



**SAFE  
RESPECTFUL  
LEARNERS**  
**DATES FOR YOUR  
CALENDAR**

**2nd September**

Regional Athletics  
Father's Day Breakfast  
Clever Kids

**5th September**  
**Assembly**

**9th September**  
**Clever Kids**

**12th September**  
**ES1 Musical Performance**  
**P&C Meeting**

**13th September**  
**Year 6 Discovery Day CHS**

**16th September**  
**Last day of Clever Kids**

**19th September**  
**Assembly**

**22nd September**  
**ES1 Excursion—Megamania**

**This issue:**

Regional Athletics

Book Fair/Parade

Early Stage 1 Musical Performance

Clever Kids Excursion

Stage 2 Mini Olympics

Premier's Spelling Bee 2016

**CLEVER KIDS EXCURSION**

Clever Kids had a wonderful time on their excursion last Friday. They enjoyed a picnic lunch in the park followed by cake to celebrate Jai's 5th birthday. They then visited the library for a cheeky story about Piranhas and made their own paper bag back-pack to hold all their goodies. Lots of fun was had at the fire station as children climbed through the truck and practiced their fire-fighting skills with the big hose. A quick trip to the Art Gallery topped off the day before the children and their families boarded the bus to head back to Abermain.

We highly commend the behaviour and the excellent manners demonstrated by our little people. They are certainly showing the skills and independence necessary for a very successful start at school.

**WE ARE NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGATEN  
2017. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON  
49 304210 TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD'S NAME**





## PRINCIPALS REPORT

Congratulations to Miss Craig for her organisation of the Book Week activities. It was great to see so many children dress up in character and sharing the happy occasion. Reading and being involved with books is such a valuable experience. Keep up the reading and fun everyone!

This week we have celebrated School Administrative and Support (SAS) Staff. Also known as our Teachers Aides and Ground Assistant. These wonderful people do a fantastic job in our school. They are always helping out and making the school a lovely place to work. A big thank you to you all.

Our NAPLAN results are well worth celebrating. We have had a tremendous gain in our Year 3 results and Year 5 this year. I was reminded by the School Director, James Brigden that we are making great progress to improve literacy and numeracy for our students. This is a credit to our wonderful staff and effort by parents/carers. At the next P&C meeting I will be presenting an update on the school results. I hope you are available to attend.

Last weeks Coffee and Chat was well received with some wonderful information and ideas coming from community members. I have listed a few of the things that I received;

Miss Gyler is great!

DOJO could be used more effectively

Mini Olympics were wonderful

When is the uniform survey coming out?

Safety concerns about the truck collecting the garbage bin

And many comments that parents/carers are happy with the school. These are all great ideas and I'm happy to hear about them all, thank you.

This is the final year for the school uniform transition from old to new. I will be presenting a copy of the uniform survey at the P&C meeting on Monday 12th September which will then be sent home to be completed by the end of Term. This will give staff an indication of community satisfactory for the new uniform and provide information for any possible adjustments.

Tell Them From Me Surveys are here again. These are a valuable use for the school to collect information about the schools progress. Content forms for students not to participate will be sent home on Monday. Parents/Carers surveys will also be available very soon.

Thank you to the P&C for the wonderful Father's Day stall. The students were very excited about buying a present for their Dad/Carer or special friends. I am looking forward to seeing lots of dads/carers, grandfathers and special friends at the BBQ tomorrow morning. Hope to see you there!!!

Mr Ian Lamph



## LIBRARY

### QUALITY WORK SHARED WITH THE PRINCIPAL

**Jye H**  
**Chloe P**  
**Emily C**  
**Chelsea L**  
**Ezekiel T**  
**Ana S**

Wow! What a fantastic Book Week we had at Abermain Public School. Thank you to everyone who helped make this such a special event and for all the effort put into making all those amazing costumes.

Speaking with students, they enjoyed the day and loved getting to show off all their costumes, but the thing they enjoyed the most was the sense of community that is on show with events like this.

The school's migration to the new operating system 'OLIVER' is almost complete, with the school going live on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September. It has been a big process, but when it is up and operating the school community will get to see the rewards of the new system. Students will be shown how to navigate the new system, which everyone has access to via their student portal, and be shown the amazing benefits that it has to offer.

Book Club is due on Tuesday of Week 8 (6th September). Orders may be handed in at the front office or may be paid online through LOOP.

## PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE 2016

Congratulations to Nicholas T, Lachlan G, Hayley C and Jayden B who have been selected to represent Abermain Public School at the Regional Finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee 2016.

We wish you all the best.

### PBL BADGE RECIPIENTS

**Blake F**  
**Naomi J**  
**Jayden B**  
**Kaytlyn A**





## REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Good luck to all our students who will be competing this Friday 2nd September at the Hunter Region PSSA Athletics Championship at the Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale.

All these students qualified to compete through strong performances at both our School Athletics Carnival and our Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival.

Representing our School at Zone will be:

Miah G in the Junior Girls Long Jump, Junior Girls 200m

Jazlyn L in the 10 yr Girls 100m Age race

Mitchell B in the 9yr Boys 100m

Nicholas T in the 12yr Boys 100m Age race

Junior Girls Relay - Miah G, Finlay P, Shanaya B and Jazlyn L.

A very big thank you goes out to one of our major supporters, Jacarna Fenton, for providing some expert coaching tips and training with our Girls Relay Team.



### EARLY STAGE 1

#### MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

**KH & KS students would like to invite their loved ones to a musical performance.**

**This will be held on Monday 12th September, 2016 at 2.30pm in the School Hall.**

**We look forward to seeing you there**

## READ-A-THON WINNERS

### Most Money Raised

Infants: Callum B—\$50.00

Primary: Lara R—\$40.00

### Most Minutes Read

Infants: Charlotte F—720 minutes

Primary: Lara R—315 minutes

Congratulations to all of our winners.



## STAGE 2 MINI OLYMPICS

On Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> August, students participated in the Abermain Mini Olympics.

Students were broken into 14 different country groups and competed in modified versions of Olympic sports such as soccer, sprinting, hurdles, hockey and more.

The weather cooperated and students really enjoyed the day. Points were tallied throughout the activities in order to indicate 3 winners for our medal ceremony.

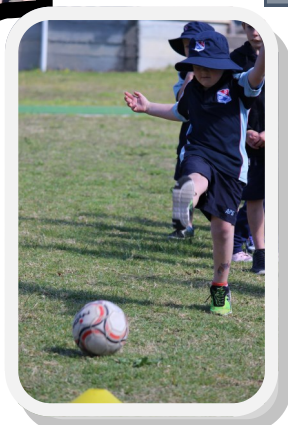
In the end, after some close competition, USA took Bronze place, Greece took Silver and Fiji took out the Gold medal.

There were some great shows of teamwork, support and sportsmanship which staff were impressed by.

Thank you to Stage 2 for their organisation towards the day and to all the staff and parent/carer helpers who were involved on the day. You all helped it to be such a great success.

Many students were keen to do it all again.

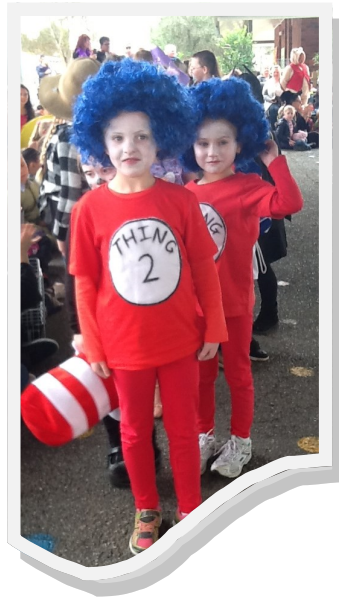




STAGE 2—MINI OLYMPICS  
LET THE GAMES BEGIN



# *BOOK FAIR/PARADE*





# 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

### *Useful Apps*

#### **Quick Maths - \$1.99**

This app is perfect for students to improve their maths in all areas.

Quick Maths improves mental strategies and helps with numeral formation, as you need to write your answer with your finger. This app allows students to work at own pace and build confidence, while racing against the clock. Students can track their progress with individual feedback. Great for students in years 1 – 6.

#### **Weird But True – free**

This is a great app full of fun facts. Created by National Geographic, this app has over 600 kid friendly facts that will keep kids entertained but also teach them some weird facts that just might come in handy.

Fact: Did you know that didaskaleinophobia is the fear of going to school? This is just one of the facts on the fantastic app.

#### **Popplet lite (free) and Popplet (\$5.49)**

This app has so many uses. It is a mind-mapping tool and allows ideas to flow in popples – small boxes for text and images. In the lite version only one popplet is available at a time, whilst the full version allows multiple popplets to be saved and shared.