

Newsletter—Abermain Public School



Len Boughton
Principal



Term 2 Week 9 - 24 June, 2011

Dear Parents

Thanks Again

Staff and students would like to thank **Mrs Parry** for her efforts in organising our Chess group. We also need to thank our **Stage 3 Gardeners**. With guidance from **Coriee Foster's** mum, **Kellee**, they are preparing a veggie patch for our school—we look forward to enjoying the fruits of their labour.

Our thanks also to those school community members who volunteer their time working on or with our **P&C**. Our P&C meeting was held on Monday night and a few brave people ventured outside to attend. We appreciate and welcome everyone's input. Our next meeting will be held on 8th August. A huge thank you to the organisers of the Pie Drive, this Terms fundraiser—remember items are due here on 29th June.

Education Week

Education Week is to be held from 1st-5th August during Term 3, so keep an eye on the calendar.

PSSA CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Zoe Ford and Kyle Gillis who recently competed successfully at the Regional Cross Country. Both students have qualified now as members of the Hunter Region Team to compete at the PSSA State Championships to be held at Eastern Creek, Sydney on Friday 22nd July. The Abermain School community wishes both students the very best of luck.



Library News

It is an exciting time of the year, school photos and reports coming out, mid year library stocktake and holidays. Last week started with a surprise—Natalie from the Newcastle Herald wanted to come and interview myself, Jaimie Earl and Reece Leslie about their incessant reading of Conspiracy 365. apparently Conspiracy 365 has become so popular at our school it has reached the media! Well done to all students who have started reading this series. Another series that is becoming very popular with a brand new Graeme Base book "The Golden Snail" able to be borrowed.

On a sad note, I have over \$2,000 worth of books from the Library that are overdue. This is an incredibly large amount of books in our students homes. Could you please check and return any library books that your child had borrowed before the holidays.

Mrs Kylie Hill



Chess Competition

The chess season has begun for 2011. Our first games have been played against the Holy Spirit Primary School. It has been very pleasing to see the fine sportsmanship displayed by all our students. Playing in the “Knights” team are: Jeremy Smith, Ben Hall, Zoe Taylor and Hayden Jurd. In the “Rookie” team are: Leia Leggatt, Natalie Rushton, Link Bushell and Tyler Grant. A big thank you to Mrs Hall who helped with transport to Holy Spirit Primary School at Kurri Kurri.

School Photos

Student and Class photos have arrived and are available for collection from the school office.

Smiles Day

Thank you to everyone for their great assistance with our “Smiles Day”, this was to support World Vision. We raised a total of \$453 with Class 5-6C raising the most. Together with our School Leaders, Class 5-6C decided on the gifts we would purchase for World Vision—a donkey, a goat, a teacher, a warm blanket and 2 packets of school materials. These will all be forwarded to a needy village.

“Kids, Strong, Smart & Deadly”-Yarramundi Kids

On Wednesday Mrs Hill and Mrs Gibbs took a group of Stage 1 students to Cessnock Performing Arts Theatre for the Strong, Smart and Deadly puppet show. The show was fun and interactive and used puppets to help children learn how to deal with the pressures and stresses of childhood. The show promoted the importance of education, self-esteem, friendship and supporting each other. All the children had a fantastic time and were complimented on their outstanding behaviour. Children can see more of the Yarramundi Kids on Foxtel on Monday nights.



Lunch Orders

Please ensure that your child’s lunch order is in a bag before being delivered to canteen helpers. There are bags available in the canteen. Volunteers are having difficulty working out who wants what as some orders are on bits of paper and just put in boxes. We will be running a fundraiser next term, selling the reusable lunch order wallets. They are on display in the office and will be available to order next term so feel free to have a look—this could save our volunteers valuable time. Please remember the canteen is closed on Thursdays.

Canteen

On behalf of the school we would like to apologise for any inconvenience some families may have experienced when the Canteen was closed without notice. Unfortunately this closure was unavoidable due to the unavailability of canteen volunteers.

School Gates

School gates will remain locked until 8:45am when teacher supervision in the playground commences. Children arriving before 8:45am will need to use the front gate and remain seated on the back verandah until the bell goes.



Facebook & Cyber Bullying

The inappropriate use of Facebook by primary age students is not recommended. The following information may be helpful.

What is Cyber Bullying?

It can involve sending abusive texts or emails, taking and sharing of unflattering images, posting messages on social networking sites, excluding individuals from on-line, assuming another's identity and representing them in a negative or even attacking another person.

Parents / Caregivers need to remind their young person:

Facebook requires its users to be at least 13 years old before they can create an account.

- Providing false information to create an account is a violation of the Statement of Rights and Responsibilities.

Facebook state they will promptly delete the account of any user under the age of 13 that is reported via this form. There is an area of Facebook that has information for teachers, police and parents and also the links for reporting inappropriate content or misuse.

Reporting Facebook Abuse.

The most efficient way is to report in the same place it occurs e.g. if you receive a harassing message in your inbox, the message can be reported by clicking on the link next to the sender's name on the message. You can also use the 'Report/Block this Person' link that appears at the bottom of an abusive user's profile.

What do I do if someone is attacking me in a public forum?

Block the person by listing his/her name in the 'Blocking People' box at the bottom of the *Privacy Settings* page.

If this does not resolve the problem, report the user by clicking the '*Report/Block this Person*' link that appears at the bottom of the user's profile.

How does Facebook work with the Police?

Facebook works with law enforcement to the extent required by law and where appropriate to ensure the safety of Facebook users.

Do you know what your child is doing?

PBL LUCKY DRAW

Canteen Voucher Winners

Term 2 Week 7	Infants	Hayden Vanderdrift
	Primary	Jed Hawthorne
Term 2 Week 8	Infants	Paige Harris
	Primary	Janayah Lake
Term 2 Week 9	Infants	Kyle Jehu
	Primary	Taylor Russell

Quality Work shared with Principal

Jack Perry	Tanika Stoker	Mikayla Haynes
Ebony Pearson	Zac Taylor	Joe Pryor
Josh Savin	Lauren Graves	Lachlan Cain
Samuel Fullerton	Hayden Fullerton	Jak Woodberry
Darcy Sims Logan	Riley Layer	Joel Lucas
Jade Ryan	Dylan Enright	Travis Haynes
Krystal Dent	Luke Watts	Delani Leigh
Callum Campbell	Paige Harris	Taylah Hartfield
Sharntel Hughes	Mkaylia Rumney	Thomas Robertson
Caiden Fenwick	Sharra Gibson	

Upcoming Events

- 25/6/11 Cessnock Schools Choir Grandfinal — Hunter Valley Gardens
29/6/11 Thompson's Pie Drive Orders can be collected from the school canteen
29/6/11 Year 6 Transition—Cessnock High School
Week 10 Library Raffle drawn

Term 3

- 08/8/11 P&C Meeting
19/7/11 Herald Press Tour - Stage 3
22/8/11 Author Visit—Jan Latta "Captured in the Wild"

COMMUNITY NEWS

CESSNOCK HOCKEY SET FOR ACADEMY OF SPORT & RECREATION

Cessnock Hockey Association will play host to NSW Academy of Sport and Recreation **free** coaching clinic on Tuesday 5th July, 2011– 10am til 1pm. Players of all ages and stages are invited to attend. The day will consist of skills, drills and maybe a short game or two. A free sausage sizzle will conclude the day. Registration for the summer hockey season will also be on this day—10an-1pm then again between 4pm-6pm. The summer competition will start on 15th August.

Soccer Skills Clinic—Valentine Phoenix FC

Head Coach Darrel McAllister is joined by Alex Read who is trialling with A League Club Newcastle Jets. Also Scottish players Chris Hughes and Martin Banks, as well as Valentine Phoenix NBN State League players Nathan McAllister, Peter Falla and Jarrod Horne.

When: 4th to 7th July Time: 9am till 12 noon daily
Ages: U6 to U/16 Cost: \$95

For further information phone: Darrel McAllister-0426 254 300 or email: dmca777@optusnet.com.au or visit the web: www.vesc.com.au

NAIDOC WEEK

Free Children's Activities—Story Telling, Lets Dance, Sand Painting, Dot Paining

When: Tuesday 5th July Ages 4-5ys

Bookings essential—limited to 40. Contact The Samaritans & Information Centre 4993 3400

Learn to play the Didgeridoo with Renowned Teacher Uncle Mick Didge. Open for Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Males. When: 7th July at 10:30am at Cessnock Information & Neighbourhood Centre. All ages welcome. Groups limited to 40 per workshop. Bookings essential at Cessnock Neighbourhood Centre—Phone Denise 4993 3400