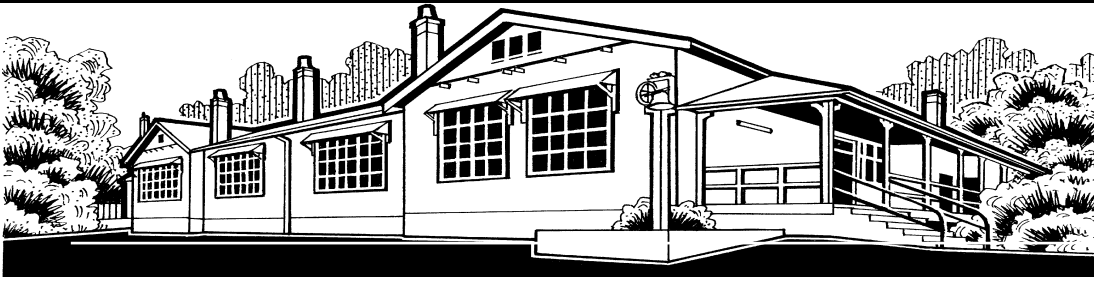


Newsletter—Abermain Public School



Len Boughton
Principal



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Congratulations

- To **Noah Page** who has gained selection in the PSSA Cessnock Zone Rugby League team to trial at the Regional Trials on the 22nd March at Raymond Terrace. Good luck Noah.
- To **Joel Lucas** who has qualified in two events to compete at the Regional Swimming at Maitland Pool next Thursday, 7th March.

Ground Improvements

The asphalt on the western side of the school has been dug up and will be replaced over the next three weeks with concrete. This will be then a fantastic even surface where we can have several extra handball courts for the students. As principal I am very pleased to see this being done because the old broken asphalt had been a problem at the school for several years.

Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL)

All students have been issued with their PBL booklet of expectations for their current Stage. Hopefully most students will achieve their Positive Achievement With Success (PAWS) badge before the end of the year. 152 out of 210 students at the school earned the PAWS (Positive Achievement With Success) badge by having their contract booklets signed off in 2012.



School Uniform

Whilst most students wear the approved school uniform every day at Abermain there are some students who come to school in non-uniform clothes. Teachers will be taking note of students not in uniform and ringing parents to discuss the situation.

School Security

There have been a number of recent break ins at schools in the Hunter. Parents and students are asked to be vigilant in reporting any unusual activity, recording registration numbers of vehicles seen around the school particularly at night.

Surveys

Thank you to the families who completed the surveys sent home. Students from Year 3

to 6 have also been surveyed using “Tell Them From Me”, an online and comprehensive survey of the school. The results of the surveys will inform aspects of school evaluation and planning.

Infectious disease

There has been a reported case of Impetigo (school sores) at school. Children with impetigo are allowed at school if they have commenced treatment given by their doctor and the sores are covered with a watertight dressing. Time from exposure to illness is 1 to 3 days. Small red spots change into blisters that fill with pus and become crusted, usually on the face, hands, scalp or legs. Children need to be kept at home until treatment starts. Careful hand washing can help prevent the spread.

Head Lice

Some cases of head lice have recently been detected in the school. Please check your child’s hair. If head lice are detected you can choose to treat with an appropriate treatment from your pharmacy. After treatment, use a fine tooth comb to remove the dead lice and eggs. As head lice are highly contagious, it is suggested that you examine and treat all members of the family at the same time.

LIBRARY NEWS

It has been wonderful to see so many of our students visiting the wonderful resources on offer in our amazing Library.

I encourage all students to use a library bag to protect our books and have for sale in the Library calico bags for this purpose. These bags can be personalised by students with paint, markers, etc. If students would like to purchase one, they will be available during recess at a cost of \$4.



I have also created a website for our library that informs students of new resources and has links that relate to their learning. I encourage you to familiarise yourself with the site which can be accessed through the student portal under “School Library” or at www.abermainlibrary.weekly.com

Thanks

Amanda Craig
Teacher Librarian

P&C NEWS

Reminder

The next P&C Meeting will be held on March 11th
at 6pm in the school library.

News from Stage 1 Teachers

Mrs Hodges, Mrs Taylor & Miss Onslow

- Most students have settled in very well with changing rooms, and in some cases, teachers, for our morning groups of maths and reading.
- Mrs Gibbs is working as Support Teacher with a smaller group of students for both maths and literacy on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Mrs Genge supports on Friday mornings.
- Stage One are focusing on fundamental movements skills for both PE on Monday and Sporting Groups on Friday, with classes rotating through activities with each teacher.
- PEG's Groups (Personal Enrichment Groups) have commenced each Thursday afternoon, with students being given the opportunity to choose an activity to participate in from science, dance or music.
- Students in Stage One are working towards 'Reward Day' at the end of the term. Unfortunately, students who receive two or more Formal Notifications will be unable to attend. We are planning on going to Maitland Park for a picnic lunch, a play on the equipment and scooter track at this time. More information later.
- A reminder that there are still some students who have not paid for their Maths Books. Please pay as soon as possible.
- For any parent who can assist for 30 minutes on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning for our Reading Groups from 10.15—10.45am please contact your child's teacher.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Quality Work shared with Principal

**Jaxon Kidd-Collins
Bannica Martin
Emily Robertson
Zealan Love
Will Stothard
Hayden Fullerton
Adam Gilbert
Kalob Hasler
Shanaya Burrell
Emily Robson
Wyatt Barry**

**Dustin Barnett
Roman Wilson
Joshua Humphreys
Tahlee Roderick
Jessica Roser
Kelvin Arnott
Ellie Mitchell
Ryan Smurthwaite
Mitchell Brown
Kaitlyn Elliott
Jessica Franklin-Shambler**

**Amitee Cunningham
Emma Corcoran
Miah Snedden-Clark
Kaysha Smith
Dustin Barnett
Scott Barry
Emma Davies
Justin Hasler
Brayden Gay
Zac O'Keefe**



PBL LUCKY DRAW WINNERS 2013

Term 1	Week 4	Infants -	Ryan Murch
		Primary -	Georgia Betts
	Week 5	Infants -	Jessica Franklin-Shambler
		Primary -	Jack Perry

Good number sense

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths_glossary/Rld5/141/mental%20strategy

Reading with your child at home

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home>

Removing head lice and nits

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/removing-head-lice-and-nits>

When kids are bullied

We send our kids off to school each day to learn. In between lessons they go outside to play – but the learning doesn't stop. The playground can help prepare them for some of the social challenges they will face throughout their lifetime. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/bullying-advice-for-parents1/what-can-i-do-to-help-my-child>