



Term Dates 2009

Term 3 13th July - 18th Sept
 Term 4 5th Oct - 18th Dec

ABERFELDIE NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER –

Friday	21 st	Aug	Prep -6 Incursion - Jungle Bungle
Mon – Fri	24 th – 28 th	Aug	Book Fair
Monday	31 st	Aug	Parents' Club Meeting
Thursday	3 rd	Sept	Fathers Day Stall
			Grades 1 - 2 Hands on Science Incursion
Friday	4 th	Sept	Grades 3 - 4 Science Works
			Grades 1 – 2 Sleepover
Friday	11 th	Sept	Prep Healthy Breakfast
			SAP Performance at Beaver St Kinder
Saturday	12 th	Sept	Parents Club – Eighties Dance/Auction
Wednesday	16 th	Sept	Footy & Pie Day



Grades 1-2	Hands on Science	\$10.00 returned by 28 th August	Incursion
Grades 3-4	Science Works	\$15.00 returned by 28 th August	Excursion
Grades 1-2	Sleepover	\$ 6.50 returned by 1 st September	
Prep	Healthy Breakfast	\$ 6.00 returned by 7 th September	
SAP Students	Beaver St Kinder Visit	permission form to be returned by 7 th Sept	

SAP Westside Arts DVD order form due Friday 21st August

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

School Activities

Athletics Day was last Tuesday and students from Grades 3-6 participated in a range of Athletic activities at Aberfeldie Park. The weather was perfect and so were our students, encouraging each other and supporting their own school team. Thank you to Sam Bishop for organising the event, staff for their great support and to the parents who were able to come along, join in and support the teams. Congratulations to everyone for a great day and particularly to **Cook** for being such gracious winners on the day.

As our official start to Book Week, tomorrow students will be enjoying the *Jungle Bungle* performance in the Gym. The Book Fair is a

terrific opportunity for students and parents to share the joy of reading and getting lost in a great book.

Staff Leave

There are a number of staff changes this term. Ineke Kersten has been in Grade 5/6S since the beginning of the year. We farewelled Ineke last Friday as she is to resume full-time studies. I would like to thank Ineke for her support and commitment to the students in this class, Aberfeldie and wish her all the best in her future studies. Frances Eames will be working with Sue Fry to deliver a comprehensive program for the students in the class. I am very pleased to welcome Frances to the Grade 5/6 and Aberfeldie school team. Amy Dinsdale is taking leave until the end of term to travel

overseas. Melissa Hockey will be taking Prep D whilst she is away. Melissa has worked extensively in Amy's class as a pre-service teacher and I would like to welcome her to her inaugural teacher position and new career.

Jim Wilkinson will be taking long service leave from Monday until the end of term and Abbey Hoes will be replacing him. Abby has worked at the school as a CRT and I would like to welcome her to our school. I will also be starting my 4 weeks long service leave from Monday 24 August and look forward to spending time in Malaysia, Italy and France. Heather Golder will take over the Acting Principal role and Wendy Ashworth will take up the Acting Assistant Principal role during my absence. I wish them both well in their roles.

Terese Healy - Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

Thank you to all the parents who have paid for their child/children to attend the **JUNGLE BUNGLER** performance tomorrow. The Prep – 2 classes will attend the performance at 9:30 and the Yr 3 -6 will see the performance at 11:35. This will be the lead into our **BOOK WEEK/BOOK FAIR** next week. The **BOOK FAIR** will be open for parents, families and friends to look and purchase books from **Tuesday August 25th through to Friday August 28th; in the mornings 8:30 – 9:30am and in the afternoons 3:00 – 4:15pm.** Please come along and have a look and you might see something you wish to purchase. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to assist us.

It is timely to remind parents about **HEADLICE**. We ask that parents conduct their own headlice checks regularly at home and alert the school if any are present. At times, it can be difficult to overcome a headlice problem if we are not informed so we do rely on parents to give us this information.

Suggestions for parents to help the school be headlice free:

- Parents to check regularly their child's hair (weekly if possible)
- Parents to treat the hair when headlice/eggs are found (cleaning of bed linen is also appropriate)

- Inform the classroom teacher or Heather Golder so the school community can be informed
- Inform the school (Heather Golder) if the problem seems to be reoccurring

Local Chemists/Pharmacies stock a range of treatments and would be happy to work out the best one for you.

Terese Healy will be taking a well deserved 4 week break (Long Service Leave) for the rest of the term. During Terese's absence I will be filling in as Acting Principal, on behalf of the staff and school community I would like to wish her safe travel and I am sure she will enjoy her overseas trip and return to us revitalised for Term 4.

Heather Golder - Assistant Principal

Introduction of the Victorian Student Number

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to stable information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

The introduction of the VSN will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them.

You will see the VSN appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations, and exit confirmations.

If you want to know more about the VSN please see;

www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/overview.htm

OSHC News

Program for next Week

Monday 24 Aug – Charcoal Drawings/Circus Skills

Tuesday 25 Aug– Honey Joys

Wed 26 Aug– Oragami

Thursday 27 Aug– Soccer on the Oval

Friday 28 Aug– DVD Afternoon & Football

SAP News

Congratulations to all SAP members who performed at the Ave Maria Kinder last Friday. The Kinder children enjoyed the entertainment and they were very keen to get up and join in. A big thanks to staff and parents who came along to support our students.

Last reminder to place Westside Arts DVD order before 21st August. Additional order forms are available from Rose or the office. Remember that if we have more than 30 orders, the price of the DVD decreases. We already have 20 orders.

Rose - SAP Liaison.

5/6 Small Businesses – 24th – 28th August

As part of the 5/6 students “Making Cents” unit, about the importance of money. The 5/6’s divided into groups and are making their own small business or shop; eg hand made clay pots, paper bird chains, play dough and sporting activities to name a few. Other children will be allowed to buy things from the stalls at lunch time during the week of 24th – 28th August. We ask that you allow children to bring some money to participate in such a fantastic whole school event. All funds raised will go towards the 5/6 Celebration Day at the end of the year.

Thank you for your support
5/6 Students and Teachers.

Uniform Shop

New purchasing procedure. Any uniform item, not in stock, must be ordered and pre-paid before the order is placed with clothing supplier. There will be no changes to our uniform design this year. Many thanks.

Robyn, Kim and all other helpers.

Parents’ Club News

80’s Party Night & Live Auction.

Saturday 12th September 8pm

As this is our major fundraiser for the year we are now seeking help from the school community as all money raised will go towards new laptops in the classrooms. Outlined below are various items we require for the silent action and or raffle prizes.

Prep families Chocolates (boxed, and value)

Grade 1-2 families; hamper items (gourmet chocolates, nuts, crackers etc)

Grade 3-4 families; Unscratched “Scratchie tickets” (any value)

Grade 5-6 families; Bar items (wine, glasses etc)

Please send all donations to the office. In addition if you know of a business that is willing to donate goods or services for us to raffle or auction on the night, please call Jo Scarce on 0425 717 774.

Parents’ Club meeting Monday 31st August @ 9.15am in the Staff Room.

Website of the Week

This weeks website is.....

Want to know how things happen and why? Check out How Stuff Works to find the answer you are looking for. www.howstuffworks.com
Have fun!

2010 Term Dates:

Term 1 1 February (students start) to 26 March

Term 2 12 April to 25 June

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