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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Term 4

I would like to remind all families that Term 4 will start on Monday 9th October, 2017 for all staff and students. There will be no Staff Development Day at the beginning of Term 4.

If you are planning your Christmas holidays the final day for both staff and students will be Friday 15th December, 2017.

Tell Them From Me Surveys

You may remember that our students participated in a "Tell Them From Me" student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year, which can assist us with future planning.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the "Tell Them From Me" survey to help improve how they do things at school. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. It is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey has been sent home this week with students in Years 3-5. If you **DO NOT** want your child to participate, please return the form to school by 21st September, 2017.

Surveys will be conducted Week 1 of Term 4.



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS cont

Staff preparation time

Next week staff will be allocated time to develop education resources and plan for Term 4 learning. This is a valuable time for teachers to develop their plans with other team members.

New gate on the oval

Next term we will be opening our new “oval gate” between 8.45am - 9.15am and 3.00pm - 3.15pm. If you have any concerns or issues that you wish to raise with the school prior to this happening, could you please make contact with the school office.

Final Newsletter for Term 3

This term has been a real buzz for the school with many great things happening during the term such as:

“Mulan Jr” performances, excursionS to Canberra, Oakvale Farm and Yamuloong Bush Tucker, Healthy Harold visit, Father’s Day, Book Week, “Clever Kids” graduation, LMBR Go Live, Backyard Sports, Athletics carnival, Leaders breakfast, among the highlights.

This has been a great term for the school and it’s nearly time to rest up for Term 4. Please remember to be safe during the holidays, think about water safety, stranger danger and road safety. Enjoy the break and see you in Term 4.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 “CLEVER KIDS” GRADUATES

SCHOOL APP

To download the school app visit the Apple App store or Google Play store And search for

Abermain Public School.

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SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

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



THE “COLOUR RUN” IS A DAY OF FUN WHERE MONEY WILL BE RAISED FOR OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL. ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION REQUIRE A NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS TO ENABLE THE “COLOUR RUN” TO HAPPEN:

FRIDAY 27TH OCTOBER, 2017 (Week 3, Term 4)

HELP IS NEEDED ON THE DAY OF THE COLOUR RUN AND ALSO THE FOLLOWING FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 2017 TO ASSIST IN THE SORTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

UNFORTUNATELY, IF WE DON'T GET ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS THE DAY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GO AHEAD.

IF ANY PARENTS/CARERS ARE ABLE TO GIVE SOME OF THEIR TIME ON THESE DAYS COULD YOU PLEASE CONTACT RACHEL THREADGATE ON 0421 839271.

YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED SO COME ON, LET'S MAKE THIS DAY HAPPEN!!



STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Stage 3 students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Australian Institute of Sport - by Jazlyn L

'On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!'

I move my legs fast on the pedals and I hear my friends yelling 'You can do it!'

I am coming 2nd. It is my last round so I push faster and faster onto the pedals. I start to race past the next person.

'I won!' I yell as the race stops. There is so much to do at the Australian Institute of Sport! I have fun trying other activities such as the wheelchair race, rowing and playing basketball.

War Memorial - by Emily-Cate A

A stream of red flowers flows

Alongside thousands of names

A dozen wreaths to remember today those who fought for our freedom

Many gather to find the ones they once held close, lost in war

Proudly thinking of my great, great grandpa

Serving our country and coming home alive.



STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

The Mint - by Cody L

"Ka-ching!" \$\$\$ Dollar signs went flashing through my head as I looked at the huge dome filled with exactly \$24,999 in \$1 coins. Trust me there were a lot of \$1 coins! Then the tour guide led us up a stair case filled with 5c coins as our tour began.

Did you know that before money was used in Australia some soldiers traded their wives for rum?! I think some men would be happy if they could still do that.

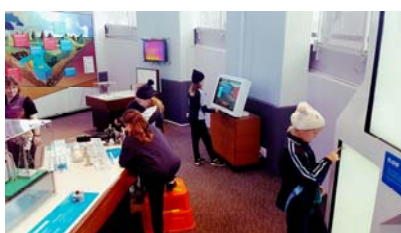
National Museum - by Jayden B

"OUCHIEEE! I SWEAR MY LEGS ARE GOING TO FALL OFF. I NEED TO STRETCH! I CANNOT WAIT UNTIL WE... Arrive... Another 2 HOURS! Ugh, "Yo Trav, Can I Use Your Portable Charger? Please!" "No..." He Replied Casually. "Welp, Guess I'll Just, Wait, another Two Hours. Finally, we are here. I can hardly hold up my body weight, I am ready to collapse. I will definitely go to sleep straight after dinner.

*We are now in a robot battle area thingy, and my eerie face is on it! I did not realise how creepy I really am. I knew my parents were lying when they said I look good! Here at the National Museum we can create a virtual robotic version of ourselves and battle each other in prehistoric Canberra. I never thought robots were alive in the dinosaur age! However, that is definitely not everything here. My day group had a look at these really **heavy** leg cuffs. I might just put these on. Hmmm, to be honest, they were not as heavy as I expected.*



STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION





2G'S OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

On Thursday 7th September 2G participated in the Outdoor Classroom Day. This is a global campaign to encourage, celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play.

We moved around the playground throughout the day, spending time in the Aboriginal garden, handball courts and fields. We explored, investigated, described, questioned, created and had lots of fun!

Find out more information - <https://outdoorclassroomday.com.au/>

Oliver and Nic used their senses to describe the Aboriginal garden:

I can hear cars vrooming. I can taste dirt. I can smell petrol floating across the air. I can feel soggy dirt. Oliver T.

Whoosh the wind blew as the paper flew. You could see the leaves flying. The tree branches flew crazily. The twigs snapped everywhere. Everyone was having fun outside. I wish that we could do it more often. Nicholas S.





KINDERGARTEN OAKVALE FARM EXCURSION

Kindergarten students had a wonderful time at Oakvale Farm on Monday and below are some stories from some students recounting their experience.

At Oakvale farm I saw a wild snake, a lizard, camels, goats and a lovely horse. I had a ride on a tractor and I milked a cow.

Aleisha

At Oakvale farm I saw a cheeky kangaroo. It took Elliott's bag of food.

Ashton

At Oakvale farm I saw a pig and I was really scared.

I got to feed the animals and I was scared. I was excited too.

Grace

At Oakvale farm we saw a cockatiel and a cow and some kangaroos.

The goats were really greedy. I gave some milk to the little pigs.

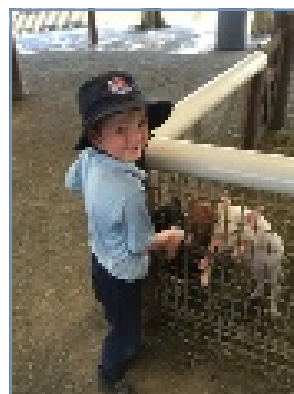
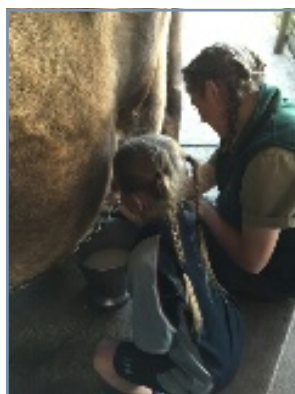
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I saw a goat and it kicked the ground with its leg. We milked the cow and we saw some koalas and chooks.

Dylan I

At Oakvale farm I saw a greedy horse and kangaroos and snakes and emus and goats.

Lucas





STAGE ONE YAMULOONG EXCURSION

Stage One travelled to the Aboriginal Yamuloong Centre in Garden Suburbs. They had a wonderful day participating in Aboriginal sports and dance, tasting new and interesting flavours along the bush tucker walk and investigating Aboriginal artefacts.



WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

WHERE; SCHOOL HALL

TIME; 2.30PM

ALL PARENTS/CARERS WELCOME TO ATTEND



ADVERTISING

Spring Holiday Activities @ your library

Places limited, pre-booking at the library essential, bookings open from 12 September

Abracadabra! Magic Workshop – ages 7+

Monday September 25	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE
Friday September 29	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Learn some magic tricks – amaze your friends and family!

Witches and Wizards Storytime – ages 2-8

Tuesday September 26	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 10.45	FREE
Wednesday September 27	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 10.45	FREE

Stories, songs and craft for young witches and wizards!

Make a Prehistoric Terrarium – ages 7+

Tuesday September 26	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00
Wednesday September 27	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00

Make a magical world in a jar.

Practical Magic for Teens – ages 12+

Thursday September 28	Cessnock Library	10.30 – 12.00	FREE
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Learn about some of the real history and folklore of magic, the Celtic tradition of clouties and wishing trees.

Receive your own wishing cloutie and make your own special wish pouch.

Make a Wand – ages 5-12

Thursday September 28	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00
Tuesday October 3	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 3.00	\$3.00

Make your own fairy wand and the magic will soon follow.....

Film & Craft – Mary Poppins – ages 5-12

Friday September 29	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE
Wednesday October 4	Kurri Kurri Library	2.00 – 4.00	FREE

Enjoy an afternoon at the movies, then make your own kite

Fire, Fire! Bushfire Story time and Talk – all ages

Tuesday October 3	Cessnock Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Wednesday October 4	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE

Summer is on its way – are you bushfire ready? The whole family is invited to this special storytime, followed by a talk on bushfire preparedness from our wonderful local volunteer firefighters.

Gumnut Dreaming: Snugglepot and Cuddlepie – all ages

Wednesday October 4	Kurri Kurri Library	12.00 – 1.00	FREE
Thursday October 5	Cessnock Library	3.00 – 4.00	FREE

Make your own gumnut hat and discover the magical bushland world of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie!

JD Howlett Magic Show – all ages

Thursday October 5	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 10.40	\$5.00
Thursday October 5	Cessnock Library	1.00 – 1.40	\$5.00

Be amazed as JD weaves his magic in this fun-filled show with lots of surprises, laughs and audience participation!

Robotics Meetup – ages 10+

Friday October 6	Kurri Kurri Library	10.00 – 11.00	FREE
Friday October 6	Cessnock Library	2.00 – 3.00	FREE

Meet the library's new Sparki robots and explore new technologies in this hands-on robotics session.

Please ring Cessnock Library 49 934399 or Kurri Kurri Library 49 371638 to enquire.

Sandy Ryan
Children's Services Officer
49 934384
Email: Sandra.Ryan@cessnock.nsw.gov.au



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to create a tasty snack with hummus.

Serves: 6 | Preparation: 5 mins

Ingredients

- 1 x 420g can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon tahini
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons water, optional
- Vegetable sticks, to serve.



Method

- Place chickpeas in a food processor with garlic, cumin, lemon juice, tahini and oil.
- Blend to a smooth purée. Add a little water if it needs thinning.
- Serve with vegetable sticks or cut some whole grain pita bread into triangles and bake in the oven until crisp.

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EARLY STAGE 1

- * Wednesday 20th September, 2017 - Rewards Day
(notes to be sent home)

STAGE 1

- * Thursday 21 September, 2017 - Rewards Day
(notes to be sent home)

STAGE 2

- * Wednesday 20th September, 2017 - 3/4M and 3/4R Rewards Day
(notes sent home 12/9/2017)
- * Thursday 13th October, 2017 - 4/5S Rewards Day
(notes to be sent home)

STAGE 3

- * Thursday 21 September, 2017 - Rewards Day
(notes to be sent home)

GENERAL

- * Monday 18th September, 2017 - Whole School Assembly - 2.30pm
- * Friday 22nd September, 2017 - Last day of Term 3
- * Monday 9th October, 2017 - First day of Term 4
- * Monday 23rd October, 2017 - AECG Meeting, 3.30pm Mount View High School
- * Friday 27th October, 2017 - "Colour Run" - PENDING VOLUNTEERS
- * Wednesday 29th November, 2017 - Year 6 Farewell
(notes to be sent home at a later date)
- * Wednesday 6th December, 2017 - Presentation Day
(notes to be sent home at a later date)
- * Monday 11th December, 2017 - Carols by Candlelight