H

12/13 Years—Amitee C, Zane S

Winning House—Edgeworth

Students who have successfully qualified to compete at the Zone Carnival on Thursday 19th May will receive their permission note today.

STORIES

STORIES will resume this Friday 6th May, 2016. Please join us from 2.30-3.00pm in the Library for stories and rhymes. Lots of fun and learning for littlies and their families.

CLEVER KIDS

Clever Kids will kick off from Week 6 this term. Children who are enrolled to start Kindergarten at Abermain Public School are encouraged to come along with their families each Friday afternoon from 1.00-3.00pm for fun and interactive sessions to prepare them for school. This exciting program is cost free and supports children as they transition to school with lots of strategies for parents as well. Please contact the school as soon as possible to register your interest.

YEAR 5 ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS IN 2017

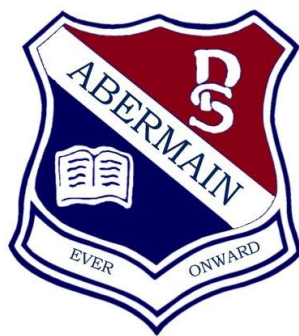
Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 27th July, 2016**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2017, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **26th April, 2016** in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on **26th April, 2016** and closes on **13th May, 2016**. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after **26th April, 2016**. You must submit only ONE application for each student.

If you would like further information, please contact the school office on 4930 4210.



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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



Circle of Security
INTERNATIONAL™
Early Intervention Program for Parents & Children

Cessnock Family Support Service

and

Koe-nara Cessnock Schools as Community Centre



will be presenting the **Circle of Security** program during Term 2, 2016

Parenting can be tricky for everyone at one point or another. The Circle of Security provides a roadmap for parents to look beyond their child's behaviours and understand how to meet the underlying needs being expressed. The Circle of Security focuses on the relationship we have with our children, to give them the emotional security they need.

When : Mondays starting 9th May to 27th June

Where: Abermain Public School

Time: 10am to 12noon

Cost: Free.

Childcare: Limited childcare will be available.

How to be part of the program

Contact **Robyn** at Cessnock Family Support on **4990 4507** or **Jane** at Koe-nara on **4990 9354**

Registration for the program AND Bookings for Childcare are ESSENTIAL

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