TERM 2

# NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPALS REPORT

There are some amazing things happening at school this term and I'd like to highlight a few:

- Children's University activities afternoon (organised by Miss Schroder)
- Stage 3 High School Transition for some of our students (organised by Mrs McGee/Mr Moore)
- Zone Cross Country and our annual Athletics carnival (organised by Miss Redgrove/Mrs Hodges)
- "Mulan" rehearsals (organised by Mrs Roberson)
- LMBR training (attended by Mrs Morgan and Mrs Marquet)
- Primary Executive Meeting for the Cessnock area (organised by Mrs Bower)
- STEM 2 day Mentor Program (attended by 6 staff members)
- Student Progress Reports (all teachers)

When this is all put on top of classrooms operating to a high level everyday it shows what wonderful staff we have that is dedicated to the education of your children.

Due to the long weekend our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 19th June, 2017 at 5.00pm in the Library. All parents/carers are encouraged to attend.

In association to the P&C meeting we will be holding the first "Carols" meeting on Thursday 15th June, 2017 at 3:30pm in the Principal's office. This meeting is for parents/carers interested in working on the carols committee to plan this year's carols and fireworks event. All are welcome to attend.

During Week 10, our school will be celebrating NAIDOC Week. The theme this year is "Our Languages Matter". The school will be represented at the opening of NAIDOC Week at Cessnock High School on the Monday and we will close the week of celebrations with a variety of activities at school. Save the day, Friday 30th June, 2017 - more information will be provided as we get closer to the day.

Mr Ian Lamph



### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

#### **EARLY STAGE 1**

- \* Monday 19th June, 2017 Stage Assembly, 2.30pm
- \* Friday 23rd June, 2017 Musical Extravaganza, 1.30pm
- \* Monday 26th June, 2017 Parent/Teacher Interviews

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- \* Monday 19th June, 2017 Stage Assembly, 2.30pm
- \* Tuesday 27th June, 2017 Parent/Teacher Interviews

#### STAGE 2

- \* Friday 9th June, 2017 Stage Assembly, 9.30am
- \* Friday 23rd June, 2017 3-4M and 3-4R Rewards Day
- \* Monday 26th June to Thursday 29th June, 2017 3-4R Parent/Teacher Interviews

#### STAGE 3

- \* Friday 9th June, 2017 Stage Assembly, 9.30am
- \* Tuesday 13th June, 2017 Cessnock High School STEP's Transition Program
- \* Tuesday 27th June to Thursday 29th June, 2017 Parent/Teacher Interviews

#### **GENERAL**

- \* Tuesday 13th June, 2017 100% hOPE visit. Gold coin donation
- \* Thursday 15th June, 2017 School Debating Team
  - Bookclub to be returned
  - "Carols" Meeting 3.30pm
- \* Monday 19th June, 2017 P&C Meeting 5.00pm
- \* Friday 23rd June, 2017 "Beanie for Brain Cancer" Awareness Day
- \* Monday 26th June, 2017 Whole School Assembly, 2.30pm
- \* Monday 26th June to Wednesday 28th June, 2017 No payments receipted
- \* End of Term 2 Kindergarten 2018 enrolment applications due
- \* Friday 28th July, 2017 Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival
- \* Monday 31st July Payments accepted as before



## REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Shanaya B, Jackson F, Traie F and Jak who represented Abermain Public School at the Regional Cross Country on the 2nd June, 2017. Although these students were not successful in making it further they certainly gave it their all. Well done!

# STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

Several staff members recently travelled to Sydney to attend the Primary STEM Action Schools Conference. Our school is one of eight across the state selected to mentor other schools and lead professional learning in STEM. This is an exciting project for Abermain Public School to be a part of.





# **BEANIE AWARENESS DAY**

Friday 23rd June, 2017
Support Beanie For Brain
Cancer and wear your beanie.

(Normal school uniform to be worn)



# SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our school Athletics carnival was held on Wednesday 24th May under blue and sunny skies, after a slight wet start during the morning.

From the first event, competition was strong with lots of students participating across a range of PSSA events and tabloid activities.

Well done to Lawson House who scored the most participation points, but another impressive performance from students from Edgeworth house saw them take out the overall carnival point score for 2017.

A big thank you to all the staff at Abermain Public School and parents/carers for their help on the day at various events, and to the many parents and family members who came along and supported their children.

Also, a special thank you to the Kurri Kurri Athletics Club and Kurri Kurri Soccer Club for their support with the canteen and equipment on the day.

Students who have qualified to compete at the Zone PSSA Carnival to be held on Friday 28th July (Week 2, Term 3) at Turner Park, Cessnock will receive their permission note in the next few weeks.

#### **Results:**

Winning House - Edgeworth

#### Age Champions

Juvenile (5,6,7yr) - Girls = Ellie G Boys = Levii L

Junior (8,9,10yr) - Girls = Shanaya B Boys (equal winners) – Mitchell B & Jayden B

Seniors (11, 12,13yr) - Girls = Miah G Boys = Lucas W





# SCHOOL DEBATING TEAM

Last Tuesday 30th May, 2017, members of the Abermain Debating Teams attending Nulkaba Public School to compete in the first round of the 2017 Premier's Debating Challenge. The competition provides students the opportunity to develop their public speaking and reasoning skills.

Our teams, "The Abermain Eliminators" and "The Abermain Winners", engaged in a fierce battle with the opposing teams about "If All Homework Should Be Banned?" and "Should Students Have a Three Day Weekend"? Unfortunately we were not victorious in either debate however as our first debate ever, we demonstrated some raw skill and excellent team work. More importantly, the debate was a fantastic opportunity to gain some experience and most of all, have fun and make new friends!

Congratulations to our students who participated on the day, and proudly represented our school: Jayden B, Megan C, Hayley C, Josh H, Samantha A, Ebony F, Cameron B, Madison H, Libbia L, Tikeira C.

#### Well done students!

Our next debate is Thursday 15th June, 2017 at Abermain Public School, commencing at approximately 9:45am. Please feel free to join us as an audience member and hear our students debate!













# ABERMAIN FIRE STATION OPENING



# **LMBR (Learning Management & Business Reform)**

Staff training for the transition to the new NSW public school's finance system commenced at the beginning of this term. As part of the transition to this new system, our school is required to complete a financial rollover prior to commencing a new bank account on 24th July, 2017. To assist with preparation of the financial rollover and to ensure a smooth transition we have extended the period in which our school will not be accepting cash, cheque or POP payments from 26th June, 2017 to 28th July, 2017. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before Monday 26th June, 2017 (last week - Term 2)

From Monday 31st July, 2017 (Week 3 – Term 3), cash, cheque and POP payments will be accepted as before.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact the office on 4930 4210.



# 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

BOOKCLUB ORDERS TO BE RETURNED BY 15TH JUNE, 2017

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
MONDAY 26TH JUNE, 2017
WHERE; SCHOOL HALL
TIME; 2.30PM

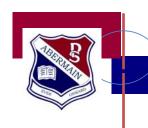
ALL PARENTS/CARERS
WELCOME TO ATTEND



100% hOPE choir will be visiting our school
Tuesday 13th June, 2017 and performing for the
children at 10:30am. Parents/carers and family
members are welcome to attend. In support of
the choir we are asking all students to make a
donation to this very worthy cause. 100% hOPE
have a heart full of love for orphaned,
abandoned and underprivileged children and
are on a mission to create long-term change.
Gold Coast school teacher, Trishelle Sayuuni
(nee Grady), founded 100% hOPE in 2011, a
charity approved by the ACNC and endorsed as

a deductible gift recipient.

THE NEXT P&C MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY 19th JUNE, 2017
IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY STARTING AT 5.00PM.
ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND



# THE IMPACT OF PRIVACY LAW ON THE INFORMATION PARENTS CAN BE PROVIDED ABOUT OTHER PARENT'S CHILDREN

Our school holds information about our students. Some of this information is highly sensitive.

The way this information is collected, used, disclosed and secured by our school is subject to NSW legislation including the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998, Health Records and Information Protection Act 2002 and the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998.

These laws limit the circumstances in which your child's information can be disclosed to other parents. They also limit the circumstances in which you can be provided with information about action the school has taken in relation to other people's children.

This means, for example, you may not be provided with complete details of the action the school has taken in relation to a student who has engaged in unacceptable behaviour that has impacted on your child.

You should not assume that no action has been taken because you cannot be provided with information about what the school has done to deal with an issue relating to your child's interaction with another student.

Our school takes inappropriate behaviour from students very seriously and responds to that behaviour consistent with the school's student discipline and welfare procedures.

If you would like further information about the school's general approach to inappropriate behaviour from students please contact Abermain Public School on 02 49304210.

