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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

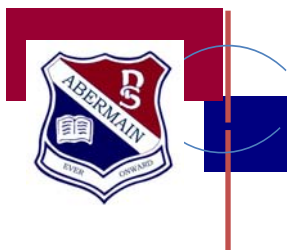
A heart felt thank you to our school community who recently acknowledged and nominated our staff as part of a local competition. To Mrs Hourigan, congratulations in making it into the TOP 5 teachers nominated and to all of you who supported her, a great result! We truly have a wonderful staff across our whole school, so I extend my thanks to everyone for all that they do!

School Planning for the next 3 year cycle continues with our draft plan being presented to the P&C at the last meeting, again we thank you for your input. Our draft 'Vision Statement' is as follows and reflects our vision for our school. Please feel free to discuss further with any staff member as we do look forward to any input or reflection. 'Draft Vision Statement' for 2018-2020*"As a learning community we know, value and care for every child. We share responsibility to nurture, guide, inspire and challenge students. High quality teaching develops confident and creative individuals with the personal resources for future success and wellbeing".*

2018 Kindergarten have today completed their Orientation to our school community and are excited about joining us after the Christmas break. Thank you to our Year 5 buddies as they have supported the staff during this Transition Program. As we welcome Kindergarten we will farewell our beautiful Year 6 students over the next few weeks.

"CAROLS" is not far away and the organising committee is seeking volunteers for the night, even if you can only manage half an hour, they would welcome the help. Please let your child's classroom teacher know. Thank you in advance!

Deb Bower
Relieving Principal

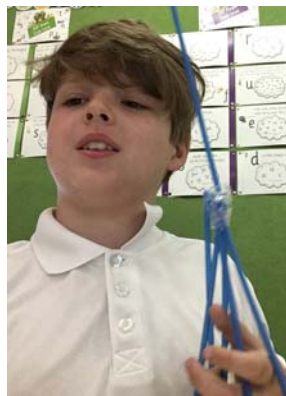


STRAW TOWER COMPETITION

Thanks mums and dads for coming to the competition to see your kids make a tall tower. Your kids made a fifty centimeter tower. There were really cool prizes like LEGO, testers and some bags, but everyone tried which is the main thing. Thanks for taking time off work. We had a really good time and most of you joined in, so thanks. - Traie F

On Wednesday 15th of November, Stage Two had to create a stunning tower in groups of 2 to 4. It had to be able to hold some weights. All the children had an amazing time creating high towers with Mr Percy. At the end, the winners, as well as runners up, got prizes. Miss Schroder had a guessing event where you would have to guess how many straws were in the container. If you got close or you got how many there were, you would get a prize. If your tower was short than you were disqualified. - Hayley M

Wobble wobble, wow! 3/4R 4/5S 3/4M have been learning about straw towers. We had to build a straw tower. We had to make it 50cm tall and a 7 x 7 top. Most people got disqualified straight away because they were too small. Some were tall but bendy. So when Mr Percy and Mr Bridge put the weight on it, the bendy bits snapped and the tower broke. Some could not even stand on their own. It probably would have been best if you used triangles and put an x in every box or what ever shape you made it. Next time make it with triangles and the edges are not poking out. We got to do activities like where we make the biggest tower with ten straws, guess how many straws were in the box, and chose how long the amount of centimeters were. The prizes were pool toys, kit cats, Lego and an explorer build a tower thing. The only things we were allowed to use to build were straws, tape and scissors. - Tamica S





BAIAME CAVE EXCURSION

When Leshae and I went to Baiame cave we saw some rocks that looked like snakes and Uncle Warren showed us a cave where Aboriginals used to sleep. We also saw some hand prints and there was a wombat hole.

Kelyka W

At Baiame cave Uncle Warren showed us a secret cave where the Aboriginals slept. He also showed us where the painting of Baiame is. There was a hand print of someone that was protecting the painting and they gave Baiame a boomerang, a spear and an axe to say thank you for what he had created.

Cameron B

Baiame is the creator. He made man, woman and child. He came back as a Wedge Tail eagle.

Kaitlin P

We went to Baiame cave Uncle Warren showed us around the cave and told us about the Aboriginal drawings.

Zac S

When we went to Baiame cave we met a person named Uncle Warren and he spoke to us about Baiame. When Baiame woke up he only saw black so he created everything.

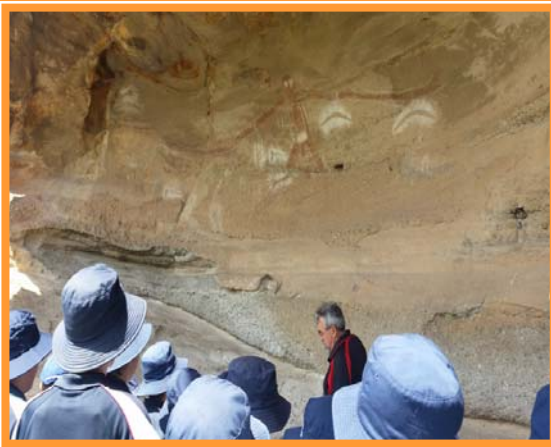
Kalob H

Uncle Warren talked a bit about Baiame cave then we went for a huge walk and got to a secret cave. There was a tiny opening down the bottom and we all climbed in. It was really crowded but it was nice and cool inside. Uncle Warren told us about how the Aboriginal people used to sleep in there. We climbed out through a hole at the top.

Jade P



BAIAME CAVE EXCURSION





INFANTS FIRE STATION VISIT - FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, 2017



ABERMAIN MISSION HALL & P&C CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Once again, our beautiful school is teaming up with the Abermain Mission Hall to present a wonderful night of Christmas entertainment. The carols are attracting more people each year and we are calling for our parents to assist in helping the event be successful for many years to come.

Class teachers will soon be sending a volunteer roster home with students. Each class will be allocated a stall and there are a number of time slots available. If you could spare half an hour of your time it would be greatly appreciated. It's our volunteers who make night like this happen.





Book Club News

A huge thank you to everyone who has ordered from Book Club this year. Bonus points from this year's sales have enabled the school to purchase the two outdoor mats pictured below. They will be well used by our students.



Issue 8 closes on 24th November 2017. This will be the last issue for the year.

If you are ordering gifts and you would prefer that these not be sent home with your child, please let Ms Taylor know and to hold your order. You will be contacted when it has arrived.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2018

2018 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is now open. All students at Abermain Public School have been enrolled to participate.

If your child would like to commence the challenge over the holidays, or if you have any questions about the PRC, please contact Ms Taylor for more details.



Deadly Cooking!

A small group of Year 5 Indigenous students completed the 'Deadly Cooking' Program this week. It is a wonderful program that is run and supported by Hunter New England Health and our local Korreil Wonnai AECG.

During the program students learnt about healthy eating. This included talking about healthy snack options, healthy drinks to have and keeping fit.

Well done to all students involved. They showcased their teamwork and leadership skills throughout this cooking experience. We hope they take home the recipes and share what they have learnt with their families.

Mrs Hedley





CCGPS CHOIR

The CCGPS Choir Presentation was held on Wednesday 15th November, 2017.

Keira L and Kaitlin P received “Certificates of Excellence and Musicianship” as well as “Certificates of Excellent Attendance”. All choir members were also given a CCGPS Choir Pin that they can wear to signify that they represent their schools in the choir.



Wow! What incredibly talented students we have here at Abermain Public School. All performers were amazing.

Our senior winner for 2017 was Mackenzie H.

Our junior winners for 2017 were Talisha C & Tayla S.

All performers will receive a certificate at the next school assembly being held on Friday 8th December, 2017 beginning at 9.30am.

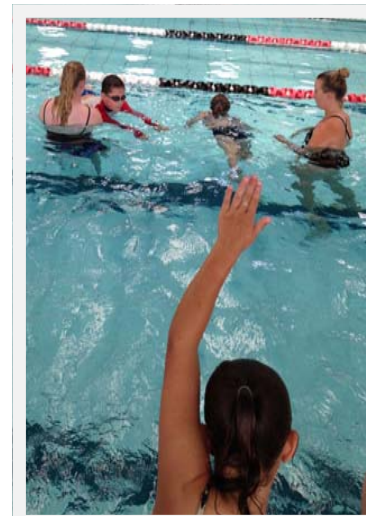


**WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER, 2017**

WHERE; SCHOOL HALL

TIME; 9.30AM

**ALL PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME
TO ATTEND**



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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.

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. We ask parents/carers to please not wait outside classrooms and to only come through the front office entry if you are signing your child out early.

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:



THE NEXT P&C MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY
4TH DECEMBER, 2017.
IT WILL BE HELD IN THE
SCHOOL STAFF ROOM.
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE
YOU ALL THERE.



ADVERTISING



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make easy fried rice.

Serves: 4 | Preparation: 20 minutes | Cooking: 10 minutes
Leftovers are great for lunch boxes.

Ingredients:

Brown rice
2 eggs
½ onion, finely diced
1 cup cabbage, chopped
½ cup broccoli, chopped
½ cup peas
1 carrot, finely grated
1 tsp salt-reduced soy sauce
Canola oil spray



Method:

Cook rice until soft. Lightly spray a fry pan with canola oil and place over medium heat. Crack eggs into hot pan. Stir to mix white with yolk, using a wooden spoon to separate into pieces (like a scramble). Add all veg, cook about two minutes, add brown rice and season with soy sauce.

For more information visit
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KORREIL WONNAI AECG DATES / VENUES 2018

ABOUT THE AECG:

- The AECG gives Aboriginal people a voice at a Local level & takes their views State wide. The strength of the AECG depends on the participation of all concerned i.e.; Education Department, Schools, Teachers, Parents, Students, Aboriginal Organisations & the wider community. We want to empower our communities to become involved in all levels of Education & will contribute to improving all outcomes for everyone.
- The AECG is an Aboriginal community based organization made up of volunteer members who are involved in Junior, Local, Regional & State AECG's throughout NSW. The AECG is recognized as the principle source of advice on behalf of Aboriginal communities on issues relating to Education.

All meetings are 3-30 for a 4pm starting time.

Term 1 2018: 26 Feb (Week 5) @ Pelaw Main PS

**Term 2 2018: 14 May (Week 3) @ Kearsley PS +
: 4 June (Week 6) @ Weston PS**

Term 3 2018: 20 Aug (Week 5) @ Cessnock West PS

***KULLABURRA Awards 29th August @ Saint Philip's CC**

**Term 4 2018: 29 Oct (Week 3) + AGM @ Mount View HS +
: 26 Nov (Week 7) @ Kurri Kurri HS**

Korreil Wonnai (Cessnock) AECG Executive:

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GENERAL

- * Wednesday 29th November, 2017 - Year 6 Farewell
- * Friday 1st December, 2017 - Final day of Intensive Swimming
Year 6 Parent Breakfast
(notes sent home 10/11/17)
- * Monday 4th December, 2017 - P&C Meeting, 5.00pm (in the School Staff room)
- * Wednesday 6th December, 2017 - Presentation Day
- * Friday 8th December, 2017 - Whole School Assembly, 9.30am
(NOTE: Change in date and time)
- * Monday 11th December, 2017 - Abermain Mission Hall/P&C Christmas Carols
- * Friday 15th December, 2017 - Last day of term
- * Tuesday 30th January, 2018 - Students in Years 1-6 return to school
- * Monday 5th February, 2018 - Kindergarten students first day of school

TERM 4 REWARDS DAYS

EARLY STAGE 1 - To be advised

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3/4M AND 3/4R - Friday 15th December, 2017

4/5S - Tuesday 5th December, 2017 (notes to be sent home soon)

5/6D AND 5/6M - Tuesday 28th November, 2017