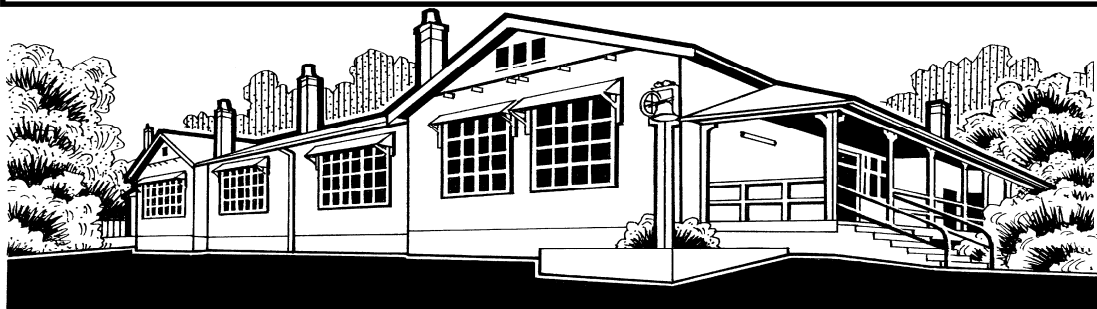


# **Newsletter—Abermain Public School**



Len Boughton  
Principal



**TERM 3, WEEK 5 – 16th August, 2011**

## **Uniform**

There are concerns over some of the shoes that some students are wearing to school. Shoes worn to school should be a jogger or leather school shoe suitable for wearing in the variety of activities that can take place at school ( eg playtime, P.E. and sport). From this point of view slip on flat soled shoes are not considered suitable.

## **Enrolments for 2012**

The school is currently seeking enrolments for 2012. If you know of any new students for our school in 2012, kinder or any other grade, could you please notify the school.

## **Photovoice**

Congratulations to Janayah Lake who is participating in a Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools project called Photovoice. At the end of the work a photographic story from Abermain Public will be produced and become part of the Cessnock Library resources. Janayah has been a great representative of our school during this ongoing project.

## **New Flagpole**

An extra flagpole was installed at the school lastweek. This means that the school can now fly the Australian Flag and the Aboriginal Flag when school is in operation.

## **Books for parents**

The school now has a book selection for parents in the foyer. Any parent wishing to borrow a book may do so through the office. The selection of books covers an interesting variety of topics relevant to parenting.

## **Regional Athletics**

Congratulations to **Zoe Ford, Kyle Gillis, Liam King, Sean Smyth & Gemma Passfield** who have all qualified to compete in individual events at the Hunter Regional PSSA Athletics Championships.



Our Junior Boys Relay made up of **Sean Smyth, Wayne Harris, Bailey VanLaarhoven & Joseph Pryor** will also compete at the championships at Glendale on 2nd September.

**Good luck to all competitors.**

## Coles Vouchers

Keep collecting and sending them to school. After only one week our school total was 1900 vouchers.

Great work Abermain! Keep them coming in. Our collection box is in the foyer.



## Oakvale Farm

Students in K-1P & K-1S will travel to Oakvale Farm at Salt Ash for an excursion on Tuesday 6th September. Parents are welcome to attend. Cost for students is \$20, parents \$25.



Please return permission notes as soon as possible.

## Library Report

What a great couple of weeks we have had. Book Week starts on Monday 22nd August with Jan Latta coming in to talk about her enchanting stories "Captured in the Wild". We have a few seats left at \$3 per student. Also Jan Latte will be selling her books on the day. Students can purchase them at the talk. Books cost \$10 each and will be personally signed. Jan is also holding a competition for the best wild animal drawing and will be giving away free books to the best drawings from each grade.



**A Book Week parade will be held on Wednesday 24th August.** All children are going to dress as their favourite character from their favourite book. All participants will go into a prize draw for each class.

All family members are encouraged to attend the parade which will commence at 1.15 pm.

### ***Do you want to borrow from the library?***

If you hear your children talking about the books they are reading in class and you wish you could read them, or you would like to find some information on those hard to tackle questions your kids ask then please fill in the form on the last page of this newsletter for your very own Abermain School Library card. Our office foyer has a display of books for parents and community members to borrow.

## Quality Work shared with Principal

Paige Harris	Chelsea Wilson	Kylie McKellar-Waye
Joshua Robertson	Jack Perry	Sharntel Hughes
Jordan Bajada	Corey Wilson	Codi Hall
Joshua Chapman	Janayah Lake	Emily Robson
Emmie Stothard	Ebony Pearson	Mikayla Haynes

### PBL LUCKY DRAW Canteen Voucher Winners

Term 3 Week 5

Infants  
Primary

Ellie Mitchell  
Zac Humphreys

## School life covered from A to Z

Practical help for parents and carers to assist their child's learning and development is now available as part School A to Z – a new online school community.

School A to Z, developed by the NSW Department of Education and Communities, includes a website ([www.schoolatoz.com.au](http://www.schoolatoz.com.au)), free mobile apps and social networking through Facebook and Twitter.

The site is a go-to resource for parents looking for homework/study support and resources for their children, and includes hundreds of plain English definitions on classroom terminology, printable help sheets, 'how to' videos and advice from teachers and other experts.

School A to Z also includes:

- Helpful advice and information to support children's wellbeing, emotional and physical development, including healthy lunch box recipes.
- Resource and tips that encourage and promote safe and appropriate use of technology.
- Opportunities for parents and the community to contribute content, share ideas and join in discussions, including the School A to Z Facebook and Twitter channels.
- A translation aid for users from non-English speaking backgrounds.

The free mobile apps, developed for smartphones and iPad, will enable even the busiest of parents to have access to these resources.

Check out the School A to Z website ([www.schoolatoz.com.au](http://www.schoolatoz.com.au)), Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/schoolatoz](http://www.facebook.com/schoolatoz)) and Twitter account ([www.twitter.com/schoolatoz](http://www.twitter.com/schoolatoz))

## Children's Book Week

Now in its 65<sup>th</sup> year, Children's Book Week from 20-26 August celebrates Australian authors and illustrators with activities at libraries and schools around Australia. This year's theme is: One World, Many Stories. The benefits of reading to children from a young age are indisputable. If you'd like some inspiration, check out the Children's Book Council of Australia website which has some great reading and website resources for parents: <http://cbca.org.au/parents.htm>.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Abermain OOSH

The OOSH at Abermain Public is operating as usual but with a new committee. Just a reminder that vacation care will be offered in the coming holidays. If you require more information please contact Kathy Meredith on 49304780 or 0417437869

## **Kurri Kurri Little Athletics—2011/2012 Registration**

Registration for the 2011/2012 season at Kurri Kurri Little Athletics Centre will be held on:

Saturday 13th August	9am-noon at Kurri Kurri Farmers Markets
Tuesday 16th August	5:30-7pm at McDonalds Restaurant Kurri Kurri
Friday 19th August	5:30-7pm at Birrale Park, Heddon St, Kurri Kurri
Friday 27th August	5:30-7pm at Birrale Park, Heddon St, Kurri Kurri

Must be 3 years to 16 years as at midnight on 30/9/2011. New Registrations must show proof of date of birth. PH: 4937 1621 or 4938 0472

[www.kurrikurrielittleathletics.com.au](http://www.kurrikurrielittleathletics.com.au)

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## **Abermain School Library Card**

I \_\_\_\_\_ would like to borrow books from time to time  
**Please print full name**

from the Abermain Public School Library.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_