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Principal’s Message
Welcome back students and parents to another exciting and busy year at Auburn Public School. May I take this opportunity to welcome all our new students who have started this year. I hope your time at our school will be exciting and rewarding.

Our Newsletter
For our new parents, please look out for our newsletter in your child’s bag every fortnight. It is sent home every second Tuesday. It is designed to inform parents of what has happened in our school and upcoming events.

At the end of 2012............
Presentation Day
Many students were rewarded at the end of last year for their excellence.

The behaviour of our students was excellent. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the outstanding achievements of 2012.

Congratulations to all the students who received awards.

End of Year Events
A great day was had by all our students who went to their end of year events in the last week of school!

The children were all well behaved!

Thank you everyone for organising these special events!

Year 6 Farewell
Our Year 6 students were given a farewell at the end of the term. They all looked terrific.

The staff and students of Auburn P.S wish them all the best in high school.

THE START OF 2013
Vandalism
We have been very lucky over the holidays escaping the storm damage experienced by other schools in Sydney and also with little property damage.

A special thank you to Mr Cross for all his hard work over the holidays getting our school ready for 2013.

Also, thank you to our wonderful cleaning staff who made sure our school was clean ready for our students.

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Kindergarten 2013

We have had 96 kindergarten students enrol in our school this year. Welcome to all our new students and their families.

New Deputy Principal

Our new Deputy Principal for 2013 as I mentioned in newsletters last year is Ms Jodie Landon. When you get to know her I am sure you will agree the panel made a great choice!

Congratulations Ms Landon!

Two new Assistant Principal's have Started

As a result of Ms Crawford and Mr Simmonds leaving Auburn Public to further their careers we had two vacant executive positions. These positions have now been filled through merit selection. I am delighted to announce that Miss Joanne Hillsley and Mr Matthew Probert have now joined us at our wonderful school.

Please see the article from our three new executive in this newsletter. I know the Auburn community will welcome you warmly!

Welcome to new staff!

Welcome to …..

- Ms Fatima Moutasallem who will be working in our Special Education classes this year
- Ms Shelley Davidson a newly appointed SLSO
- Ms Hayriye Kizilda working in Stage 1
- Mr Benjamin Simpkins working in a support role

Welcome back to our new and returning teachers! A special welcome back to all staff returning to Auburn in 2013. It is great to see all their wonderful smiling faces in our school!

P & C Meeting

Come along to our next P & C Meeting. It will be held on Thursday 21st February, 2013 at 9.15 am in the Kindergarten Hall. This is a great opportunity to come to our school and hear about what is happening.

I hope to see lots of new faces at our meeting.

Classes For 2013

Classes for 2013 have not yet been finalised. We are hoping that we will be able to complete the process by the end of this week. Please be aware changes may occur. I will publish this information in the next newsletter.

Uniforms!! Uniforms!!

Thank you to the many parents who send their children in school uniform. We do encourage children to wear their uniform. From a parent's point of view, it is much cheaper to send your child in the uniform each day.

School hats are available at the office for $6.00. It would be appreciated if all children wore the school hat.

Remember our Uniform Shop is now operational and sells uniforms at a very competitive price!

Uniform Shop Hours of Operations are:

Monday 8.30am – 10.00am
Friday 8.30am – 10.00am

Thank you to Mrs Cross for doing such a great job with our Uniform Shop!

Student Assistance Scheme

Funding is available to all families to assist in the purchase of uniforms, cost of excursions and other expenses associated with education of your child/children. This is very confidential. If you need assistance please do not hesitate to contact Ms Landon or myself.

Kindergarten - 2013

What a wonderful group of students we have in Kindergarten! They have settled into school routine well.

Parents, please make sure you leave your child as quickly as possible in the morning to allow them to settle and do not go near the room until it is time to pick them up. (No peeking into the classroom window! It is very disruptive to the class.)

Congratulations Captains

Congratulations to the following students who were selected for these positions in 2013 by the students. I am sure these children will do a wonderful job!

Congratulations to our new School Captains and Vice Captains

We will be having a special morning tea to celebrate our new captains with their families on Friday February 22nd February.

School Calendar

As soon as the School Calendar is completed it will be published in the newsletter.
Our school day for 2013

To support teaching programs our school day operates in the following way:

Below is how the day will go! Notice lunch is early in the day!

9.00am–11.00am  Class time

11.00am  Lunch

Lunch will occur. We will be having the first 10 minutes of the lunch break with teachers supervising eating in classrooms. (Some teachers may choose to take their children to a shaded seated area in the playground for this time).

11.50am–2.50pm  Another 2 hour teaching time

1.50pm  An afternoon recess break

2.15pm–3.00pm  A short afternoon teaching session.

Movement Between the Two School Sites

Parents, please be advised that children will move from one site to the other throughout the week under teacher supervision. Library lessons for example for all students occur on the 3–6 site. Technology lessons for all children will occur on the K–2 site.

K–2 children often come and use the grassed area on the 3–6 site.

Crossing the road will always be under teacher supervision and at the traffic lights.

Allergies

We have had a few children enrol in our school who are highly allergic to any form of nuts.

We would appreciate you talking to your child about never sharing their food at school for this reason.

If you could avoid sending any food containing nuts that would be very much appreciated.

Swimming Carnival

This Friday we are having our annual swimming carnival at Guildford Pool. It is a wonderful day with lots of activities, most of them out of the water. All students in Years 3–6 should be attending as it is a part of our normal school routine.

Parents, if you have any concerns about your child attending, please come and have a chat with me.

Parent Concerns / Complaints

If you have a concern about anything, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am available to speak to you directly, by phone or you can contact me by email.

We have a good school, one the staff and students are proud of. If you are concerned about anything please come and have a chat.

My email address is lisa.markey@det.nsw.edu.au I check this address daily.

Ms Lisa Borg
Principal

General News

New Executive Staff Members

Ms Landon  Mr Probert  Miss Hillsley
Deputy  Assistant Principal  Assistant Principal

This year, we have been fortunate enough to join the community at Auburn Public School. Ms Landon is the Deputy Principal, Mr Probert is the Stage 1 Assistant Principal and Miss Hillsley is the Stage 2 Assistant Principal.

Prior to coming to APS, Ms Landon was working at Granville Public School as Assistant Principal. Miss Hillsley was also working at Granville Public School as a classroom teacher. Mr Probert was classroom teacher at Georges Hall Public School.

Mr Probert is based on the K-2 site, while Ms Landon and Miss Hillsley are on the 3-6 site. Feel free to contact us with any concerns, questions or to simply introduce yourself.

Congratulations – Ms O’Brien

Congratulations to Ms O’Brien and her husband on the birth of their baby boy born in early January. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Welcome to Kindergarten Students

We had a lot of excited Kindergarten children arrive at Auburn PS on Thursday 31st January. Many couldn’t wait to get into their new classroom and meet their teacher.
There were lots of new uniforms and hats and bags filled with healthy lunches. The students have settled well and are beginning their journey of learning at Auburn PS. Welcome to the children as well as their parents!

F. Shearman
Assistant Principal

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Last week our Stage 3 students received their notes about our very exciting overnight excursion to Canberra which will be happening on the 4th and 5th of April.

We have been able to negotiate a very special price of only $140 which includes transport, some meals, overnight accommodation at Eaglehawk Lodge and visits to Parliament House, Questacon, The Museum of Australian Democracy, the War Memorial, the Mint, Australian Institute of Sport and Mt Ainsley Lookout.

As places for the excursion are limited, students need to bring in a deposit of $40 by the end of this week to secure their place. I hoping that as many of our Stage 3 students as possible will be able to attend this wonderful excursion.

High School Visits and Open Day

Year 6 students have enjoyed a visit from staff and students from Auburn Girls’ High and Granville Boys’ High to provide them with information about our local high schools.

All Year 6 students will be attending an Open Day at either Auburn Girls or Granville Boys on Monday 25th February to find out a little about what High School is like. Students need to return their permission notes to their class teachers as soon as possible.

Swimming & Ball Games Carnival - Years 3- 6

Mrs Kimura and Miss Isbister have been hard at work organising our annual carnival which will be held on Friday, 15th February at Guildford Pool. I’m sure everyone will have a great time participating in lots of fun activities both in and out of the water.

House Captains

Congratulations to the following students who were elected as House Captains and Vice-Captains for 2013.

Banksia

Currawong

Koala

Waratah

Please see teachers for the names of our sport’s captains for 2013

We look forward to hearing you all lead the cheering at our Swimming Carnival!

Kim Boyd
Assistant Principal (rel.)

Jolly Phonics Program Parent Information Session

Wednesday 20th February
Kindergarten Hall 9.00am-11.00am

On Wednesday 20th February, which is next week, there will be a parent information session about the Jolly Phonics program that we teach to students at our school.

It will be held in the Kindergarten Hall on the K-2 site from 9.00-11.00am. There will be translators available to support all parents.

We look forward to seeing lots of parents there to hear about this wonderful program.

Mrs Hansell
Assistant Principal
Literacy Mentor

Anti Bullying

On Monday February 11th, in conjunction with Auburn Public School’s commitment to PBIS, students had a visit from two special people, Frank Pritchard and Tim Lafai, who play for the Canterbury Bulldogs.

The players came out to deliver rugby league’s powerful new anti-bullying message. The students were very excited to meet the players and talk about ways to reduce bullying in schools.
Students watched a short video on 'Tackle Bullying' which delivered relevant information and important lessons on how to deal with bullying. The players had prizes for students who answered questions correctly and there was even time for autographs. Thank you Frank and Tim for visiting Auburn Public School and inspiring our students and developing their knowledge on how to Tackle Bullying.

Mr Glenn Cannons
PBIS Co-ordinator

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**Auburn Council News**

**Young Auburn Mums Group**

Salvos – 166 South Parade, Auburn
Commencing February 13th 10.30am – 12.30pm

Are you a young mum or mum to be and under 25 years?

- Come and meet other young mums, get support in baby sleep and settling.
- Join in fun, activities for both mum and baby and learn about baby development, caring for yourself and your baby.
- Share stories and parenting concerns.

For more info contact Trish on 8759 4000 or Krystle on 9646 3767.
Tuning into Kids

Brighter Futures Auburn
Suite 38, 1-5 Harrow Road, Auburn
Commencing Thursday 14 February – 21 March 2013
10.00am – 12.00pm – FREE

Would you like to learn how to:

- Be better at talking to and understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions and prevent behavior problems in your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?
- Tuning into kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:
  - have greater success with making and keeping friends
  - have better concentration at school
  - are more able to calm down when upset or angry
  - tend to have fewer childhood illnesses.

Morning tea and childcare provided and it is FREE.

For more information or to register, please call Callyulia on 9716 7032.

Lunar New Year Multicultural Street Parade and Festival

Sunday 24 February, 10.30 – 4.00pm
Macquarie Road, Auburn

The 2013 Lunar New Year Multicultural Street Parade and Food Festival is coming soon on Sunday 24th February, with the street parade taking place in Macquarie Road, Auburn, followed by the festival in Auburn Park.

This is a local community event that celebrates the Lunar New Year, as traditionally done by various Asian cultures, but also aims to include all other cultures in on the festivities.

The Street Parade will be a showcase of the colourful and vibrant traditional dress of a wide variety of diverse cultures from 10.00-10.30am. This parade will proceed from Rawson Street, down Macquarie Road and into Auburn Park.

Following this parade, the Festival will run from 10.30am to 4pm in Auburn Park and will feature cultural music and dance performances, activities and workshops and a wide variety of international food and market stalls.

So come along and witness the spectacle of Auburn’s very own street parade, and celebrate the Lunar New Year with all other cultures.

To be part of the Street Parade or for more information contact Steffan Jurd at steffan.jurd@auburn.nsw.gov.au or on 9735 1362.