### Upcoming Events

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### Who has a Birthday in May?

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**From the Principal’s Post**

Welcome back to Term 2 at Abercorn State School. I trust that everyone has had a restful break and ready to go for another busy term of teaching and learning. We have plenty of things to keep us busy this term – just look at the ‘Upcoming Events’ calendar above! Please feel free to contact me via phone or email (bdepa5@eq.edu.au) if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback. We welcome and value your feedback.

**Weekly Parade**

Don’t forget that we have our weekly parade on a Monday afternoon. It will begin at 2:45 pm and conclude by 3:00 pm. We welcome all members of the school community to join us on these occasions when we can celebrate and recognise the efforts of the amazing Abercorn students.

**P & C Meeting**

Our next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday 5th May. Thanks to Scott, Liam, Kerri and Camille, our 2015 P&C Executive, for leading these meetings. We welcome all members of the school community to join us at these discussions, as decisions are made that impact directly on the school and our students.

**Combined Schools ANZAC Day Memorial Service**

On Friday 24th April we attended the Monto Combined Schools ANZAC Day Memorial Service. This was a moving service and was well run by the high school. We thank them for inviting us to join them on this special occasion, the 100th Anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli. Well done to all of our students who showed respect during the ceremony and while we were absent from school. Thank you to Cameron, Emily and Hamish who were invited to do readings at the service. Well done.

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**Student of the Week Awards**

Cameron – engaging the class with your expressive narrative writing. Great work!

Addison – knowing all your Dora Sightwords to list 5B.

Swimming Certificates – Emily, Zarah, Danika, Addison and Izac.
School Building Works
These works are continuing this term. There will be minimal disruption to class during these times. There are three more windows and a handrail on the steps outside of the computer room left to install.

2015 School Camp
Arrangements are currently being made for our school camp to the PCYC Capricorn Coast Leadership Development Centre in Yeppoon. We are currently finalising costs and getting accurate quotes for the camp. It is likely to be held in Week 4 of Term 4 this year - Tuesday 27th October to Friday 30th October (three nights). The cost will include all accommodation, meals, activities and travel. Further information about costs, deposits and payment due dates will be forwarded home in the coming weeks.

School Times
Our daily class time starts at 9:00 am and finishes at 3:00 pm. With this in mind, we ask that you please advise us if you intend dropping your child/children off early. More often than not, we are happy for them to be here early, however we do ask that if you are leaving them before 8:30 am to let us know so we can ensure there will be adequate supervision on site. We understand that mornings can be a very hectic time in preparing and organising children for school, however we do ask for your consideration in this matter, as we are frequently preparing lessons and activities for the day during before school time.

NAPLAN News
Help your child make the most of NAPLAN. 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.

Reading Corner
In the last newsletter for Term 1 we included more information on ‘Predicting’ and ‘Questioning’. In this newsletter, we have included some tips on how the ‘Scanning’ and ‘Self-Monitoring’ strategies can be used. These two strategies are some of the more common ones that we might use when reading to and with our children.

Cattle Club
Under the guidance of Mrs Scholl, our students have seen great improvements in their judging skills over the past few weeks. See photos and more details later in the newsletter. Don’t forget that the Eidsvold Show is this weekend. Those who are participating in the Junior Cattle Judging should be there on Sunday by 12 pm sharp. Thank you Mrs Scholl for coming and helping us improve our judging skills and encouraging us to participate in these competitions.

Attendance Update
Our attendance rate is currently 95.83%. Great work everyone on helping our school achieve such a great attendance rate! In the coming weeks we will be recognising those students who achieved 100% attendance in Term 1.

North Burnett Cross Country
This carnival has now been postponed to Wednesday 6th May. On this day, Hamish and Reghan will be representing the Monto District and Abercorn State School at the North Burnett Cross Country Trials in Gayndah. Congratulations and good luck Reghan and Hamish.

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!
**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.

**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. Please see the attached Tuckshop Roster for Term 2. There are still a few gaps, so feel free to add your name if you wish.

**Student Council**

Our Year 5 students will make up our Student Councillors 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. There will be a special parade on Monday 11th May. We welcome all parents and carers to join us on this special occasion.

**Winter Hoodies and Jackets**

In the last newsletter of Term 1, it was mentioned that the P&C was looking to put in an order to buy some hoodies. Thanks to those who have responded with your orders. Please call the school by COB Friday to leave your order, so these can be ordered next week.

**Homework for Term 2**

There will be some minor changes to homework this term. Students will get their homework on a Monday and return it on Friday. There may also be a change to some of the homework sheets sent home each week. Students should continue with their reading and spelling as it occurred last term.

**Privacy Awareness Week 3–9 May for Facebook and Twitter**

Privacy Awareness Week runs 3 to 9 May and this year’s theme is ‘Privacy everyday @ work and @ play’. Keeping personal information safe online is an important lesson. Take the Creep Quiz to find out more. www.creepquiz.eq.edu.au

**Monto District Cross Country Carnival**

Congratulations to all our students who attended and participated in the Cross Country Carnival in Monto on the last day of Term 1. It was great to see the effort and participation of our students on the day. Well done to Reghan, who came first in his age group.

**A Few Fantastic Funnies**

Why did the toilet paper roll down the hill?
To get to the bottom!

Did you hear about the pretzels walking around town? One was a salted.

What do you call a boomerang that doesn’t come back?
A stick.
Junior Judging Mt Perry Show

Practice is paying off!

Congratulations to the six students who attended Mt Perry Show on Saturday to compete in Junior Judging, especially on holidays! The students looked the part (Mr D – I bet you’re envious of Emily O’s boots by the way!) and represented Abercorn School to a very high standard, comparing four heifers of various breeds.

In the Under 15 years Stud judging category (that’s right, our year 3-6 students are competing against High Schoolers), Reghan Bayles placed 3rd overall. A special mention must also go to Hamish Derrick, who arrived earlier than most, and decided to enter in the prime cattle judging – and came away with 3rd place. Congratulations to all students however, because everyone has improved on their Mundubbera scores by at least 20 points!

Thank you very much to the Mums and Dads who travelled to Mt Perry, and to the extended family members who also came along to show their support.

Regards, Bec Scholl
16th Annual Goodwill Games
Saturday 30th May 2015

Events include:
- 60 metre
- 80 metre
- 100 metre
- 200 metre
- 800 metre
- Long Jump
- High Jump
- Shot Put
- Discus
- Ball Games
- Relay Races

Invited schools:
- Abercorn State School
- Boynewood State School
- Eidsvold State School
- Mulgildie State School
- Monogram Bay State School
- Monto State School
- Mount Perry State School
- School of Distance Education
- St Therese's Catholic Primary

**All track and field events have been re-measured for accuracy**
**Modified events for those who participants who are under 10 years of age**

When: Saturday 30th May, 2015
Where: Abercorn State School – 957 Wuruma Dam Road, Abercorn
Time: March Past starts at 8:30 am (day to finish at approximately 3:30 pm)
Who: All students 3 – 12 years of age are invited to participate

Nominations: To be returned to Abercorn State School by Friday 22nd May, 2015
Snacks: Food and drinks available for sale from the Canteen – menu coming soon

RSVP:
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Scanning

Scanning is a fast-reading technique. When you scan, you are looking for specific information in a text. You can use scanning to find information on a topic you are studying, look up a movie, or find a word in the dictionary.

When you scan you read quickly over some parts of the text. When you find the part you want, you slow down and read more carefully.

I’m looking for some information about what makes a volcano erupt. There might be a picture to show how it happens or maybe there is a title with some information underneath.
Self-monitoring is being aware of your own thinking when you read.

A really important part of self-monitoring is knowing when you have stopped understanding what you have read. It may be that you are not sure of what a word, sentence or even a paragraph means.

If you can recognise when this happens, you can use a strategy such as rereading to fix it.

That bit doesn’t make sense. I think I will stop and go back and reread it slowly out loud and see if that helps.
Provide a mobile vet service for both small and large animals through the North Burnett Region.

Our services include:

- **Cattle examinations** - herd health advice, pregnancy testing, semen testing, surgical dehorning, surgical castration and disease investigations.
- **Horse examinations** - lameness investigation, castrations, freeze breeding, dentistry and vaccinations including Hendra.
- **Dog & Cat examinations** - parvo virus vaccinations, heartworm prevention, flea and worm treatments plus arrangements for surgery’s and dentals to be performed in clinic.

To make an appointment, please call us at the Monto Vet Surgery on **(07) 4166 1285** or email: admin@montovetsurgery.com.au or look for us on facebook or our website: www.montovetsurgery.com.au

Stacey, Nat, Yasmin, Ann, Hayley & Kristy
School Photo Day

at

Abercorn State School

‘Country School Photos’

will be at our school to take class, portrait and sibling photos on

Wednesday 6th May 2015

❖ Each student is to bring their envelope to the photographer on photo day.
❖ Each student will be photographed in their class photo and individually.
❖ Photo packages and prices are on the envelope. Payment can be made by cash, credit card or cheque.
❖ Sibling photo needs only to be ordered on your eldest child’s envelope.

As only a Whole of School photo will be taken, parents with more than one child may find the options below helpful.

- Child 1 - $25 Photo Pack including Whole of School photo
- Child 2 and subsequent children - $15 Portrait Photos only (just cross out Photo Pack and write ‘Portrait only $15’ on envelope)

So, if a parent has 3 children they would pay $25 + $15 + $15 = $55
Sibling photo, if required, is separate again - $20

Please contact Donna who will happily answer any questions you may have.

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Get your group together for....

SOIRÉE
(French for cocktail party)

Live music by Ross River Fever
Show Girl winners announced
Prizes for best dressed

1st May 2015
Eidsvold Town Hall

Tickets available from Eidsvold Rural or Mundubbera Newsagent

$30 entry

DUSTIER THAN EVER

CHRIS COOK BAND SINGS SLIM DUSTY

WHERE: EIDSVOLD BOWLS CLUB
WHEN: FRIDAY, 29th May 2015
TIME: 7.30PM
COST: $10.00 PER PERSON
TICKETS AT THE DOOR
DINNER AVAILABLE FROM 6PM

NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

Funding has been provided under the Community Recovery, Community Development Initiative as agreed with the Australian Government under the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDARRA)
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AJ MURIEL & MAVIS

BUSTED OUT

A cross between Priscilla Queen of the desert and Thelma and Louise
With plummeting Cleavages

IT'S FREE
16 May, 7pm

ITALIAN BANQUET
MULGIDIE HOTEL’S
COMEDY SHOW PRESENTING

BUSTED OUT
WITH AJ MURIEL & MAVIS

IT’S FREE

Limited seats so bookings are essential
Friday 15th May 6pm
Cost $25 Adults

In aid of the Breast Cancer Foundation
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22 Students and 5 staff on Thursday