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Principal’s Message

Classes For 2014

As you are aware classes were reorganised recently.

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.

Canteen Update

Mel our Canteen Supervisor has some great new additions to the menu available for our students to purchase. Please take the opportunity to order a special lunch for your child during the week as they really enjoy the special meal days on offer.

P & C

Our next P & C meeting is Thursday, 13th March, 2014. Come along and hear about the things happening in our school. Translators will be available. This is also the Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting is where we need to elect the executive for the P & C for 2014.

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 $6.00. Also, we are now encouraging black shoes only for school!

Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

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Absence Due to a Long Overseas Holiday

Please be aware that taking your child overseas for an extended period of time 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.

Ms Lisa Borg
Principal

General News

Jolly Phonics and Home Reading Parent
Information Session

Thank you to all the parents that attended our parent
information sessions about the literacy programs at our
school.

It is great that we can work in partnership to support the
learning of your children.

We have our free parent Jolly Phonics workshops
starting next week on Tuesday at 2:10pm in the
Kindergarten Hall on the Junior site. These will run for
four weeks on Tuesdays from 2:10-3.00pm and parents
will have the opportunity to learn how to use the Jolly
Phonics program with their children.

Ms Tina will be teaching this program during these four
weeks. There will be translators available as well.

Dates:  Tuesday 11 March    Tuesday 18 March
         Tuesday 25 March    Tuesday 1 April.

We look forward to seeing lots of parents on these dates.

Mrs Hansell and Mr Probert
Assistant Principals

Library News

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Library lessons have begun for this year and the children
who do not have a library bag will be able to purchase
one from the library, for $1.00.

Please encourage your child/children to take care of our
library books as lost or damaged books will have to be
paid for.

Please remind your child/children to return their books
each fortnight and encourage them to read their books.

Reading is an enjoyable past time, especially when
shared with a parent or family member.

We hope to see lots of children borrowing from the library
this year.

Thank you for your co-operation. Happy reading.

Teacher/Librarians
Ms. F. Gregory and Mrs A. McMurtrie
Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2014

On Thursday 13th March, the newly elected Student Representative Councillors for 2014 will be attending a full day training session in the James Waters Hall. This is a very important role at Auburn Public School as the students discuss, plan and resolve important issues. The students will also be attending fortnightly meetings, and leading and conducting classroom meetings to find areas for decision making. The councillors represent all classes at Auburn Public School with membership from Year 2 to Year 6.

Miss Hillsley, Miss Assaf and Mrs Cornish

MultiLit at Auburn Public School

In order to cater for the diverse needs of our students, some teachers at Auburn Public will be implementing MultiLit's Reading Tutor Program, MiniLit, and PreLit programs K-6 to provide our students with extra support in reading.

Reading Tutor Program

The Reading Tutor Program caters for students from age 8 onwards who continue to struggle when reading. Our Learning and Support Teacher conducts a placement tests for students that have been identified through our schools Learning and Support Team. The program focuses on phonics, sight word recognition and supported book reading.

PreLit

PreLit is a skills-based, early literacy preparation program we are using in our kindergarten classes. It is designed to complement a play-based learning environment and provides children with a sound foundation for learning to read.

MiniLit

In Year 1 and Year 2 classes this year, we have begun the MiniLit program to help our students develop their reading and writing skills. MiniLit is a small group program. That means we take 3 or 4 children in a group and a teacher leads them through a sequenced series of lessons which teach them to write and read their letters and sounds. The children learn to recognise sight words and how to blend sounds to read words.

The program also involves the children in reading books and improving their vocabulary knowledge. In the classroom, the MiniLit Storybox sessions help our children develop their understanding of stories and deepen their enjoyment of books and reading. We are looking forward to improved reading and writing outcomes for our Year 1 and 2 students as a result of their participation in the MiniLit Program.

Dorothy Bassil
MiniLit Mentor

Auburn Girls Open Day

On Monday February 24th Mrs Haskell and I took 28 Year 6 girls to Auburn Girls High School for Open Day.

The girls had a fabulous day and were provided with a great high school experience. They sat through one hour classes of Sport, Geography, Cooking, Music, French and Science. The girls that did Cooking even got to take their cookies home! They were provided with muffins for morning tea and had a delicious BBQ lunch.

All girls represented Auburn Public School well and displayed very good behaviour. Thank you to Mrs Haskell for her help on the day!

Mrs Boncompagni
PBIS

This year Auburn Public School has been participating in the PBIS (Positive Behaviour Interventions Support) program. The program focuses on explicitly teaching the students on how to make good choices both in the classroom and in the playground.

During the past few weeks students have learnt about the core concept of Problem Solving. The key ideas of these learning areas are Using Words, Taking Action, Seeking Help and Anti-Bullying. Students have been involved in lessons where they develop problem-solving skills by gathering relevant information by observing, questioning and researching.

The students have learnt about using a range of problem solving strategies and selecting the most appropriate solution. This has involved identifying people who can assist them and carrying out a plan and reflecting on the results. We encourage you to talk to your children about these learning areas and the importance of interacting in positive ways with teachers, students and visitors at Auburn Public School and in the wider community.

Please remember to look at the next newsletter where you will read about other concepts that your children will be learning about.

Mrs K. Hansell
Assistant Principal - PBIS Committee Member

Merit Certificates

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

Please see your child’s class teacher for these awards.

Community Room

Cooking Class

Reminder to parents that the Cooking Class has moved to Mondays. Please feel welcome to come and join Meric and share your culinary expertise.

Sheppard's Pie (Feeds 8-10)

Ingredients:
- 1kg lamb mince
- 4 brown onions
- 8-10 potatoes
- 500gm frozen vegetables
- 3 tbls tomato paste
- ½ cup milk
- 1 tbls sweet paprika powder
- 1 tspn black pepper
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Olive Oil
- Tasty shredded cheese
- 1-2 tbls butter

Method:
In a frypan fry chopped onion with a generous amount of oil until lightly browned. Then cook mince in same pan with onion. Add salt, pepper and tomato paste.

Peel and chop the potatoes. Boil them until tender and drain. Add 1 tablespoon butter and ½ cup milk then add some salt and pepper then mash and put aside.

Oil a rectangle deep baking tray. Add the mince mixture equally on the base, then spread 1cm thickness of the mash
potatoes on top of the mince mixture. Cover with foil then put in preheated oven at 200ºC for 20 minutes.

Remove from oven and add the shredded cheese, 1 tablespoon of butter on each corner. Cover again and put back in oven for a further 20 minutes.

Remove foil and let the cheese melt and lightly brown.

Serve with garden salad or garlic bread, or whatever your taste buds desire.

**Coming Events**

**Term 1, 2014**

- Thurs 13th Mar  Annual General Meeting – P&C 9.15am Kindergarten Hall
- Thurs 13th Mar  Cake Stall on 3-6 site
- Thurs 13th Mar  Teams Day – Gold Coin
- Tues 18th Mar  Jolly Phonics Parent Workshop 2.15pm
- Fri 21st Mar  Best Start Feedback to parents
- Fri 21st Mar  Harmony Day
- Tues 25th Mar  Jolly Phonics Parent Workshop 2.15pm
- Tues 1st Apr  Jolly Phonics Parent Workshop 2.15pm
- Thurs 3rd Apr  Cross Country Carnival
- Fri 11th Apr  ANZAC Day Ceremony
- Fri 11th Apr  Last Day of Term 1

**Term 2, 2014**

- Mon 28th Apr  Staff Development Day
- Tues 29th Apr  Students Return to school

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