

## SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

#### 5th August

Clever Kids

Stage 3 Cessnock City  
Council Chambers

#### 8th August

School Assembly

P & C Meeting—5.00pm

#### 10th August

KKHS Transition

#### 11th August

Anxiety Program—Stage 3

KKHS Additional Transition

#### 12th August

Clever Kids

CNHS Transition

Zone Athletics Carnival

#### 22nd August

Assembly

#### 23rd August

Book Week/Parade

#### 25th August

Coffee & Chat—2.45pm

#### 26th August

Clever Kids

## This issue:

NAIDOC Celebrations

Zone Athletics Carnival

The Lion King Production

Boys PSSA Football

Education Week—Open Day



Stage 2 and 3 students will have the opportunity in Term 4 to see the amazing live production of Disney's Lion King Jr performed at Hunter School of Performing Arts by their incredibly talented primary students. This is the first time that this production will be performed in Australia and Disney are even sending their own executives out to see the show! More details will be provided closer to the event but seats will be strictly limited and will be sold on a "First In First Served" basis.

*Watch this space for more information!*





## PRINCIPALS REPORT

During my research for establishing a positive environment in the classroom, I was reminded of the DEC Core Rules that apply to all students in NSW Government schools and thought I should share them with the community.

*Attend every school day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn.*

*Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code policy.*

*Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.*

*Show respect at all times for teachers, other school staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.*

*Treat one another with dignity and respect.*

*Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.*

These core rules underpin the values that are passed onto your children at Abermain Public School.

### Coffee & Chat

This term, I will be holding my Coffee & Chat session on Thursday 25th August from 2:45pm to 3.30pm, so pop it on the calendar.

This is an opportunity for all parents/carers to have an informal talk with the principal. I'm open to hear about any issues that you may have regarding the school or if you wish to praise the school for the wonderful things that it is doing then we are happy to hear about that also. I'll be located near the parent/carer pick up point so grab a free coffee and come and have a chat.

Ian Lamph  
Principal



## LIBRARY

Book Week is fast approaching. This year our school's Book Week celebrations will occur on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. We will have a Book Fair and Parade on this day, where family and friends are more than welcome to come along and enjoy the activities. The Book Fair will be held in the library and will open before school and then at lunch time. The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle for lunch and then we will have our parade of characters with all classes participating. Over the last few years, this has been a fantastic day, and it will no doubt be the case again this year.

The theme for Australian Book Week this year is '**Australia – Story Country**'. This theme encompasses all the traditional story telling that has occurred in Australia – Dreaming stories, bush ballads and poems and modern Australian classics.

I hope everyone **comes along dressed up** for our book parade, but encourage everyone to be creative with their character choices and costumes. Costumes do not need to be expensive and students do not need to dress to the Book Week theme, although there are some great Australian characters to choose from – The Bad Guys, Thelma the Unicorn, Blinky Bill, Possum Magic, Pig the Pug – just to mention a few.

## BOYS PSSA FOOTBALL TEAM

Our boy's football team played their round 4 match against Nulkaba Public School on Wednesday 27th July.

It was an extremely tough and hard fought game, with play moving very quickly from one end of the field to the other, and very strong winds playing havoc with ball direction.

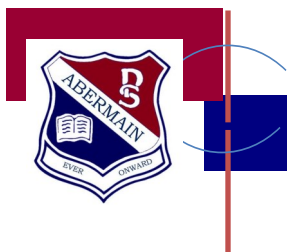
Our boys had the upper hand for the majority of the game, but a penalty with two minutes to go proved costly, with Nulkaba slipping the ball in.

Man of the Match was **Brayden G.**

The commitment and effort displayed by every member of the team was outstanding. Thank you to all the parents/carers who supported the boys.

Making it to round 4 in a whole state-wide competition is a wonderful achievement.

The boys can be very proud of their achievement in 2016.



## NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, Abermain Public School celebrated NAIDOC Day.

NAIDOC Day celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Unfortunately the wet weather on the day stopped our Smoking Ceremony but we began our day with a wonderful assembly. Rodney Lake opened our assembly with an Acknowledgement of Country followed by an address to our students from Ricky Walford, a former Australian professional rugby league footballer who works for the Country Rugby League as an Indigenous Programs Manager. Then to top it off, students experienced an amazing performance from a dance group from The Glen Centre.

Following the assembly, students were involved in a variety of activities. They painted boomerangs, tasted Johnny Cakes and traditional jams, listened to traditional dreamtime stories, gained knowledge from various visitors, such as Dennis Moran (a former Australian professional rugby league footballer), Jason Solomon (School to Work Project Officer for the National Rugby League), Joey Griffiths (from Youth Express) as well as many others. The library was set up as a cultural exploration area which the students really enjoyed. The day was a great success and it was wonderful to hear about what students enjoyed in the afternoon sharing session.

Thank you to everyone who helped on the day, particularly our parent/carers helpers. Also thank you to our students who embraced the day and what it was about. They showed respect and valued each visitor and as a result all visitors spoke highly of our school and look forward to visiting Abermain Public School again. And last but not least a massive thank you to Mrs Hedley for her organisation of such a successful day.



### KULABURRA AWARD WINNERS

Congratulation to Trinity, Leshae, Jade  
and Matthew



## ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

All students who have qualified to represent our school at the Cessnock Zone PSSA Carnival next week received their permission note, medical form and program on Thursday 21st July.

Students have been asked to return their permission note and medical form to Mrs Hodges by Friday 5th August.

Parents/carers are invited to support their child at the carnival.

A reminder that private transport is needed on the day and students are asked to wear their School Sports Uniform to compete in.

**Carnival date:** Friday 12th August  
**Venue:** Turner Park, Cessnock  
**Starting Time:** 9.30am

## STAGE 3

This term Stage 3 are completing a project to learn about "What makes a happy place?".

They began the term with a whirlwind tour of seven parks and recreation areas. In class, students have been applying the skills across subject areas to design alterations to Centenary Park. This Friday they visit the council to submit their ideas and hopefully get permission to carry out their plans. Good luck!

## Junior Creative Writing

**MONTHLY:** Mondays at Cessnock Library 4-5 pm  
Tuesdays at Kurri Library 4-5 pm



**DATES FOR TERMS 3 & 4 2016 AS FOLLOWS:**

**August 29,30:**

**Sleuthing (Community Newspaper)**

**September 19,20:**

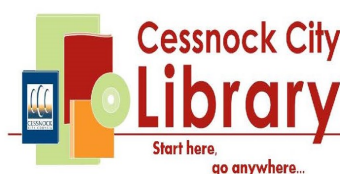
**Punch & Passion! (Poetry, from paper to performance)**

**October 24,25:**

**Twisted Stories - The Hook! (hooking the reader and other "fishing" skills)**

**December 5,6:**

**Doco's and Deco's (fact & faction)**



For further details, or to book into a session, come in and see us at the desk, or ring Sandy Ryan on 49934384 for the Cessnock sessions or Karen Bruce on 49371638 for the Kurri Kurri sessions.

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**THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

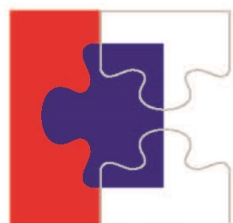
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## ***EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY 2016***





**Strive**  
For Autism Inc.

Families Supporting Families Coping with Autism

## **SEMINAR** **Autism - Developing the Individual**

featuring

### **Jeanette Purkis**

An adult with Asperger Syndrome & atypical Schizophrenia,  
Author & an Ambassador for a number of Autism organisations

### **Rachael Harris**

Psychotherapist  
Specialising in Asperger's Syndrome & High Functioning Autism

### **Dr Lee Sturgeon**

Consultant Senior Clinical & Development Psychologist  
D. Psyc(Clinical), M.A.P.S., M.C.C.Ps  
Lee has worked with clients with Autism Spectrum Disorder  
and development disorders for over 22 years

Providing you a unique insight into the world of AUTISM.  
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Nurses, Principals, Teachers, SLCO, Parents, Carers & Community members.



**When:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Time:** 6:00pm - 9:00pm

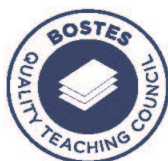
**Venue:** Cessnock Performing Arts Centre  
198 Vincent Street, Cessnock

**Cost:** \$20.00

**Tickets By:** 198 Vincent Street, Cessnock 02 4990 7134  
Box office [www.cessnockperformingartscentre.com.au](http://www.cessnockperformingartscentre.com.au)

**Entertainment:** Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools Choir

**For further information:** Contact Maxine Baird - President on 0419 913 033



**Autism - Developing the Individual will contribute 2 hours of QTC Registered PD addressing 6.2.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.**





# SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS

## 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

### Cessnock, Schools as Community Centre TERM 3, 2016



**PLAYWORKS - Mondays**

Koe-Nara, 10 am to 12

**LET'S PLAY - Tuesdays**

Koe-Nara, 10 am to 12



**Winter Stomp!**

Peace Park - August 23, 10 to 12

Sausage sizzle provided please BYO  
drinks

RSVP essential



**PLAYWORKS - Thursdays**

Cessnock East Public School, from  
9am to 11am

**BABIES - Thursdays**

Koe-Nara, 12.30pm to 2pm

For more information:

☎ 4990 9354 or  
0428 263 854

👍 Koe-Nara, Cessnock  
Schools as Community  
Centre

Playgroup operates in school term only

returning July 19 through to September 23 2016

All groups are free

Morning tea for the children is provided,  
as well as tea & coffee for grown ups

familiesNSW  
supporting families to raise children



BCA National Training group (RTO number 91758) is holding an information session at Koe-nara, Cessnock Schools as Community Centre at 9.30am to 11.30 on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

The Part-Qualification in the Certificate IV in Education Support CHC40213 is perfect if you are interested in finding out more about working in education and school settings. Join us to learn more about the course and how you can qualify for a subsidised place. This training is subsidised by the NSW Government.

Places are limited, so SAVE THE DATE and SEE YOU THERE!

For further information please call 9554188

\* To be eligible, you must be 15 years old or over, no longer be at school, living or working in NSW and be an AU, a NZ citizen, an AU permanent resident or a humanitarian visa holder."