NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<u>30th May</u> Stage 1 Tocal Farm Visit Assembly

<u>3rd June</u> Regional Cross Country Clever Kids Starts Questacon

15th June Star Struck Major Rehearsal

<u>16th June</u> Star Struck Full Dress Rehearsal

<u>17th June</u> Star Struck Performance Clever Kids

<u>18th June</u> Star Struck Performance

<u>21st June</u> Mark Hughes Beanie for Brain Cancer

22nd June Interrelate

24th June Clever Kids

<u>1st July</u> Clever Kids

STAR STRUCK



Today students travelled to the Newcastle Entertainment Centre for their first major rehearsal for Star Struck, which is being held in June.



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PRINCIPALS REPORT

Wow! The Public Speaking final was a highlight for my week. It always amazes me how well our children do when talking in front of a large group. A top effort to all participants who spoke in the finals.

Abermain Public School is proud to be recognised as a White Ribbon School. White Ribbon is the world's largest movement of men and boys working to end men's violence against women and girls, promote gender equality, healthy relationships and a new vision of masculinity. White Ribbon Australia understands that engaging with children and young people is key to creating social change and ending violence against women. The statistics are shocking, with one in four women affected by partner violence in their lifetime and 1 in 4 children exposed to domestic violence, a recognized form of child abuse. White Ribbon has just announced that an additional 116 schools across Australia have completed White Ribbon's award-winning Breaking the Silence Schools Program. Together we can make a difference.

I wish to remind all parents/carers that extra permission notes are available on the school website under the heading <u>Notes</u> or on the school App under the heading <u>News</u>. Last week teachers and staff had to issue multiple copies of the Zone Cross Country note. As a school we encourage students to take the responsibility of taking notes home and returning them by the due date. If the note is lost or misplaced can you please print another note from the above sources. This will save time and develop a higher level of responsibility within our students.

Tell Then From Me (TTFM) surveys have allowed the school to look at seven Perspectives of Parents as indicated in the graph below. By comparing results from 2014 to 2015 we are able to determine that we have made positive gains in the areas of: Parents Feel Welcome up 0.2, Parents are Informed up 0.2, Parents Support Learning at Home up 0.4 and School Supports Positive Behaviour up 0.1. Areas for continued focus that have dropped are Schools Support Learning down 0.2, Safe School Down 0.4, Inclusive School Down 0.1.



To improve these areas we have increased our focus on PBL, showing respect, reviewed end of school dismissal, opened assemblies up to parents/carers by changing the time, offered community communication sessions and continued to provide staff with quality training opportunities to ensure we have he best teachers to provide quality learning for all students. I encourage all parents/carers to participate in the TTFM survey when it is offered in 2016 as it does help shape our school's future.

Ian Lamph



SPORT

BOYS PSSA KNOCKOUT FOOTBALL

On Tuesday 24th May the Boys Football team played Pelaw Main Public School in a round two clash.

Both teams played extremely well and controlled the ball well in windy conditions. The game was nil all at half time and for the majority of the second half. With only a minute to go the team put together some good passing to come up with a great goal, scored by Caleb W.

A special mention to Caleb, Blake, Jackson and Nicholas for providing some strong leadership and support for all players during the whole game.



The boys should be very proud of the contribution they each made towards a great team win. They displayed solid football skills and wonderful sportsmanship.

Team that played: Koston L, Blake S, Nicholas T, Billy R, Sam D, Jackson F, Caleb W, Lachlan G, Brayden G, Zane S, Jak W, Caiden F, William W, Zac C, and Mitchell B.

Our Round 3 game will be played just after the Queen's Birthday weekend, so training at school will continue each Monday at lunch and Thursday at recess. We are yet to learn who our opponents will be and where the game will be played however once this is known students will be notified.





ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all the students from Abermain Public School who participated at the Cessnock Zone Cross Country held Thursday 19th May. We were extremely happy with the effort, behaviour and sportsmanship displayed by all students.

Thank you to the many parents/carers and family members who came and supported everyone.

There were many students from across the Cessnock Zone who participated:

8/9 girls	 71 competitors 	8/9 boys	— 74 competitors
10 girls	— 56 competitors	10 boys	— 53 competitors
11 girls	— 48 competitors	11 boys	— 47 competitors
12/13 girls	— 40 competitors	12/13 boy	s — 49 competitors

Congratulations to the following students who finished in the top 6 in their age group and have qualified to compete at the Regional Cross Country being held on Friday 3rd June, 2016 (notes to come home soon).

Eliza L	— 1st, 8/9 girls	Shanaya B — 3rd, 8/9 girls
Jayden B	— 4th, 8/9 boys	Miah G — 4th, 10 girls
Lucas W	— 3rd, 10 boys	Brayden G — 1st, 12/13 boys
Zane S	— 3rd, 12/13 boys	Jackson F — 5th, 12/13 boys

Good luck at Regionals boys and girls.





ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all children who participated at our School Athletics Carnival held on Friday 6th May.

Age Champions—amended

Juvenile Girls:	Chelsea D	Juvenile Boys:	Angus S
Junior Girls:	Jazlyn L/Miah G	Junior Boys:	Mitchell B
Senior Girls:	Breanna B/Amitee C	Senior Boys:	Nicholas T
Winning House:	Edgeworth		

END OF DAY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

On Monday 9th May, 2016 a note about "End of Day Dismissal Procedures" was handed to students. This information will help teachers know which way students are going home so they can make sure that students leave in the safest manner. If you have not already returned your child's note could you please do so. A copy of the note is also available on the school website or APP.

Don't forge

We still have spaces available for "Interrelate" happening Wednesday 22nd June, 2016 at the school. Sessions are "Where Did I Come From" starting at 6pm and "Preparing for Puberty" starting at 7.15pm. Cost is \$25 per family for 1 session and \$30 for both sessions. Permission notes available on the APP or the School Website.



100% hOPE Children's Choir

On Monday 16th May staff and students all enjoyed a fantastic performance by the 100% hOPE Children's Choir all the way from Uganda.. 100% hOPE is an Australian based organisation that provides holistic care to orphaned and vulnerable children in a semi-rural community called Mityana. The choir is made up of 8 young people (aged 12-22) who are supported by this organisation, as well as one employee of 100% hOPE.

Dressed in traditional African material (but with a modern-day fit), the choir performed a number of songs in different African languages as well as English. The boys drove the rhythm on the drums (brought over



from Uganda) whilst the girls danced and they all sang. Students were given the opportunity to ask the choir questions about life in Uganda and learned about the different types of food, houses, clothing and other similarities and differences between our two cultures. The choir finished up with some more modern day Ugandan style breakdancing then spent lunchtime in the playground, which was enjoyed by all.













PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

Yesterday we held our annual Public Speaking Finals. Mr Lamph and Mrs White were our special guest judges. Both judges were extremely impressed with the quality of the speeches and felt that the standard has improved again from last year.

Despite some very close scores the judges were able to choose just one winner from each and the winners for 2016 were:

<u>Kinder</u>	1st Place	Calum B	
<u>Year 1</u>	1st Place	Lucy A	
<u>Year 2</u>	1st Place	Charlotte M	
Year 3	1st Place	Eliza L	
Year 4	1st Place	Hayley C	
Year 5	1st Place	Ryan L	
<u>Year 6</u>	1st Place	Jak W	

Runners Up Runners Up Runners Up Runners Up Runners Up Runners Up Olivia J, Chevy T, Max S Seraiya G, Emily R, Jorja F Mykah G, Cooper S, Rheanna F Emma C, Finlay P, and Shae S Madison H, Megan C and Emily-Cate A Caiden F, Olivia R, Teighan H Breanna B, Ebonie F







Congratulations to all our winners







Exciting times are coming for our school library. Soon we will start the process of migrating to a new operating system called "OLIVER". This will make accessing our collection a lot easier for students, staff and the wider community.

A number of tasks will need to be undertaken to make our transition as smooth as possible. If your child has any overdue library books at home, it is essential they are returned to the school. Any books that cannot be accounted for, or are damaged, still need to be identified. Students will start receiving overdue notices, so if you could take the time to help look for these titles, we would be very grateful.

Students from K-2 have the lucky opportunity to see award winning author Ursula Dubosarsky on Thursday 26th May. This visit is thanks to the generous support of Kurri Kurri Public Library and their wonderful librarian Karen Bruce. All students who get to see Ursula will love it.

CYBER SAFETY

On Wednesday 18th May, Stage 2 and Stage 3 students had the opportunity to hear Constable Michael Steele speak about the importance of online safety and what the legal implications are for students who are found to have broken the law.

Constable Steele is the Police Community Liaison Officer for the Hunter Area . He was very matter-of-fact in his talk, explaining to students that age restrictions are set to help protect students from a number of threats in the community.

Students asked meaningful questions and a few admitted that they needed to change some of their online behaviours.

The biggest shock for staff was the number of students who participate in age inappropriate social media – Facebook and Instagram are 13+ to have an account, students who play violent games which are 18+ and students who have seen, participated in or been a victim of some form of online bullying.

Constable Steele left a number of information sheets at the library, so if you would like one, please drop by and get one, and he also spoke about ACORN, which is an education, prevention, advice and reporting site for cybercrime.

If you have an questions or this talk raised issues with your child, please speak to a member of staff so help or advice can





STAGE 3 COOKING DEMONSTRATION

As part of Stage 3 'Food' theme, students enjoyed a live cooking demonstration by two respected chefs from the Hunter Valley. Freshly made pasta was on the menu as students learned how to make pasta from scratch. Look out parents and carers - you may have someone taking over cooking duties in a kitchen near you!











Special Needs Network

The "Special Needs Network" began at Abermain Public School in 2014 and is a group open for parents/carers in the Hunter Region to have some time-out over a cuppa and a small bite to eat, with a chance to meet with other parents/ carers whose children have special needs.

It gives parents/carers an opportunity to share ideas, discuss issues and perhaps discover assistance available, but most of all relax and have a pleasant time.

The "Special Needs Network" is organised by Cheryl-Ann Leggatt who is a parent at Abermain Public School.

Please come along, even if it is just for a short period of time.

HELD AT ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN HALL FURTHER DATES TO BE ADVISED



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL IS A SMOKE FREE ZONE. SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN 30 METRES OF SCHOOL GATES OR GROUNDS.









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SCHOOL APP

The school app is available to the whole community

FREE DENTAL!

Child Dental Benefits Schedule

ENDING SOON!

The CDBS is a dental health program through Medicare covering basic dental treatment for children aged between 2-17years capped at \$1000 per 24mths.

The government has announced it will be **ending** this scheme on June 30th 2016 never to be repeated.

- Yes we treat patients under this scheme
- Treatment is BULK BILLED for eligible children

Do not miss out on this great opportunity before it ends!

Call us now to book your child in for their dental treatment *To see if your child is eligible phone Medicare on 132011



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