Principal’s Message

Classes For 2013

As you are aware, recently all classes were reorganised to accommodate the reduced number of enrolments for this school in 2013.

Please be assured, as mentioned in the last newsletter, teaching programs across each grade are similar. Teachers have planned together so that even if your child has changed his/her class, the work they have been doing will carry on in their new class.

I would like to thank the staff for their support through this challenging time. Their support of the necessary changes has been very much appreciated.

If you would like to discuss this with me further, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Outlined below are the classes and the teachers for 2013.

Staffing – 2013 (As at 1 March 2013)

Principal – Lisa Borg

Deputy Principal – Jodie Landon

Assistant Principals
Jan Heathcote – Teacher Mentor
Fiona Shearman – Early Stage 1
Matthew Probert - Stage 1
Joanne Hillsley - Stage 2
Erene Tsamoulos (Mon / Tues) – Stage 3
Kim Boyd (Wed- Fri) – Stage 3
Kathleen Hansell – SEU (Rel)

Kinder
KT Ms Sandra Cornish
KB Ms Bridie Ryan
KS Ms Damie Sencan
KA Ms Laura Kheir
KM Ms Hayriye Kizildag

Stage 1

Year 1
1C Ms Cordelia Ionita
1J Ms Jade Parisi
1C Mrs Parveen Kaur
1R Mrs Rosa Ramshaw

Year 2
2C Mr Andrew Curby
2D Mr Matthew Probert
2T Mrs Tilly Chetty
2V Ms Virginia Vedik
1/2S Mrs Sujatha Sharma

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Stage 2

Years 3/4
3/4A Ms Joanne Hillsley
3/4C Mr Glenn Cannons
3/4I Ms Tracy Isbister
3/4J Ms Ashlea Campbell
3/4K Ms Sandy Kissi

Stage 3

Year 5  5W Ms Laura Williams
Year 6  6K Ms Erene Tsamoulos (Mon/Tues)
        Mrs Kim Boyd (Wed/Thurs/Fri)
5/6B Ms Hayley Bynon

Multi Age Classes
3/6H Mrs Kathy Houghton
3/6R Mrs Renuka Kumar

Library
Ms Fran Gregory
Ms Alison McMurtrie

SEU
3/6 M Mrs Caranda Kimura
1/4B Ms Salonee Chaudhry
2/4N Ms Naomi Bonus
3/6D Ms Fatima Moutasallem

Reading Recovery
Mrs Dorothy Bassil
Ms Rose Waddington

ESL
Mrs Carolina Matta. Mrs Matta will also be working in the Refugee Program

Mr Benjamin Simpkins
Mrs Nancy Zeballos
Mrs Saroja Venkateshwaran
Mrs Michelle Wotton

Technology Mentor
Ms Jenny Campbell

Literacy Mentor
Mrs Kathleen Hansell

ESL Mentor
Mrs Mallika Das

Maths Mentors
Mrs Sandra Cornish, Mrs Sujatha Sharma, Mr Glenn Cannons and Ms Laura Williams

Learning and Support Teachers
Ms Rachel Serong
Ms Fatima Moungatonga

Community Language
Mr Ayman Fenter
Mr Amir Mekhail
Ms Kudret Yilmaz
Ms Maryam Gharagozli
Ms Bobbie Liu

Counsellor
Ms Daniela Lazanja

RFF
Ms Yvonne Dickens

Support Teachers
Ms Luisa Dal Santo
Ms Deephti Sharma

School Learning Support Officers
Elizabeth Reed
Danielle Doherty
Cathy Haskell
Shelley Davidson

Our Wonderful Office Staff
Carol Scicluna – SAM
Martelle Coughlin – SAO
Freya Ingold – SAO
Elizabeth Clatworthy – SAO
Anna Giannakoulis – SAO
Jeanette Napoli – SAO

P & C

Our next P&C meeting is next Thursday, 14th March, 2013. Come along and hear about the things happening in our school. Translators will be available.

This meeting is also the Annual General Meeting where we need to elect the executive for the P & C for 2013.

School Hats

Students are being encouraged to wear the school hat. Please do not encourage your child to wear any other hat to school other than the school hat.

School hats are available at the school office for only $6.

Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Absence Due to a Long Overseas Holiday

Please be aware that taking your child overseas for an extended period of time, that is more than 3 weeks, does affect their learning.

Your child is missing valuable learning. If you choose to do this, be aware that teachers will be reviewing your child’s progress at the end of the year and if necessary will be recommending your child repeat that year again. If children miss too much school they need to be given the opportunity to catch up and this may mean repeating the school academic year.

My advice to all parents is try to keep trips back to family in other countries to our school holiday periods throughout the year. Then your child will have every opportunity provided to them at Auburn to learn.

If you are taking your child out of school for an extended period it is essential you come to the office on the 3 – 6 site and complete the appropriate paper work.
SRC Training Day

All our newly elected Student Representative council members will be having a training day very shortly which will teach them all about their new roles for 2013. The teachers working with the SRC this year are Mrs Kheir, Mrs Hansell and myself and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

PBIS Re-launch

By now you would have heard about our exciting PBIS re-launch day on Friday 22nd March. Make sure you come up to school on the day to be part of the event. There will be lots of special things happening including a poster competition, assembly, prizes and a special visit from Captain Goodchoice just to name a few. I can’t wait! See you there!

Ms Lisa Borg
Principal

General News

Clean up Australia Day

A whole school clean up activity was planned for Friday 1st March, to coincide with Australia’s largest community-based environmental event, Clean Up Australia Day. Unfortunately, the activity was postponed due to heavy rain but will continue this week. Students are encouraged to bring plastic gloves and plastic bags and to clean up one area our school.

Interest Groups

On Monday, our ‘Interest Group’ afternoons began, with students having the opportunity to audition for a range of activities. The activities include: Arabic, Turkish, Chinese, Dari or Islander Dance, 3-6 and K-2 Choir, 3-6 Public Speaking, 3-6 and K-2 Dance, Mentoring and Gardening. These activities provide opportunities for students to develop and extend their skills and interests. Interest Group activities will continue every Monday afternoon.

Canteen Tender

The school is currently in the process of calling for tenders for our school canteen. The current operators have been at the school since 2010 and since then have provided a quality food service for our students. An advertisement has been placed in the local and metropolitan papers to request tender offers. The successful operators should be able to start at the beginning of Term 2.

The Australian Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum will soon be implemented in all primary schools across Australia. This national curriculum provides learning which supports the skills, knowledge and capabilities for students to be able to meet the needs of the 21st century. The new curriculum also identifies what all students should learn as they progress through school and offers greater consistency for the mobile student and teacher population. At our school, teachers are beginning to engage with the Australian Curriculum and have participated in several learning modules since the beginning of the term. Extensive professional learning for teachers is planned for 2013 so that teachers develop a deep understanding of the curriculum.

PBIS Re-Launch – 22nd March

11.00 – 1.00pm 3-6 Site

This will be a celebration of the success of this program and will be an opportunity for all students to be involved in fun activities.

Activities include a poster competition for 3-6, a colouring competition for K-2, a sausage sizzle, a whole school assembly and lunchtime games.

Parents welcome!

Captains and Prefects Morning Tea

Recently the 2013 School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects had a special morning tea with their parents, Ms Borg, Ms Landon and Mrs Boyd. It was a wonderful occasion and a special opportunity to celebrate these student’s amazing success and leadership qualities with their families. We are all very proud of them and look forward to the great job they will do this year at Auburn Public School. What great ambassadors they are for Public Education. Well done!

Literacy Programs - Auburn Public School - Low SES National Partnerships Update

Jolly Phonics Parent Information Session and Class Demonstration Lesson

At our school over the last few weeks it has been a busy time for the school in the area of Literacy. In Week 4 on Wednesday 20th February we held a very informative Jolly Phonics Parent Information session that was presented by Tina DiMauro a highly experienced teacher and founding educational consultant of Jolly Discoveries.
We had an overwhelming response with a large numbers of parents in attendance at this information session. Thank you to all the parents that showed their support for their children’s learning by attending this meeting.

After this information time we had Tina Dimauro present a Jolly Phonics demonstration lesson with a Year 1 class.

The teachers that were involved in this session were impressed by how highly engaged the students were during the lesson. They will now be able to take this learning and implement it into their classroom programs.

Mrs Tina DiMauro worked with teachers in the classroom and led discussions. She was able to work with our teachers to help develop Synthetic Phonics in the classroom and demonstrate the process through implementing hands on grammar lessons.

Teachers enjoyed this opportunity for professional discussion and learning. We are looking forward to Tina joining us again later in the term in Stage 2 and 3 classes to continue this important teacher professional learning as part of the Low SES National Partnerships program.

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**Primary English Teaching Association - Literacy Teacher Professional Learning**

On Wednesday 20 February after school our school was specially selected to host the Primary English Teaching Association with Robyn Wild presenting on ‘Where do I start? Stimulating ideas for literacy’. Our school has worked closely with the highly experienced literacy educator as part of National Partnerships Literacy project.

Many of our teachers had the opportunity to actively participate in this after school teacher professional learning session. During this presentation teachers were shown what effective literacy teaching and learning looks like in practice.

Our school looks forward to hosting more Primary English Teaching Association professional events.

At Auburn Public school the LOW SES National Partnerships funding is used to support ongoing and new literacy and numeracy programs and initiatives it also supports classroom and school organisation and school culture initiatives and home, school and community partnership initiatives.

Mrs Hansell
Assistant Principal
Literacy Mentor

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**Canteen – Friday 15th March**

On Friday 15th March the canteen will be holding a sausage sizzle day. If you would like your child to participate please fill out the coupon that was sent home last week and return it to the canteen.

Halal Sausage Sizzle with sauce $3.50
Halal Sausage Sizzle with sauce and small slushie $5.00

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**Merit Certificates**

Congratulations to the students who were presented with their merit awards at recent assemblies.

Please see the class teacher for the class and PBIS awards.
Term 1, 2013

Fri 8\textsuperscript{th} Mar  Stage 3 Cake Stall and Mufti Day
Thurs 14\textsuperscript{th} Mar  9.15am ASPA Meeting Kinder Hall
Fri 15\textsuperscript{th} Mar  Years 5-6 Boys “Learning with League”
Fri 15\textsuperscript{th} Mar  Best Start Feedback to Parents
  9.00 – 10.00am Kindergarten Hall
Tues 19\textsuperscript{th} Mar  Harmony Day
Fri 22\textsuperscript{nd} Mar  PBIS Launch
Tues 26\textsuperscript{th} Mar  Stage 1 Environmental Lessons
Fri 29\textsuperscript{th} Mar  Good Friday
Mon 1\textsuperscript{st} Apr  Easter Monday
Thurs 4\textsuperscript{th} Apr  Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
Fri 12\textsuperscript{th} Apr  ANZAC Day Ceremony

**Community Advertising**

This newsletter is available as a community service. The advertisements featured are at the request of clients and not necessarily endorsed by Auburn Public School.

**WOMEN ONLY**

**Outdoor Group Exercise Class**

Tone up, lose weight and socialise with other women. Mums, bring your bubs. All women are welcome!

Session fees are cheap:

- **$10 per session**
- **or $15 in total for two sessions per week.**

This outdoor group exercise class is run twice per week at a local park in Granville.

For session days and times, or for any further information, contact:

**Mitchell Lenkic** (Owner/Exercise Physiologist)

on **0433 709 502**

or email Mitchell@everydayhf.com.au

Everday Health and Fitness

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**Auburn Council News**

**Africultures Festival**

**Saturday 16\textsuperscript{th} March, Auburn Park**

The “Africultures Festival” is a fantastic Auburn community-operated event, typical of the amazingly diverse, colourful and vibrant cultures residing within the Auburn area.

The event is run by a combined force of various community organizations, including the Somali Welfare and Culture Association, the African Women's Group, Sierra Leonean Women's Wan Word, Anglicare Diocese of Sydney and many others with the support of Auburn City Council.

The 2013 event is to be held on Saturday 16\textsuperscript{th} March at Auburn Park and is set to be another cultural extravaganza with record numbers of people and performers to be involved – celebrating in true African style.

The Festival is a showcase of African cultures consisting of music, drum and dance performances, unique and traditional African foods and a vast array of arts and crafts, colourful clothing, handmade jewellery and cultural products from many, diverse African nations.

The event brings together people from all nations of Africa who now call Australia home, as well as those from non-African communities, in a celebration of unity, tolerance, friendship and fun. It is a shining example of the Auburn community and the people who live there.

For more details check out the event’s webpage:

www.africultures.com.au