



Abergowrie State School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Thank you to the parents who have spent some time volunteering in the classroom. We encourage parents and carers to be actively involved in their children's learning. If you are available during school hours and wish to do so, please contact me in advance and I will arrange a time for you to visit us.

We are pleased to announce that our English edStudios are now up and running and can be accessed from home. You can use your child's English edStudio to find out what their weekly spelling focuses are. The edStudio also contains weekly spelling lists to the end of Term 1. Each week's focus contains a hyperlink to a video clip that explains and clarifies the instructional focus for your child. We encourage you to watch the respective video clip with your child at the beginning of each week. Students are asked to practise their spelling words each night, using the 'Look-Cover-Write-Say' strategy described in their homework book.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) offers great ways to enhance the quality of learning and to make it more interesting, fun and engaging for children. Our journey this year will see us using ICT in new and exciting ways.

Kind regards

Darren Cameron
Principal

Parent-Teacher Chats

Parent-teacher chats will be conducted in Week 9 this term. I will be in touch to offer you a range of appointment times and would love to discuss your child's progress and individual needs over a cup of coffee or tea.

P&C

There will be a P & C meeting next Wednesday 5 March at 7.30pm. All parents and carers are encouraged to attend, contribute and be involved in all areas of education involving parents, the school and the community. The staff at Abergowrie State School value your opinions and beliefs and wish to work in partnership with you in the best interests of the children for whom we care.

Cowboys' Visit

The North Queensland Cowboys visited us in Week 3 and had some important messages for our students about bullying. Matt Scott and Cameron King made it very clear about how they feel about bullying behaviour and gave us some examples of how they have overcome challenges in their own lives. It was great to find out that some of the strategies that footballers use to tackle bullying are similar to the ones we are learning to use. Our students use the 'High Five' strategy when they find themselves in difficult situations. Out on the footy field, the boys and girls learned some great new skills, including the now famous 'Kingly Step'!

Parent and Carer Morning Tea

Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent and Carer Morning Tea in Week 3. We love when parents visit and we can share our stories about our learning and school life. While we were enjoying our morning tea we were also paid a surprise visit by Constable Dave, our local 'adopt-a-cop'. Dave was joined by his colleague Tania and together they talked to us about life in the police force.

Library Borrowing

Library borrowing takes place on Thursdays. Students are invited to borrow two books, one of which can be kept in their desk for silent reading practise and one of which can be taken home to read for enjoyment.

Hearing and Vision Tests

It is important to remember to have your children's hearing and vision tested regularly as any impairments could be affecting their education.

Playgroup

Please spread the word about our weekly Playgroup, held at 9am every Friday after parade in our Early Learning Centre. All families with children aged 0 - 4 are welcome to join this free group.

Tea and coffee are available but please bring a piece of fruit for the kids to share for morning tea.

Please direct any enquiries to Jane on 4777 4584 or email abergowrieplaygroup@gmail.com

Swimming

Swimming will be on the last week of this term. We will travel to Ingham by bus on three consecutive days and students will receive levelled swimming instruction according to ability. Parents and carers are most welcome to accompany us as volunteers. More details will be communicated to you closer to the time.

Favourite Photo



'Adopt-a-Cops' Visit

