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Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are over halfway through our Swimming Program for 2015. The scheme has been very successful so far and students appear to be enjoying the experience. A huge thank you to Mrs Kimura for your outstanding organisation and to all teachers involved. Your flexibility has enabled so many students to participate in the program.

Next week will be Book Week, an annual event designed to promote the love of reading in children. The theme this year is “Books light up our world”. All students will enjoy being part of the audience for a special performance called “Wake up and Read” in the James Waters Hall to celebrate books.

This event will be paid for by the school at no cost to students. We also have many of the short listed books on display in our library. Take a look at the Children’s Book Council of Australia website for more information about all of this year’s shortlisted books at http://cbca.org.au/bookweek.htm.

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, our annual Cultural Diversity Day will be held on Friday September 4. This will be a day of wonderful celebration at Auburn Public School. As always, we will be entertained by our many talented students performing cultural dances and songs at a whole school assembly.

Then we will feast on the many delights our various cultures have to offer. Please make sure that you join us on this day and bring a plate of food from your culture to share. Thank you to Ms Shearman and our Community Language teachers who have been busy ensuring that this day is a success.

Have a wonderful week.

Ms Lisa Borg
Principal

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General News

Kindergarten 2016

If you have a child who will be 5 by the 31st July, 2016 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 2016.
**Children’s Book Week**

As part of our celebration for Children’s Book Week, your child/children will be attending a FREE show “Wake Up and Read”

When: Tuesday 25th August, 2015  
Where: James Waters Hall  
Time: K-2: 10.00- 11.00  
3-6 :12.00-1.00

Each child should have received an information and permission note.

Please sign the permission note and return to your child's class teacher.

**Starting School Well**

Auburn Public School has been running a **Starting School Well** for children beginning Kindergarten in 2016.

The program aims to help prepare the children for school. The program, run by Miss Roberts, is held every Thursday morning from 9-11am in the spare classroom next to KL.

The children will be learning new songs, listening to stories, learning to work in groups and creating lots of different artworks. The program runs every Thursday until the holidays and in Term 4.

Miss Roberts  
Organising Teacher

**Calmsley Hill City Farm**

On the 10th of August Kindergarten went to the Calmsley Hill City Farm. Kindergarten got to see all the animals that we have been learning about this term. We saw cows, horses, sheep, goats and even had a go at milking the cows. We had a ride on the tractor and saw the sheep dog show. Everyone was well behaved and had lots of fun.

Miss Roberts  
Kindergarten Teacher

**Book Character Dress Up Day**

On Thursday 27th August, we ask that your child/children dress up as a book character.

There will be prizes for best dressed/most imaginative costume in each class.

Please don't spend a lot of money, use old clothes from home and Hot Dollar in Auburn have cheap costume items.

Yours in Books  
Ms. F. Gregory  
Teacher/Librarian
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

There has been a recent increase of whooping cough (pertussis) amongst primary-school-aged children and a modest increase in high schools.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough caught at school can spread to any younger brothers and sisters at home. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children.

Children with symptoms should see a GP.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. When returning to school please provide a doctor’s clearance certificate stating that your child is fit to be at school.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it’s a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

1B’s Exciting Experience with Archie Roach

The boys and girls from 1B wrote letters to Archie Roach, (who is a well-known Aboriginal singer and songwriter), after they read his award-winning song, “They Took the Children Away”.

Not long ago Archie’s song had been made into a children’s book which was illustrated by Archie’s wife, Ruby Hunter. The children thought the book/song was sad but happy in the end because, “the children came back”. The illustrations in the book inspired the children’s indigenous artworks. When Archie Roach heard about the children’s letters he invited one child, her family and myself, to his concert at the Opera House on the 8th of August.

We quickly made the letters and artworks into a book and 6 year old Sarah Altmimi, on behalf of 1B, presented the book to Archie Roach just before he went on stage.

During the concert Archie talked about Sarah’s gift of the book and how he believed children occupied a special place in the world as they were closest to the earth.

During the concert Sarah was introduced to the audience and the spotlight shone on her while she stood on the seat and the audience applauded. The normally talkative Sarah was speechless all night.

When Sarah came to school on Monday she related it all to her classmates and we showed them the photos. Everybody was excited about the fact that their letters had reached Archie Roach and that their writing had made him happy and hopeful.

It was a night young Sarah won’t ever forget.

Archie Roach is returning to Sydney on the 22nd of November for a free concert at the Opera House. Hopefully more Auburn children and their families will have the opportunity to see him live in concert then.

PS Don’t tell anyone, but Archie has accepted our invitation to visit our school in November if he can!

Mrs Bassil
1B Teacher

Dear Mrs Bassil,

I am so glad that you chose my art and put it on the front of the book. I was very excited when I saw Archie Roach in the Opera House. He was very kind with me and the book made him happy. The Opera House is a very big and nice. I sit with my family and listen to the words. I hope every child to history it was sad. Parent in a safe country. Live with their.

From Sarah

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.

Term 3, 2015

Mon 10-21 Aug Swimming Scheme Years 2-6
Thurs 13th Aug  Starting School Well for preschoolers
Fri 21st Aug  Year 6 Raffle
Mon 24th Aug  Bookweek Begins
 Tues 25th Aug  Wake Up and Read Shows
 Tues 1st Sep  Fathers’ Day Stall
 Tues 1st Sep  Year 1 Powerhouse Excursion
 Wed 2nd Sep  Father’s Day Stall
 Wed 2nd Sep  Year 2 Powerhouse Excursion
 Fri 4th Sep  Cultural Diversity Day
 Mon 14th Sep  Our Spectacular – Opera House
 Thurs 17th Sep  Stage 3 Science Incursion
 Fri 18th Sep  Stage 3 Science Incursion
 Fri 18th Sep  Last Day Term 3

 Term 4, 2015
 Tues 6th Oct  Students Return to school

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