Our Abermain Football team is through to the second round of the PSSA competition following a 6-3 victory over Mulbring Public School. The boys played with great sportsmanship and are looking forward to their next match. Thanks to all our parents and family members for their support and especially Mr Turkington for helping to prepare the boys for the match.

Mr Power
Teacher

Abermain Boys Football Team:
Blake Smurthwaite, Nicholas Turkington, Billy Reading, Matthew Brown, Xylis Weissenborn, Lachlan Gilbert, Samuel Davies, Byron Whyburn, Joshua Robertson, Jed Hawthorne, Blake Fitzgerald, Eain Harris, Tom Reading
**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The school Athletics Carnival for all students will be held at Birralee Park, Kurri on Wednesday 18th June, 2014. Students may dress in house colours or wear their sports uniform. A canteen will be available on the day with hot food and drinks. A permission note and canteen ordering form were sent home with students last week. These notes, together with payment of $5 if students are travelling by bus, must be returned to the school as soon as possible. A Program will be available to parents/carers on the day of the carnival.

**JOLLY BOPS SCIENCE SHOW**

On Thursday 19th June, 2014 all students (Kindergarten to Year 6) will have the opportunity to participate in a science show here at the school. Students will benefit enormously from the shows. The shows have an Aboriginal perspective and will make up part of our NAIDOC celebrations.

Permission notes were sent home with students last week and should be returned, together with payment, to your child’s class teacher by Monday 16th June.

**P&C THOMPSON’S PIE ORDERS**

Thompson Pie order sheets are to be collected on Friday 20th June, 2014 - time and place for collection will be advised at a further date. All funds raised will go towards new playground equipment for the students at Abermain Public School.

**STUDENT ABSENCE DUE TO FAMILY HOLIDAY**

If your child is going to be absent from school due to family holiday, parents/carers should complete an “Application for Exemption from Attendance at School” form which is available from the school office.

**Give your kids a head start..... For hearing’s sake, blow your nose!**

When children get colds or infections that affect the ears or throat, they may suffer some degree of conductive hearing loss. The hearing usually returns when the child gets better. However, some children can go on to develop “glue ear”. Their hearing will fluctuate and the will sometimes hear better than at other times. They may not appear unwell, but left untreated, they may struggle at school.

There are lots of things you can do to help avoid your children suffering with “glue ear” like giving them fruit, raw vegetables and foods that need to be chewed, not smoking near them, encouraging hand-washing and getting them involved in active play.

**At school we are encouraging children to blow their nose. When children have a runny nose, they need to be reminded not to sniff. Blowing their nose keeps their ear healthy and helps prevent cross-infection.**

If you are concerned about your child’s hearing contact your doctor.

Mrs Stokes
Instructional Leader K-2
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I will be on long service leave from the 18th July, returning to school in Week 3 of next term. During this time Mrs Bower will be Relieving Principal.

The school is preparing to issue Semester One Student Reports and as I read everyone of them I feel that as a community we should be very proud of the achievements of the students at this school.

I would like to encourage all parents to get behind the fundraising efforts of our P&C. They are a hard working group and have a clear goal of new playground equipment for our students. The hope is to have enough money to have it in place before the end of 2014.

Mr Boughton
Principal

MENTAL MATHS STATEGIES

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY
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