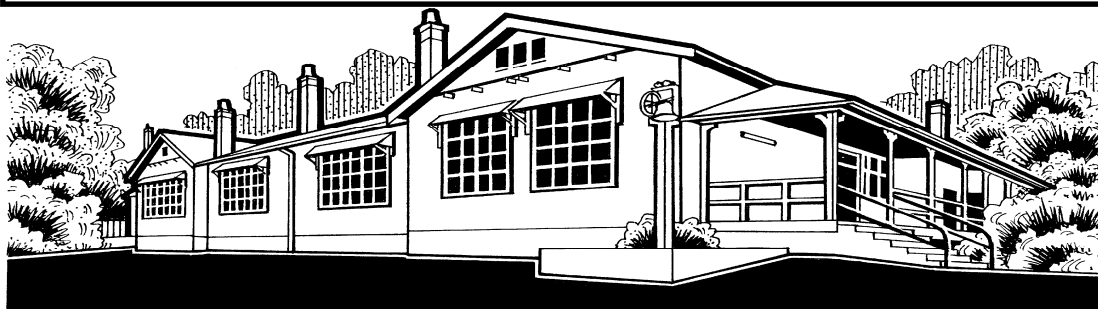


Newsletter—Abermain Public School



Len Boughton
Principal



Term 2 Week 7 - 8 June, 2011

Dear Parents

Many Thanks from Us to You

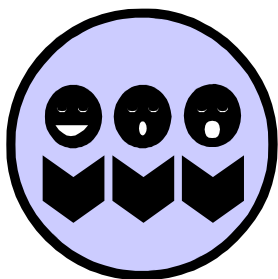
Staff and students would like to thank Mrs Hodges for her organisation of our very successful Athletics Carnival.

Thank you to Miss Craig for organising the “Walking with Dinosaurs” opportunity for students and to Mrs Dybell for supporting Miss Craig on the day.

After-School activities are supervised by teaching staff outside of school hours—so a huge thank you to **all** staff for their time and effort in maintaining this programme for our students. Thanks to Miss Dunn and Mrs Gibbs for the organisation and management of the programme.

To the **gardening team** who made us look so good at our official opening, we thank you for the enormous amount of time, effort and resources you all provided to ensure our grounds looked well maintained and students and staff have gardens and grassed areas to enjoy. A **massive thank** you to **Melissa and Simon Brown** for the wonderful effort co-ordinating the team as well as working alongside **Justin and Katrine Reading** from **Jason Reading Landscaping** who not only provided time and effort but saved the school the cost of hiring machinery and buying resources needed to achieve the wonderful results we are all enjoying daily.

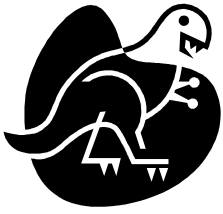
Thank you to the parent helpers in our classrooms and to our canteen team who ensure our students have access to this facility.



Congratulations Choir Members

Congratulations to: *Leia Leggett, Ben Innes, Chante Finnerty, Natalie Rushton, Sarah Slade, Kiara Peachman, Kathyryne Wigley, Monique Fisher.*

They are members of the Cessnock Primary Schools Choir and the choir received the highest score ever given at Hunter Valley Gardens last week. They have progressed to the semi-finals which will take place at Hunter Valley Gardens on Wednesday 15th June—we wish them all the best. Thank you for being wonderful representatives for Abermain Public School. Thank you to their parents and carers who ensure they attend rehearsals and performances.



Walking with Dinosaurs

50 lucky students attended the amazing “Walking with Dinosaurs” Arena Spectacular on Thursday 2nd June, 2011 with Miss Craig and Mrs Dybell. Students were amazed to see 20 life size dinosaurs come to life at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. The show told the story of the existence of dinosaurs and how the Earth changed over millions of years and concluded with a dramatic meteor shower light display. Students were well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Miss Craig

Athletics Carnival

Thank you to all the students, parents and friends who came and supported our annual school Athletics Carnival, held on Friday 27th May. The weather was very kind to us this year. Also a big thank you to the many parents who assisted at events on the day, the Kurri Kurri Athletics Club who provided the sport equipment and the Kurri Kurri Soccer Club who provided some great refreshments all day at the canteen.

There were two new records set on the day—**Zoe Ford** broke the Senior Girls Long Jump record and **Liam King** broke the Senior Boys Discuss record.



Winning House: Edgeworth

Age Champions:

Juveniles: Sharra Gibson, Nicholas Turkington

Juniors: Gemma Passfield, Sean Smyth

Seniors: Zoe Ford, Liam King & Kyle Gillis

Ribbons will be handed out in the coming weeks to students who gained places in the track events (on times) and all the field events. Students who qualify for the PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival in Term 3 (Week 3, Friday 5th August) will receive their permission note early next term.

Regional Cross Country

Zoe Ford and *Kyle Gillis* will represent the Cessnock Zone this Friday at the Regional Cross Country at the Newcastle Jockey Club. We wish them both good luck for their events.

School Photos

Student and Class photos should be available to be collected from the school office from Week 9, Term 2.



Smart Boards

Smartboards are to be installed this week in our new classrooms—students and staff are very excited about the installation of this resource.

Reports and Interviews

Thank you to staff for their efforts in producing student reports ready for parent/teacher interviews. Interviews will take place during Week 9. Please ensure you have returned an interview slip if you require an interview with staff.

Mens Shed Project

This week we were visited by a wonderful group of gentlemen who intend on supporting a building project at the school over the next few months. They will be working with Stage 2 and Stage 3 students as part of a community project being co-ordinated by Mrs Russell. More information to follow.



Library News

As predicted, the Conspiracy 365 books are flying off the shelves. They are in such high demand that we have had to purchase another complete set of this very popular series. I encourage all students from Grades 3-6 to write their name on the reservation list. Currently Reece Leslie and Jaimie Earl have almost completely read the series and can tell you anything you would like to know about Cal Ormond and his journey.

I would like to remind all students that the library is open at lunch time on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays. Students can come into the library to read, play board games, computer games, build lego sculptures, colour in and draw pictures. Next week in the library we are having a competition to see who can draw the best picture of ME. The winner will have their work published in the school magazine.

There are so many new books in the library at the moment that it is hard to pick my favourite, however I am partial to beautiful illustrations. Tick, Tock, Tick, Tock, What's up Croc? By Kim Michelle Toft is a very informative book about crocodiles with captivating silk paintings as a back drop. This book should win best picture book of 2011!

The final book in the series of 39 Clues has arrived and very soon the whole series will be available to borrow. If solving problems, mysteries and finding danger are keys to a good book, then reserve your copy now.

My congratulations to my ever-impressive library monitor **Zac Taylor** for achieving his Silver PAWS award.

Come and visit me and remember "Libraries are not made, they grow" (Augustine Birrell). Thanks, Mrs Hill

Office News

Mrs Jackson is on leave and Mrs Kerrie Morgan is relieving in her position. Students know Mrs Morgan from her work in the office on Fridays.

CAPA Groups

CAPA (Creative and Practical Arts) groups have begun at school. Each Monday afternoon students participate in these groups. Staff move to a different class to work with students on a specific area of CAPA.. Students are exposed to dance, music, drama and visual arts as well as having an opportunity to work with different staff members. Children and staff have commented on how much they are enjoying the experience.



Our First PBL PAWS Contract Badge Awarded

Congratulations to Mikayla Haynes on receiving our first PBL PAWS contract award badge. Mikayla was presented with her badge at last weeks assembly in front of students, staff and parents. Mikayla was the first student to have all the expectations in her contract signed off by herself, her class teacher and another teacher. Well done to Mikayla!!

This week saw another three students receive their badges. Congratulations to Zac Taylor, Isadora Pearson and Taj Pearson on also completing their contracts. Well done to the students on a fabulous effort. Many more students are close to completing their contracts and receiving their badges.

Quality Work shared with Principal

Luke Watts
Blake Smurthwaite
Ellie Mitchell
Tom Reading
Emily Bodley
Bailey Rumney
Tiffany Musgrave
Jordan Watts

Wayne Harris
Lachlan Gilbert
Taylah Russell
Luke Watts
Sharna Appleyard
Krystal Dent
Hannah Alcorn
Samuel Fullerton

Jade Gilmour
Corey Wilson
Briana Hall
Siera Nash
Beau Wilson
Amity Cunningham
Billy Reading
Monique Fisher

PBL LUCKY DRAW

Canteen Voucher Winners

Term 2 Week 5	Infants	Koston Love
	Primary	Zac Taylor
Term 2 Week 6	Infants	Jake Mitchell

Canteen

Could you please ensure that your child's Lunch Order has their name, class and order clearly written on a lunch bag with their lunch order money enclosed.

Upcoming Events

The next P&C Meeting is being held on Tuesday, 14th June at 7pm—all welcome.

Thompson's Pie Drive Fundraiser—orders and money need to be returned to the school by Monday, 20th June. Orders can be collected from the school canteen on Wednesday, 29th June, 2011

Library Raffle — drawn last week of Term 2