



## SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS



### PRINCIPALS REPORT

Welcome back to a very exciting Term 3, with Education Week fast approaching in Week 3 followed by MULAN performances in Week 7. We are looking forward to catching up with everyone over the term. The Stage 3 team is in the *final preparation stages* for their Canberra Excursion in Week 8 while Stage 1 will be eagerly awaiting their excursion in Week 5.

Our school welcomes *Mr Ben Bridge* as he steps in till the end of 2017 for Ms Mackay as she is now on maternity leave and awaiting the birth of her beautiful bundle of joy.

Congratulations must go to *Mr Will Power* as he has accepted a permanent appointment here at Abermain Public School over the school holiday break. We are extremely lucky to have another outstanding professional permanently join our awesome team.

Our Transition Program, "Clever Kids", kicks off this week with 2018 Kindergarten children and their families invited to our Thursday session in our library each week. We look forward to welcoming our newest school community members and their families.

Thank you to the families and the staff who put their holidays on hold to support cast members on the first Monday of the holidays attend a wonderful workshop here at school seeing them further develop their acting and singing talents.

We have returned to school to see a lot of internal painting in the Stage 1 building and some new carpet in both Kindergarten rooms and 4/5S. Thank you to staff for their amazing efforts to ensure we were ready for students on Tuesday.

Looking forward to another exciting and engaging term as our students in Stage 1 build their foundation skills while Stage 2 and Stage 3 students continue to immerse themselves in our student driven inquiries expanding their problem based learning and critical thinking skills.

Debbie Bower

Deputy Principal



## SEMESTER ONE REPORTING REFLECTION

At the end of Term 2 parents and carers received their child's Semester One Report along with the opportunity to attend a Parent/Teacher Interview session. We are very interested in whether you felt that this model of reporting provided you with the information you needed in regard to your child's achievements and future learning directions.

Did you find the whole process beneficial? Were some parts of the process more beneficial than others? Please feel free to email your thoughts on our Semester One Reporting process to the school at [abermain-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:abermain-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or pop some ideas on paper and give to staff or the office team, or have a chat to any one of our teaching staff members. We are eager for any feedback.

**Notification of Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability:**  
this data will be collected and the verification phase will commence

*As part of the commitment to better support the needs of students with disability, all Australian governments have collaborated to implement improvements to data collections to ensure a stronger evidence base from which policy and programs can be developed. The [Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability](#) (the national data collection) represents a major achievement and a highpoint of these efforts. Through the national data collection, schools and governments are reporting for the first time in a nationally consistent way on the number of students with disability and the educational adjustments they receive*

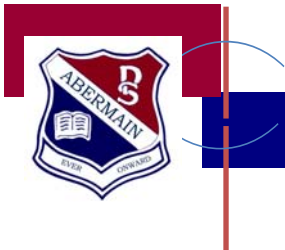
### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

#### **STAGE 3**

- \* **Tuesday 25th July, 2017 - Canberra Meeting**

#### **GENERAL**

- \* **Tuesday 25th July, 2017 - Netball NSW School Cup**
- \* **Thursday 27th July, 2017 - Clever Kids 1.00-3.00pm**  
**Stories - 2.30-3.00pm**
- \* **Friday 28th July, 2017 - Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival**
- \* **Monday 31st July, 2017 - Inter-school Public Speaking Competition**
- \* **Wednesday 2nd August, 2017 - Education Week Open Day**
- \* **Tuesday 3rd August, 2017 - Inter-school Public Speaking Competition**
- \* **Monday 14th August, 2017 - P&C Meeting**



## ABORIGINAL CULTURAL DANCE GROUP

During Term 2, a variety of students from Years 3-6 were involved in our Cultural Dance Group, practicing with Joey Griffiths on a Friday afternoon in our school hall. This group showcased their wonderful dances at our NAIDOC Assembly.

For Term 3, we would like to provide this opportunity to our infant's classes, K-2. This group will run every Friday from 2:30-3:00pm in our school hall and will be instructed by Joey Griffiths from Cessnock High School, assisted by Mrs Francis and 5 confident primary students.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all students to learn about Aboriginal culture through dance, as well as building self-confidence and having fun.

A note will be sent out with infant students soon to explain when the sessions will commence and to gather an idea of how many students would like to be involved. The group will be capped at about 20 students, so depending on the interest from infant students we may open it up to other primary students as well.

If you know your child will enjoy this activity please keep an eye out for the note to follow soon.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to all of the Abermain Public Speaking school finalists. The following students will be attending the Inter-School Public Speaking Competition held at Nulkaba Public School in Week 3.

Early Stage 1 -	Grace B & Hayleigh S	Stage 1 -	Max S & Denika H
Stage 2 -	Ivy T & Emma C	Stage 3 -	Emily-Cate A & Caiden F

### *P&C NEWS*

#### POSITION VACANT - SECRETARY

Nominations can be made at either the next P&C Meeting being held Monday, 14th August, 2017 - 5.00pm in the school library or at the school office. Note: You must be a member to vote.



## NAIDOC WEEK 2017

NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. As this falls in the school holidays, Abermain Public School celebrated NAIDOC Day on the last day of Term 2. Once again it was a fun-filled day which incorporated new and exciting cultural experiences for all students.

Students began the day in their classrooms, where they discussed the meaning and significance of NAIDOC Day as well as using traditional Aboriginal painting techniques to decorate their own boomerang.

Following this, the infants and primary years participated in traditional Aboriginal games and sports which were led by Aunty Kerrie, Joey Griffiths and senior students from Cessnock High School.

We ended the day with a Closing Ceremony in our school hall with parents/carers and community members present. Claire C opened the ceremony with an Acknowledgement of Country and explained the theme and significance of NAIDOC Week. Our Cultural Dance group performed several dances with the guidance of Joey Griffiths.

Abermain Public School also had two students, Jorja L and Michael E along with Mrs McGee, attend the NAIDOC Assembly at Cessnock High School where they witnessed a smoking ceremony and spoke at the assembly about the meaning of the new goanna emblem created by Cessnock High School in collaboration with our local AECG members.





## NAIDOC WEEK 2017 - continued



## TECHNOLOGY

Last term included some great achievements for our students using technology. Members of the “Mulan” cast enjoyed watching their rehearsal footage to be able to further develop their performances. Classes utilised green screen technology to record videos, and laptop use continued to be a regular part of classroom routines from K-6.

This term, staff and students can look forward to technology being used to provide opportunities for reflection. Reviewing responses and lesson activities on film is a powerful tool for students and staff, including improving the feedback given to students about their learning.

Stay tuned for regular technology updates.

### **BOOK FAIR**

When: Monday 21st to Thursday 24th August, 2017

### **BOOK WEEK PARADE**

When: Thursday 24th August, 2017

*More information will be sent home soon*





# PJ Day



*KH TERM 2 REWARDS DAY*





## MULAN REHEARSALS



## CANBERRA EXCURSION

*As previously advised, our school has recently been in the process of transitioning over to the Department's new financial system and we have been unable to receipt payments during this time.*



*We wish to advise that our school office will be available to take payments from next Thursday 27th July, 2017. All outstanding payments for this excursion must be received no later than Monday 31st July, 2017. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please do not hesitate to contact the school on 49 304210.*



# Education Week

You are invited to our  
Abermain Public School

## Open Day

Wednesday 2nd August, 2017

12:30pm-1:30pm	Classroom Visits
1:30pm-2:00pm	Picnic Recess
2:00pm	Awards Assembly Featuring our choir and a taste of "Mulan" the musical

We would love to see you there!

**WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY  
MONDAY 14TH AUGUST, 2017  
WHERE; SCHOOL HALL  
TIME; 2.30PM  
ALL PARENTS/CARERS  
WELCOME TO ATTEND**



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