Abercorn State School

Upcoming Events

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Birthday Bonanza

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From the Principal's Post

Welcome to our second newsletter for 2015. We have had a very busy start to the school year with lots of learning going on in the classroom, presentations from the Regional Council, electing our Year 6 Student Leaders, School Swimming and NAPLAN preparation, all the while working through our everyday curriculum. I am very proud of how the students have been acting and behaving over the past 4 weeks. We should all acknowledge their efforts in making the start to this year so smooth. Over the next few weeks, we will continue our NAPLAN preparation. More information on this is provided later in this newsletter.

Dates of Mr DePasquale's absence

This week we had our Finance Audit. I was off-line on Tuesday to speak with the auditor about his findings. The auditor will now send a report to our school with his findings, providing us feedback on our processes and procedures we currently have in place. Additional to this, on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th I will be absent from school, attending a Principal’s Conference in Brisbane. During this time, Kellie Smith will be the officer in charge.

Meeting with Assistant Regional Director

Last week I met with the Assistant Regional Director (my boss) of our school. Although we discussed many things, the conversations focused on how we can best prepare our students for NAPLAN in 2015 and further improve our already outstanding student achievement levels in literacy and numeracy.

Weekly Parade

We will be holding our weekly school Parade on a Monday afternoon. We expect it to begin around 2:45 pm and conclude by 3:00 pm. We welcome all members of the community to join us on these occasions, when we can celebrate and recognise the efforts of the amazing Abercorn students.

School Captain Process

Our Year 6 students had their speeches earlier this week and everyone has voted. We will announce the Student Leaders of 2015 at a parade soon to be announced once we have confirmed a few more details. Stay tuned!

P&C AGM

Please join us on Monday 2nd March, for our P&C AGM at 6:30pm in the staff room.
Annual Bus Committee Meeting
This will be held on Monday 2nd March at 6pm in our staff room. All parents are invited to attend.

NAPLAN News
The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests were first implemented in May 2008. NAPLAN is not a test of content. Instead, it tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. This year, the tests will take place on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May.

Attendance Update
On occasion, there will be updates in the school newsletter to communicate our attendance with the community. While the state average for attendance is 92.2%, we have achieved an outstanding result of 97.06%. Thanks to parents and carers for assisting us to achieve such a great result and supporting your child’s education.

North Burnett Regional Council Visit
Last Tuesday we were fortunate enough for two staff from the North Burnett Regional Council to visit our school. They demonstrated and played the ‘Safe with Shelterbox’ game with our students. The game challenged our students to think about what they need to know to prepare and respond effectively to disasters (fire, flood, earthquake, volcano, cyclone and tsunami), while promoting teamwork and leadership. They left our students with skills to assist them in the unfortunate event of one of these natural disasters and gave them all a cook book for participating.

Literacy Learning
Within the last two weeks, students from P-2 have been reading and appreciating a variety of books, focusing on emotions and actions. We have been stomping and crying and cheering as we role-play different emotions!

Yr 3-4 students are thoroughly enjoying the outrageous book ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl and successfully being ‘grossed out’ while learning about noun and verb groups, pronouns and informal speech. Over the next couple of weeks, students will compose their own humorous chapter to add to ‘The Twits’.

Yr 5-6 is comparing short stories, ranging from a chapter in ‘Red Dog’ to a short humorous story ‘Mission Impossible’. They are examining how short stories have a rising action leading to a climax, followed by falling action/resolution. They will be composing a short story of their own in the next week or so.

Maths Moments
In the coming weeks in Maths, students from year 3-6 will be investigating rounding numbers, learning and consolidating their knowledge of the times tables. They will also begin to explore fractions and the relationship between a fraction, decimal and a percentage. They will also be exploring fractions, percentages, perimeter and area.

Students in Prep-2 will be identifying counting patterns, representing addition and subtraction problems using concrete materials, and breaking up numbers according to a whole-part-whole model.

No Swimming on Friday 20th February
We are now well into our swimming program at Eidsvold Swimming Pool on Friday’s. Tomorrow’s lesson, Friday 20th February, has been postponed. We will not be swimming tomorrow. Instead, we will go swimming in Week 6 on Friday 6th March, to make up for the missed lesson. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding with this matter. If you have further questions, don’t hesitate to contact the school at any time.
Reading Corner
Check out the reading strategies attached to this newsletter. These might be useful when listening to your child read/when you are reading to your child. These are just a couple of the strategies that we talk with the students about at school. We will include more with each newsletter.

School Website
Have you been to our school website lately? What would you like to see on our website? If you have any ideas please let us know! We are keen to have the website updated regularly with news and information that can often be of great assistance to parents and carers at home. Email bdepa5@eq.edu.au to give your feedback and ideas.

Library Borrowing
Students will have a library borrowing session each Thursday afternoon with Mrs O. Please remember to keep our library books safe and return them each week so you can re-borrow. Keep an eye out for some new books coming soon to our bookshelves!

Brian Teaser
Jake and his friend Waldo had very famous challenge sessions at their school. One would suggest something they could do, and the other would prove it wrong somehow. One day, Jake surprised Waldo by stating: "I can answer any question in the world." Sure that he would win the challenge, Waldo accepted the task of proving it wrong. He wrote up a test full of impossible questions. After a while, Jake returned the test. Waldo unbelievably lost the challenge and told Jake he could indeed answer any question. How did Jake win?

Tuckshop News
An updated Tuckshop roster for this term is attached. Remember that Tuckshop costs $5 ($3 at first break and $2 at second break) and all the money raised will be used to subsidise the cost of school camp.

Year 6 Senior Shirts
Our Year 6 leaders have now chosen the design of their Senior Shirt for 2015. Please complete the Year 6 Senior Shirt order form and return it and $43 (per shirt) payment to the school by Friday 27th February so the shirts can be ordered.

A message from Monto State High School
We’re stumping up to be part of the Pink Stumps Challenge by hosting our own Pink Stumps Day – an initiative from the McGrath Foundation that brings the magic of the Sydney Pink Test to our community! We can’t wait to host our Pink Stumps Day in support of the McGrath Foundation but we need your help to raise as much as we can for the McGrath Foundation and smash our fundraising target. We’re asking our friends, family, and colleagues to help us support the McGrath Foundation. It’s so simple, you can just go on our online fundraising page, click on the “Donate Now” button and you can make a donation. You will also be emailed a tax deductible receipt straight away. Please click this link: https://www.gofundraise.com.au/page/montohighschool to support our cause!
All funds raised will be donated to the McGrath Foundation to ensure every family experiencing breast cancer in Australia has access to a breast care nurse, no matter where they live or their financial situation. 100% of all donations will go to the McGrath Foundation and you will automatically receive a tax-deductible receipt via email. To find out more about the McGrath Foundation, visit www.mcgrathfoundation.com.au or check them out on Facebook (mcgrathfoundation), Twitter (mcgrathfdn) and Instagram (mcgrathfoundation). As they say at the McGrath Foundation, together we can make a difference! Our event will be a Seven- a-Side Challenge, held on Saturday 21 February at the Monto Sports Ground. We welcome as many teams as possible. Team entry forms are available at Cafe Delicious or Monto State High School 41669555. Looking forward to seeing you all there.
## Tuckshop Term 1- 2015

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| 5th Feb  | Spaghetti Bog  
Garlic Bread       | School                | Fruit & ice cream        | School                |
| 12th Feb | Pasta Bake                     | Kerri Bayles          | Chocolate Crackles       | Camille Summers       |
| 19th Feb | Tacos                          | Nikki Keiler          | Jelly Boats              | Dot Osborne           |
| 26th Feb | Homemade Sausage Rolls         | Trudie Payne          | Assorted Homemade Cookies| Trudie Payne          |
| 5th Mar  | Roast Gravy Rolls              | Kerri Pointon         | Chocolate Slice           | Kellie Smith          |
| 12th Mar | Hot Dogs                       | Russel and Chel Drinkwater | Surprise              | Labell Drinkwater     |
| 19th Mar | Chipolata Dogs                 | Kate Mortimer         | Surprise                 | Kellie Smith          |
| 26th Mar | Chicken and Gravy Rolls        | Bec Hutson            | Butterfly Cakes          | Bec Hutson            |
| 2nd Apr  | Sausage Sizzle                 | School                | Garlic Bread and Muffins | School                |

22 Students and 5 staff on Thursday
Activating prior knowledge is when you think about all the things you already know about a topic. This can include what you have experienced personally and what you have read about, seen on TV or at the movies, etc.

Thinking about what you already know is useful because it gives you a base to build new knowledge and helps you to make connections with the text.

I know you can find little fish in the rock pools sometimes because I have seen them.
Building vocabulary knowledge

Good readers notice words. They especially notice words they don’t know the meaning of. They know it is important to find out what these words mean.

They also know that you can use the words around the word you don’t know – the context – to help you work out what the word means.

The more words you know the easier it is to understand the text!

Prolific...
I’ve seen that word before but I’m not sure what it means. It says here “Shakespeare was a prolific playwright, having written over 36 plays in his lifetime.” That’s quite a lot of plays. I think prolific must mean producing lots of something.
MONTO BOWLS CLUB

EMERGENCY SERVICES FUN DAY
(BOWLS OPTIONAL)

7th MARCH - SPONSORED BY

ROSS HARTY

PHYSIOTHERAPIST & NUTRITIONIST

SEAFOOD & MEAT TRAY RAFFLES and NOVELTIES

B.B.Q. TEA AFTER THE GAME

CALL 41661331 BY 1230hrs TO GO IN THE DRAW,
OR NOMINATE YOUR TEAM OF THREE.

FUN STARTS AT 1300hrs

PROCEEDS TO MONTO HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

COURTESY BUS AVAILABLE
You are invited to a SPECIAL EVENT!

Microbiologist & Biochemist

John Ellerman

The head Scientist responsible for developing Neways' Lacto-Flora - Super Synbiotic pre and pro-biotic is Guest Speaker in Monto for one day only.....

In order to maintain a healthy digestive system we need to ensure we have enough good bacteria. This can be compromised by a number of everyday factors:-

- stress
- excessive alcohol intake
- poor diet (too many processed and fatty foods
- use of antibiotics or oral contraceptives.

Scientists are identifying many diseases are directly related to gut health including but not exclusive to:

- crohns disease
- IBS
- leaky-gut syndrome
- allergies
- auto-immune conditions
- inflammatory conditions
- bowel conditions
- digestion issues
- depression
- skin conditions......

ST Therese's Hall  Rayleigh St  Monto

2pm Saturday   7th March

$10 entry - $5 will be donated to MONTO HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

RSVP & TICKETS:  Erica Eden - 0427 666 593  or Melissa Dowling - 0428 661860
**CPRA WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?**

Do you want to feel good?
Do you want to change the lives of a whole generation?
Can you do this is a few hours a year?
Can you do CPR or willing to learn how?

*The answer is yes...*

Come along to the very short CPRA meeting, have lunch with us and find out how!

Monto Hospital deck
1pm Tuesday 24th February
RSVP by 20th February to
41669300 and leave a message for Linda or
Email: linda.johnston@health.qld.gov.au