

Newsletter—Abermain Public School



Len Boughton
Principal



TERM 1, WEEK 3 – 15th February 2012

Principal's Report

Our school enrolment is currently 212 and we have formed 9 classes for the 2012 school year.

Parents at School

Parents are always welcome at Abermain Public School and your involvement in your children's education is vital. Bearing that in mind the following request is made: If you are within the school grounds waiting for your children at the end of the school day would you please wait under the COLA and not on the main building steps or outside classrooms. Parents sitting on the steps has become an occupation health and safety issue and parents outside classrooms is distracting for students who are working.

Educational Tax Refunds

The Government has changed the Education Tax Refund so that people can claim their children's school uniforms and other items as part of their 2012 tax return. For more information please go to www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au. There will also be a pamphlet distributed in one of our upcoming newsletters.

Planning Room Changes

The school has made changes to how the Planning Room operates and the terms that are used. Students can be referred to the Planning Room by teachers on playground duty so that the students can discuss with the Planning room teacher whatever an issue has caused a problem in the playground. It is quite possible that the issue can be resolved without a letter being sent home to parents. However if the problem is significant enough the teacher will send home a letter with the heading Formal Behaviour Notification. Hopefully students will see the Planning Room as a positive opportunity to sort out problems. It is perhaps worth noting at this point that in 2011 79% of all students at Abermain were not written into the playground folder for the whole year.

PBL Badges

Students are already working towards attaining their PAWS badges for 2012. Badges earned in 2011 can be worn this year as well.



Safety around Schools

Cessnock City Council has put out a pamphlet detailing parking offences around school zones and possible fines and demerit points. This has been sent to all households.

At Abermain we take safety very seriously. I would like to make the following points about our school. If you are parking on the Melbourne Street side of the school please be vigilant as many students walk out where cars are parked. Reverse angle parking is the preferred method of parking near the school exit on Melbourne Street. Have your children enter and leave the car by the curb side door.

Please do not park in the park behind the school as this again is a place where several students will be walking on their way home. The following are the types of behaviours that can put students seriously at risk:

- Calling children across the road
- Dropping children on the wrong side of the road
- Leaving children in a vehicle without adult supervision
- Double parking
- Parking in a bus zone or driveway
- Making an illegal U-Turn.

Teacher Training

There are occasions in every class where the teacher is released from class to attend training. Why is this important? An in depth and interesting look at this topic was on 4 Corners last week titled "Revolution in the Classroom".. For those who didn't see it you can watch it on IVIEW via the internet (<http://www.abc.net.au/iview/>). Well worth watching.

School Cross Country / Fun Run

Classes K-6 will be involved in the annual cross country on Tuesday 3rd April. This event will take place in the school grounds, starting at 10.00 am and finishing by 12 noon.



This year is a Fund Raising year and students will be given a Sponsorship Form to gather sponsors. Each student who raises \$10 or more will be able to select a prize.

More information over the next few weeks.

Quality Work shared with Principal

Dustin Barnett Riley Way Nicholas Turkington
Blake Smurthwaite Daniel Southeron Jade Perry
Lachlan Netterfield Joshua Humphreys

PBL LUCKY DRAW

Canteen Voucher Winners

Term 1	Week 3	Infants	Georgia Betts
		Primary	Jade Gilmour
	Week 4	Infants	Shanaya Burrell
		Primary	Emily Gellwiler

2012 Swimming Carnival Results

Winning House	Edgeworth
Junior girls champion	Tiffani Musgrave
Senior Girls Champion	Jaimie Earl
Junior boys champion	Joel Lucas
Senior boys champion	Jack Driver

The following students will compete at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday 24th February.

Joel Lucas	Tom Reading	Jack Driver	Tiffani Musgrave
Hayley Driver	Jaimie Earl	Briana Hall	Jade Gilmour
Gemma Passfield	Delani Leigh	Chante Finnerty	Amy Henshaw
Claudia Reading			

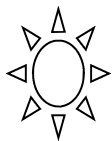
Facebook at School

Parents are reminded that Facebook is for use of people 13 years and older. Please note that at school the facebook site is blocked (ie not accessible) for all student users.

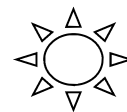
**School Funding -
Important information for all families**



Priority School Funding Program

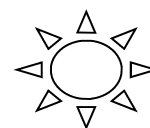
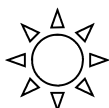


On the 5th, 6th and 7th March **ALL** families will need to complete a short survey.



These surveys will determine our ability to access additional funds for our school.

For each family that completes a survey tickets will be given as entries into a draw for some wonderful **PRIZES**.



Watch out for further information !

The Annual General Meeting of the **Abermain PS P&C Association** was held last Monday evening.

Newly elected office bearers are:

President	Deb Davis
Vice Presidents	Kathy Meredith Cheryl-ann Leggatt
Treasurer	Melissa Brown
Secretary	Lyn Mitchell
Fundraising Co-ordinator	Deanne Lake
Canteen Supervisor	Kellee Dederer
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator	Melissa Brown

Huge thank you to Bunnings Cessnock

Bunnings has kindly donated to the School a 4 burner barbecue, barbecue cover and tools. Please support our local businesses as they support our school.

Thank you to Kathy Meredith for organising this wonderful donation.