**Principal’s Message**

**PBIS Relaunch**

A big thank you to everyone who attended our special assembly last week to relaunch our highly successful PBIS program in our school. We had a fabulous time with items presented from 3-6H, 6K and the choir. Also there were several special performances by Captain Goodchoice, which we will all remember for a long time.

Congratulations to all our special award winners on the day. All the winners of our Art Competition are on display in the James Waters Hall. A big thank you to our PBIS committee and all our wonderful staff for a great day! A more detailed report and photos appears further in this newsletter.

**P & C**

The meeting last week was the Annual General Meeting where we needed to elect the Executive for the P & C for 2013.

Firstly thank you to our wonderful executive for 2012. Your hard work was very much appreciated.

**Our new P & C executive for 2013 is;**

- President: Meric Uyanik
- Vice President: Omar Manna
- Secretary: Neriman Altun
- Treasurer: Rose Uyuk

Thank you also to Mrs Julie Cross who continues to do an amazing job with our uniform shop.

**Uniform Shop**

Our uniform shop is open on Monday and Friday mornings from 8.30 – 10.00am for the purchase of school uniforms.

**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.

**Stage 3 Rainbow Day, Cake Stall and Raffle**

A big thank you to Year 6 and their teachers for the wonderful day they had recently. The school was awash with colours of the rainbow and there was a beautiful array of yummy sweets for sale and an amazing selection of raffle prizes. Thanks to all the students who participated in this fun event and the organising teachers, I look forward to the next special event. Well done!
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.

Harmony Day

On Tuesday March 19th our school celebrated Harmony Day, all the classes designed a fabulous canvas artpiece to reflect this year's theme, all the art is up on display in the James Waters Hall Hall so why not come up and visit our very own art gallery. I thank everyone who wore cultural dress or orange on the day as we came together to celebrate this event. The theme for this year was “Many Stories – One Australia”.

Ms Lisa Borg
Principal

General News

Australian Government Assistance for Canberra Excursion

Stage 3 students from Auburn Public School will soon be undertaking an educational excursion to our national capital. While on this excursion they will participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing an amount of $20 for each attending student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read about all the exciting things Stage 3 will be doing on the excursion. We hope that the excursion is a rewarding experience for our students.

Kim Boyd
Stage 3 Supervisor

Stage 3 News - Fantastic Fundraising

In Week 6, 5W and 6K each held a Cake Stall. The students in these classes did a wonderful job of bringing in lots of fabulous cakes. They are all to be congratulated on the excellent way in which they ran their stalls.

As well, 6K organised a Rainbow Mufti Day. It was great to see so many students wearing different colours for one day.

For the past fortnight, 6K has also been busy selling tickets in their raffle, which was drawn on Friday morning. Altogether we raised just over $1200. A fantastic effort! Some of this money has been used to reduce the cost of our Canberra excursion and the rest is going towards this year's Year 6 Farewell.

Thank you to everyone who came dressed in Mufti, bought raffle tickets and bought cakes.

A big WELL DONE to all the students in 6K and 5W!!

Raffle Winners

Congratulations to:
1st Moussab 2C (MP3 player)
2nd Jad KB (Big W gift card)
3rd Mrs Houghton (Art Set)

The winner of the Lolly Guess was Haider Al Khazaaly from 5/6B with a correct guess of 304 lollies.
500 Schools Tree Planting Program

On Thursday 14th March, the School Captains, Prefects, SRC Representatives from Years 3-6 and Sports House Captains went to Lizard Log Picnic Ground at Abbotsbury to plant trees as part of the 500 Schools Planting Program. This program is an initiative of Western Sydney Parklands.

The students worked very hard to plant 200 trees and also visited the mobile plant nursery. They all received a t-shirt for their efforts. Mrs Hansell and I would like to congratulate all the students on their excellent behavior. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school.

Kim Boyd
Assistant Principal (Rel.)

High School Expression of Interest

On Monday of this week all Year 6 students took home their High School Expression of Interest forms.

These need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible as we have a very strict timeline to follow and must forward all forms to High Schools before the end of this term. High Schools will begin to make offers of placement during Term 2.

Kim Boyd
Assistant Principal (Rel.)

Canberra Excursion

It’s only a few weeks until our excursion. All outstanding money needs to be paid as soon as possible (the 28th March at the latest). We need to pay the tour company before we go.

Students will shortly receive a medical form and a list of items to take.

We have been able to offer this excursion at an extremely low cost of $140, thanks to the PACER funding (mentioned earlier in this newsletter) and also the fundraising which Stage 3 organised.

You will see from the Itinerary outlined below, how many exciting things we have been able to organise. I know the students are going to have a wonderful time!!

Day One Thursday 4th April

Leave School at 7.00am and arrive in Canberra at approximately 11.30am and go to the Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House).

After lunch we will visit the Royal Australian Mint to see how our money is made. We will then go to Parliament House for a guided tour of both houses. Following this we will visit the Parliamentary Education Office.

At 5pm we will go to the Australian Institute of Sport for a guided tour and then have fun trying out 3 sports.

Finally we’ll head to our accommodation and dinner, followed by a good night’s sleep.

Day Two Friday 5th April

No time to sleep in!! Breakfast at 7am, leaving at 8am and going to Mt Ainslie lookout for views over Canberra and the Parliamentary triangle.

From there we’ll go to the Australian War Memorial for some interactive fun and a look at some of the galleries.

Then it’s off to Questacon for lots of hands-on Science fun.

Sadly we’ll then say farewell to Canberra and make our way back to Auburn where we’re due to arrive at approximately 7.00pm.

I’m sure everyone will agree we’ve packed as much as we possibly could into two days. We look forward to sharing highlights and photographs with everyone in future newsletters.

Kim Boyd
Assistant Principal (rel.)

Swimming Carnival

On Friday February 15th students in Years 3 to 6 attended their annual swimming carnival at Guildford Pool.

The day was a big success despite the occasional rain!! The students participated in a variety of different activities including balls games and novelty events in and out of the water.

Three students were successful in making it to the Auburn Zone Swimming Carnival which was held at Granville Swimming Pool on March 6th. Asli Yerlikaya, Hudhaifah Mohammoud and Adam Manna tried very hard in all their races. Adam and Asli were successful in making it to the...
Sydney West Regional Swimming Competition which was held at the Aquatic Centre in Olympic Park on March 19th.

Congratulations to all the students who attended the Auburn Public School Swimming Carnival. Your behaviour is to be commended!

Learning with League

On Friday the 15th of March Stage 3 boys attended the ‘Learning with League’ centre at the NRL head quarters, Moore Park. The boys participated in a range of activities to coincide with positive characteristics of Rugby League including, teamwork, support, encouragement, healthy lifestyle and determination. The boys had a fantastic time working through the role plays, group work and mini challenges which assisted their decision making, problem solving and communication skills. The boys represented their school well and had an enjoyable day. A big thank you to Mrs Boyd and Mrs Holmes who assisted the boys on the day.

Haley Bynon
Organising teacher

Best Start In Kindergarten

Every student in Kindergarten is individually assessed in literacy and numeracy when they first start school. This assessment is used to gather information to guide the teaching of the children.

The teacher observes each child whilst doing specific tasks, such as talking about a book. It is designed to find out what the Kindergarten children can do.

Parents were given feedback in the form of a report. These reports were given to parents at a special meeting held on Friday 15th March.

If you have not received your feedback sheet please come and talk to your child’s teacher. Also, if you wish to discuss the report further make an appointment with your child’s teacher.

PBIS Re-Lauch Celebration

A message from Captain Good Choice

Wow!! What a great day last Friday was! I flew into Auburn Public School to help celebrate your PBIS journey. I saw lots of children and adults enjoying themselves, having great fun and making good choices. Everyone had a sausage sizzle which some very helpful parents had cooked. I had one and it was delicious!! The SRC painted students’ hair and faces in blue and white which looked so cool! House Captains made sure everyone kept making good choices whilst playing with the parachute or skipping. It looked like lots and lots of fun.

What I liked the most was the K-6 Assembly. I was able to help hand out some special certificates and announce the winners of the Captain Good Choice colouring competition. There were some great items and songs. There were even some Kindergarten students who assisted me with singing “Five Little Ducks”. Thanks Kindy kids, you were outstanding!

I can’t wait to come back for a visit to see everyone continuing to make good choices! Please invite me for another visit soon!

From Captain Good Choice

Sausage Sizzle

As part of our PBIS Re-launch Celebration, every student received a free sausage sandwich. It took a lot of barbequeing and buttering to make this happen on time.

I would like to thank the parents who volunteered to do this. The parents involved were: Babha Jeet, Ayse Karaoglu, Neriman Altun, Omar Dannawe, Riza Arslan, Melissa Mollica, Wenqin He Hai Ying Qiu and Michelle Korosaya.
Harmony Day

On Tuesday 19th March we celebrated Harmony Day. Students were asked to wear their cultural clothes or something orange. All those who did so looked terrific!

The theme for this year was “Many Stories - One Australia” so teachers read extra stories about Australia to their classes throughout the week. Also each class painted a canvas to be displayed in the James Waters Hall. They all are wonderful and so creative. Next time you are in the hall, have a look at them.

The Easter Bunny

This week the Easter Bunny will be visiting Auburn Public School. Every student will receive a chocolate Easter egg in the next few days.

Thank you
F. Shearman - Assistant Principal

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the students who were presented with their merit awards at recent assemblies. Please see the class teachers for the names of these students.

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Community Room News

English Class - FREE

The **FREE** English Class for parents has been very popular with an increase in numbers attending each week! Please feel free to come and join us in the Community Room on Tuesdays from 9am – 11am.

Certificate III Business Course

We held an information session regarding the Certificate III Business Course which a lot of parents attended.

The Certificate III Business Course will be commencing Monday 25th March.

Dhari Class - FREE

Every Friday from 9am – 11am there is a parents FREE Dhari class. Please come and join us.

Cooking Class – FREE 9am – 11am.

The following recipe was prepared and cooked by the parents who attended Thursday’s Cooking Class in the Community Room. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet other parents and share different cooking styles and tastes. Please feel free to come and share your favourite recipes.

**Easy Biryani**

1/2 kg boneless meat
4 cups basmati rice
3 onions – sliced
3 tomatoes – chopped
4 green chillis
1 cup mint and coriander
1 cup yoghurt
2 tablespoon ginger garlic paste
1 tablespoon whole garam masala
1 pack of shaan biryani masala
1 pinch of saffron if needed
Salt to taste
3-4 tablespoons of oil
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Raita

1 cucumber
1 cup yoghurt
2 pinch of salt
1 pinch pepper

Add yoghurt and salt to grated cucumber and pepper. Serve.

Method for Biryani

1. Soak the rice for one hour
2. Heat the vessel and pour oil
3. Add whole garam masala, then green chillis then onions. Fry until onions are light in colour.
4. Add ginger garlic paste, fry for one minute
5. Add meat. Stir the meat till the water dries up.
8. Add yoghurt and tomatoes.
9. In a separate vessel, boil 4-5 litres of water with a pinch of salt.
10. Cook rice in the boiling water till it is ¾ cooked, strain the rice and keep to the side.
11. Check that the meat is ¾ cooked then add the shaan biryani masala.
12. Do not add salt as the masala has salt in it.
13. Cook on simmer for ..............
14. Layer the meat masala, then rice, then meat masala and rice on top.
15. Add the lemon juice with saffron on top. Cook on simmer for 20-30 minutes.

Serve hot with cucumber raita.

The next cooking class is Thursday 9.00am-11.00am in the Community Room. Hope to see many more faces.
**Islamic Scripture Teachers Wanted**

*If you are interested in teaching Islamic Scripture to children, please contact Eva on 0405 655 065.*

*Training and teaching materials are provided.*