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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

I had the absolute pleasure last week of attending the University of Newcastle Children's University Program Graduation to see our Stage Two graduates. The smiles on both their faces and those of the family members who went to support them as they graduated from University for the very first time were priceless. We have included in this newsletter the letter we received from the University thanking students and families for their contribution. Thanks must go to Stage two staff and our community members who provided learning opportunities for our children along the way and to Miss Schroder for her dedication as our school's University Coordinator. Congratulations again!

Congratulations must also go to our Year 5 students who were invited to campaign for a 2018 leadership position. I personally was overwhelmed by the dedication of each and every one of you in presenting campaign speeches of such a high standard. They were all outstanding!

Thank you to all of our grandparents who attended school to visit and chat with us in our classroom spaces. It was wonderful to see so many here enjoying themselves and sharing stories. To our P&C team who organised and ran the Colour Run, well done. What a great way to finish our day!

3/4B, 3/4M and 4/5S students are competing in a Straw Tower competition next week, and I am really looking forward to seeing their designs and construction. Good luck everyone!

We welcomed our 2018 Kindergarten students and families to their first orientation session last week, and from their feedback they can't wait to become a part of our wonderful school. Thank you to our Stage Three students who have offered to be Kindergarten Buddies. A wonderful commitment!

Junior PBL students are over the moon with the delivery and donation of their "chat seats". They will be taking photos and designing their lessons over the next few weeks. Thank you to the Grine and Traeger families for their kind donations.

Our P&C are asking for donations of new toys for their massive Christmas raffle that will be drawn at Carols Monday 11th December, 2017. If you can spare a little gift, it would be very much appreciated

Thanks again for your support of our wonderful school.

Debbie Bower

Relieving Principal



## *CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATES*



Students in 3/4R, 3/4M and 4/5S have been involved in the Children's University program this year. This program encourages students to engage in a variety of learning activities outside of the classroom and school setting. Once students logged 30 or more hours in their passports, they are eligible for different levels of awards. These students were invited to graduate at the University of Newcastle in the Great Hall, where they walk across the same stage as university graduates.

On Monday 30th October, 2017 seven students from Abermain who have participated in the Children's University program throughout this year graduated in a wonderful ceremony with their families, with Miss Redgrove, Mrs Bower, and Miss Schroder in attendance. This ceremony was followed by an amazing dinner and disco at the university. Everybody had a fantastic time together. We congratulate each of our young graduates and look forward to seeing them and more students graduate next year!



## *CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATES continued*



Dear CU Children and Families,

I would like to write a letter of thanks and congratulations to all students that were in attendance at the Children's University graduation. It was a night to remember.

My team and I would like to firstly congratulate all students for their behaviour and enthusiasm shown throughout the evening. We planned for this evening to be a great celebration and recognition of the effort and time you have placed into the learning opportunities throughout the year.

Thank you to all families that were in attendance. We appreciate your presence on the evening and hope you enjoyed the celebration and look forward to seeing you all again throughout the year at our CU holiday workshops and at the Graduation Ceremony in 2017.

Children's University continues to encourage children and their families to keep learning in their communities during the Christmas holiday period. Holiday workshops hosted by Children's University will recommence in term 1 2018 in each of our three geographic regions – Central Coast, Newcastle and Cessnock.

Your passport hours continue across into next year. To be eligible for graduation in 2018 you need to have moved up into the next award category. For example, if you got 30 hours this year you would have to make it to 65 hours to get the Silver Award.

This program is an annual commitment. Children have the capacity to opt into the program each year. If you would like to be involved next year, please indicate this to your teacher in charge of the program.

Once again thank you, children for your enthusiasm for learning and parents for your support. If you or your family has any questions about the program, please contact us. Graduation is a large undertaking with many moving cogs and as such we will be evaluating the evening, if you would like to make suggestions for improvements or place a comment regarding the evening please do so at [childrensuniversity@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:childrensuniversity@newcastle.edu.au) or call 49218739. Hope to see you all in 2018.

Children's University Team



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## PARENT PICK UP POINT

**A reminder to all parents/carers to wait on the DOTS area to pick their children up from the Parent Pick Up Point at the end of the school day. Could we please ask parents/carers to not wait outside classrooms and to only come through the front office entry if you are signing your child out early.**



# PARENTS DAY





# Stage 1 Gymnastics

Stage One have been participating in Gymnastics lessons from the PCYC for sport this term.

Students have been learning how to control their own movements to be able to perform different types of jumps and rolls.

Teachers have seen wonderful progress and enthusiasm from all students over the past four weeks.



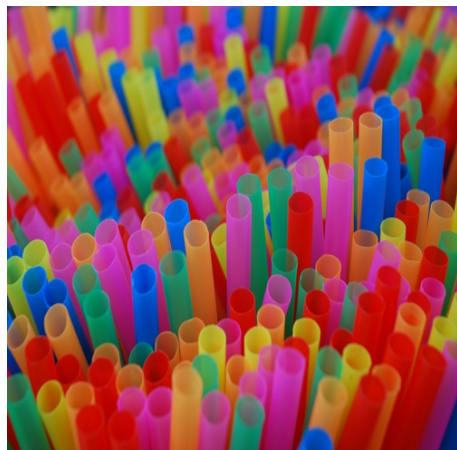
***THE RECEIPT OF THE JACARNA  
FENTON TROPHY PRESENTED AT OUR  
ANNUAL SPORTS PRESENTATION HELD  
10TH NOVEMBER 2017 WAS  
CAIDEN FENWICK.***

***CONGRATULATIONS CAIDEN ON YOUR  
SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS THIS YEAR.***



# P&E COLOUR RUN





3/4B, 3/4R & 4/5S  
STRAW TOWER COMPETITION  
Wednesday 15th November,  
12 noon in the School Hall

FIRE BRIGADE VISIT

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, 2017

Notes yet to be sent home.



WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 2017

WHERE; SCHOOL HALL

TIME; 2.30PM

ALL PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME  
TO ATTEND

**P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

The P&C would like to thank Kurri Kurri Aldi for their generous donation of a coffee machine for our upcoming Christmas Raffle.

Please support our local retailers who support our school. Thank you Aldi!

If anyone is able to donate prizes or their time to help at our Carols it would be much appreciated.





## MUSIC BUS CONCERT

The music bus concert was held on Saturday 4th November, 2017 at Charlestown Leagues Club. Congratulations to our budding music stars for confidently performing to an audience filled with teachers, parents/carers and students from other local schools.



## CHORALFEST

Miss Gyler, Libbia, Charlotte and Ivy attended the Primary School Choralfest workshop as part of the choir on Thursday 9th November, 2017. They had a wonderful day at the Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre learning new choir warm ups, rounds and repertoire ready for next year!



## APPLICATION FOR YEAR 7 SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT IN 2019

A reminder to parents/carers who have a child applying for Year 7 in 2019 and are interested in applying for a government selective high school you must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7> . The application website closes on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2017**. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test being held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

Further information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2019 is available at the school office or online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>.



## INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM

Places are still available for Year 2 students. Last day for payment is Friday 17th November, 2017.

### STUDENTS IN YEARS 3 - 6

Parents/carers will receive confirmation on Friday 17th November, 2017 if their child has been allocated a place to participate in the Intensive Swimming Program.



#### SCHOOL APP

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 WEBSITE

<http://www.abermain-chools.nsw.edu.au>

#### SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

**Abermain Public School**

*COPIES OF NOTES CAN BE OBTAINED ON BOTH OUR SCHOOL APP AND OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.*

ABERMAIN MISSION HALL CHURCH &  
ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESENT...



# CAROLS

## BY CANDLELIGHT

Location:  
**ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL**

- Monday, 11th December 2017
- Gates open 5.30pm for a 6.30pm start
- Gold Coin Donation Entry
- Food & drinks available throughout the night
- Visit from Santa
- Fireworks begin at 9.00pm

Special thanks to our following Major Sponsors:



### 2018 Kindergarten Orientation Program

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2017	1.00pm - 2.00pm Parents & students - Library Followed by "Stories" at 2:30pm for those who wish to stay
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017	1.00pm - 2.00pm Parents - Library Students - Kindergarten classroom Followed by "Stories" at 2:30pm for those who wish to stay
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017	1.00pm - 2.00pm Parents - Library Students - Kindergarten classroom Followed by "Stories" at 2:30pm for those who wish to stay
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2017	9.30am - 11.15am Parents - Library Students - Kindergarten classroom



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Nutrition Snippet

### The simplest way

...to help fussy eaters.

Fussy eating is very common and often very stressful for the whole family. While there is no magic solution, perseverance, involvement, presentation and disguise are four effective strategies that can help address this behaviour.



Other tips include:

- Offer new foods at times when children are hungry.
- Encourage kids to try new foods but do not force them to eat. "Parents provide, children decide" is a good rule of thumb to use.
- Let kids help out with food preparation.
- Be a good role model.
- Praise your child for trying new foods: sometimes kids refuse foods to get attention.
- Add "hidden" vegies to recipes such as spaghetti bolognaise, soups, casseroles and home-made burgers.
- Cook vegies lightly and use a variety of types so they have different flavours and colours.
- It will take several attempts (10 – 15 times) so do not give up after the first time.

For more information visit

[www.eatittobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatittobeatit.com.au)

or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://facebook.com/eatittobeatit)



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## GENERAL

- \* Monday 13th November, 2017 - Whole School Assembly, 2.30pm  
P&C Meeting - 5.00pm in the library
- \* Tuesday 14th November, 2017 - Baimae Cave Excursion
- \* Wednesday 15th November, 2017 - 3/4B, 3/4R & 4/5S Straw Tower Competition
- \* Thursday 16th November, 2017 - Kindergarten Orientation, 1.00 - 2.00pm
- \* Friday 17th November, 2017 - Annual Fire Brigade visit
- \* Monday 20th November to Friday 1st December - Intensive Swimming
- \* Monday 20th November, 2017 - AECG Meeting, 3.30pm at Kurri High School
- \* Thursday 23rd November, 2017 - Kindergarten Orientation, 9.30 - 11.15am
- \* Wednesday 29th November, 2017 - Year 6 Farewell  
(notes sent home 10/11/17, to be returned by 17/11/17)
- \* Friday 1st December, 2017 - Year 6 Parent Breakfast  
(notes sent home 10/11/17)
- \* Wednesday 6th December, 2017 - Presentation Day  
(notes will be sent home at a later date)
- \* Monday 11th December, 2017 - Whole School Assembly, 2.30pm  
Carols by Candlelight
- \* Friday 15th December, 2017 - Last day of term
- \* Tuesday 30th January, 2018 - Students in Year 1-6 return to school
- \* Monday 5th February, 2018 - Kindergarten students first day of school