

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

24th June

Bike Fun Day—K-6
Clever Kids
Cessnock High School
Sports Gala Day

29th June

Stage 1 Rewards Day

30th June

Collection of Thompsons
Pies
Early Stage 1 Rewards Day
Stage 2 Rewards Day
Stage 3 Rewards Day

1st July

Clever Kids
Last day of Term

9th July

NAIDOC Family Fun Day

18th July

Students return to school

25th July

School Assembly—2.30pm

3rd August

MPC—Cessnock High
School

This issue:

Boys PSSA

Tea Towel Fundraiser

Early Morning Arrivals

Star Struck

Bike Fun Day

NAIDOC Family Fun Day

3/4H Writing Samples

Parent Online Payments (POP)

PAWS BADGE ASSEMBLY

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended our PAWS
Badge Assembly. Congratulations to our PAWS Badge
recipients.





PRINCIPALS REPORT

Congratulations to our Star Struck performers who strutted their stuff at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre last week. Miss Craig has praised the girls for their dedication and beautiful manners as they represented the school. We all look forward to the school performance that will be presented early next term.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) has returned very positive results this year. The triangle graphs on the following page indicate the average theory for schools participating in PBL. The triangle on the right is for Abermain Public School. This data indicates that 227 students are working within our school values of Respect, Safety and Learning.

The cold and windy weather has resulted in a large number of students being out of school uniform. I encourage all parents/carers to support the school by having their children in uniform each day. I have listed some benefits of students wearing uniform; **Promotes School Spirit**, a feeling of unity and togetherness is inspired. This helps with the overall morale of the student body and ignites a higher sense of school spirit and pride. **Helps To Prevent Bullying**, school uniforms puts everyone on an even playing field and prevents this type of bullying from happening. **Aids In Identifying Students**, students easily identified by their uniform. Most schools have a unique uniform, which helps them to keep better track of all of their students.

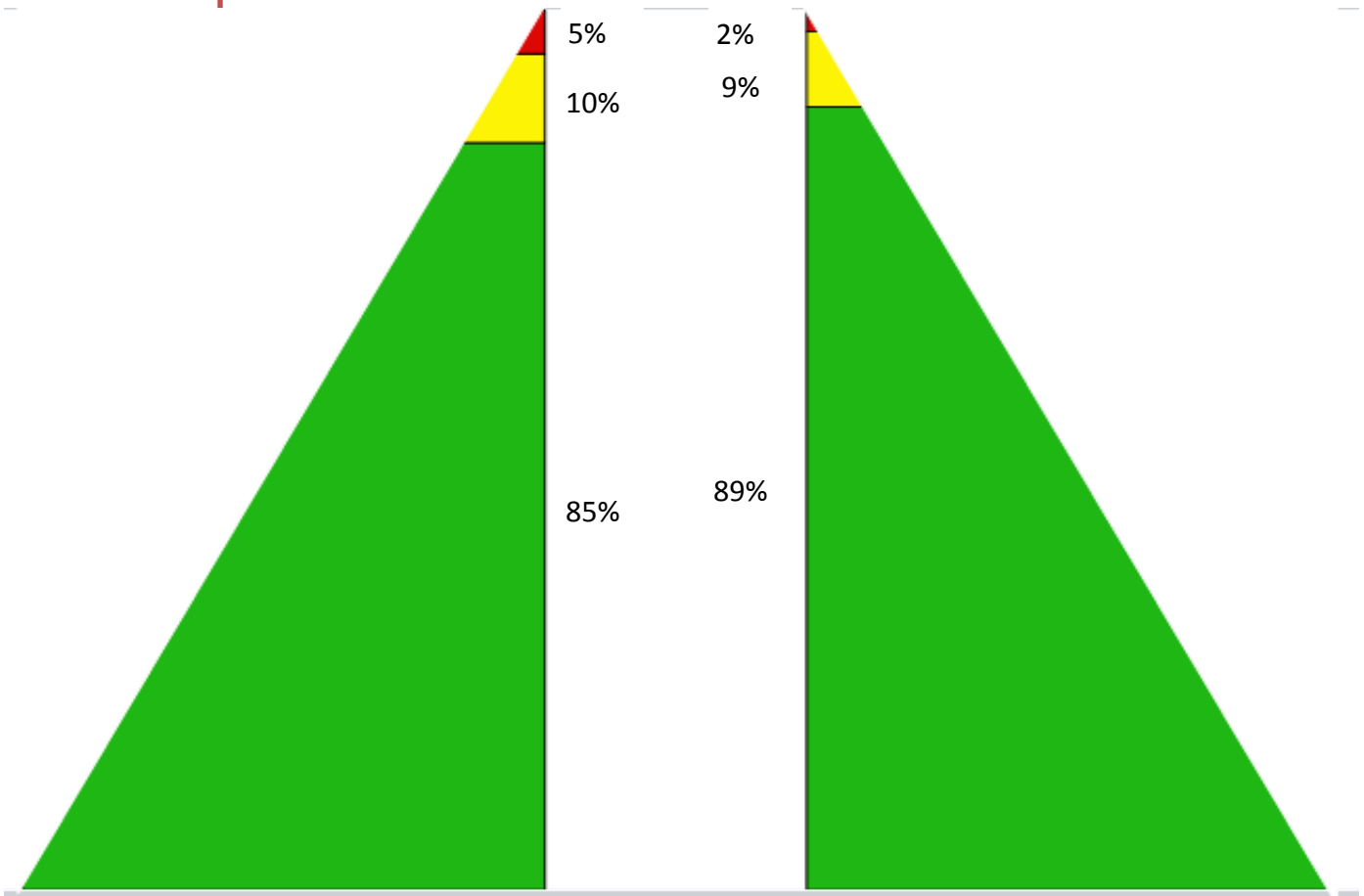
A survey has been sent home with students this week that may allow us to offer a wind jacket as an option for students to wear. If anyone needs financial assistance to purchase a uniform please contact the office.

Have a safe and happy holiday as this will be the final newsletter in Term 2.

Ian Lamph

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS (POP)

Further to discussion with the P&C, we are currently in the process of setting up Parent Online Payments (POP) through our school website. This secure online payment system will give parents/carers an alternative means of paying for school excursions and incursions. More information will be provided to parents/carers when POP commences next term.



Number of students with 0-1 referrals:	227	89%
Number of students with 2-5 referrals:	22	9%
Number of students with 6+ referrals:	6	2%
Total Students		255

Bike Fun Day K-6

WEEK 9—FRIDAY 24TH JUNE, 2016

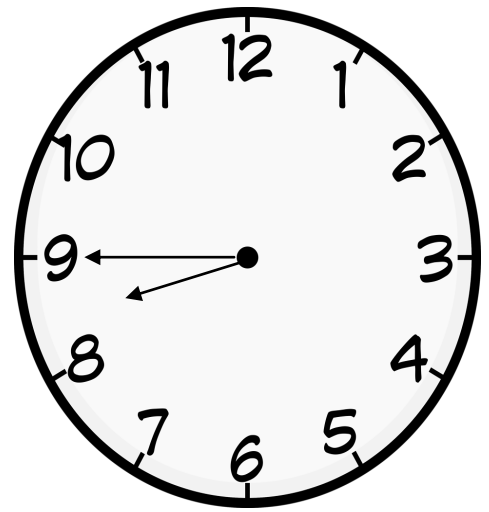
Students can bring their bike or scooter to school for circuit riding with their class, as well as races and activities at lunch and recess! Safety check on all bikes will be done at school.

STUDENTS MUST HAVE A HELMET



EARLY MORNING ARRIVALS

It has come to our attention that a large number of students are arriving at school prior to 8:45am on a regular basis. Any student that arrives before 8:45am must sign in at the front office. Students need to be safe at school and this is an area that needs to be tightened to comply with WHS rules. If your child needs to be dropped off prior to 8:45am under special circumstances, we require a note of explanation to acknowledge your child in onsite prior to commencement of school to comply with WHS legislation. Parents/Carers are asked to drop their children at school after 8:45am.



LIBRARY

As we come to the end of Term 2 we would like all books returned. Usually students are able to borrow during the holidays, but due to our migration to OLIVER, we require all books to be returned, so we can account for missing, lost or damaged items. If you could help by looking in your child's bookshelf or under the bed, it would be greatly appreciated. Due to Star Struck requirements, some Book Club has only been ordered, but it is hopeful that all Book Club will be handed out before the holidays.

BOYS PSSA FOOTBALL KNOCKOUT

Our school team played Kearsley Public School in Round 3 on the 15th June and won 4-2. It was a great game with all boys lifting their standard of play and worked very well as a team to support each other across the field.

Jackson F scored one goal and Mitchell B scored 3, with one of his goals coming from backing up a great set up play from Blake S.

A big thank you to the parents/carers and family who came and watched.

Our next game will be early in Term 3 against Nulka-ba



TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER

**FINAL ORDERS DUE
FRIDAY 1ST JULY.
(\$15 each or 3 for \$40)**

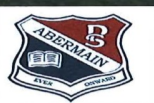


STAR STRUCK

Congratulations to our amazing Star Struck group who performed at Newcastle's biggest performing arts production last week. Our girls have shown outstanding respect to students from other schools, staff and the production team. Each girl worked hard and performed to their best both on and off the stage.

Star Struck is a massive event with over 150 schools and 3000 students performing four, 3 hour shows. Our girls made new friendships with Kearsley and Cessnock West Public School students, who shared a bus with us and spent quality time with us on Friday during the show breaks.

Thank you to all the parents /carers who contributed in some way to make this event so great, (transport for our rehearsals, provided food for the girls to share, organised their children so they were ready for the week and for coming along on the walk to McDonalds). Also a very big thank you to the girls for their efforts in learning the dance and following instructions at NEC with thousands of people around.



NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 9th July, 2016

19th May, 2016

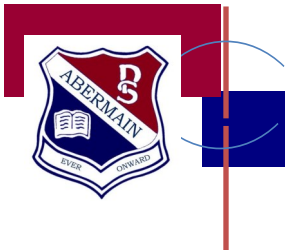
Dear Parents/Carers,

Students and their families are invited to participate in the NAIDOC Family Fun Day on Saturday 9th July, 2016 at Cessnock TAFE grounds commencing at 10am with a flag raising ceremony, followed by a Street Parade and Family Fun Day Activities.

This annual event is organised by the Black Creek Aboriginal Corporation to promote NAIDOC and Aboriginal culture.

Fun Day activities include \$15 all day carnival rides and face painting, community information stalls, arts & crafts, music and jewellery making.





3-4H WRITING SAMPLES

The garden was beautiful, rose bushes and scrumptious vegetables and cherry blossom trees. Delicious fruit trees guard a rustic stone pathway with a calming waterfall. – Naomi

Ooo! What was that? I was swimming in the sea when I found a ladder. It went up two hundred stairs to a castle. Then I was standing right next to the Queen. Suddenly I was locked in gaol where I found a note that said “Dig the dirt and you will find the key and a sword to break out”. – Kaytlyn

It was a stormy day. You wouldn't even know what time it was if you didn't have a clock. But I wasn't home and my dog was outside so I needed to race home to let her inside. I took ten minutes to get home because there was a lot of traffic but I got home in time so my dog was not in all the water. – Liam W

The volcano has lava in it and it's boiling hot destroys anything it touches. – Heath

The heart pumped loudly as I pictured red all over thumping. I hear it thumping really loudly. – Keira

The blazing blue flowers and the shiny polished gnomes had bees flying around the garden. Red poppies, orange tulips and green tulips filled the beds with petals. Gum trees, dark oak trees, blossom trees and acacias line the yard. I plant seedlings in and around the rocks. – Jayden

Flipping pancakes at home for breakfast, I heard a loud sound of rain. My house started shaking. I accidentally dropped the pancake that I had just finished making. I fell to the ground and I must have blacked out because I awoke on the ground. There was a silence, there was no screaming or thunder, it was deathly quiet. I got up from the floor and dusted myself. I looked outside, I wasn't on my land anymore. My house was sailing down the river. I quickly ran upstairs and looked for my little sister. I couldn't find her. I called out her name but no one replied. I was worried but I couldn't do anything. – Hayley

No words to describe India's heat wave. People were fighting for the water that India doesn't have while the temperature rose. The water in India is sometimes beautiful and cool but in these last few days it has been green and filled with dirt and rocks but it was the only water left. The heat was rising and the highest it got to was over 45°. Then I just had my last drop of water. Now surely there was no hope. – Megan



Aboriginal
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EXPRESSION
OF INTEREST

HEY!
YOU =
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PROPOSED DATES
4/8/2016 – 25/11/2016
Attendance every
Thursday and Friday
9:00am – 3:00pm

INFORMATION
SESSION
Friday 15 July 2016
10:00am – 12:00pm
Newcastle Campus
FG.8

“Identity with Integrity”

(Skills for Work and Training - 10089NAT)

The Aboriginal Learning Circle – Hunter TAFE, in partnership with Hunter New England and Central Coast Primary Health Network have designed a unique course for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander youth. This course is for young people who want to connect or re-connect with their Aboriginal culture, giving them a sense of belonging and a stronger connection to their Identity as an Aboriginal person.

This course will engage young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people who want to learn about:

- **Aboriginal Culture and protocols**
- **Aboriginal History**
- **Aboriginal Heritage (Family History Research)**
- **Aboriginal Arts**

ELIGIBILITY • Expressions of Interest (EOI) are open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people living and or working in NSW.

COST • Free for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students subject to meeting Smart and Skilled eligibility criteria

*No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.
This course is subsidised by the NSW Government*

Sound deadly?

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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

School students

Tap into



The smarter way for students
to travel to and from school.



Visit transportnsw.info/school-students



Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

Parents whose children already have a School Opal card and are changing schools or campuses will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts.

How to apply

Applications for 2017 open at the start of Term 4, 2016.

Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed the student's enrolment, complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students

Step 2

Print, sign and date the completed application, then submit it to the student's new school for endorsement.

Step 3

The school then sends the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.