**Principal’s Message**

**Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews**

School Reports will be sent home on Friday June 20 and will contain lots of great information about the wonderful work your children are doing in classrooms. Please take the opportunity to attend a parent/teacher interview next week. It is a great way to get to know the teacher and to find out how you can help your child at home and support their learning, there will be interpreters available to assist on Tuesday June 24 from 3pm to 7pm. Notes for you to select interview times went out last week. If you did not get one please ask for another one from the class teacher.

**Tree removal on K-2 site**

Over the holiday period the large tree on the K-2 site near Susan Street should be removed by the DEC contractors. This has taken longer than anticipated as we have had to negotiate with the electricity supplier for the area as the tree needs to be craned over the electricity cables through Susan Street. Hopefully by the time next term starts the playground in that area will be open again for our students to use. Many thanks for your patience but safety of all is very important to us!

**Stepping Out Program**

Next term all students in Kindergarten and Year One will be participating in a fantastic program called Stepping Out which is all about movement and physical activity. I encourage all parents to ensure their child is involved in the program. Permission notes will be available from class teachers.

**P & C Meeting**

Last week we held our P&C meeting. Parents had the opportunity to listen and ask questions about all the things happening in our school.

Our next P & C meeting will be on Thursday 31 July 2014 in our Kindergarten Hall at 9.15am. I hope to see lots of parents there!

**Buddies Show**

Next Friday the school will be having a special Anti-bullying show called “Buddies” as part of our school PBIS program. The show is FREE but all children must return a permission note to attend. More notes are available from class teachers. Don’t let your child miss out on this great show I hope to see everyone there!
Greenslip Awards

Congratulations to all the children who receive Green Slip awards next week in recognition of all the good choices they are making both in the classroom and the playground. Well done everyone!

Red Nose Day

Next Thursday we will be having a special Red Nose Day organised by the SRC. There is a colouring-in competition, merchandise to buy and a chance to wear as much red as you can on the day for prizes. I hope everyone participates as all money raised will benefit the charity.

Wrist bands are being sold for $3.00.

School Security

Please be aware that throughout the day all gates are locked. We have installed an electronic gate on both sides of the road for entry. Press the button and one of our office staff will open the gate for you.

To ensure maximum use of resources for all students, regardless of the site of the home base classroom for the student is located, movement between the two sites will occur on a regular basis.

No student at any time will move between the two sites without supervision from a staff member.

Students will move between the two sites for school activities such as; technology, library, assemblies, sport, performances, fun days, various curriculum activities.

- Students arrive at school and enter the site for which they will commence the school day.
- Once students enter a school site they are not permitted to leave this site unless supervised by a staff member of Auburn Public School.
- Students will need to become familiar with their weekly timetable. If students commence the school day on the alternate site to their home base classroom, they will arrive and enter that site for that day and line up as advised by staff for the session.
- Students who forget which site they commence on any particular day, are to remain on the site they have entered until the school day commences. They will then be escorted to the correct site by a staff member.
- Students who are on the alternate site at 3.00pm from their home base classroom will be dismissed from that site.

Parents will be informed by the teacher of the class timetable, which will outline what site their child should arrive and depart from on a daily basis.

We ask parents to support the class teacher in ensuring your child is aware of the site they should arrive and depart from on a daily basis and for our younger children, ensure your child enters the correct site in the morning.

We also ask parents to arrive at school on time to collect their child from the correct site.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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.

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.

Chicken Pox

There has been a recent outbreak of Chicken Pox within the school. Parents are to be aware of common symptoms ranging from slight fever, runny nose and a rash that blisters and scabs. Exposure is 2-3 weeks prior and children are to remain at home for 5 days until blisters have scabbed over.

General

Last day for Term 2  Friday 27th June, 2014
Teachers return to school  Monday 14th July, 2014
Students return to school  Tuesday 17th July, 2014

Have a wonderful and safe holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone to start again in Term 3!

Ms L Borg
Principal
General News

GWS Giants

On Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 4, Year 6 were lucky enough to work with some people from GWS Giants. On the Tuesday, they spoke to the students about healthy eating and the students had the opportunity to make some different foods. Students made some healthy salad wraps as well as their own Tim Tams, which are a ‘sometimes’ food. Students were also taught how to make healthy ice-cream and had the opportunity to try all these foods.

On the Wednesday students went to Woolworths in Auburn with the GWS Giants people and had the opportunity to explore healthy options in the supermarket.

Thank you to the Giants for coming out and working with the students and to Ms Landon for organising these days.

Mrs Boncompagni

K-6 Assembly

On Friday 13th June 2014 our school held a K-6 assembly in the James Waters Hall. It was lovely to see many parents at this assembly. Thank you to the captains, vice captains and teachers who assisted with the organisation on the day.

3/6R performed a fantastic item for the school. It was called ‘Rap for Simple Machines.’ Not only did 3/6R compose the rap but they made examples of the simple machines to show the K-6 students.

A big thank you to Faith Falanitule and Taupule Samataua singing their duet ‘Somewhere Over the Rainbow’. It is such a hard job to get up in front of the whole sing. It was beautiful.

Thank you to K-6 choir for singing ‘Blackbird’. Everyone loved it as they sung so well and it is so nice to see 70 students on the stage singing. Thank you to Ms Shearman, Mrs Hansell, Ms Roberts and Mr Curby for teaching the choir this lovely song.

We look forward to seeing you at our next assembly.

Ms Landon
Deputy Principal

Mrs J Heathcote
Assistant Principals
K-6 Assembly Awards Winners

Please see your child’s class teacher for these awards

Choir at Auburn Public School

The Junior (K-2) and Senior (3-6) Choirs combine to perform at the K-6 Assembly on Friday 13th June. They sang “Blackbird” by The Beatles. The audience was impressed by how wonderfully the 2 choirs came together. We hope to be able to sing as one in the future.

Some members of the Senior Choir are preparing for the Our Spectacular performance at The Sydney Opera House in September. We have a number of rehearsals at Granville South High School.

Also the Senior Choir will be singing at the “Community Knit Wit” at Granville Town Hall on Wednesday 17th September.

F. Shearman
K. Hansell
L. Roberts
A. Curby

Choir Co-ordinators

Late Breaking Choir News

Great News! Two of our choir members are performing on the stage of the Sydney Opera in the “Our Spectacular”. They were successful in auditions on Wednesday 18th June.

Faith Falanitule will be singing with a smaller choir of selected students who will be performing “Somewhere Over the Rainbow”.

Taupule Samataua will be singing a solo as part of “The Circle of Life” from “the Lion King”

A big congratulations to both of these girls.

F. Shearman
K. Hansell
Choir Co-ordinators

Buddies 2

On 27th of June Brainstorm Productions will be presenting ‘Buddies 2’, an exciting adventure that gives clear strategies for maintaining friendships and being safe on the internet.

In this adventure the characters learn to control themselves, express their feelings in a safe way, seek help, use kind words, listen, tell the truth and never give their details or talk to strangers online.

For more information on the company go to www.brainstormproductions.edu.au

Jolly Phonics Parent Workshops

Thank you to all the parents who have been actively engaged in the Jolly Phonics program workshops. These are being held in Weeks 7 and 8 this term on Tuesday 17 and Tuesday 24 June at 2:15pm in the Kindergarten hall. All parents are welcomed to attend. Your ongoing support of these programs are greatly appreciated.

Mrs Hansell
Assistant Principal
Mrs T Di Mauro
Jolly Phonics Teacher

Literacy Co-ordinator
Stage 1 – Australian Museum Excursion

On 11th and 18th of June Stage 1 students went to the Australian Museum. Everyone had a fantastic time especially during the hands-on activities in the culture space where we learnt about Aboriginal Culture including some Aboriginal artefacts and participated in hands-on activities. We also explored some of the exhibits on dinosaurs, skeletons and animals.

Miss Roberts

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.

Coming Events

Term 2, 2014

- Fri 20th June: Reports sent home
- Tues 24th June: 3pm-7pm Parent Teacher Interviews
- Wed 25th June: 3-6 Choir performing at Knitting Event
- Thurs 26th June: Greenslip Day
- Fri 27th June: Buddies 2 show
- Fri 27th June: Red Nose Day
- Fri 27th June: Last Day of Term 2

Term 3, 2014

- Mon 14th July: Staff Development Day Holiday
- Tues 15th July: Students Return
- Fri 25th July: School Tree Day
- Mon 28th July: Education Week Begins
- Thurs 31st July: ASPA (P&C) 9.15am Kindy Hall
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