

# ***Newsletter—Abermain Public School***



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Principal



## **TERM 2, WEEK 9 – 20th June 2012**

### **Attendance in School**

#### **It's time to celebrate going to school!**

It is very important for every child over the age of six to attend school. However, sometimes parents and students do not understand how important attending school is to a child's learning and development. Children who attend school regularly are usually better able to cope with their schoolwork than children who are frequently absent. Regular attendance also makes it easier for children to develop friendships and self-confidence.

**Regular school attendance is essential for continuity of learning. Missing school creates gaps in students education. Please ensure that your child receives the best education by having them at school every day on time.**

### **NAP Seeding Grant Application**

An application for a \$15,000 grant has been submitted to the National Australia Bank. This seeding grant is aimed at roof insulation, stage lighting and sound system—all for the hall.

### **Assemblies**

Weekly Tuesday Assemblies will be run on a shorter format until the flooring in the hall is completed.

### **PAWS Badges**

Our PAWS (Positive Achievement With Success) badges are now in their second year and many students have achieved their badge or are close to getting signed off for it. One interesting point is that Stage 3 students are achieving their badges much earlier in the year when compared to 2011.



## **Staff Development Day—Term 3**

Monday 16th July is a Staff Development day. Staff will be receiving training on the new anti-bullying component of PBL, the use of video conferencing and the connected classroom, as well as looking in depth at the changes that the new policies of Every Student, Every School and Local Schools, Local Decisions will bring. **School resumes for students on Tuesday 17th July.**

## **Interactive Whiteboards**

Thank you to the P&C for the \$3,800 donation towards an Interactive Whiteboard. KP will have their Interactive Whiteboard installed by the start of Term 3. That leaves two classes to get one and we would hope to have them both done at the same time later in the year.

## **Vacation Care**

Vacation Care is again being offered at Abermain Public School. An interesting program has been organised. This will be sent home with students later this week. For more information contact Kathy Meredith.

### **CONGRATULATIONS !**

#### **Quality Work shared with Principal**

Hayden Nickerson	Lara Wilson	Dustin Barnett
Ethan Peters	Jordan Watts	Damon Besoff
Emily Gellwiler	Adam Gilbert	Will Stothard
Shara Gibson	Wayne Harris	Joshua Humphries
Aron Janek	Nakeisha Innes	Emily Sykes
Libbia Lorrie	Tyarah Follan	Justin Hasler
Jayda Gillis	Megan Coulson	Riley Fernance
Kirstin Dent	Blake Smurthwaite	Shay Wilson
Lachlan Gilbert	Koston Love	Jak Woodward
Zackary Hughes	Tyrone Ward	Brodie Moncrieff
Billy Reading	Roman Wilson	Lucas Whyburn
Byron Whyburn	Emma Davies	Kataya Montebello

## PBL LUCKY DRAW WINNERS



Term 2	Week 7	Infants -	Sharntel Hughes
		Primary -	Grace Frankland-Shambler
	Week 8	Infants -	Sam Gellwiler
		Primary -	Taylah Russell
	Week 9	Infants -	Jade Perry
		Primary -	Emmie Stothard

## NAIDOC Celebrations

Aboriginal students and their families are invited to attend Cessnock High School's NAIDOC Celebrations on Friday 27th July, 2012. The schedule for the celebrations is as follows:

- 9:30am-11am Smoking Ceremony, Market Stalls, Traditional Face Painting
- 11am-11:50am Formal NAIDOC Week Assembly followed by a BBQ
- 1pm—2pm Indoor Soccer match

## School Photos

Group photos (**Year 6 FUN, School Leaders and Sport House Leaders**) may be ordered at the school office. **Cost \$14 each.**

## Be fire safe this winter

Winter's chill has arrived and with it our scramble for heaters, electric blankets and open fires. Entertaining is now year round thanks to portable outdoor gas heaters. But will all these conveniences come fire dangers. Statistics reveal that almost half of all home fires are started in the kitchen and 43% of all fire fatalities occur in winter. NSW Fire and Rescue reminds us to do a fire safety audit of our homes this winter, check smoke detectors are working and ensure appliances such as clothes dryers and dishwashers are running efficiently and safely. For more household fact Sheets and useful videos on how to protect your home and family from fire go to [www.fire.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/)



# Abermain OOSH

Abermain OOSH offers After School Care every day Monday to Friday in the grounds of Abermain Public School.

The OOSH is open from 3.15 to 6.00 pm.

We accept both permanent and casual enrolments.

The children are served a healthy afternoon tea and are offered a variety of activities.

For bookings or additional information please contact Kathy on **0417 437 869**.

## **Coalfields NeighbourCare**

Coalfields NeighbourCare is a local community service providing a range of support services to the frail aged and disabled in the Cessnock area and are currently in need of volunteers to assist those in need with a range of services such as Meals on Wheels, Transport, Shopping Assistance. If you are interested please call Wendy or Lorraine on 4930 4706