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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

3rd April

Canberra instalment due
P&C Meeting - 5.00pm

4th April

ES1 and St 1 Rewards Day

5th April

1G, 1P & 2H Human
Rainstorm Performance
Pie Drive orders arrive

6th April

3/4R & 3/4M Rewards Day

7th April

Easter Activities
Last day of Term 1

25th April

Anzac Day

26th April

First day of Term 2

2nd May

Boys PSSA Soccer Knockout

5th May

Girls PSSA Soccer Knockout

8th May

Canberra instalment due

24th May

Athletics Carnival

This issue:

Easter Activities

Cessnock Zone Soccer Trials

Easter Special Lunch Orders

UNSW Academic Competitions

Stage 3 Canberra Instalments

Pie Drive

Anzac Day

Entertainment Books

Cross Country

2018 Opportunity Class



EASTER ACTIVITIES

Don't forget to come and join in our Easter activities on Friday 7th April beginning at 11.00am with a BBQ lunch. This will be followed by our Easter Hat Parade at 12.15pm, followed by the P&C's monster Easter raffle.

Parent/carer help would be greatly appreciated. If you could help out either with the BBQ lunch, wrapping Easter prizes or selling raffle tickets on the day then please contact the school office.

Any donations for the Easter raffle can be left at the front office up until Monday 3rd April, 2017.

We look forward to seeing you there.





PRINCIPALS REPORT

Congratulations to Mrs Hill who has accepted a position as Assistant Principal with the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) team in the Maitland area for Term 2. Mrs Hill has been a key member in getting the Abermain Public School PBL system working to such a high level. She will be a valuable support for all schools in the area. We wish her the very best in her new role. Mrs Bailey will be working with the 2H class Mondays to Thursdays and Mrs Stokes will continue her Fridays on that class.

Well done to all the students who donated to 'Agape House'. In total, our school raised \$125 to support the children in the Agape orphanage in Thailand. The goodwill theme has not been missed with another of our students (Lachlan C) spotting an opportunity to support other people in need with a feature spotted in the local paper. (More details on page 6). It is wonderful to see our students looking beyond themselves to support others. This shows respect and we should all be proud of the support our students offer.

Congratulations to Jayden B and Jak W who were selected from the Cessnock Zone Soccer Trials to attend the Hunter Trials. Thank you to all the boys and girls who proudly represented the school.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 3rd April, 2017 in the school library at 5pm. Topics to be discussed will include the Easter Hat Parade, Anti-bullying policy, Discipline policy, school uniform, the new Complaints Handling procedures and school communications. The schools Anti-bullying and Discipline policy can be found on our school website under the heading 'Our School', 'Rules & Policies' if you wish to review these prior to the meeting. Part of my role as Principal is to ensure that the school community is consulted regarding policies and systems that are operating within the school. I endeavour to meet these requirements throughout the year by advertising in the newsletter or conducting surveys when policies and systems are being reviewed to allow for community input. The school then presents information at P&C meetings where the community have another opportunity to be informed and discuss possible changes. As a completion of the process, changes and decisions are made then announced in the newsletter and new policies and systems are implemented. Therefore, I encourage all parents and community members to read the newsletter and be aware of this process, attend P&C meetings and use this forum to develop a well-informed school community to foster support for the learning of all students.

The 2016 Annual Report has been published on our school website. This outlines our the school's progress during 2016.



A reminder that the school gates will be opening at 8:45am beginning Term 2 (26/3/2017). The first gate to open will be the main gate at the front office. All students are asked to walk around via the handball courts to commence their school day. Sherpa Kids will monitor the double gates at the handball courts for students wishing to attend the Before School Care program (enrolment forms are available at the office). Staff will open the other gates at the library and bottom car park as soon as possible after 8:45am. We thank you for your support in maintaining a safe, supervised environment for all students.

Congratulations! As a result of our exemplary practice and program development as a participant of the 2016 Primary STEM Project, we have been selected to be a NSW DoE STEM Action School! This is a tremendous result for our school. Only eight schools across the state have been selected to be part of this initiative. Mr Power, Mrs McGee, Mrs Roberson and Mrs Bower were the driving force behind this Stage Three program last year. Therefore, thanks needs to be extended to all Stage Three students last year for their participation and effort throughout the year in developing their Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) skills.

Finally as we close in on the end of Term 1 I wish everyone a safe Easter break. Please talk to your children about water safety, stranger danger and being a safe passenger if travelling away during the holidays. We want to see them all back for Term 2, which commences on Wednesday 26th April 2017 for all students.

Ian Lamph

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following winners of the Cross Country held 30th March, 2017.

Girls

5 Years - Nevaya W
6 Years - Iyla F
7 Years - Ella G
8 & 9 Years - Tahlee R
10 Years - Shanaya B
11 Years - Miah G
12 & 13 Years - Keali H

Boys

5 Years - Chayson M
6 Years - Seth J
7 Years - Nate W
8 & 9 Years - Jackson F
10 Years - Jayden B
11 Years - Lucas W
12 & 13 Years - Caiden F

The winning house is Edgeworth.



**QUALITY WORK SHARED
WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

Aleisha E

Grace B

Lucas B

Ellie G

Zahlia W

**PRINCIPAL AWARD
RECIPIENTS**

Elijah R

Jayden B

Letti R

Mia P

Kel R

Oliver T

Jaimee L

Cooper F

Blade H

Nate W

Trinity W

Leshae W

Eli B

Olivia J

SPECIAL PRINCIPAL AWARD

Mia P

ANZAC DAY

Abermain Public School is again looking to show their community support and respect for our servicemen and women by attending services at both Abermain and Cessnock.

WHEN: Tuesday, 25th April, 2017 no later than 8.15am

WHERE: Abermain Plaza Hall, Bathurst Street, Abermain

and

WHEN: Tuesday, 25th April, 2017 no later than 10.45am

WHERE: Courtyard between the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre and Pedens Hotel

We would like students to come along in their school uniform and march with other local schools on the day. Notes will be sent home in Week 11, Term 1.



**ANY STUDENTS IN STAGE 2
OR 3 WISHING TO COMPETE
IN THE UNSW ACADEMIC
COMPETITION MUST HAVE
THEIR FORMS AND PAYMENT
TO SCHOOL BY
FRIDAY 31ST MARCH, 2017**

**STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION
PAYMENT INSTALMENT DATES**

**INSTALMENT DATES FOR THE
STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION
ARE LISTED BELOW**

3RD APRIL, 2017

8TH MAY, 2017

5TH JUNE, 2017

26TH JUNE, 2017

24TH JULY, 2017

AMOUNT - \$80

**YEAR 5 ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY
CLASS IN 2018**

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 26th July, 2017**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2018, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address). Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **26th April, 2017** in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on **26th April, 2017** and closes on **12th May, 2017**. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after **26th April, 2017**. You must submit only ONE application for each student.

If you would like further information, please contact the school office on 4930 4210.

**EASTER SPECIAL LUNCH
ORDERS**

**Special lunch pre-orders
are due back this Friday
31st March, 2017**

**PIE DRIVE ORDERS TO BE PICKED UP
WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL, 2017.**

**ORDERS TO BE PICKED UP NO LATER THAN
3.00PM FROM THE SCHOOL HALL**



CESSNOCK ZONE SOCCER TRIALS

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to attend the Cessnock Zone Soccer Trials on Wednesday 29th March, 2017

BOYS

Jak W	Luke R
Cody L	Tekani W
Caiden F	Jayden B

GIRLS

Claire C
Kaytlyn A
MKaylia R

An article in the Cessnock Advertiser Wednesday 22nd March, 2017 has caught the attention of one of our students, Lachlan C.

Three year old Marlie Chapman from Kurri Kurri is undergoing chemotherapy treatment after having a kidney tumour removed.

A family friend has organised a Garage Sale from the 24th March - 7th April to raise money for the Chapman family. Lachlan brought this to the attention of the school in the hope that people may be able to donate items to the garage sale which will help with Marlie's treatment. So if you have any furniture, clothes or toys etc that you no longer need you can call Sue on the phone number provided above.

Donations can also be made online at <https://www.gofundme.com/marlie-chapman-treatment-fund>.





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**PRE-PURCHASE BEFORE 1ST APRIL TO
RECEIVE EARLY BIRD BONUS OFFERS**

**THE NEXT P&C
MEETING WILL BE
HELD MONDAY
3RD MAY, 2017 IN
THE SCHOOL
LIBRARY
STARTING AT
5.00PM.
ALL WELCOME TO
ATTEND**



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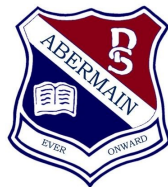
Transition to school program including Jolly Phonics



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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

