PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back to all our students and parents.

We begin term 2 with refreshed enthusiasm for the tasks ahead of us. The teachers are confident that we can continue to build on the solid foundations in learning that we began in term 1.

Auburn West Public School is fortunate to have discovered and developed very skilful, talented and dedicated educators; the teaching staff is one of the many strengths of this school. Many teachers who leave our school are highly regarded and highly sought after by other schools.

As teachers leave us for various reasons such as retirement, maternity leave, transferring to other schools or having succeeded in merit selection positions; we have always ensured the quality learning programs continue for all our students by recruiting the best teachers available.

A number of staff changes needed to be actioned towards the end of term 1.

As you may already know Mr Selby has been asked to act as School Education Director (SED) for the Granville group of schools. This is a very important position and it is recognition of the diligent work and commitment Mr Selby has to public education.

Whilst, Mr Selby is acting as the SED, I will be Relieving Principal until the end of term 2. I look forward to working with you and the staff at AWPS to ensure our students have the best education possible. Miss Manners will relieve as Deputy Principal for this period and Miss MacKenzie will confidently continue the great learning that is occurring in KM for Miss Manners.

I would like to welcome Miss Gandham to our school. Miss Gandham was successful through merit selection at gaining employment with us. Miss Gandham will be teaching the students of 1S, we look forward to the contribution she will make in continuing the learning of all her students. I thank Miss Smith for the work she has performed from the beginning of this year with 1S. Miss Smith will continue to work at our school in various roles over the coming months.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of our new full time Teacher/Librarian, Miss Silvia. Miss Silvia was also successful at merit selection. Miss Silvia has teacher/librarian experience and has some exciting and innovative ideas that she will implement over the coming months to make the school library a stimulating educational resource of the school. I would like to thank Ms Kennedy and Mrs Chaneil with whom have taken on the duties of teacher/librarian over the past 12 months. Both teachers have done an outstanding job ensuring the important learning programs continued during the students’ visits to the library.

Ms Kennedy will continue to work at our school on a casual basis in the future, while Mrs Chaneil will continue in the Library 1 day per week.

Miss Adams and Miss Lee have been appointed to our school as full time classroom teachers. Both teachers were successful through merit selection. We are extremely fortunate and pleased to have two very dedicated and talented teachers join the teaching staff at AWPS.

Ms Barry of KB regretfully has left us for family reasons. We wish her well and hope to see her again in the future. Mrs Mitchell will replace Ms Barry for the rest of this year. We are very pleased to have secured Mrs Mitchell; she is a wonderful teacher who is enthusiastic and dedicated to our students.

After serving the school extremely well over a number of years we also bid farewell to Miss Narayan. Miss Narayan has accepted a transfer to another school in the Liverpool area, she will finish at our school at the end of week 2 of this term. Miss Narayan’s experience and expertise will be missed. We wish her all the best at her new school and I believe her experiences at AWPS have helped to refine her skills as a successful educator.

Ms Brinkhege will be the new classroom teacher for 6N. We are very fortunate to have secured the services of such an enthusiastic teacher for our year 6 students. Ms Brinkhege has been teaching in schools in this area and brings with her a wealth of new ideas.

H Vassila
CRAZY HAIR DAY

Thank you to all students and parents who donated to Auburn West’s "Crazy Hair Day", we managed to raise a total of $689.60 for the Leukaemia Foundation as part of World’s Greatest Shave. Congratulations Auburn West.  
M Seymour

What bird IS that?

On a recent walk around the school playground, this interesting bird was spotted roosting in one of the AWPS trees. Can anyone tell us exactly what type of bird it is?

Please let Ms Galvin Ms Hopper or Ms Alderson know if you think you know what type of bird this is.

Lost Property News

Thank you to everyone who has been taking better care of their school caps and jumpers. We are pleased to see very few items in the lost property room at the moment. Keep up the good work by remembering to write names on all items of clothing and to make sure any misplaced items are claimed from the office or lost property room. It is easy to return items to their owners when they are clearly labeled.
I Saidel and M Alderson

TERM 2 2012 EVENTS

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FREE FOOTY TICKETS - Eels v Bulldogs

4 May, 7:35 pm.

To take up this fantastic offer, students and their parents should:
2. Click on the link Premier's Sporting Challenge Ticket Giveaway
3. Register their details.
4. Print out the voucher and bring it with you on the day to gain entry through the gates.

Please note: Students must have parental permission to participate in this offer. Each student is entitled to up to 4 free tickets (limited to one registration per person). Match ticket voucher must be downloaded for entry. There is a limit of 8,000 tickets (2,000 individuals).

For any enquiries, please phone 02 9266 8773.

PSP Survey

Thank you to all our school community who helped to complete the PSP Survey, for additional funding. Although we will not know if we have been successful until later in the year, your contribution has ensured that we will be in a strong position to participate in the Priority Schools Programs.

Attendance and Punctuality

This term each class will have their class roll marked on a new computer system by our teachers. Daily attendance and punctuality will be entered into the computer to ensure that any absences are tracked efficiently and that notes for absence are provided when students return to school. Please ensure that your child is on time each day.
L Hodges