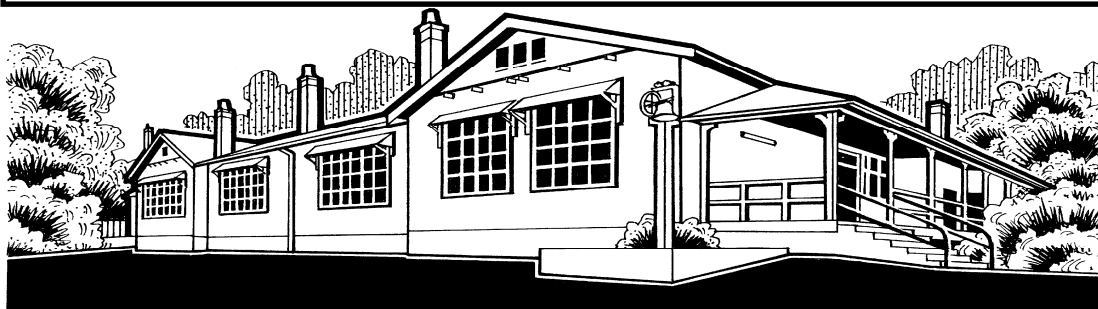


Newsletter—Abermain Public School



Len Boughton
Principal



Term 1 Week 6 - 2 March 2010

Dear Parents

Late to School Issues



The number of students arriving late to school is of concern. Much of the important learning at school is done at the start of the day. Students arriving late are required to collect a late note from the office. If the late note is not signed by a parent further explanation from parents will be sought by the school. Your co-operation with this would be appreciated.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be on Monday 8th March
at 7pm in the school library.

Year 7 Students

On Friday afternoons Year 7 students from Cessnock High finish early. This has resulted in some Year 7 students hanging around Abermain Primary School from 2.30pm on. Most of the students are well mannered however a small group have caused problems through antisocial behaviour. With this in mind parents need to know that the following procedures are in place. No high school student is to enter the school grounds before 3.15pm (this is the same as has been applied over the past two years). ***Any high school student entering the grounds after 3.15pm must be under the supervision of a parent.***

Bus Travel

As of 1st March 2010 Rovers Coaches will only carry students who have a current bus pass (red) or who pay \$1 each way. It will lessen the inconvenience to everyone concerned if parents ensure that students either have the money or a pass.



Recent PBL Badge Winners

Blake Russell

Emily Wilson

Katheryne Wigley

Felicity Hodgins

Quality Work shared with Principal

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

Corey Wilson

Ellie Robinson

Ebony Pearson

Callum Campbell

Joel Lucas

Riley Layer

Rohan Pearson

Skye Bajada

Bayleigh Page

Thomas Smidt

Joshua Kennedy

Jeremy Hancock

DJ Bevear

Haydan Leslie

Thomas Avery

Krystal Dent

Jed Hawthorne

Caitlin Roles

Wayne Harris

Student Safety

Under normal circumstances dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. This is an Occupational Health & Safety issue and parents are asked to leave their dogs at home if the parent is entering the school grounds.



On the Web

Our School Website is the place to go to look out for what is happening. Check out our calendar and keep up to date with you child's school.

School Fun Run (Cross Country)

Abermain School has chosen to participate in a School Fun Run fundraiser this year. We hope to raise enough money to purchase items for the School Hall.

Our school has selected this activity for the children to participate in as it sends a healthy message to the whole school community and we would value your support. Each student will come home with a special sponsor book to collect participation sponsorship money.

***The event will be held on 31st March 2010
(Wednesday of the last week of term).***



SOME THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE FUNDRAISER

- We are encouraging the students to learn about goal setting by having a target amount they wish to aim for (any amount over \$10).
- Students who achieve that goal receive a reward for their effort in the form of a prize they can choose from the appropriate prize level (See inside your sponsor booklet for all prize levels and prize choices).

WHAT DO WE DO WITH YOUR MONEY & SPONSOR BOOK?

- All sponsor books (even if you gained no sponsorship money) and any money raised needs to be returned to your child's class teacher before Monday 29th March 2010.
- Your child's prize will be arriving 3-4 weeks after our whole school order is placed.

Please read your child's sponsorship booklet for more information regarding this event and for hints and tips on how they can safely raise funding for the school.

Thank you for your support, Kerry Hodges.

Cyberbullying Website

The Department of Education and Training hosted a Cyberbullying forum late last year, bringing together national experts on the subject. If you would like to know more about cyberbullying and what can be done about it, or if you'd like to contribute your opinion or experience to the online blog, you'll find it at www.cyberbullyingforum.org

Get Involved

Research shows the more parents are involved in their child's schooling, the better the outcomes for their children. If you have the time to be more involved in your child's school, and would like to know more about how you can make this work – from helping in the school canteen to maths and English homework – the latest issue of *School Parents* ezine contains a great vodcast in several community languages to help you make the first step. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine

Premier's Reading Challenge OPSM bonus

The 2010 Premier's Reading Challenge has kicked off again and to ensure your child's eye health is up to the mark, Challenge partner, OPSM, is running an eye health campaign to donate books to the school library. For every eyesight test booked in at OPSM until April 1, OPSM will donate \$5.00 worth of books to your child's school library. Eyesight tests are covered by Medicare, so there is no cost to you. For more information go to: www.opsm.com.au/prc and for the latest on this year's Premier's Reading Challenge, go to: <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Rugby Union Gala Day

A PSSA gala day is being held on 24th March at Hunter Valley Gardens. A couple of community members have expressed an interest in entering a team from Abermain. The school would require a team of 15 students from Years 3 and 4.

Please contact the school if you are interested.



Community News

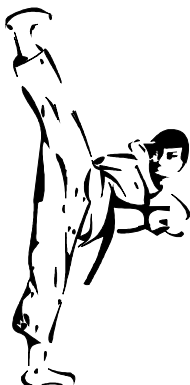
Abermain OOSH

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.