Abercorn State School

Upcoming Events

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Birthday Bonanza

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From the Principal’s Post

As we near the end of the term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents and carers in our community for their efforts this term in making every day count for our students. Notes regarding Parent/Teacher/Student Discussions will be distributed in the coming days. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child’s teacher and discuss any goals or concerns you may have. Remember – if you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact the school or email Ben DePasquale at bdepa5@eq.edu.au. We welcome and value your feedback.

Dates of Mr DePasquale’s absence

I will be absent from school on Tuesday 31st March, for a Principal’s Meeting in Gayndah. During my absence, Belinda Dendle will be the Officer in Charge.

Weekly Parade

Don’t forget that we have our weekly parade on a Monday afternoon. It will at 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 Announcements

We recently had our School Leaders’ Induction Ceremony. Congratulations to our three Year 6 students on their speeches and conduct during the first 7 weeks of the year. Thanks to Councillor Don Waugh (Mayor for the North Burnett Regional Council) and Senior Constable Justin Staples (Eidsvold Police Station) for assisting us in presenting these students with their certificates and badges and to the parents and carers who were able to join us. The positions have been filled as follows:

School Captain – Emily D
School Vice-Captain – Hamish D
School Vice-Captain – Cameron M

Crazy Hair Day and National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Tomorrow will be Crazy Hair Day to raise money and awareness for Leukemia. Students can come to school with crazy hair, or have it sprayed at school. We ask that a gold coin donation is made, which will all go toward the Leukaemia Foundation. Donations of $2 or more are tax deductible and we can provide you with a receipt if you wish. We will also recognise the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence by wearing orange. This is an opportunity for students will participate in discussions and activities to raise awareness of this issue in society.
**P & C Meeting**
The next P & C Meeting will be held on Monday 30th March. We welcome all members of the school community to join us on these occasions. Decisions and discussions from these meetings directly impact on the students of our great school. We are fortunate to have an executive committee that has all positions filled. The executive committee consists of:

- President - Scott Hutson
- Vice-President - Liam Payne
- Secretary - Kerri Bayles
- Treasurer - Camille Summers

**NAPLAN News**
Help your child make the most of NAPLAN. Each night, students should be reading in some capacity. It is important that not only reading takes place, but comprehension of the text is tested. This can be done in a few simple ways, including through asking questions about how and why things have occurred in the text. Students should also be able to give a recount of the text – indicating that they actually ‘took in’ some of the meaning being conveyed in the text. Our Year 3 and 5 students will undertake these tests on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May.

**Literacy Learning**
We have a week to round up our narrative unit. In the Prep-2 classroom, Preps are ZOOMING ahead with their letters and sounds. Amazing efforts of Gemma, Mitch and Jordi! Years 1 & 2 are focusing on contractions and grammar this week, to make them SUPER sentence writers! Their reading ability is improving every day. Awesome work!
Upstairs we’re flexing our muscles – ‘what muscles?’ you ask. Our NAPLAN muscles. We are getting NAPLAN fit. Look out, by the end of next week our storytelling fitness levels will be through the roof! We will be doing boot camp style activities to make us think creatively on our feet.

**Maths Moments**
Students Year 5 and 6 have been hard at work over the past few weeks investigating fractions, decimals and percentages. They have been finding percentages of amounts of money. Students in Year 3 and 4 have been investigating measurement, specifically length. They are now working on reading, interpreting and finding place value for numbers up to 10 000.

Down in the Prep-2 class, students have been making lots of patterns, as well as working on understanding and breaking up numbers into two parts, to make them easier for working with.

**Reading Corner**
Last week we included information on ‘Inferring’ and ‘Making Connections’. This week, more information on ‘Making Connections’ has been included. In the last newsletter, it was mentioned that some ‘Decoding Strategies’ would be included with this issue. There will be a slight change to this. The ‘Decoding Strategies’ will now be handed out at Parent/Teacher/Student Discussions in the coming weeks.

**Cattle Club**
Cattle Club has been great so far this year. We have a large number of our students from Year 3-6 participating in the lunchtime program, which is being facilitated by Mrs Scholl. Next Thursday, 26th March, students in Cattle Club will be visiting a local property for some live practice of what they have been learning so far. Permission notes for this outing will be sent out in the coming days. Thanks Mrs Scholl for helping us become professional cattle judges!

**Attendance Update**
Our attendance rate is currently 95.97%. Great work everyone on helping our school achieve such a great attendance rate!
Monto District Cross Country Carnival
As has happened in previous years, the Monto District Athletics Carnival will be held on the last day of Term 1 – Thursday 2nd April. All students are invited and encouraged to attend this event. Permission notes for participation in the Cross Country Carnival will be sent out in the coming days.

Goodwill Games and Monto District Athletics
Our Annual Goodwill Games will be held on Saturday 30th May. This is a chance for our students to participate in a range of Athletics Track and Field events in preparation for the Monto District Athletics Carnival (which will be held on 31st July). Further information about both of these events will be distributed next Term.

Monto District Sport Trials
Earlier this week students from across the Monto District participated in trials for the Rugby League, Soccer and Netball. Three of our students have successfully been selected to trial for North Burnett teams. Emily will be trialing for Netball, while Cameron and Izac will be competing in the Rugby League trials. The North Burnett Trials are being held on Monday 30th March in Gayndah. We wish these students all the best for these trials.

ANZAC Day
Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. The school has purchased some ANZAC Day merchandise which will be for sale in the first week of Term 2, with prices ranging from 50c to $2. All money raised goes back to the ANZAC Day Commemoration Committee, who initiate and maintain projects in order to honour the ANZACs and all the Australians who have served their country in times of conflict.

School Website
What would you like to see on our school website? 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
Don’t forget that our library borrowing is Thursday. Remember to bring your book back so you can swap it on a Thursday!

Brain Teaser
Last week’s answer – What has a face and arms but no nose, ears, mouth, eyes, or body? A clock face!
This week – I have streets but no pavement, I have cities but no buildings, I have forests but no trees, I have rivers yet no water.

Tuckshop News
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. Also included in this newsletter, is a blank roster for Term 2. Please complete this and return it to school ASAP, so we can send out the Term 2 Roster with our last newsletter for Term 1.

Student Council
Our Year 5 students are extremely pleased to have been given the job of Student Councilors for 2015. They will work closely with our School Captains elected earlier this year to assist in presenting information to the school and also leading and representing our school district events.
National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Friday 20th March is the fifth annual National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Go to [http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/](http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/) for more information. The following is some interesting information from the above website.

What strategies can parents suggest to their child who is being physically bullied?
The Bullying. No Way! website provides information about various strategies. These can be tried to avoid physical bullying situations:
1. avoid areas which allow the bullying students to avoid detection by teachers
2. stay with other students
3. talk to a trusted adult at school or home

What strategies can parents suggest to their child who is being verbally or socially bullied?
The Bullying. No Way! website provides information about various strategies. These can be tried if the child feels safe:
1. walk away
2. try to act unaffected or unimpressed
3. try to deflect the bullying behaviour (e.g. pretending to agree in an offhand way ‘okay, yeah, maybe’)
4. say ‘No!’ or ‘Stop it!’ firmly
5. talk to a trusted adult at the school or at home

School Dental Visit
It’s that time again – check your teeth! Robyn, the local Oral Health Therapist has advised that the School Dental Service will be occurring in our district very soon. There is a permission note being sent home with this newsletter for each child to have completed. The Dental Nurses will attend our school in the first week of Term 2 to assess our students. Students who are identified as needing dental work will receive notice and be required to attend the dental van in either Monto or Eidsvold (this will be confirmed at a later date). Please return the permission note ASAP.

Other Awards
On Monday, we had several students get awards, additional to our ‘Student of the Week’ awards. Congratulations to Brayden, Brooke, Reghan and Emily on reaching ‘Club 25’. Keep up the great reading efforts for your homework. Congratulations also to Archie, Addison, Chloe and Michael who achieved the next level in their Reading Comprehension Box challenge.

Monto Annual Race Day – 29th March, 2015
Gates open 11am til 6pm
5 local races
Book your corporate table for 8 at Monto Cattle and Country
(Be quick – limited numbers)
Bus Service – PO starting at 11am/Duck Inn 11:10am
Licensed Bar – BBQ – Luncheon – ‘Fashions on the Field’
Great Family Afternoon – Support Country Racing
Enquiries: 0488 508 987
Making connections

Text to text

Text to text connections are when we compare the text we are reading to other similar texts. These texts could be books or visual texts such as a movie or a TV programme.

This character reminds me of Harry Potter. They are both boys who were orphans and got brought up by an aunt and uncle who were mean to them.
Making connections

Text to world

This is when we connect what we are reading to things that really happen in the outside world.

The boy in this story is running for school president. He is promising to organise lots of fun activities for students at lunchtime. This reminds me of how politicians try to influence people to vote for them.

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Monto Magic presents

Cash for a Cause

Family fun filled evening to help raise funds for Blaze Aid

BLAZE AID

Monto Showgrounds

Easter Saturday 4th April

Free Entry

4 p.m–12 midnight
Fun filled evening of Entertainment, Kids Rides Licensed Bar, BBQ, Ham Wheels

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22 Students and 5 staff on Thursday