PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

I would like to once again thank Miss Sadler, the Literacy team and all the staff, the students and the parents who made our Literacy and Numeracy day such an outstanding success.

This was truly an all school effort led so well by the AWPS Literacy team.

Last Wednesday was such a rich learning experience. Many students with the help of their parents made an extraordinary effort to produce very realistic costumes. It was very pleasing to hear the students talk about, explain and describe their characters. Our program to further improve the students reading and oral language, I feel, is making a significant difference for our students.

Apart from the wonderful feeling of excitement that filled the day, I was very very pleased with the support from our parents who joined us for our special assembly. I believe it was the largest group of parents at an assembly for some time. Thank you for supporting your children and the school.

Parent teacher interviews (week 9)

All parents and guardians are invited to attend the Parent/Teacher interviews which will be held on Wednesday 12th September, 2012 from 3pm to 7pm.

This is an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress this year. It is also important that your child attends the interview with you to hear about their own progress. Each interview will be scheduled for a maximum of fifteen minutes.

Please return your request for an interview note to the class teacher by Wednesday 5th September. The class teacher will then confirm your interview time.

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Coming to grips with measurement

It may come as no surprise to learn that a child’s early awareness of mass and volume is often based on watching their parents. Seeing mum or dad measure

and pour ingredients for a recipe or weigh items at the fruit shop will often become part of their play. Find out what you can do at home to help your child measure mass and volume.

Go to: Helping your child measure mass and volume

BOOK FAIR THANKYOU

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4 September 2012

Tues 18 Sept Year 4 excursion to Sydney Observatory and Botanic Gardens Years 3-6 disco, 3:30pm
Fri 21 Sept Last day for term 3 Parent excursion

Term 3 2012 Events

Thurs 6 Sept Intercultural Day
Fri 7 Sept Parent Group: Mini Olympics
Fri 14 Sept Parent group: School holiday showcase

Auburn West Public School invites parents and students to come and celebrate our annual Intercultural Day
Thursday 6th September 2012
9:30am – 3:00pm

Performance and activity highlights include:
Cake Pops Speeches Lolly bags
Drum group Choir
Rides Games
Hair spray Dances
Nail Polish Food stalls

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National Child Protection Week is a campaign which aims to engage and educate all Australians to understand they have a part to play in keeping our children and young people safe from violence, abuse and neglect.

The Auburn Holroyd Child Protection Interagency has compiled a list of local services which are available for support and advice.

The following agencies operate in your community and welcome your call to discuss any questions or concerns.

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<td>Auburn Community Health Centre Child Adolescent and Family Team (CAFT)</td>
<td>Free psychological assessment/ therapy for children &amp; adolescents aged 0-18 years &amp; their families. Issues addressed include developmental, behavioural, emotional or other psychosocial concerns. Various interventions available including: individual counselling with parents, children &amp; adolescents; family therapy; group therapy.</td>
<td>Auburn Community Health Centre, Norval St, Auburn NSW 2144 Telephone 8759 4000 Referral: Phone 1800 222 608, 9am - 4 pm.</td>
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<td>Auburn Diversity Services Inc (ADSI)</td>
<td>This service offers opportunities for mothers, fathers &amp; their children to make friends. Playgroups for 0-5 age group enhance child development &amp; are available for a range of cultural backgrounds. Culturally specific groups meet to receive emotional &amp; practical support as well as exchange information &amp; learn new skills.</td>
<td>17 Macquarie Rd, Auburn NSW 2144 Telephone: 9649 6955</td>
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<td>Auburn Youth Centre</td>
<td>Offers social recreational activities, counselling and casework support to young people aged 12 to 14 who live, study or spend time in the Auburn area.</td>
<td>17 Macquarie Rd, Auburn NSW 2144 Telephone: 9649 6955</td>
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<td>Auburn Department of Family &amp; Community Services (FaCS)</td>
<td>Primary concerns are the safety and well-being of children. Community Service Centres can assist with appropriate referrals to useful organisations and short term training and counselling as appropriate.</td>
<td>57-61 Queen St, Auburn NSW 2144 Telephone: 9335 4100 CS Helpline on 132 111</td>
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<td>Barnardos - Auburn Children's Family Centre</td>
<td>Barnardos offers counselling for children, young people and their families where children &amp; young people have been affected by domestic violence or experienced sexual assault. Support is provided to young people aged 12-17 who have experienced severe family conflict,  homelessness, being in a refuge, mental health issues, violence/abuse &amp;/or neglect, in Out of Home Care or engaging in criminal &amp; other risk-taking activity.</td>
<td>18-24 Kerr Parade, Auburn NSW 2144 Telephone: 9646 2770 Fax: 9749 1050 Contact: Marlene Gilbert</td>
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<td>Association of Bhanin El-Minnieh</td>
<td>The Arabic Family Support project offers a range of family support services to families from Arabic speaking backgrounds. It provides women with opportunities to socialise, create networks, &amp; gain useful information on a range of social, personal, health and educational issues.</td>
<td>98 Auburn Rd Auburn Telephone: 9649 2063 Contact: Mary Semaan</td>
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<td>Cumberland Brighter Futures (CBF)</td>
<td>CBF assists families find services and supports. Home visits by supportive caseworkers can assist with a variety of problems that many parents face when raising young children. We offer parenting programs, social support opportunities &amp; education to develop new ways to manage children’s behaviour. Assistance to access quality playgroups or childcare can be provided.</td>
<td>Telephone: 93307200 Fax: 93307291 Email: <a href="mailto:cbfintake@wesleymission.org.au">cbfintake@wesleymission.org.au</a></td>
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<td>Granville Multicultural Community Centre (GMCC)</td>
<td>Case management for families with children aged 0-12 years, in the local government area, that requiring support for a range of issues.</td>
<td>8 Factory St, Granville. Phone: 9637 7600 <a href="mailto:fss@gmcc.org.au">fss@gmcc.org.au</a></td>
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<td>NSW Service for the treatment and rehabilitation of torture and trauma survivors (STARTTS)</td>
<td>STARTTS’ mission is to help people from a refugee background to overcome traumatic experiences. STARTTS supports young people &amp; children from refugee backgrounds by offering counselling &amp; working closely with schools to support student welfare. STARTTS also offers other youth-focused programs, including camps, Drumbeat and the Capeira Angola project.</td>
<td>152 – 168, The Horsley Drive Carramar NSW 2163 Telephone: 9794 1900 Fax: 9794 1910 Email: <a href="mailto:startts@sswhs.nsw.gov.au">startts@sswhs.nsw.gov.au</a></td>
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