NEWSLETTER

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SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

<u>19th August</u> Clever Kids

2016

<u>22nd August</u> Assembly

<u>23rd August</u> Book Fair/Parade P&C Readathon

<u>25th August</u> Coffee & Chat—2.45pm P&C Colouring Competition due

<u>26th August</u> Clever Kids Excursion Mini Olympics

<u>1st September</u> Father's Day Stall

<u>2nd September</u> Regional Athletics Father's Day Breakfast This issue: Stage 2 Mini Olympics NAPLAN 2016 Zone Athletics Carnival Zone Public Speaking Competition Book Fair/Parade Father's Day Stall & Breakfast Clever Kids Excursion

MINI OLYMPICS—Hosted by Stage 2

On Friday 26th August Abermain Public School will be holding a whole day Mini Olympics at school. Stage Two are beginning the day with an Opening Ceremony at 9:30am and afterwards will 'Let the Games begin!'

Each student throughout the school will be placed into 'team' countries and will rotate through individual and competitive sports.

These sports will be guided by a Stage Two student and a teacher.

If you would like to come and join the festivities we would love to have you.







PRINCIPALS REPORT

We have had a wonderful few weeks here at Abermain Public School. Students have had a number of fantastic opportunities.

NAPLAN results are being sent home to parents/carers on Friday. The 2016 NAPLAN results for Abermain Public School students show a solid increase in growth for students moving from Year 3 to Year 5. This is an opportunity to celebrate our successes, congratulate the students and thank the teachers for a great effort. If you have any questions, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

The arrival of students at school early has become a concern, and with the change of seasons we are seeing a larger number of students arriving at school before 8:45am when there is no designated teacher on duty to supervise students. For the remainder of this term, we ask that parents/carers who are dropping their children off before 8:45am come into the office and sign their children in. This will allow staff the opportunity to clarify the reasons for an early drop off. This information will be reviewed at the end of the term and a decision will be made based on the data collected as to whether or not the school gates will remain closed until 8:45am.

In the next few weeks the school will be conducting an emergency evacuation drill to ensure the safety of all students, staff and visitors to our school. Please discuss this with your child and explain the importance of having the drill. This will prepare us all for different kinds of emergencies at school.

Last week's P&C meeting provided another opportunity to present the Leadership Policy and Enrolment Policy to the community. The new Leadership Policy will be adopted with minor changes for 2016/17 school leaders. Also discussed was the increase in student numbers and additional teaching funds the school has been allocated for the remainder of 2016. I also informed the group that a new wind jacket will be introduced as part of our school uniform, in line with community feedback. The new jacket is now available to purchase from Flanagans Menswear (Cessnock). We hope to have this jacket displayed on our uniform board in the school administration foyer in the near future.

A quick reminder of our upcoming Book Week events. Thank you to Miss Craig for your time and effort in preparing for this wonderful event. I'm still thinking about my book character dress up for next week, how about you?

"Coffee and Chat" will be back again next Thursday 25th August at 2:30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there. Happy to discuss any issues or concerns an receive any feedback over a free coffee.

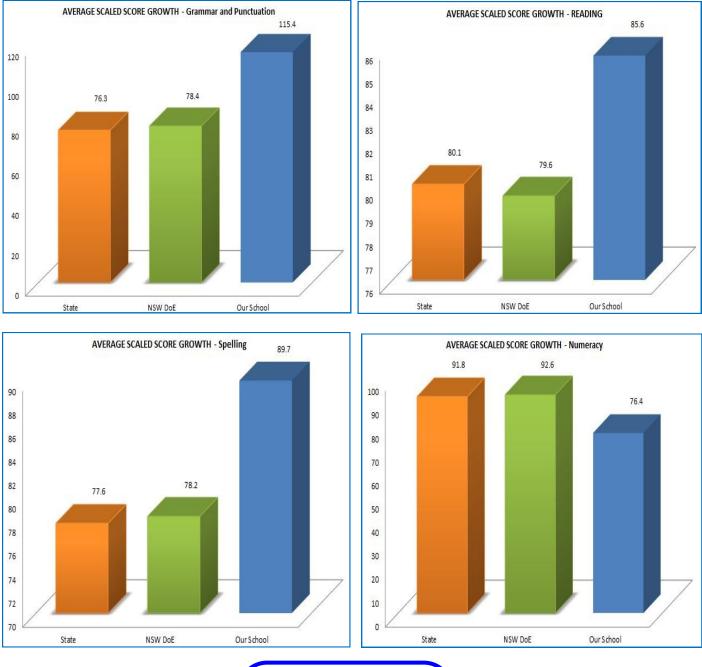
Hope to see you all at Monday afternoon's assembly at 2:30pm.

Mr Lamph



NAPLAN 2016

The tables below represent the average growth of Abermain students compared to the state average.



QUALITY WORK SHARED WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Seraiya G, Felicity E, Madison C, Olivia J, Luke A, Cooper F, Will W, Charlotte F, Marcus M, Molly F



ZONE PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Last week Charlotte M, Lucy A, Hayley C, Eliza L, Ryan L and Jak W represented Abermain Public School at the Zone Public Speaking Competition held at Nulkaba Primary School. The standard that our students spoke at was very high and they have done our school very proud. A special mention to Eliza L who was awarded Highly Commended in her stage. Well done everyone.

ZONE ATHLETICS

Last Friday 34 students attended and competed at the Cessnock Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival held at Turner Park.

Mrs McGee was our Team Manager and she commented on the students good behaviour while waiting for their event and sportsmanship with cheering and supporting along other Abermain competitors. Well done to all our competitors.

Congratulations to the following students who gained places in their events on the day.

Miah G - 3rd in 10yr Girls 100m, 3rd in Jnr Girls 800m Jazlyn L - 1st in 10yr Girls 100m Mitchell B - 3rd in 9yr Boys 100m Nicholas T - 2nd in 12yr Boys 100m

We are now waiting to get confirmation on any student from our school who has qualified to compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival to be held at Glendale on Friday 2nd September.

FATHER'S DAY STALL AND BREAKFAST

The Abermain P&C Association will be holding the Father's Day Stall on Thursday 1st September, 2016. Items will be priced from \$1-\$10.00.

A Father's Day Breakfast for all dads/grandfathers and carers will be held at the school on Friday 2nd September, 2016. A note was sent home with students yesterday for completion to assist with catering.





LIBRARY

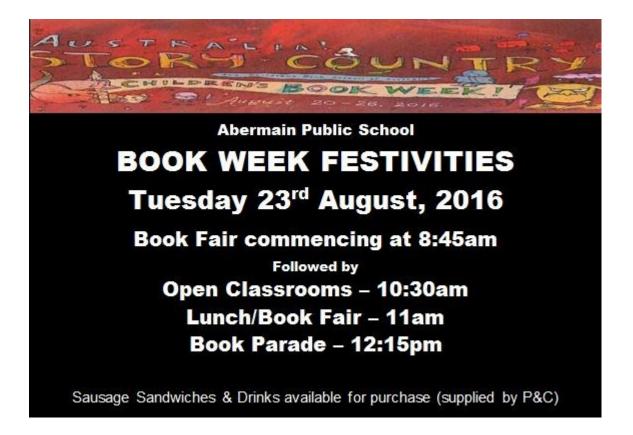
Only a few sleeps to go until 'Book Week' is here. Our book fair and parade is on Tuesday 23rd August, and will run in the library and on the DOTS, depending on the weather.

The Book Fair will be open from 8:30am – 10:30am and will have books, pencils, posters and lots of other novelty items for sale. If any book items sell out during our fair, we can always order more, so come along and have a look. Cash would be preferable on the day, though we can do Visa transactions if required.

Classrooms will be open from 10:30 -11:00am for a literacy activity with your child, and then we will have lunch. The P&C are running a BBQ on the day and will have sausage sandwiches and drinks available for purchase.

Our parade will run from approximately 12:15pm on the DOTS, with all classes participating and lucky spot prizes awarded for each class. There will be other guessing competitions running throughout the day in the library, so come on down and check them out.

This will be a fantastic day for our school community, we hope to see you there.

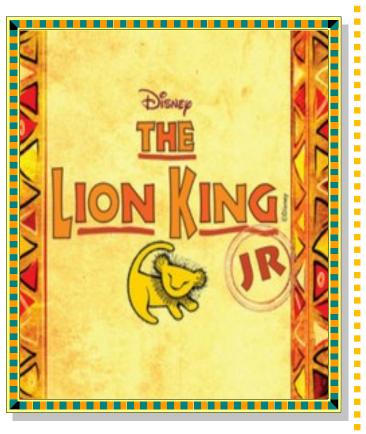




19th October, 2016—Save the date

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!









Good for Kids good for life

CONGRATULATIONS ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL!

Good for Kids would like to acknowledge the great work Abermain Public School Canteen has done to become compliant with the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy Canteen Strategy.

That means your canteen menu has no 'Red Foods' & is dominated by 'Green foods' which are low in fat, some are high in fibre and all are full of nutrients to help your kids grow and develop—well done!!



Clever Kids Excursion

Friday 26th August, 2016

Please join us for a Clever Kids excursion on the local bus run into Cessnock to visit the town library and the fire station.

Pick-up: 11:40am

Bus stop: Edgeworth David Park, opp. Caltex Service Station

First stop: Harold Sternbeck Park/Telstra Park for Picnic lunch

Then: 12:20 -1:05 Storytime at Cessnock City Library

Followed by: 1:10-2:00 - fire station visit

Return Home: 2:15-2:30

Please bring: Sunhat, drink, lunch/snacks, library card for borrowing (optional/application form may be completed during time at library if you do not already have a card), **coins/notes for bus**.



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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

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Option 3: attend one of the 4 registration nights
Whichever way you register you must attend one of the Rego nights to receive numbers etc
Registration nights: Friday 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd September
6pm to 7.30pm at KKHS Gymnasium
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