

Newsletter—Abermain Public School



Len Boughton
Principal



Term 2 Week 4 - 19 May 2011

Dear Parents

Official Opening of New Building

Special thanks to all the community members who attended the Official Opening Ceremony. The students leaders did a great job running the event and the two student items were thoroughly enjoyed by those attending. I was particularly impressed by the student population who listened so well and sang their National Anthem and School Song with pride. The whole school looked great in their uniforms. Well done everyone.

Athletics Carnival



The program for the Athletics Carnival will be sent home with students next week. The carnival will commence at 9.45 am at Biralee Park, Kurri Kurri on Friday 27th May.

All students attending must return a permission note to their class teacher as soon as possible, as well as money if travelling on the bus so that we can calculate the number of buses to book.

Tomorrow is the last day for returning the catering survey.

Education Tax Refund

The end of the financial year is looming and it's time to get all your eligible school expense receipts together to claim the Education Tax Refund (ETR). The Federal government initiative provides up to 50 per cent back on a range of children's education expenses, such as computers, educational software, textbooks and stationery. For the 2010–11 tax year refunds may be as much as \$397 for every child at primary school, and up to \$794 for every child at secondary school. For more information, and to claim online, go to: www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/

Stewart House Day

On Friday 13 May, Stewart House will commemorate 80 years of making a difference in the lives of many public school children from across NSW and the ACT. Each year

1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House. During their stay, they are given free optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support and education to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school, with all other costs met by donations. Stewart House needs your support to ensure continued services to needy children. For more information: www.stewarhouse.org.au/stewarhouseday.htm

I would like to thank students and parents for the support that they have shown at Abermain for school based fund raising for Stewart House. All dolphins have been sold.

Most years we have two students attend Stewart House in Sydney for one or two weeks.

Primary School Child Restraint Laws

A reminder that the law requires children up to the age of seven years to be placed in approved child restraints when travelling in a motor vehicle. Children under the age of seven are not permitted to travel in the front passenger seat unless all rear seats are occupied by younger children.

For more information and locations of RTA approved restraint fitting stations go to: www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/children/childrestraints/index.html

Free workshop with a child psychologist

Parents are invited to attend a free workshop with child psychologist Dr Louise Porter at Kurri Community Centre on Thursday, June 9 from 7pm to 9pm.

For more information or to RSVP, phone 4937 2110 by May 20.

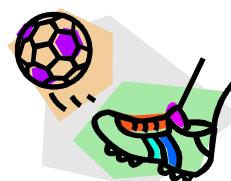
Soccer

On Thursday 5th May, the boys and girls soccer teams travelled to Birralee Park to play Kurri Kurri Public School in the PSSA Knockout Competition. Whilst both teams lost and have been knocked out of the competition, both games were great to watch.

The boys game was very even and was nil-all at full time. The boys then had to play an extra 5 minutes each way. Unfortunately, Kurri scored in the last 2 minutes. An unlucky loss, but a great game.

The girls started out well and tried hard, but Kurri had an extremely strong rep player and we lost 8-2. Caitlin Roles and Zoe Ford were the goal scorers.

A special thank you to all the parents who helped with transport and to Mark Welch for his expert coaching. **Tara Dybell**



Wanted for Craft

Please send to Mrs Parry

- * Plain socks
- * Plain fabric
- * Wool



**Canteen is
closed on
Thursdays**

Mother's Day Stall



This year's Mother's Day Stall was a resounding success. The P&C Association raised a total of \$1078.60 from the stall, the raffle and out of uniform day combined.

P&C President, Leah Stothard would like to thank everyone who made donations to the stall as well as those people who generously gave up their time to help out on the day.

Quality Work shared with Principal

Luke Watts	Beau Wilson	Corey Wilson
Andrew Passfield	Jeremy Hancock	Taj Pearson
Siara Nash	Bannica Martin	Emily Robson
Raphael Maitland	Cheyenne Bushell	Wayne Harris
Mikayla Haynes	Jak Woodbury	Seth Sherlock
Thomas Robertson	Olivia Reading	Jade Gilmour
Jessica Winter	Jackson Smith	

PBL LUCKY DRAW

Canteen Voucher Winners

Term 1 Week 11	Infants	Krystal Dent
	Primary	Lachlan Cain
Term 2 Week 2	Infants	Breanna Bunn
	Primary	Shelby Hancock
Term 2 Week 3	Infants	Thomas Robertson
	Primary	Kirstin Dent
Term 2 Week 4	Infants	Shelby Hancock
	Primary	Taj Pearson

SRC News

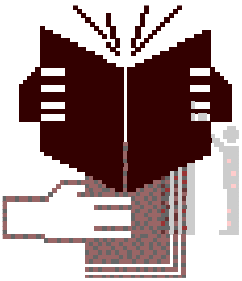
The following students have been chosen to be members of the SRC for Semester 1, 2011.

Caeley Borowiec	Remi Brown	Josh Robertson	Travis Lantry
Taylah Russell	Laura Fogg	Felicity Hodgins	Damon Besoff
Callum Coulson	Nicholas Turkington		Sean Smyth
Seth Sherlock	Leia Leggatt	Shantel Hughes	Mikayla Haynes

All students are to be commended for the responsible way they discuss issues pertinent to the students of our school.

From Mrs Hill in the Library

Firstly I would like to acknowledge and thank my wonderful library monitors from Term 1; **Remi Brown, Holly Davies, Jack Driver, Jaimie Earl, Caylan MacFarlane-Walker, Claudia Reading, Tarnaea Rowland and Zac Taylor.** Moving into the new library was a terrific learning experience for myself and the library monitors.



This term we are going from strength to strength. Remi, Jaimie, Zac and Holly have stayed on as library monitors and are joined by **Hayley Driver, Coriee Foster, Brittany Hall and Justin Leggett.**

After a very successful book fair and raffle we have been able to purchase new books for the library. Thank you to all who supported.

New books in the library this week (or books of the week -

- * Younger readers "PRESS HERE" by Herve Tullet, a fun book about simple instructions.
- * Older readers "CONSPIRACY 365 JANUARY" by Gabrielle Lord. At present 9 children are on a waiting list to read this extremely popular book.

Remember "*Books are a present you can open again and again*"

Upcoming events

We are having a raffle to raise money for a new multifunction printer.



First prize	Blu-ray Player
Second prize	Turbo Oven
Third prize	20 assorted DVD's (M & PG)

Tickets are 50 cents each.

Prizes were donated by Joyce Mayne Rutherford.