

SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

13th June

Queen's Birthday Holiday

14th June

Return to School

15th June

Star Struck Major Rehearsal
Canteen Special Lunch

16th June

Star Struck - Full Dress
Rehearsal

17th June

Star Struck Performance
Clever Kids

18th June

Star Struck Performance

20th June

Assembly

21st June

Mark Hughes Beanie for
Brain Cancer
Thompsons Pie Orders to be
returned

22nd June

Interrelate

24th June

Bike Fun Day—K-6
Clever Kids

30th June

Collection of Thompsons
Pies

1st July

Clever Kids

This issue:

Bike Fun Day

School Banking Benefits

Questacon

Total Farm

Opal Card

Clever Kids

Regional Cross Country

Star Struck

Interrelate

Tea Towel Fundraiser

FIRE BRIGADE VISIT





PRINCIPALS REPORT

Thank you to the P&C for all your support this year. It is wonderful to see that efforts from fundraising over the last few years has allowed for the final payment of the hall/stage construction. At the P&C meeting on Monday 6th June, a decision was made to continue to focus on completing the hall by installing lights, sound and screens to make it a space that can be utilised by all students, staff and community members. Once again, thank you to all the people that donated time and money throughout the year to help our school.

Teachers are busy writing Progress Reports for all students. I would like to highlight the extra time and effort that teachers dedicate towards report writing on top of their everyday roles within the school. When you receive your child's report please take the time to read through all comments and discuss them with your child. All teachers will allow time for Parent Interviews during Week 10 this term. I encourage all parents/carers to make a time to discuss their child's progress with their teacher. This is another way of showing your support for the school and the teachers effort.

Good luck to our Star Struck students and staff who will be entertaining thousands of people at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre next week. I am confident that they will make us all very proud of their skills and achievement.

Staff have identified two fundraising days to be held before the end of the Term. Beanie Day, (school uniform) where students can wear a beanie to school for the day and support brain cancer by making a gold coin donation. This will occur on Tuesday 21st June. The other day of support will raise money for the dance/choir that attended the school earlier in the term, 100% hOPE. Students will be allowed to come to school out of school uniform (bright colours) on Tuesday 28th June and donate coins to cover the words "100% hOPE" that will be drawn on the concrete. Any coins that you can spare will greatly help the charity raise funds to build new classrooms for the children in Uganda.

Our next school assembly will be held on Monday 20th June at 2:30pm in the hall. This has been moved due to the long weekend, I hope you all enjoy the extra days break.

Currently the school grounds are looking great, so a big thank you goes out to Mr Emerson for his efforts. A special thank you to Warren Cook who has been helping out around the school with some manual labouring jobs as we prepare to lay turf in specific areas of the school as we approach Spring. As Principal of the school I value the environment in which we work. To have the school looking fantastic for the students, families, staff and visitors is very uplifting and something we can be very proud to present. Keep up the great work everyone.

Mr Lamph



QUESTACON

On Friday 3rd June the Questacon Science Circus from the Australian National University visited our school. Reanna from Year 2 has shared what she learnt at the show.

The University students Clare and Adam, showed Stage 1 how aeroplanes fly in long distances. They taught us that when you push on air, it pushes back. They used a foam aeroplane to demonstrate this.

They also showed us how bubbles work. If you use a heart shaped wand to make a bubble, you might think that it makes a heart shaped bubble. However, it still makes a sphere like all bubbles. If you push the middle of a bubble, it will pop or bounce back to make a sphere again. Inside a bubble Clare asked a person to stand in a dish of soap and water mixed together. She used a wand with a circle handle bar and lifted the giant circle wand and that person was inside a bubble. Then it popped!

I felt amazed throughout the whole show.

By Reanna





CLEVER KIDS

Clever Kids had a very smooth start last week with twenty children and their families in attendance. It was delightful to see so many little ones starting their transition to school.

From past experience, we know that this course offers enrolling students the best possible start to school, giving them the skills and understanding to support them as they begin their educational journey. Teachers, parents/carers and students develop strong relationships on which the foundations of quality education can be built.

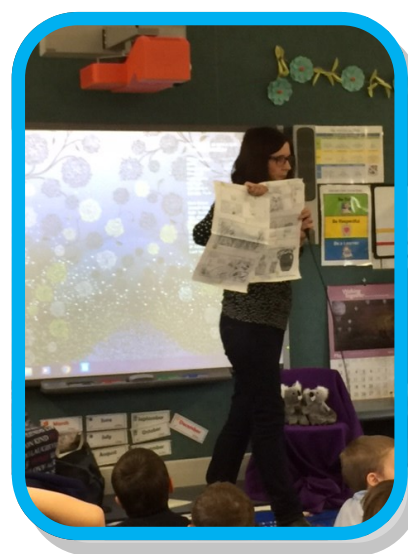
Last week we enjoyed an adventure with Hairy Maclary and his gang. This week we are looking forward to nonsense with Mr McGee and Wiggly Apple Skins. We will also focus on pre-handwriting skills and offer parents/carers support strategies to use with their little ones.

Next week we will enjoy a magical adventure with Mem Fox and continue to look at rhyming as a preparation for early spelling.

If you or someone you know are interested in this experience, please contact the school for further details.

LIBRARY

K-2 students were lucky to have award winning author Ursula Dubosarsky visit our school. She spoke about her love of books and her love of words and language during her visit. Students were amazed at how she read her book without looking at the pages. Some students were lucky enough to purchase a signed copy of some her books. A massive thanks to Karen Bruce from Kurri Kurri Public Library for allowing us to be part of this wonderful experience.



During the next few weeks students will receive overdue notices if they have outstanding loans. Would you please ensure that books are returned or paid for and please let Mrs Craig know if they are lost or damaged as they need to be taken off our catalogue.



Ugly foods...or **EXTRAORDINARY SUPER FOODS?**

Today the subject is: ugly foods...or are they ugly? It's up to you if they're ugly but it doesn't mean you can't eat them. I'm not here to criticise your opinion about whether you think they're ugly. But in my opinion the awesome ugly super foods, oops, not ugly - extraordinary - have a tough life so if you don't believe me then here's the extraordinary food lawyer. And that's where the reasons come in

Reason 1: In shops they sell ugly foods for extraordinarily low prices. Just imagine what you could do with the money like buy a flying elephant from New Jersey.

Reason 2: Farmers put lots of blood, sweat and tears into growing the food and not to mention getting under paid. The shops sometimes sell the ugly foods or throw them away or when they get the food they don't buy the ugly ones. This is stupid and a waste of the farmer's time. When the farmers no longer grow the food they will wonder why.

Reason 3: Ugly foods make food interesting. Little kids think they are funny. That makes it easier for the parents to get kids to eat their vegies. Just imagine it parents, no more "no way not vegies! I want take away, no vegies!"

In my conclusion I'm going to wrap up what I'm trying to say. Don't discard foods just because they're ugly.

A fabulous piece of writing by Lachlan C in Stage 3

P&C INFORMATION

CANTEEN SPECIAL LUNCH

When—Wednesday 15th June, 2016

THOMPSONS PIE DRIVE

Orders returned by Tuesday 21st June, 2016



TEA TOWEL FUNDRAISER

Back by popular demand – **The Tea Towel Fundraiser.**

All students will be involved in creating a unique tea towel that you can purchase as a keepsake. Students will draw a self-portrait and these will be used to create a unique design that includes the whole school.

Notes will be sent home with students to order your tea towel. Have your orders and payment in by the end of term and our tea towels should be available for Father's Day, which would make it an ideal gift.

Price of the tea towel is \$15 or you can order 3 and pay only \$40. The tea towels make a beautiful gift for grandparents and extended family as a reminder of children's time at school.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday 3rd June students represented Abermain Public School at the Regional Cross Country. All students displayed great sportsmanship, competitiveness and behaviour. Congratulations everyone.

TOTAL FARM

On Monday 30th May, 2016 Stage One students enjoyed stepping back in time to see what life was like in the 1800's. Students, parents/carers and teachers enjoyed learning about the past through hands on activities that included washing and wringing clothes out by hand, carrying water, setting a table and even got to dress up in olden day fashion.

It was a fantastic day and all students are to be commended on their behaviour. A huge thank you to the parents/carers that came along and experienced this adventure with their children.

*We went on the bus to learn about the olden days. We went there on Monday.
We did the washing first. I did not like getting my hands wet. I would not like to live in the olden days because it was hard.
We went to the yokes next. It hurt my neck. I thought it was not fair because the kids had to do everything.
Then we went to the kitchen and they taught us about how they used the iron in the olden days.
I like everything but the games were best.
By Nattalia D.*



TOTAL FARM





SCHOOL BANKING (EVERY WEDNESDAY)

There are many benefits to being involved in School Banking.

For the first time that every child banks the school will receive \$5.

The school will earn \$5 for every \$100 of deposits.

For every 10 deposits a student makes they receive a certificate and a reward item.

For the first quarter this year \$150.12 has been raised in commission.

So if your child isn't already doing School Banking and you would like to start you can contact Cheryl-Ann on 0414 625 872.

STAR STRUCK

Show week is fast approaching and the girls have been busy rehearsing their dances and finalising arrangements for this amazing event.

Tickets to see Star Struck are available from Newcastle Entertainment Centre, and we encourage everyone to get along and see this wonderful production.





When kids ask "the" questions... **Interrelate has the answers!**

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 90 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?

1-hour session: Years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty

1-hour session: Years 5-6

Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Date: Wednesday, 22nd June 2016

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.

Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.



FINAL PAYMENTS DUE BY 17TH JUNE 2016



Black Creek Aboriginal Corporation NAIDOC Week Awards 2016

**NOMINATE
TODAY**

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 27TH MAY 2016

CATEGORIES:

Artist of the Year

Scholar of the Year (Female)

Scholar of the Year (Male)

Sportsperson of the Year (Female)

Sportsperson of the Year (Male)

Volunteer of the Year (Junior & Senior)

Youth of the Year (Aged 17 – 25)

Posthumous Award

Uncle Les Elvin Award

Self-nominations welcome

Nomination forms can be obtained from Cessnock City Council or Samaritans Neighbourhood Centre or downloaded from the Council website at www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au

NAIDOC Award Night tickets can be purchased from Samaritans Neighbourhood Centre 202 Vincent Street Cessnock

**03-10
JULY
2016**



Songlines:
The living narrative
of our nation

Black Creek Aboriginal Corporation

Invites you to join us at our

NAIDOC Week Awards Night 2016

Friday 24th June 2016

East Cessnock Bowling Club
6.30pm

3 Course Dinner

Tickets \$35 per person

buy a table of 10 tickets and
receive one of those tickets for free

A variety of Entertainment

Didgeridoo player

Aboriginal dancers

plus more

Semi-Formal attire



cessnock
regional
art gallery



Primary School Children @ the gallery

<p>CESSNOCK REGIONAL ART GALLERY</p> <p>JULY 2016</p> <p>SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME</p>	<p>Thursday 7th July</p> <p>Screen Printing</p> <p>With many different materials: string, fabric, cardboard.</p> <p>Bring a small frame so we can frame your work.</p>	<p>Friday 8th July</p> 
<p>Tuesday 12th July</p> <p>Painting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • play with colours • create a painting • you choose what you want to paint 	<p>Thursday 14th July</p> <p>Make jewellery or a space station</p> <p>From recycled materials</p>	<p>Make a Movie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • construct a story board • try out film directing • record sound effects • give acting a go • then eat lunch while editing is done • then watch the movie

- Workshops run from **9:30am – 11 am** Movie making runs from **10am - 1.30pm**
- Workshops cost **\$8 per person**. Cost includes all material plus morning tea
- Movie making cost **\$12 per person**. Cost includes all material plus morning tea and lunch.
- Children should bring a **painting smock**, apron or old shirt to wear, to protect clothing

To book, please call the gallery on **4991 6619**

or email info@crag.net.au

16 Vincent St, Cessnock NSW 2325



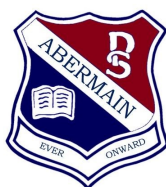
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SCHOOL APP

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.