

Newsletter

Adaminaby Public School

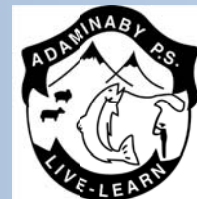
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Principal's Message

Last week I attended David Langford's Quality Learning Seminar. Quality Learning is an approach to improving learning and the quality of school life. It provides simple tools, methods and concepts to make classrooms and schools more efficient and effective. This was very inspiring and I got a lot from it. It has made me look at some of our current practice in the classroom and examine areas where we could make improvements.

Active After School Sports

This term Active After School Sports will only run on Wednesdays. We will have **fencing** this term. Permission notes need to be filled in and returned to school. Fencing will start next Wednesday.

Athletics Carnival

The Rivers Athletics Carnival is on in Cooma at the Snowy Oval on Wednesday the 18th May. Information and a permission note is attached to this newsletter for you fill in and return to school.

School Website

Just a reminder about the school's website which is www.aminaby-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Please check it regularly. Photo's of school activities and events are available for viewing and newsletters get uploaded to the site each fortnight, which is a good back up in case your hard copy is misplaced! I am also attempting to keep the calendar updated and permission notes will also be available to print out.

Transport for School Excursions

Some parents were concerned about utilising the bus for going on school excursions. I have investigated the issues and taken on board discussions with individual parents, discussions at P & C and researched what other schools do (both small ones and larger ones!). I have come to the conclusion that the fairest way to organise transport to venues and excursions is to try to use a variety of strategies each term. That would mean in any given term we would book the bus for some excursions,

use parent transport or use the high school bus. The reason for this is to not disadvantage anybody, and to keep the transport affordable to all families, so that we can continue to travel to events and places that are so valuable to our children's education. I will determine which transport to use over a term as each excursion or trip is planned. For example this term we have at least 4 excursions to attend: Rivers Athletics Carnival, Bredbo Small Schools Day, Habits of Mind Workshop in Cooma, and the Cooma North School Visit.

The school has funding to subsidise one of these trips this term. So looking at these trips, our visit to Bredbo would be the one I would like to book the bus for, and help subsidise.

I figure some parents would like to attend the Athletics Carnival so I will ask for parent transport for this excursion and I am going to investigate the use of catching the high school bus into Cooma for our 2 Cooma events. In this way no one is paying more than an estimated \$10 per excursion. If anyone would like further explanation of this please make a time for me to chat with you about this further.

Annual School Report

The 2010 Annual School Report is available for viewing on the school's website:

www.aminaby-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

If you would prefer a hardcopy please call into the school office and pick one up.

Assembly

There will be an assembly this week on Friday in the library at 2:40pm.

Naplan

Naplan testing will be held in week 3 on Tuesday May 10, Wednesday May 11 and Thursday May 12, for all year 3 and year 5 students.

Jump Rope for Heart

Jump Off day is 20th May. Sponsorship forms and money will be due back then.

Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary Contributions are now due. The contribution is \$20 for one child and \$40 per family.

Upcoming Events

Day	Date	Event
Tues-Thurs	10 th – 12 th May	Naplan
Wednesday	18 th May	Athletics Carnival
Friday	20 th May	Jump Rope Jump Off
Monday	30 th May	District Athletics
Wednesday	1 st June	Monaro Small Schools Day – Bredbo
Thursday	9 th June	Habits of Mind Workshop – Cooma
Friday	10 th June	Staff Development Day – No students at school
Week 10	TBA	Visit to Cooma North Public School

Recent Notes Handed Out

Note	Return to school by:
Athletics Carnival	Friday 13 th May
After School Sports	Wednesday 11 th May
Jump Rope Sponsorship	Friday 20 th May