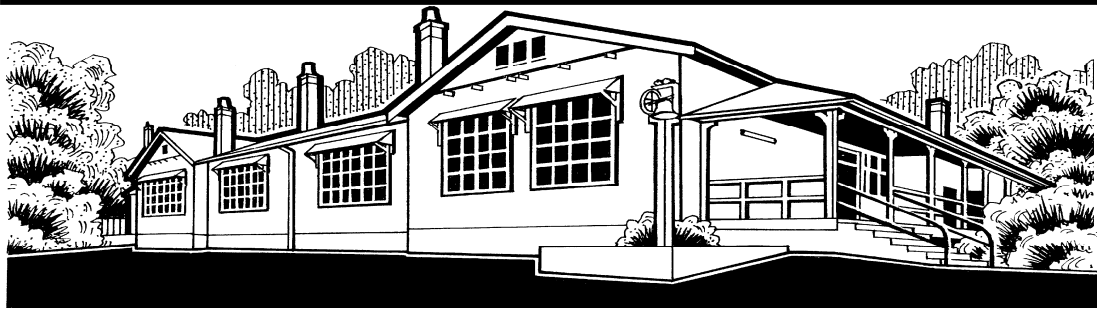


Newsletter—Abermain Public School



Len Boughton
Principal



TERM 1, WEEK 6 – 1st March 2012

Thank You

I would like to express my thanks to the many well wishes from parents following my recent bike accident which kept me away from school for two weeks. At assembly this week I spoke from personal experience about the real importance of wearing a properly adjusted helmet when riding a bike.

Parent Helpers at School

It is great to see so many parents being actively involved in the school. As I move around the school there are parents working in classrooms, helping out in the canteen, manning the uniform shop and helping with our gardens. Special thanks to Pat Humphreys for her help with the gardening group. Anyone wanting to help with gardens please contact Melissa Brown or the school office.

Clayton Barr's Visit

Our local State Member of Parliament, Mr Clayton Barr, paid his second visit to our school this week. Clayton is very interested in what schools need to continue to provide the best education possible. He spent over an hour at the school talking to the Principal and parents.



Priority School Funding Program Surveys

Next week a survey will be issued to **ALL** families. We need 100% return rate please. To help with this process both Deb Bower and Kerry Hodges along with members of the P&C will be available in the Library on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 pm till 4.00 pm. A number of families have returned the green slip asking that the survey be sent home on Monday to be returned on Tuesday. It is a simple survey without names. On actual return, the envelope is sealed by you. We will issue tickets in our wonderful prize draw to all who return the survey.

This survey will determine if we are eligible for further funding for our school.

Thank you for your support, Deb Bower & Kerry Hodges.

Support Teaching Team

We are lucky enough to have several teachers working within our school in the classroom support roles. Mrs Bower and Mr Power support maths groups and reading groups throughout the school. Mrs Bower is also our Learning Support Co-ordinator, while Mr Power has taken on RFF roles as well. Miss Onslow is part of our team providing RFF support to teachers. Alongside these teachers, our School Learning Support Officers Miss Crossley, Mrs King, Mrs Heaver and Mr Warby also provide valuable support for our students and teaching staff.

Notes on the Internet

If you've missed a note or it has gone through the wash you can get a replacement off the school website. All notes sent home are now uploaded under the Notes section of our website. Go to

<http://www.abermain-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Kids Health website

The Children's Hospital at Westmead's Kids Health website contains a wide range of fact sheets covering many different children's health topics, all written in easy to understand language for parents and children. The aim of the Kids Health unit is to keep kids healthy, safe and out of hospital. The unit also has a bookshop and lending library located on level 2 of the hospital. Enquiries call 9845 3585 (9am-4pm Mon to Fri). <http://kidshealth.chw.edu.au/>

Maths Workbooks

Maths Groups are working hard each morning across the school from 9.15 am to 10.15 am. Thank you to the many families who have paid for their children's maths workbooks. Cost of workbooks is \$30 for students in Year 1 to Year 6. This amount can be paid in instalments and your child will be issued with a workbook when the first instalment has been paid.

2012 National Year of Reading

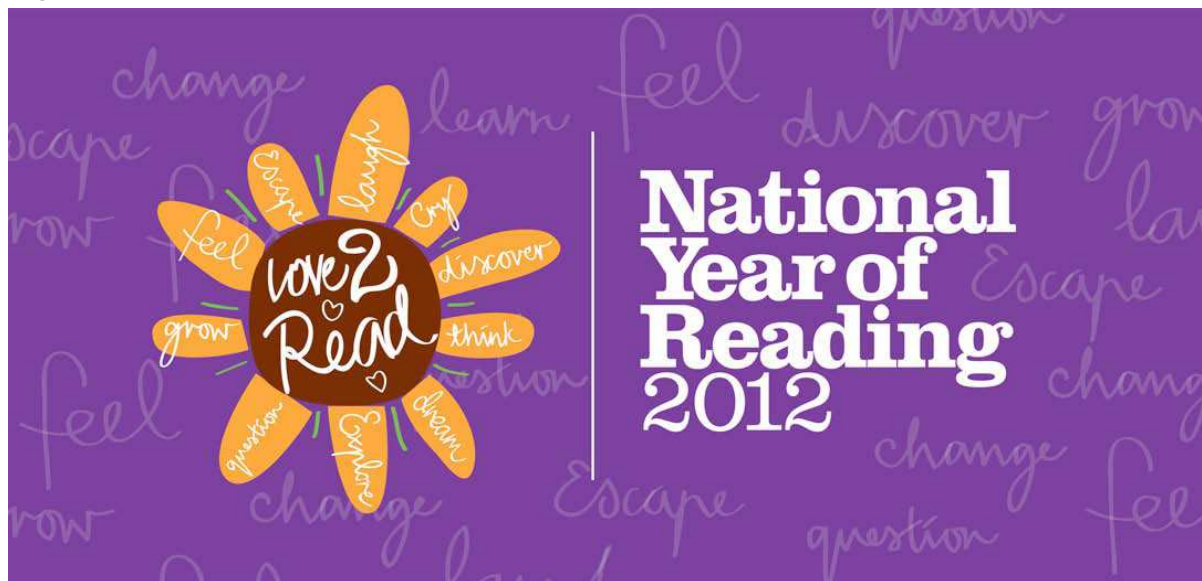
Almost half of all Australians struggle to achieve the literacy level required to read this newsletter.

This worrying statistic is among the issues to be addressed during the 2012 National Year of Reading, which was officially launched this month.

National project team leader Sue McKerracher said the fact so many Australians fell short of this benchmark was a problem of global significance. "Forty-six per cent of Australians don't reach the internationally agreed proficiency level required to read a newspaper or instructions on a medicine bottle," she said.

The Year of Reading program will encourage children to learn to read and help

others rekindle their passion for the written word. Ms McKerracher said public libraries, as well as government and community groups had grand plans for the year ahead. Watch out for ways you and Abermain Public School can work together so everyone can be a competent reader and enjoy reading.



Visit the website <http://www.love2read.org.au/> for more information.

Coming Up:

19th March	Easter Egg collection starts for our Easter Raffle
29th March	Harmony Day free performance featuring <i>The Phillipine Dancers</i> .

Quality Work shared with Principal

Andrew Passfield
Kirstin Dent
Amy Henshaw

Jordan Bajada
Bailey Rumney
Luke Watts

John Barry
Rohan Pearson

PBL LUCKY DRAW

Canteen Voucher Winners

Term 1 Week 5	Infants	Zac Campton
	Primary	Jade Gilmour
Week 6	Infants	Mkaylia Rumney
	Primary	Kaitlin Mitchell

Attendance Requirements—Advice of Student Absence

- Parents are reminded that every absence from school requires a phone call or explanation note. Absence for sickness over 3 days requires a medical certificate.
- For holidays taken out of scheduled school holidays, an exemption form from the office needs to be filled out prior to going on holidays.
- School staff will contact parents if a child is away for 2 consecutive days without explanation.
- Parents will be required to attend an interview for poor attendance and/or consistent lateness.

Change of Student Details -

To maintain our student and family records, please advise the school of any changes to telephone numbers, address, emergency contacts etc.

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

PRINT NAME: _____ Signature: _____ / ____ / ____