

Newsletter—Abermain Public School



Len Boughton
Principal



Term 1 Week 8 - 15 March 2011

Dear Parents

Congratulations

The Mondial Pupilles Tournament is an annual event held in France and attracts some of the best and well known football teams from around the world. The Newcastle team is the second only Australian group to attend this well regarded tournament, which caters specifically to showcase talent in the under 13s age group. 76 teams from 26 countries will participate. Former student **Chad Petersen** is a member of the Newcastle team going to France.

The staff and students at Abermain Public School would like to acknowledge and congratulate Chad. Chad is now in Year 7 at Cessnock High School. He was a Hunter House Leader and a respected member of our school's football team for many years.

Chad competed at school carnivals and was a worthy winner of the 'Jacarna Fenton Encouragement Trophy' in 2010. Chad also represented the school in the Mayoral Challenge and received the Academic Scholarship to Cessnock High. Chad always displayed the attributes of hard work and conscientious attitude to all aspects of his school and sporting activities.

It is with great pleasure that the Abermain School Community support Chad's inclusion in this team. **This Friday—18th March will be an OUT OF UNIFORM DAY. Students are encouraged to wear the colours of their favourite country or football team on the day. Cost to come out of uniform will be a 'gold coin'. Proceeds will help with Chad's expenses.**

This will be a great experience for Chad and we wish him a safe and successful tournament.

Harmony Day

On **Friday 18th March** there will be a short Harmony Day Assembly starting at 9.20 am. Parents are welcome to attend. Harmony Day is an opportunity to focus on what unites Australians, emphasising common values and respect, rather than differences.



Easter Eggs



The School is preparing for its annual Monster Easter Egg raffle. Students are invited to donate eggs. The class who donates the most eggs will receive a special class reward. Raffle tickets will be handed to each family and will be drawn on the day of the Hat Parade and Book Fair. More details soon.

School Photos

Student and class photos will be taken on Tuesday 5th April (last week of this term). A separate note and order envelope for each child will be sent home next week.



PBL LUCKY DRAW

Canteen Voucher Winners

Week 5	Infants	Dustin Barnett
	Primary	Jake Bedford
Week 6	Infants	Dustin Barnett
	Primary	Josephine Stewart
Week 7	Infants	Jed Hawthorne



Safety Issues

Arrival time - It has come to our attention that several students arrive at school very early. Playground supervision does not commence until 8.45 am. Students who arrive early **MUST** stay on the back verandah until the bell goes at 8.45 am.

Parents collecting students at home time -

Parents waiting on their children in the main building are asked to wait on the back verandah. The hallway is too congested when students are leaving each afternoon.

Go Maths Workbooks

Thank you to all parents who have paid for maths workbooks. A reminder for those who have not yet paid, the cost is \$30 per student. Please contact the school office if your family requires assistance to meet this payment.

School Security

1300 880 021

There have been a group of youths in the school grounds over the past two weekends. Police have been asked to drive by the site and deal with anyone found on the grounds. Parents and neighbours of the school are asked to contact the police and School Security if they see anyone on the grounds on weekends.

District Choir

The school continues its support of the Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools District Choir with ten of our students involved in weekly rehearsals and regular performances.

Buildings

Our new buildings will be officially opened on 18th May. At this stage the DET will not be air conditioning the new rooms or library. Flued gas heaters will be installed before winter.

Parking

Some parents are using the no stopping area at the front of the school in the morning. Please be aware that stopping in this area is illegal and subject to fines. Also by reducing visibility it puts students at risk who are crossing the road. We have been advised that the area is being patrolled by parking officers.

School Grounds

The school General Assistant works two days a week at Abermain and has a variety of expectations in his job description. We have a number of classes actively involved in helping with gardens and one group of students is revitalising the school vegetable garden. All these areas of student involvement are an important component of Environmental Education.

School Excursions

We try to provide as stimulating learning as possible and excursions are an important aspect. The school is aware of the need to give parents adequate notice of upcoming excursions and to try to keep costs down.

My School Website

The new version of the website has been released. If you have any questions about the site please contact the school.

Quality Work shared with Principal

Jessica Franklin-Shambler	Ethan Dallas	Amitee Cunningham
Travis Lantry	Joshua Chapman	Grace Bennett
Krystal Dent	Bailey Rumney	Taylah Russell
Chante Finnerty	Emmie Stothard	Ebony Pearson
Hayden Fullerton	Bannica Martin	Jessica Winter
Brayden MacFarlane-Walker		Jade Gilmour
Luke Watts	Coriee Foster	Zac Taylor
Taine Love	Remi Brown	Blake Smurthwaite
Billy Reading	Tyronne Ward	Lachlan Gilbert
Corey Wilson	Delani Leigh	Blake Boughton
Kaitlyn Mitchell	Jordan Watts	Seth Sherlock
Ryan Bennett	Sharkaria Refalo	Tarnaeva Rowland

COMMUNITY NEWS

KURRI KURRI NETBALL REGISTRATIONS

Kurri Kurri Netball will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 26th February from 9.30—11 am. Come along for some Netball Drills and Skills coaching tips for coaches and parents, and register a team or join one.

JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS:

Kookaburras & Fun Net (5—9 years) \$30 Junior Players (10—15 years) \$65

Registrations at the courts:

Tuesdays 8th and 15th March 5-7 pm

Saturdays 12th and 19th March 9.30—11.00am

All new players welcome (birth certificates required). If not in a team we can place you in one.

Competition commences 26th March. Any enquiries contact Deb 0412 053 923.

Abermain Public School PLAYGROUP

Wednesday each week
9.30—11.30 am
Cost \$1 per family

Abermain OOSH

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