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## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Thank you to the parents/carers who have managed student illness over the past few weeks. We encourage parents/carers to keep their children at home if they are feeling unwell. This allows the individual time to recover and prevents further sickness at school. It is appreciated if parents/carers can reply to the SMS or supply a sick note to the class teacher when the student returns to school. If your child has visited a medical professional regarding their illness and they have a confirmed diagnosis could you please provide the school with written confirmation from the medical professional.

Abermain Public School is requesting feedback through a random selection of staff and parents/carers using the "Excellence in School Customer Service 360 Reflection Tool". All children deserve to be educated in a school that delivers positive experiences - one where good customer service facilitates high-quality teaching and learning. Staff of Abermain Public School are making customer service a priority, guided by research that demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community engagement. Selected families are asked to help by completing an anonymous feedback survey which has been emailed to them. If you have been selected to complete this survey could please be do so by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

NAPLAN online practise test has been postponed due to technical issues with our school iPad server. A request at the P&C meeting was for Apps that the children could use to assist them at home to prepare for the online test. Below are a list of Apps that parents may find helpful to assist their children prepare for NAPLAN online.

Mathematics -	Quick Maths (number facts/ questions)	10 Minutes a Day Times Tables (free)
	Interactive Telling Time (free)	
Literacy -	Reading Eggs (use standard log in)	SSP Monster Mapping
	SSP Spelling Piano	Sight Words Flash Cards (eFlashApps)
General -	GarageBand (amazing music tool)	Popplet (make mind-maps about a topic)
	iMovie (film techniques in Eng. syllabus)	Educreations (draw/write, record narration)

Ian Lamph  
Principal



# ZONE SOCCER TRIALS

On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 students from Abermain Public school had the opportunity to participate in the PSSA Zone Soccer Trials. All the students who attended represented our school to the best of their ability.

Congratulations to Mitchell B, Jayden B and Claire C who all made it into their respective zone teams.

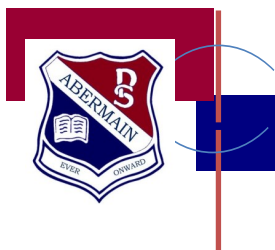
## KS NEWS

KS have been reading stories about boats and investigating floating and sinking in Science. The children have discovered some materials which float and some that sink. Using this knowledge they now are designing a boat and will then build it out of recycled materials. They will then test their boat to see if it floats.

In History we have been learning about our personal and family history and special events we celebrate.

The children have loved showing their “All About Me” balloons and telling the class about their family and things they like.





# EASTER ACTIVITIES



On **Thursday 29th March, 2018** we will celebrate the coming of Easter with a few exciting activities:

- **LUNCH will be between 11am and 11:55am** - Parents/Carers are invited to have lunch with their children. The P&C will be holding a BBQ with sausage sandwiches and drinks available for purchase on the day.
- **EASTER HAT PARADE will start at 12:00 noon** - All students involved. Students will make their hats at school during the week. Your child's teacher will send home a note with suggestions about what is needed to make the hat.
- **MONSTER EASTER RAFFLE** - Drawn following the hat parade. Kindergarten parents/carers are asked to assist the P&C with the wrapping of raffle prizes and selling tickets on the day. (if anyone is requiring extra raffle tickets these can be picked up from the school office).

## GREAT WORK 5-6P!!

***Bzzzz...If I wasn't in your garden, then all species of plants could be lost. Bees help plants reproduce by transferring pollen between flowers. Plants are not able to move across the garden, but bees can carry pollen with precision. Without plants, we could lose up to 90% of our food. Bees are critical to the survival of plants.***

A reminder that the 5/6P class video conference with Costa from Tocal Farm is on next Tuesday 27th March, 2018 and permission notes need to be handed to Mr Power.



## SPORTS HOUSE IDENTITY SURVEY

Cute, cool or fierce? Our four sports houses; **LAWSON**, **EDGEWORTH**, **HUNTER** and **SHORTLAND** need your help!

The students of 5-6P are holding a survey to help them design new sports house identities. Enjoying our sports houses will help our students have more fun at carnivals and encourage healthier lifestyles. You can have your say in choosing house mascots!

Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5FHHM86> to complete the survey online. A paper survey will also be available to complete at the ballot box at the school front office. Surveys close Friday 23rd March, 2018

## STAGE TWO NETBALL GALA DAY

On Friday 16th March, 2018 15 students from years 3 and 4 participated in a netball gala day at Kurri Kurri Netball Courts. Although the games were not scored as it was not a competition, all students showed great sportsmanship and represented Abermain Public School with pride.







## ABERMAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL CRICKET TEAM

On Friday 16th March, 2018 the senior PSSA cricket team played against Minmi Public School at Minmi Oval. Our team were tasked with batting first and we set a tough score to chase, altogether making 88 runs off all 25 overs. After a lovely lunch, provided by Minmi Public School, we went out to field.



Minmi were on the back foot from the get go, with the first ball delivering us a golden duck. Minmi did manage to get to 71 runs in the end, but it wasn't enough to stop Abermain from taking their 1st win in 6 years. Well done to the whole team.



Our next match will be Wednesday 28th March, 2018 against Stockton Public School and notes will be sent home soon.



Good luck to all involved.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

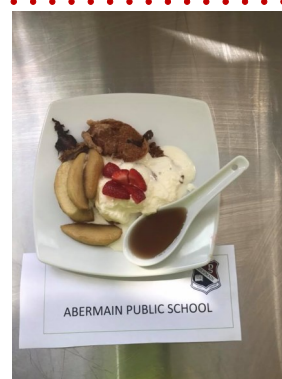
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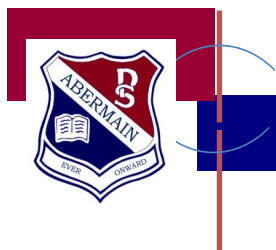
COOK OFF

On Thursday 15th March, 2018 Lillie-Rose, Claire, Darrian and Justin competed against 4 other schools in the Primary School "Healthy Cook Off" at Cessnock High School.

An outstanding meal was cooked with Abermain Public School winning the first partner primary school "Healthy Cook Off".

Congratulations!





## TERM ONE—3 WAY CONFERENCES

**An opportunity to attend a catch-up session with you child and their teacher**

As we previously mentioned we will provide an opportunity once a term to catch up with your child and their classroom teacher to discuss and share their learning rather than the once a semester approach previously in place. In the last two weeks of the term staff will make themselves available to catch up with you and your child and provide you with a 'Progress Report' for Term 1.

If you are unable to catch up personally this term, the opportunity will again arise each term and the 'Progress Report' will be sent home with your child at the end of the term.

If you would like to participate in this opportunity there is a list of available times for each teacher below. Please ring the school and speak to the teacher or message your teacher via Class Dojo to lock in a suitable time. Sessions will run for 10 minutes. Staff are also happy to lock in a phone conversation on that day if you cannot attend school.

### **STAFF AVAILABILITY**

KS - MRS SHELDON	Tuesday 3rd April, 2018 between 8:30am - 11:00am Monday 9th April, 2018 between 3.30pm - 4:30pm
KT - MISS TROTTER	Tuesday 3rd April , 2018 between 9:30am - 3:30pm
1H - MRS HOURIGAN	Tuesday 10th April, 2018 between 8:30am - 11:10am or 2:30pm - 4:00pm
1C - MISS CARTWRIGHT	Tuesday 10th April, 2018 between 8:30am - 11:10am or 2:30pm - 4:00pm
2E - MRS HEDLEY MRS BRITTON	Monday 9th April, 2018 between 8:30am - 4:30pm Thursday 5th April, 2018 between 2:30pm - 3:30pm
2G - MRS GIBBS	Monday 9th April, 2018 between 8:30am - 5:30pm
3-4-5R - MISS REDGROVE	Wednesday 4th April. 2018 between 8:30am - 4:00pm
3-4B - MR BRIDGE	Wednesday 4th April, 2018 between 8:30am - 5:00pm
3-4G MISS GYLER	Wednesday 4th April til Wednesday 11th April , 2018 between 8:40am - 9:15am or 3:15pm - 4:30pm
5-6S - MISS SCHRODER	Tuesday 10th April, 2018 between 3:15pm - 4:30pm Wednesday 11th April, 2018 between 8:30am - 10:00am
5-6C - MR CHECKLEY	Tuesday 10th April, 2018 between 3:15pm - 4:30pm Wednesday 11th April, 2018 between 8:30am - 10:00am
5-6P - MR POWER	Monday 9th April til Thursday 12th April, 2018 before and after school



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A reminder that on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate in our annual Cross Country carnival.

**Program: (Students will come from their classrooms and run the course and then return to class) - estimation only**

12.10pm - Students who turn 11, 12 and 13 this year.

12.50pm - Students who turn 8, 9 and 10 this year.

1.30pm - Students who turn 5, 6 and 7 this year

It would be wonderful to see parents/carers come along and support the students of Abermain Public School.

Students will need to wear their sports uniform or a shirt in house colours, sensible shoes and a hat. Students will also need to bring a bottle of water.



**BOOK CLUB ORDERS TO BE  
RETURNED BY  
TUESDAY 27TH MARCH, 2018.**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

**MONDAY 9TH APRIL, 2018**

**WHERE: SCHOOL HALL**

**TIME: 2.30PM**

**ALL PARENTS/CARERS**

**WELCOME TO ATTEND**



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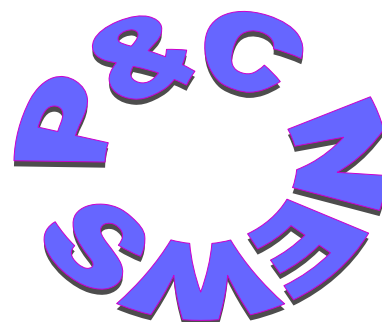
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**THE NEXT P&C METTING  
WILL BE HELD ON  
MONDAY 9TH APRIL, 2018  
BEGINNING AT 5.00PM IN  
THE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

## CANTEEN NEWS

**Unfortunately due to  
unavailability of  
volunteers the canteen  
will not be open on  
Tuesday 3rd April, 2018.**

## P&C PIE DRIVE

Orders and money for the  
P&C Pie Drive are to be  
returned by  
Friday 23rd March, 2018.

Orders can be collected on  
Thursday 29th March, 2018  
no later than 3.00pm



The P&C Association will be holding a disco  
on Wednesday 28th December, 2018.

Kindergarten to Year 2 will be from 5.00 -  
6.00pm and the Year 3 to Year 6 disco will be  
from 6.00-7.30pm.

Entry is \$5.00 which includes a drink and a  
packet of chips.





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Monday 15th April Friday 20th	Wednesday 18th April Monday 23rd April	Tuesday 24th April Friday 27th April

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**GENERAL**

<b>D</b>	* Friday 23rd March, 2018	P&C Pie Drive Orders to be returned Abermain Mission Hall Easter presentation
<b>A</b>	* Tuesday 27th March, 2018	Cross Country Book Club orders to be returned
<b>T</b>	* Wednesday 28th March, 2018	P&C Disco
<b>E</b>	* Thursday 29th March, 2018	P&C Pie Drive Orders to be picked up Easter Hat Parade
<b>S</b>	* Friday 30th March, 2018	Good Friday
<b>F</b>	* Monday 2nd April, 2018	Easter Monday
<b>O</b>	* Tuesday 3rd April, 2018	CANTEEN CLOSED 3 Way Conference - KS, KT
<b>R</b>	• Wednesday 4th April, 2018	3 Way Conference - 3-4-5R, 3-4M, 3-4G
<b>Y</b>	• Thursday 5th April, 2018	3 Way Conference - 2E
<b>O</b>	* Monday 9th April, 2018	Whole School Assembly - 2.30pm P&C Meeting - 5.00pm 3 Way Conference - KS, 2E, 2G, 5-6P
<b>U</b>	* Tuesday 10th April, 2018	3 Way Conference - 1H, 1C, 5-6S, 5-6C, 5-6P
<b>R</b>	* Wednesday 11th April, 2018	3 Way Conference - 3-4G, 5-6S, 5-6C, 5-6P
<b>C</b>	• Thursday 12th, April 2018	3 Way Conference - 5-6P
<b>A</b>	* Friday 13th April, 2018 - Last day of Term 1	
<b>A</b>	* Monday 30th April, 2018 - Students return to school for Term 2	
<b>L</b>	* Friday 11th May, 2018 - Staff Development Day (students do not attend on this day)	

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