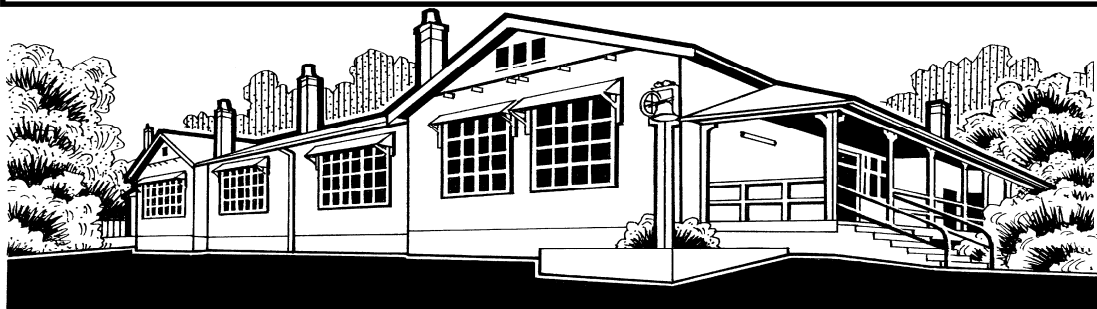


Newsletter—Abermain Public School



Len Boughton
Principal



TERM 3, WEEK 5 – 15th August 2012

Enrolment for 2013

The school is currently taking names of new students who will be attending Abermain Public School in 2013. If you know of anyone in our area who will have children starting Kinder in 2013 could you please ask them to contact the school for enrolment information. Orientation program will be conducted during November.

Mayoral Academic Challenge

Abermain were well represented at the annual Mayoral Academic Challenge held in Cessnock. Our team of Zac Taylor (captain), Jeremy Noone and Sam Welch performed very well and only went down by one question in their heat. The boys were great ambassadors for their school and the support from all of Stage 3 that attended the contest was great.

Year 5 Leadership Opportunities for 2013

Just a reminder that Year 5 students need to work towards completing their PAWS contracts by the end of term to be eligible for staff nomination to participate in the 2013 leadership process.

School Uniform

Congratulations to most students in maintaining a high level of school uniform compliance. One small reminder though is that the only earrings permitted at school (for safety reasons) are studs or sleepers.

The Ned Show

The school recently hosted the Ned Show (Never Give Up, Encourage others, Do your best). Students received the positive self esteem messages with enthusiasm and were amazed at the yo-yo tricks which were part of the show. Since then we have had a yo-yo space for one week on the grass in front of the library at recess. This has been such a success that we have extended the yo-yo use at school for another week. Thank you to all students who have purchased yo-yo's as money from sales goes towards the next school seeing this show free as we did.



Stanger Danger

There have been some disturbing reports around the local area regarding the safety of students outside school hours. I request that all parents have a Stanger Danger talk with their children. Teachers are being asked to reinforce Stanger Danger as part of their lessons this week.

Bicycles

It is great to have students riding to school. It is law that an approved bicycle helmet be worn when riding a bike and I know from personal experience how a helmet can help in reducing head injury in an accident. Any student who rides to school without a helmet may find that their bike is locked up at school until collected by a parent.

Athletics

Congratulations to **Gemma Passfield, Sean Smyth** and **Noah Page** who have all qualified from the Zone Athletics Carnival to compete at the Regional Athletics at Glendale on Friday 31st August. Good luck to you all. Well done to all other students from our school who competed on the day.



Hair Cuts at School

Under a new P&C initiative professional haircuts are being offered at the school site on Wednesday afternoon from 2.30 pm. Price for a student haircut is \$12. Adult cuts are also available. For more information or to make a booking phone Cheree Finnerty on 0421992192.

CONGRATULATIONS !

Quality Work shared with Principal

Scott Barry	Jayda Gillis	Miah Snedden-Clark
Darrian Burley	Samantha Appleyard	Cameron Phillips
Lara Robertson	Shanaya Burrell	Shaylie Colless
Alyssa Soper	Shaun Peachman	Samual Gellwiler
Wyatt Barry	Ebony Flannery	Jessica Frankland-Shambler
Megan Coulson	Isaac Lake	Luke Robson
Jayden Green	Justin Hasler	Jeremy Hancock
Nekisha Innes	Joshua Humphreys	Jackson Mitchell
Kharli Dent	Jordan Watts	Matthew Brown
Ethan Peters	Billy Reading	Dustin Barnett
Emily Gellwiler	Amitee Cunningham	Amity Rockley
Shakira O'Keefe	Janayah Lake	Emily Bodley

Improved Drainage

Work on improving the drainage of the fields playing area is well under way and hopefully students will have full use of the playing area within the next couple of weeks.

Parking Reminder

Please be aware of parking signage around the school. Angle parking is only permitted in those areas with the appropriate signs.

Student Work Sample

When a famine is coming,
people are unaware,
for the pain that will happen,
which will lead to despair.
Your family dying around you,
just you standing alone,
Life is hard,
to death you moan.

There is no food,
there is no water.
You will hate this horrible torture.
You have a chance
to stop this happening.
Donate now
to make people happy.

By Hayden Schwager

School Leader Breakfast

On Tuesday 14th August two school leaders attended a leader breakfast at the Cessnock Performing Arts Centre with the Mayor. When we got there we had a delicious breakfast. After that we went into the stage area and listened to the Mayor speak to all the students and principals. She introduced a former Olympian. Nadine Neuman came to talk about her life and how she moved forward and how she lived her dream. **By Brittany & Link**

Date to remember— Friday 24th August

Book Fair Open from 9 am– 2.30 pm

Picnic Lunch from 11 am—12 noon

Tabloid Sports from 12 noon.

Sound Advice on Sleep

Did you know it's recommended that school-aged children get 10-11 hours sleep each night? For tips on how to make sure your child gets a good night's sleep go to: http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/school_age_sleep_nutshell.html

Maths Monkey's Quest

The award-winning parent resource School A to Z has released a new maths game app. Maths Monkey's Quest is a fun and interactive game designed to help sharpen your child's maths skills. The game—suitable for students in Years 3-8—features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. Go to: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

Join Your Local Sporting Club

A new Australia-wide campaign has been launched to encourage people to join their local sporting club. Play for life ... join a sporting club urges all of us to get physically active and enjoy the benefits of good health. To find a sporting club in your local area go to: <http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/gatewaytosport/>

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is held in the school each Wednesday morning from 9.30 am till 11.30 am.

Cost \$1 per child.
All welcome.