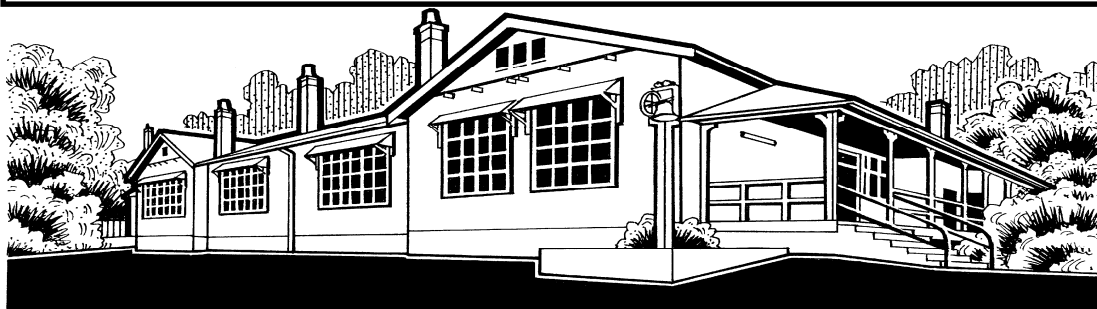


# Newsletter—Abermain Public School



Len Boughton  
Principal



Term 1 Week 4 - 16 February 2010

Dear Parents

## Scooters and Skateboards

Up until this time students riding scooters to school have been allowed to place them in the front storeroom during the day. Due to storage space requirements and OH&S considerations this will no longer be possible. From Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February any scooter will have to be left at the bike racks. It is strongly recommended that they be locked to the rack. Storage of skateboards will not be possible so they should remain at home.

Anyone riding a bike or scooter to school must wear an approved helmet.



## District Choir

Congratulations to the students who have auditioned and been accepted into the Cessnock Schools District choir. It practices on Tuesday afternoons at Cessnock East Public School. First practice is today (16/2/10)

## Nut Allergies

We currently have a student attending our school who has a severe nut allergy. In the interests of their safety it is requested that students do not bring food to school that contains nuts (eg peanut butter or Nutella)

## Missing

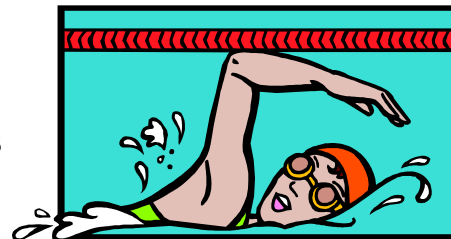
A black bicycle helmet has gone missing from the school. If anyone finds one can they please return it to the office.

## New Web Site

The Abermain Public School website has been redesigned and includes several new features (with more to come). So have a look and check it out regularly for calendar entries and news. The address is: <http://www.abermain-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

## School Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all who competed in our school Swimming Carnival on Friday. Thank you to the parents who helped the carnival to run so smoothly.



The winning House was **Edgeworth**.

<b>Senior Girl Champion</b>	-	<b>Jade Earl</b>
<b>Senior Boy Champion</b>	-	<b>Bradly Gillis</b>
<b>Junior Girl Champion</b>	-	<b>Jaimie Earl</b>
<b>Junior Boy Champion</b>	-	<b>Kyle Gillis</b>

## Athletics

Good luck to the children from Abermain School who are travelling to Tamworth this weekend to compete in the Little Athletics Regional Championships.

We hope you all do your best.

### Recent PBL Badge Winners

Amy Henshaw

Jessica Winter

### Quality Work shared with Principal

The following students have visited the Principal recently to show their work:

Kiara Peachman

Blake Martin

Taj Pearson

Thomas Avery

Lauren Graves

Luke Watts

## Swine Flu Immunisation

NSW Health is encouraging everyone to obtain a free vaccination against this potentially life threatening illness. The Panvax® vaccine is available free from most general practitioners and Aboriginal Medical Services. Some community health centres and council immunisation clinics are also offering the vaccine free of charge. Call ahead to confirm the health service is vaccinating on the day you wish to visit.

Fact sheets are available on the Department's Occupational Health and Safety website at: <https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/adminandmanage/ohands/hsi/index.htm>

## **Student work sample**

Stage 2 and 3 have started using the Reading to Learn strategy as an integrated approach to our literacy morning.

Below is a sample of writing produced by Year 4 and 5 students in 4-5R.

It's very exciting exploring by myself in the chocolate factory gobbling a massive chocolate bar with the scent of chocolate and caramel toffees floating through the air and the fudge volcano erupting like fireworks on New Year's Eve.

I've got an awkward feeling, as if something's not right, as if something's going to happen. I feel rumbling beneath my feet. I've got sweat running across my brow. And my mouth goes dry when suddenly I hear a splash falling from the ceiling. That clumsy worker. He's eyeballing me through the vent. Glaring at me. That freak. But he flees before I can blink.

There's a hole in the ceiling where a tile is loose and the tin is rusted. I look up through the narrow hole into the dark sky. But the janitor has vanished. All I can see is the blackness pouring in like hot, dripping tar.

by 4-5R  
16 February 2010

## **Getting involved at school**

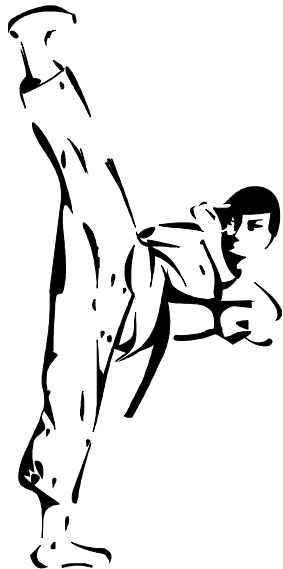
Are you new to the NSW school system? Do you want to know how school will keep you informed and how you can be involved in your child's education.

Watch a video about this in English, Cantonese, Arabic or Dinka at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezone](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezone).

## Community News

# Abermain OOSH

Quality Out of School Hours Approved Child Care  
**Permanent or Casual Bookings**  
Fun Activities—Healthy Snacks Provided  
**To enrol or book your place please contact:**  
**0417437869 or 0405165086**



### **Shim Jan Taekwondo**

**Every Monday and Wednesday**  
**5.30 pm to 6.30 pm**

**At Abermain Public School Hall**

**All welcome**

**Contact—Robert Pearson**  
**4930 8010 for more information.**