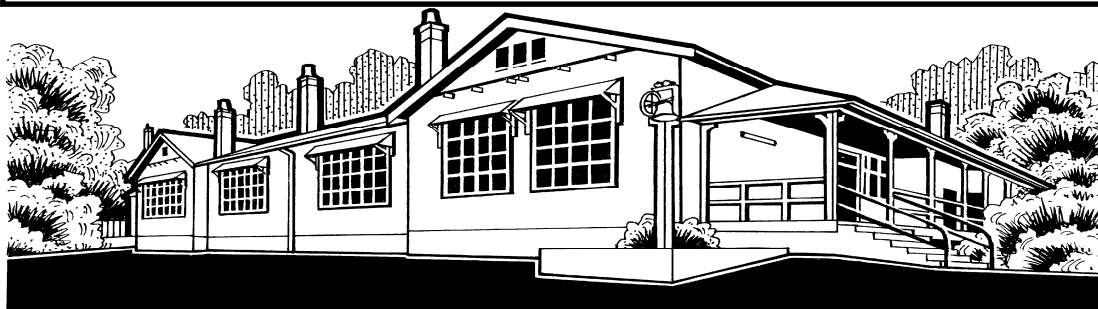


Newsletter—Abermain Public School



Len Boughton
Principal



Term 4 Week 2 - 20 October 2010

Dear Parents

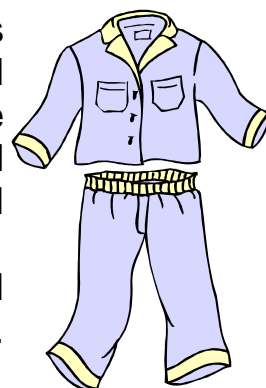
Term 4 Calendar

The school calendar for Term 4 is shown on page 4. Please note that the *last school day for students in 2010 is Wednesday 15th December*. Year 6 students attending Cessnock High School in 2011 will finish here at Abermain on Wednesday 1st December.

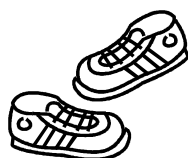
Out of Uniform day

An out of uniform day will be held on Friday 29th October. This day has a pyjamas theme. Students who don't wish to wear pyjamas to school may wear a bandanna (we have CANTEEN bandannas for sale at the school for \$4). A gold coin donation will be collected on the day and proceeds will go to the benefit of David Rushton and his family. David is in hospital with a prolonged illness.

The school is also seeking the donation of any DS games that David could have and we are collecting Hamper donations for the family. These donations can be left at the front office.



Sensible footwear at school



Parents are reminded that shoes for school should be sturdy and be able to protect the feet of students when students are involved in physical activities. There is a tendency for some students to have lightweight footwear with thin soles and this has become a safety issue. We currently have a significant number of cat eye thorns on the playing fields. In considering student safety any student whose footwear is considered by staff to be impractical in respect of foot protection will have to remain under the cola during play times.

New enrolments?

Planning for 2011 is now underway and it is important that we have an accurate figure of new students who will be attending our school. If you know of families starting students at the school next year could you please ask them to contact the school.

Canteen

Unfortunately due to a lack of volunteers the canteen continues to be closed on Thursdays.

Disease Outbreak

There have been two cases of hand, foot and mouth disease in our school playgroup and parents need to be aware of the following:

What is hand, foot and mouth disease?

Hand, foot and mouth disease is generally a mild illness and has nothing to do with the animal disease called foot and mouth disease. It mainly occurs in children under 10 years of age but it can also occur in older children and adults.

How is hand, foot and mouth disease spread?

Hand, foot and mouth disease is usually spread by person-to-person contact. It is also spread by secretions from the mouth or respiratory system, and by direct contact with the fluid in blisters. It usually takes between three and five days after contact with an infected person before blisters appear. As long as there is fluid in the blisters, they remain infectious. The virus can remain in faeces for several weeks. Children with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from school or childcare facilities until their blisters have dried. The illness should be reported to the director of the childcare centre or school principal.

What treatment is available?

Usually no treatment is needed. Paracetamol will relieve fever and discomfort. Do not give children aspirin. If the headache is severe, or if fever persists, consult a doctor.

National Bandanna Day 2010—Friday 29th October

Please support young people who are living with cancer by buying a bandanna or a biro and show them that they are not alone. This symbol of support is incredibly powerful, and it would be great if you could encourage others to wear their bandanna on the day as well.

Buy a bandanna for \$4 or a biro for \$2. (Proceeds to Cancer Council)

All purchases can be made at the front office. Please have the correct money as all money is laced in a sealed box. Thank you for your support, Kerry Hodges.



from Ms Leeson

Ms Leeson wishes to thank all parents, students and staff for their farewell good wishes last term. Mr Power will relieve as Teacher/Librarian for Term 4.

Recent PBL Badge Winners

Nicholas Turkington

Kaitlin Mitchell

Quality Work shared with Principal

Reece Leslie

Jack Driver

Kaitlin Mitchell

Caitlin Roles

Andrew Passfield

Luke Watts

Bannica Martin

Corey Wilson

Charli Henshaw

Kayla Wendt

Ethan Peters

Shay Wilson

Lucas Dent

Claudia Reading

Brittany Hall

Lachlan Burns

Remi Brown

School Swimming Scheme

There are still vacancies for the School Swimming Scheme for students in Years 2 to 6. Cost of the program is \$50 for the 10 day course held at Kurri Aquatic Centre commencing on Monday 29th November. This program is being heavily subsidised by the school (\$30 per student) in the hope that all children who are poor swimmers or non swimmers can participate.

Permission notes are available at the school office.

CAR BOOT SALE

Year 6 Fundraising

SATURDAY

30th October 2010

Book your space at the school office—\$15 per car.

Term 4 Special Days / Events INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Date	Event
Friday 29th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . National Bandanna Day . Out of Uniform Day—Pyjamas or Bandannas.
Saturday 30th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Car Boot Sale
Monday 1st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . MADD Concert at Cessnock HS
Wednesday 3rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Kindergarten Orientation Day
Thursday 4th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Year 6 Transition to Cessnock HS . Student Leader Speeches & Voting
Wednesday 10th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Kindergarten Orientation Day
Tuesday 16th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Announcement of 2011 Student Leaders
Wednesday 17th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Kindergarten Orientation Day
Friday 19th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . House Leader Voting for 2011
Wednesday 24th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Kindergarten Orientation Day
Wednesday 24th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Year 6 Farewell at Abermain Bowling Club
Thursday 25th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Year 6 Fete Day
Monday 29th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 10 day Intensive Swimming commences
Tuesday 30th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Presentation Day
Wednesday 1st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Last day of school for Year 6. . Stage 3 Class Party Day.
Thursday 2nd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Year 7 commences at Cessnock HS
Tuesday 14th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Class Party Day Years K— Year 5
Wednesday 15th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Last day of term for students
Monday 31st January 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Students Year 1 to Year 6 commence
Tuesday 1st February 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Kindergarten students commence

Uniform Shop
Open every Wednesday
morning 9.00 am—9.30 am

