KINDERGARTEN 2014

Welcome Kindergarten 2014! The big day finally arrived. Kindergarten students and their families were welcomed into our school yesterday.

Students were supported by their Year 5/6 buddies, and our Kindergarten staff members, Mrs Sheldon (K-1S), Mrs Parry (KS), Mrs Welch and Mrs Onslow. They all enjoyed their very first day of “big school”. We all look forward to getting to know the newest members of our school community.

Thank you to our P&C members who provided a lovely morning tea for parents and carers after they farewelled the children at their classrooms.

Mrs Bower
Kindergarten Orientation
Co-ordinator
NRL AMBASSADORS VISIT
On Tuesday 4th February, students from Year 1 to 6 will have the opportunity to listen to past NRL Players speak to us about the NRL’s Anti-Bullying message and how we can apply this message at school.

Mrs Hodges
Teacher

VOLUNTEER - WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
A Working With Children Check is a prerequisite for anyone in child-related work (both paid and voluntary) in NSW. If you are interested in volunteering with reading groups, canteen etc. at the school you please fill in an online form at www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au. Once this form has been submitted you will receive an application number. This application number and proof of identification must then be taken to NSW motor registry to finalise the check. Once the Check has been cleared you must advise the school of your Working With Children Check Approval Number before volunteer work can commence. There is no cost for volunteers for this check.

YEAR 1-2 GUIDED READING GROUPS
Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help. With some disruptions during next week, teachers will be having orientation and preparation lessons with their new groups. Volunteers can come along starting from Tuesday 11th February (Week 3) when Term 1 Guided Reading lessons commence.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Friday 7th February we will be holding our annual Swimming Carnival at Cessnock Pool. The carnival will commence at 10am and will run in line with the Zone and Region, timing all events and selecting our school representatives on the basis of their times. Children in Kinder and Year 1 will not be involved in the Swimming Carnival. Parents attending the Carnival will need to pay $2 spectators fee when they arrive at the pool.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
Each week, our school website is updated with the weekly newsletter, permission notes, information notes, and class arrangement notices. There is a link to our newsletter on the front page of the website.

The website address is www.abermain-p.school.det.nsw.edu.au.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
The school has begun 2014 very smoothly. We have had a number of new enrolments and all students have settled in well. We have nine classes this year. Class names and teachers are as follows:

Early Stage 1  
KP – Mrs Parry  
K-1S – Mrs Sheldon

Stage 1  
1-2K – Mrs Hodges  
1-2H – Mrs Hourigan  
1/2E – Miss Onslow

Stage 2  
3-4T – Mrs Taylor  
3-4J – Mrs Jarrett

Stage 3  
5-6R – Mrs Roberson  
5-6P – Mr Power

Maths Textbooks have arrived for all students from Years 1 to 6. Payment of $32 per student should be made at the school office as soon as possible.

During the Christmas holidays the Hall roof was insulated. This will make the hall a much more usable space during both hot and cold weather. Congratulations to the P&C for securing a grant to have the work done.

The latest addition to our playground is a new car track for students to use. The track was installed by Reading Landscape and is already getting plenty of use by students. It will be painted in the next couple of weeks.

Parent Surveys
This week two surveys relating to School Culture and Teaching are being sent home to all parents. The responses will be collated and inform aspects of the Annual School report which will be published in April.

Mr Boughton
Principal

CONTACT INFORMATION
Would you please inform the school of any changes in contact information for both parent/carer and emergency contacts (eg address or phone numbers) as it is extremely important that the school be able to contact parents/carers or emergency contacts when needed.

Choosing School Shoes
Are expensive school shoes the best option for happy feet? Let's face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn't evolved much at all.
Tips for choosing shoes:

Teach your kids to be waterproof
As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.
LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to the library for a new school year.

I have a number of exciting things planned for this year. All students received a note last week letting you know about the ‘Abermain Birthday Book Club’ that I am starting this year. It would be great to see as many students involved in this as possible. If any parent would like additional information please feel free to drop in for a chat.

Keep an eye out for information about the Premier’s Reading Challenge, which will start in March. All students will be given information on this during library lessons. If you would like some information visit the website for further details.

Borrowing will be happening from this week for all classes. In order to borrow for home, students need to have a library bag. There are still some library bags available for sale for $5. Older students are able to borrow 1 book without a bag for reading during silent reading in the classroom.

I have a library website which all students have access to that is updated regularly. Students have access through the student portal, though it can be accessed through the website www.abermainlibrary.weebly.com

Miss Craig
Teacher Librarian

COMPUTER NEWS

This term in Computers, Kindergarten are being introduced to our computer system. Years 1 & 2 are learning about Museums and we will be creating a virtual museum using their artefacts from their me box so please make sure to bring them in during Week 3. Years 3 & 4 will be learning about Australian inventions and will be making flyers on www.smore.com. I expect that the standard of work will be very high and we may be able to publish them on the internet! Finally, Years 5 & 6 are beginning an online safety program called “Budd:e”. This is a government made site that helps children to make good choices on the internet.

Over the next few weeks your child will probably enquire after 'ear buds' or a 'USB.' Ear buds are headphones that the children can bring with them to computers for when they are working with media files. Students may also require a USB to transfer work from school to home if they would like to show you what they have been designing.

Mrs Hill
Teacher
P&C TREASURY REPORT

During 2013, Abermain Public School P&C raised $11,340.62. With the monies raised the P&C were able to donate to the school:

* iPad covers
* Kitchen Bench for the School Hall
* Year 6 Farewell gift to students - USB flashdrives

Also on order are school sports clothing for students who will represent the school in soccer and netball.

The P&C were also successful in obtaining a grant to provide insulation in the school hall. Installation was completed during the school holidays.

The P&C are working extremely hard towards getting new play equipment for the school during 2014 and would greatly appreciate your support through fundraising during the year.

On Monday 10th February the P&C will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) where all positions will be made vacant, including Canteen Supervisor and Uniform Shop Supervisor. If you or someone you know are interested in being a P&C Committee member please come along to the AGM or contact Mr Boughton at the school.
Canteen Help Form

(Please cut out and return as soon as possible)

I would be willing to help in the canteen:

One day a week
One day per fortnight
One day per month

My preferred day is: (PLEASE CIRCLE)

MON  TUES  WED  THURS  FRI

NAME: _______________________________

(Please print)
ABERMAIN RAMS FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration Days - All ages 4-6 through to Adult

Sunday 2nd February 12-3pm Abermain Bowling Club
Wednesday 5th February 5-7pm Oval - Orange Street, Abermain
Sunday 15th February 12-3pm Abermain Bowling Club
Wednesday 19th February 5-7pm Oval - Orange Street, Abermain

Enquiries: Please contact Steve Ph 0411 078 862

WESTERN JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

5th February - 26th February Every Wednesday afternoon 4-5:30pm
Saturday mornings 10am-12pm

Where: Varty Park, Swanson Street, Weston

Register on-line at myfootballclub.com.au then come to our registration days to make payment. If you need help with registering please contact Rick on 0478 731 493 or Colleen on 0421 907 536

Registration Fees: 5yrs-7yrs $60 8yrs-11yrs $75 12yrs-18yrs $90
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