

Newsletter—Abermain Public School



Len Boughton
Principal



Term 1 Week 10 - 29 March 2011

Dear Parents

Working Bee

The whole school was amazed at what the working bee had achieved on Saturday. Although there is more to be done the volunteers have made a significant difference to the appearance of the school. It is great to see so many parents supporting the school and getting involved.

**Next P&C Meeting is Monday 4th April
at 7pm in the school library.**

Easter Activities

End of Term is a busy time at school. There will be a whole program of events at the school next week.

Tuesday 5th April

- **School photos** will be taken in the morning
- **Book Fair** will be open at 8.30 am.
- **Booknic 11.30am – 12.30pm**
- students to invite parents/grandparents/neighbour/friend etc to come to school for a picnic lunch and read a library book together
- Normal canteen lunches available, must be ordered by 9.30am or alternatively bring a picnic
- Drinks and Ice blocks will be available from canteen
- There will be other activities to do as a family to go into a prize draw
- A guessing competition for a coin donation
- Easter chocolate raffle tickets will be available
- Make walk of Fame. Students hand prints with their name and title of favourite book they have read.



Wednesday 6th April

- **Cross country**
- Canteen open as normal. Drinks and Ice Blocks available from canteen

Thursday 7th April

- **Book Fair Open 8.30am** only students with money or adults allowed into library
- **Easter Hat parade at 12.15pm.** Students will make and parade in Easter hat or mask they have made.
- Students can come dressed as their favourite movie or book character. This is optional.
- Chocolate raffle draw
- **Book Fair 4.30pm Celebrity reading**
- Students will do book reviews
- 2 puppet plays
- POP CORN for Sale \$1.00
- Prizes drawn
- Parents can stay have a cuppa & chat while disco is on – **peruse Book Fair – cover library books**
- **P&C Disco 6pm**



The National Young Leaders Day

Our Student Leaders had the opportunity to travel to the Sydney Entertainment Centre on Monday 28th March, to attend The National Young Leaders Day. We had the privilege of listening to some great leaders speak about their roles in the community and the challenges that they encountered in achieving their successes.

The speakers were:

Mike Martin - National Manager of the Halogen Foundation who sponsored the day,

Greg Mullins -Commissioner of Fire and Rescue NSW,

Kurt Fearnley – World Champion Wheelchair Athlete,

Jessica Watson – Young Australian of the Year 2010 & Round the world solo yachtsman

Talia Fowler – 2009 ‘So You Think You Can Dance’ winner and ‘Justice Crew’ performed an item.

Our School Leaders will give a short summary of the day to the student body at our weekly school assembly.

Thank you to Mrs Sharon Musgrave for accompanying us and assisting with supervision. It came in very handy with 7000 other students from all over the state also attending this wonderful event.

PSSA Regional Winter Trials

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the Cessnock Zone PSSA at the Regional Trials to be held at Stevenson Park, Mayfield on Friday 1st April.

Girls Football – Zoe Ford

Boys Football – Kyle Gillis & Sam Welch.

Good luck.

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Canteen Voucher Winners

Week 8	Infants	Jak Woodbury
	Primary	Emily Robson
Week 9	Infants	Sharntel Hughes
	Primary	Samuel Fullerton



Start Back Day

As there is a staff development day at the start of Term 2, school for students will resume on **Thursday 28th April.**

Anzac Day

The school's Anzac Day ceremony will be held after the holidays. Many students from the school will take part in the Abermain Anzac Day March. Students marching for the school are asked to wear their full school uniform.

Official Opening of New Buildings

This will take place on Wednesday 18th May at 10am. All community members are invited.

Stranger Danger

All classes have had a lesson on Stranger Danger this week. The school has taken this action following the reports of a young woman being assaulted in Abermain this week.

Infections from Mosquitoes

The following information is supplied to parents at the request of NSW Health.

Recent heavy rainfall and flooding in NSW has led to high numbers of mosquitoes in some parts of the state. Mosquitoes can transmit a number of viral infections including Ross River virus and Barmah Forest virus and there have been large numbers of these infections reported so far in 2011. More recently, a rarer but more serious mosquito-borne infection called Murray Valley Encephalitis (MVE) has been detected in western NSW. It is likely that the risk period may extend through until Easter. Mosquitoes are most active around dusk and in the first few hours of the evening and again at dawn. Rivers, creeks, wetlands and recently-flooded land allows mosquitoes to breed and so people living near or visiting these areas need to be especially careful to prevent mosquito bites.

Recommended ways to prevent mosquito bites

Cover up when outside and mosquitoes are active (especially around dawn and around dusk). Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting long pants and sleeves and covered footwear.

Use an effective personal insect repellent on all exposed skin. The best mosquito repellents contain Diethyl Toluamide (DEET) or Picaridin.

Re-apply personal insect repellent according to directions as protection wears off. The stronger the concentration of an insect repellent, the less frequently it will need to be applied to stop mosquito bites. Repellents containing low concentrations of DEET or Picaridin provide shorter periods of protection and need to be reapplied more frequently.

Mosquito coils or plug-in vapourising mats are effective when used indoors. Devices that use light to attract and electrocute insects are not effective.

Ensure houses are fitted with flyscreens on the doors and windows to prevent entry of mosquitoes.

When camping, use flyscreens on caravans and tents or sleep under mosquito nets.

Quality Work shared with Principal

Luke Watts	Bailey Rumney	Tiffani Musgrave
Corey Wilson	Andrew Passfield	Brayden Wilson
Ebony Pearson	Mikayle Haynes	Jed Hawthorne
Grace Franklin-Shambler		Hayden Fullerton
Joshua Chapman	Ben Hall	Jade Gilmour
Chris Burley	Rohan Pearson	Amy Henshaw
Madison Corcoran	Travis Haynes	Cherokee Bajada
Dylan Enright	Jack Richards	