

Term Dates 2009

Term 1	2 nd	Feb	-	3 rd	April
Term 2	20 th	April	-	26 th	June
Term 3	13 th	July	-	18 th	Sept
Term 4	5 th	Oct	-	18 th	Dec



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ABERFELDIE NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER -

Tuesday 31st Mar 5/6 Camp 31/3/09 – 3/4/09

Friday 3rd Apr End of Term 1 – 2.30pm Finish



Monday 20th Apr Start of Term 2

Triskills Prep -2

Tuesday 19th May Triskills 3-6

Friday 12th Jun Curriculum Day

Reminders: Triskills Grade 3 -6 \$25 Payment by Friday 15th May

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

I am delighted to produce a special Colour Edition of the Term 1 Newsletter featuring 3-6 swimming, Maths Information Night and the playground proposal.

Happy Holidays

The beginning of the school year has again demonstrated that *Aberfeldie is a place where things happen!* We started the term with our *Learning to Learn* program and we're delighted at the number of parents who came to celebrate and share their children's learning experiences. Parents and teachers were also able to exchange information early in the year and help strengthen the home school partnership. We also had a very successful Maths Information Night for parents with Michael Ymer, with very positive feedback on the session, and support for more information sessions in the future. Our Prep teachers demonstrated their educational and technological skills and expertise at a Prep Information Night by using the interactive whiteboard for their presentation that included video clips, photos and educational games from the internet. We were also fortunate to have the Minister of Education visit our school.

Students have been involved in summer Inter-school sports, swimming, a 5 /6 camp, District and Zone swimming competitions and trials for the

Cross-Country. Our school community has been entertained by our SAP performers and students from grade 1/2 classes.

The Parents' Club have also been very active. They have completed the Hot Cross Bun drive, organised a film night and continue to make Wednesdays special by selling ice-creams to students. Thank you to the Parents' Club for your continued support for the school.

We have had a significant amount of maintenance work done this term including: covering gaps, relocating and replacing display boards and whiteboards and general upgrade of minor works. Of course we, and in particular Heather Golder, have also been upgrading our Library. We have planned an Official Opening with Judy Maddigan, Local Member, to officiate next term on **Friday May 8, 2009.**

I have also been involved in a number of Regional briefings and meetings. The Federal Government, through its recently released economic stimulus package, has made a commitment to support schools through the *Building the Education Revolution*. There are two elements to this program *National School Pride* and *Primary Schools for the 21st Century*. Although the timelines have been incredibly short, we have submitted proposals for both projects. The *National School Pride*,

projects can be funded to up to \$150, 000, and based on feedback from our Playground Development Forum last year we have proposed an outdoor learning area that meets the developmental learning needs of students from Prep to Year 2. As **pictures speak louder than words** I am delighted to be able to include our proposed design for the project. Proposed funding for the *Primary Schools for the 21st Century* is \$3.5 million and aims to provide building and infrastructure to meet the learning needs of students for the 21st Century. I will provide more details when they become available.

ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 2

Parents' Club Meeting Tuesday 21st April at 7:30pm

At our last meeting, parents discussed the current school uniform and thought that it might be time to review it. The school has organised a range of samples to be displayed on the night and to begin discussions on appropriate child-friendly uniforms.

ANZAC Day

We will be having a short wreath ceremony to commemorate ANZAC Day on the morning of Friday April 24.

The local East Keilor RSL has informed us that their ANZAC Day March and Service is on Sunday 19 April and their dawn service is on Saturday 25 April. Both events are open to the local community and members of our local community are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served after the march and breakfast after the Dawn Service.

Library Official Opening: Friday May 8, 2009

Details to follow next term.

Terese Healy
Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

We have come to the end of a very busy Term 1. A large focus for me this term has been the Library redevelopment which is nearing its initial completion. I would like to personally thank Paula Coningsby, our Library Technician, for all the hard work she has put in this term, working under difficult physical conditions whilst waiting for our new furniture to arrive. Paula has completed an enormous amount of cataloguing of teacher and student resources and has guided our integration aides in assisting her with re-shelving and labelling. A big thank you to our aides as well. Our Library

should nearly be ready for classes to begin early next term.

I have received information for a parent seminar next term run by the Australian Childhood Foundation. The seminar is called **"Raising Happy & Confident Kids"**; it runs from 7:30pm – 9:30pm at the cost of \$10. There are a number of venues, however, the one that appears close for our community is on Wed May 13th at Taylors Lakes. A flyer will be available at our office for parents and families who would like more information or details for registration.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for their cooperation and support which has enabled us to have a great start to the 2009 school year and a big thank you to the teachers for all their hard work as well. I hope all students have a safe and restful holiday and I look forward to seeing them all return for Term 2.

Heather Golder
Assistant Principal

Education Maintenance Allowance

For those families that requested to receive their cheque, it is now available for collection at the office. To receive your cheque you will need to sign for it. Thank You.

Family Statements

Family statements are now being sent out. You will only receive a statement if you have an outstanding charge or a credit. Please remember that there are the voluntary fees. If you receive EMA another cheque (\$66.30) it will arrive around September and will be credited when we receive it. If you have made a payment on or after 1/4/09 this will not be reflected on your statement.

Parent's Club News

Parents' Club meeting on Tuesday 21st April at 7.30pm all welcome.

Congratulations to Belinda Selwood for her new roll as Parents' Club Rep for School Council.



