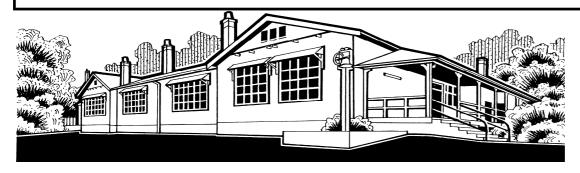
### Newsletter—Abermain Public School





Term 2 Week 2 - 3 May 2011

**Dear Parents** 

#### **Working Bee**

Many thanks to those parents and students who worked on the school gardens on Sunday. A huge amount was achieved and the gardens are looking great. Special mention must go to Jackson Mitchell, Samuel Fullerton and Justin Leggett who impressed the parents with their hard work.

#### Special Activities this week include -

Wednesday	Out of Uniform Day with a gold coin donation to support Mother's Day
Thursday	Mother's Day Stall
Friday	Mother's Day Breakfast commencing at 8.30 am.



#### **National Testing**

Every year, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are assessed on the same days using national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

These tests will take place at Abermain from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May.

The results help determine if students are reaching important educational outcomes. More information: www.nap.edu.au



The next P&C Meeting
will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm
in the school library.

#### **Stewart House Day: Friday 13th May**

This year Stewart House will commemorate 80 years of making a difference in the lives of some 140 000 public school children from across NSW and the ACT. In 2010, over 800 NSW public schools sent 1,700 children to Stewart House to participate in a wide range of rewarding experiences, to be inspired to see beyond their present circumstances and to have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.

To support the role that Stewart House plays in the lives of our public school students, our school leaders will be selling 'Stewie Keyrings' with led light at lunch time on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at a cost of \$2 each. There are 100 to sell, so it will be first in first served. All money raised will be forwarded onto Stewart House.

#### **Premier's Sporting Challenge**

Our school will be taking part this year as a way of encouraging physical activities for our students. The Challenge officially commences on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and continues for over a term. All students have received a log book to complete and a class wall chart to track achievements.

Students are asked to log time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtimes & recess, school sport programs, PSSA team events, Athletics carnival, class time (PE), after school activities, walking / riding to school, team training or weekend physical activity, to name just a few.

Students will be given time during the day to complete / colour their log book. At the conclusion of the program, students can achieve a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Diamond Award depending on the total time spent.

It is hoped that this may encourage further and continued love for physical activities as a way of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

#### World Vision: 'Smiles Day'

"Smiles Day' is fun. It is a great opportunity for students to learn about children living in poverty and get involved in making a difference.

Students will view a DVD about a girl called Lucy, living in Uganda. They will see her village, living conditions and the way she works within the family unit to survive.

During Weeks 4 & 5, each class will be given a money box. Students will be encouraged to deposit spare coins into the money box. On Smiles Day, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, students are asked to bring in a gold coin for the money box which the classes will then use to try and create the 'biggest smile'.

The class that makes the biggest smile will be asked to help the School Leaders decide on what the school will purchase as a gift to send to World Vision. Depending on what the total amount raised is, we can choose from a range of items such as; a goat, a piglet, a donkey, warm blankets, market garden starter pack.

It should be a lot of fun for a very worthwhile cause.

## Quality Work shared with Principal

Jackson Davis Lachlan Gilbert Charli Henshaw Cheyenne Bushell Luke Watts Breanna Bunn Jack Perry Codi Hall Natalie Bevear Ben Innes Ebony Pearson Joshua Kennedy Krystal Dent Jed Hawthorne Travis Lantry Taylah Russell Bailey Rumney Joshua Robertson

#### Upcoming dates for your calendar . . . . .

Friday 13th May Zone Cross Country

Carmichael Park, Bellbird

Wednesday 18th May Official Opening New Library and Classrooms

Friday 27th May Athletics Carnival

# **Community News**

# Abermain 005H

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 Wednesday 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm At Abermain Public School Hall

All welcome

Contact—Robert Pearson 4930 8010 for more information.

<u>Uniform Shop</u>
Open every THURSDAY morning
9.00 am—9.30 am

