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Principal’s Message

Book Week

This week is a very exciting time for us as we celebrate The Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Week. The theme for 2014 is Connect to reading, reading to connect! We will celebrate by displaying and sharing the short listed books and by a whole school book week character parade on Wednesday at 12:00. We would love to see all of our students (and maybe some teachers) dressed up as their favourite book character on this day to join in the fun.

Cultural Diversity Day

Next week we will hold our annual Cultural Diversity Day. This event is always popular with parents and students as it gives us an opportunity to celebrate our culturally diverse community. Please join us on this day and bring a plate of your cultural food along to share. An assembly will also be held on this day and many of our students will perform a variety of traditional and cultural dances.

Swimming Scheme

Swimming scheme begins in less than 3 weeks and places are quickly filling up. This is a very important part of our school program for students in years 2-6 and we encourage all parents to consider enrolling their children in the program. Learning to swim is a vital lifesaving skill and the lessons arranged by the school are extremely inexpensive. The total cost includes the bus to and from the pool and lessons by qualified instructors. This works out to cost less than $6.50 per lesson.

Fundraising Term 3 and Term 4

Finally, several fundraising opportunities have been planned for the rest of term 3 and term 4. These events raise money for the Year 6 Farewell, the Student Representative Council, students attending the Granville School Spectacular, the Support Unit and other specific areas. The events may take the form of school discos, mufti days, cake stalls or guessing competitions. Please assist the staff and students to raise money for these target areas by contributing to these events. We look forward to your continued support.

Jodie Landon
Relieving Principal

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General News

School Uniform

It is expected that students wear full school uniform each day. Uniforms can be purchased from the uniform shop on Monday mornings (8:30-9:30am) and Friday mornings (8:30-10:30am). Hats can be bought from the office on site during office hours for $6.00.

At Auburn Public School the uniform is as follows which come from the school uniform shop;

Girls
- Blue good quality embroidered polo shirts that are to be purchased from the school uniform shop or long sleeve polo shirts
- Navy blue skorts or shorts
- Long tracksuit pants or long navy blue pants
- Blue jacket or blue jersey
- School hat
- Plain white scarf
- Plain white stockings
- White socks
- Black school shoes

This student is very proud of wearing her Auburn Public School uniform.

Boys
- Blue good quality embroidered polo shirts that are to be purchased from the school uniform shop or long sleeve polo shirts
- Navy shorts
- Long tracksuit pants or long navy blue pants
- Blue jacket or blue jersey
- School hat
- White socks
- Black school shoes

This student is very proud of wearing his Auburn Public School uniform. Please remember to label all school clothing so that it can be easily identified if lost. It is important that all students wear the correct black shoes to school for safety requirements.

Thank you for supporting our school spirit at Auburn Public School by wearing the correct uniform that represents our community.

Mrs Hansell
Relieving Deputy Principal

The information below comes from the Department of Education and Communities School Uniforms policy.

Health and Safety Legislation

Under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000 (OH&S Act) the Department of Education and Communities must ensure that students are not exposed to risks to their health or safety while they are on Departmental premises.

The Act also requires the Department to identify any foreseeable hazard that has the potential to harm the health and safety of any person on its premises and to take steps to identify and eliminate or control such risks.

School uniform requirements must take into account these requirements.

Examples of where a school has a duty to require a standard of dress in the educational setting include, but are not limited to:
- requiring students to wear appropriate footwear, eyewear or other protective clothing so as to avoid injury
- requiring students to wear a hat for outside activities when appropriate
- requiring that jewellery or other items that could, with reasonable foreseeability, cause an injury to themselves or other students are not worn.
Benefits of school uniforms

The wearing of school uniforms by students assists school communities in:
- defining an identity for the school within its community
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school

Jodie Landon        Mrs Hansell
Relieving Principal  Relieving Deputy Principal

Kindergarten 2015

If you have a child who will be 5 by the 31st July, 2015 and you live within our local area, please call into the school to complete enrolment information. Proof of address is required. If you have a neighbour who has a child ready for school, please let them know about enrolling their child for 2015.

Jolly Phonics Parent Workshops

At Auburn Public School we operate a phonics (sounds) program called Jolly Phonics. Parent workshops around Jolly Phonics have been organised to help parents understand the sounds of English. Parents will also learn strategies for reading and writing using sounds.

Where: Kindergarten Hall on the Junior site
When: Every Tuesday from Weeks 5 to 8 on the following dates at 2:10-3:00pm;
      Tuesday 19 August
      Tuesday 26 August
      Tuesday 2 September

These workshops will also give parents grammar strategies to help their children at home. All parents are welcome to attend these free workshops.

Mrs Hansell        Ms Tina Dimauro
R/Deputy Principal Jolly Phonics Teacher

Write 4 Fun Writing Competition Entries

We have had some students enter the Write 4 Fun 2014 Schools Writing Competition! Students all over Australia are invited to enter their short stories OR poems, and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer.

There is no theme!! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL YEARS are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Year 12.

See some of our wonderful school entries so far. Visit the website www.write4fun.net for further information about the competition.

Mrs Hansell        Ms Houghton
Relieving Deputy Principal 3/6H Teacher

The Test

A gleaming light shone brightly as I opened my eyes. I was not sure where I was, or who I was. I found myself lying down on my back, on a clean bed. I sat up and noticed I was in a small room. The walls were dusty and wooden and the room looked like an average hotel suite… It had ripped furniture. The atmosphere was dead silent. My ears twitched when I heard a robotic feminine voice. “Hello, and welcome to the testing facility. Prepare to start the first test.” It said, softly. “These series of tests are pre-recorded.” The same voice spoke.

I looked outside a dusty window to see a bright green peaceful field, with the sun shining bright. I heard a door creak open. A wooden wall was separating myself from the door, there was merely a cylinder shaped lift waiting for me. I stepped inside the lift and it shut slowly. I could see the room from the interior of the lift, through the clean glass that reflected my appearance. I was tall and I wore a white jumpsuit and had short black hair put to the side. I felt the lift elevating to the floor above me. In a matter of seconds, the lift opened slowly. I stepped into an ominous, clean white and black room. It stretched widely and was comparatively short. I thought that it would be a written test, but I was wrong. They were using me as a lab rat.

All that there was in the room was a large red button located on a high, towering platform, a yellow thick liquid positioned next to the platform, positioned on my level. I stepped onto the liquid and I unexpectedly bumped up high in the air and fell onto the hard, white floor. It didn't hurt as much as I expected it to. Once again, I jumped onto the liquid and I could reach the platform. I climbed up onto the platform and I pressed the red button. A large, circular door opened up and I walked through. On a large, luminous sign, I read, “Test Two.” Once again, I met with another large room. This time, there were many more platforms, big and small, varying in shapes, with many unusual objects on the platforms, but instead of a yellow liquid being positioned near the platforms, it was positioned further away, on a ramp. I knew I had to run onto the ramp and jump onto the platform. I spaced myself from the ramp and I counted down in my head. Three, two, the tension was building, heavily, one.

I felt my heart skip a beat as I felt a strong force. I was being pulled, my heart was thumping. I felt myself being pulled backwards, forwards, up and down, and that what had happened had been just a figment of my imagination as the roller-coaster ride as I had felt the exhilaration of the ride, OR WAS IT?

Angelo Nguyen
Year 6

Oebald the Wizard

Once upon a time there was a girl called Eliza Mickelhoffer. This girl was delightful, smart and sweet tempered girl. She absolutely loved boxes. One day her mum and dad gave her a special parcel. In the parcel were three elegant boxes with curved designs on them.

Eliza opened the first box but it was empty, she wondered if the other boxes were empty too. She opened
them and the second box had shining gold coins in it. Eliza took one out. The shining gold coin was in her hand when suddenly a new coin appeared. ‘Wonderful,’ exclaimed Eliza. The next box was filled with a hundred dollar notes. She thought that if she took a note out another one would replace it. She was over the moon because she was right. In her hand were lots of hundred dollar notes.

Eliza thought she might as well put her hand in the first box, so she did. Thump she was transported to another planet with her boxes. The planet was amazing and mysterious. A strange looking man leaned over her and introduced himself. He said that his name was Oebald the wizard. He said that if Eliza put her hand into the box she would arrive home again. ‘No’ said Eliza ‘I want to explore’. Oebald said he would show her the planet after a while Eliza became bored and couldn’t stop thinking about the money and the boxes.

So she dipped her hand into the box just as suddenly as she arrived she was back on planet Earth. She walked to her house to see that her mother was upset. She had just received a lot of bills that she couldn’t pay. Eliza told her mum not to worry and crept to her room and carefully placed the boxes on her bed. Wow! She couldn’t wait to tell her mother about her good fortune.

Grace Lau
3/6H Year 3

Happy Birthday, Me

I wake up to the sound of birds chirping and the sun rising. Today is a special day for me – today is my birthday. I’m going on a picnic with three of my best friends – Francesca, Katie and Abbey. I walk out of bed and do my hair, brush my teeth and eat my breakfast. My mum helps me pick an outfit to wear. I shower and my mum helps me organise my picnic basket. My friends and I have planned to meet at 8am at Francesca’s house. When I’m ready, my mum drives me to Francesca’s house and I wave good-bye to my mum when we arrive. I open the car door and hop outside.

It’s a bright, sunny day today – great weather for a picnic. I knock on the front door. The time is 8am. The door opens and I see Francesca’s mum at the door. I greet her and she gestures me inside. I walk into the house and her mum leads me to Francesca’s room. I open the door and Francesca is sitting on her bed, getting ready. When I walk into the room, she lifts her head up and says, “Hey, Lucy.” I walk to Francesca and shut the door behind me. “Alright, I’m ready now,” she says. Then we hear a loud knock on the door and go downstairs to open the door. “Who is it, dear?” I hear her mum ask. “It’s just Katie and Abbey, mum” she answers. Francesca’s mum says hello to both Katie and Abbey. We all go upstairs into Francesca’s room. “We better hurry now,” Abbey tells us. Abbey is wearing a beautiful lavender dress, medium-blue shoes and a dark-green headband. Katie wears short jeans and a stripy t-shirt. Francesca wears a white spotty t-shirt and a black jumper with long jeans. We all run downstairs and Francesca’s mum drives us to Bribie Island Recreation Area. We tell Francesca’s mum that we will come back at 11:30am. We all wave good-bye to Francesca’s mum and Francesca kisses her mum on the cheek and we head off to our picnic.

We walk to the picnic area and settle our things. “This place is so beautiful,” says Katie, looking pleased. We start to eat our things. After an hour, no one is here anymore.

At 11:15am, we start to walk back to Francesca’s car. We’re nearly there but we stop. There is a tall, slender man in front of us. We all run away and scream. He is faster than us and eventually catches up to us. He drags us into the forest. He stops and takes out a sharp knife and stabs Katie. We all scream for mercy and try to run away.

It is now 11:45am. We are running away now. He catches us again. He stabs Abbey in the chest and stomach. I don’t manage to run away this time and he stabs me last. My mum is worried and she shouldn’t be, because today is my birthday.

Elle Nguyen
3/6H

Merit Certificates

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

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

Coming Events

Term 3, 2014

Fridays Starting School Well program for Kindergarten 2015
Thurs 28th Aug ASPA (P&C) 9.15am Kindy Hall
Fri 29th Aug Cultural Diversity Day (K-6 Assembly)
Tues 2nd Sep Our Spectacular – Opera House
Mon 8th Sep Swimming Scheme begins years 2-6
Mon 15th Sep SPOT Parent Workshop
Fri 19th Sep Swimming Scheme Ends
Fri 19th Sep Term 3 Ends

Term 4, 2014

Mon 6th Oct Public Holiday
Tues 7th Oct Students Return

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