PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Happy Mother's Day
I hope all the wonderful mothers in our school community had an enjoyable Mother's Day celebration and were spoilt by their family members on their well-deserved special day.

School Contribution
Thank you to all the parents who have paid their school contribution fees for 2012. The much needed funds go directly to supporting the learning of our students. If you have yet to pay please do so as soon as possible.

Student Absence
If your child is absent from school, please ensure that you send a signed note on the day the child returns to school, explaining their absence. The school is required to report all unexplained absences. Absence notes may be written in a language other than English if necessary.

If your child needs to leave the school during school hours it is essential that parents report to the office and receive a leave slip for the class teacher before collecting their child from class.

Parent-Teacher Interview
In week 10 of this term, parents will be invited to organise a time for a parent-teacher interview. At this meeting, teachers will explain your child’s written report and discuss their progress and achievements. It is a good chance for you to ask any questions about your child’s work and behaviour. Interpreters will be available for these interviews.

If you wish to talk to your child’s teacher at another time it is important that you organise a meeting time in advance that will suit you both.

Year 5-6 Camp
This year the year 5 and 6 students have been invited to attend a 3 day camp to Milson Island in term 3. Milson Island is a NSW Sport and Recreation facility located on the Hawkesbury River near Brooklyn.

We have received a very enthusiastic response to this year’s camp. Originally 70 places were booked and all these places were taken within the first 2 days of the notes going home. Fortunately we have secured another 40 places so every student who has made payment will be able to attend.

Permission Notes
An addition to our school website is the facility to download permission notes. If your child has lost or misplaced a permission note to an excursion or incursion you will now be able to download and print the note from our web site. This facility compliments many useful information available on our website. http://www.auburnwest-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/notes

Homework and study
Homework is an important part of learning, but sometimes parents find it hard to keep up with what needs to be done. Here is a range of resources to point you in the right direction. There are also some useful tips and help sheets to improve study skills in these areas. http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study

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BREAKFAST FOR YEARS 3 AND 5
Tuesday 15 May - Thursday 17 May
8:30 - 8:45 at the Canteen

With NAPLAN testing on this week the school will provide a light breakfast for every student in years 3 and 5 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8:30 - 8:45am.

Year 3 and year 5 students will be issued a voucher by their classroom teacher that they present to Ms. Galvin or Mrs. Jalili at the Canteen to receive their breakfast.

This initiative is due to the generous donation from the Freemason’s of Australia. We thank the Freemason’s for such a generous and thoughtful donation. S Galvin AP ESL

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Thank you to all the parent volunteers who gave up their time on Friday morning to assist on the Mother’s Day stall. Your assistance was greatly appreciated and your contribution enabled the school to run a most successful Mother’s Day stall.

Thank you to Mrs Chebib, from the Canteen, for proving our volunteers with a delicious morning tea.

S Galvin
VOLUNTEERS WEEK (Week 4)

At Auburn West Public School we have many volunteers who assist us to provide additional services to our students and parents.

In 2012 we have volunteers from St Vincent de Paul, Mission Australia and the Salvation Army who assist throughout the school. We are lucky to have the parents of some of our teachers who also assist in the school (Mrs Galvin and Mrs Bird). Also, we have a dedicated team of parents who assist in the classrooms throughout the school.

To all our volunteers, thank you for all that you do for the parents and children at Auburn West Public School. Your contribution to our school is greatly appreciated and important to making our school such a fabulous place.

Friday parent meetings:
18/5/12: Count Me in Too
15/5/12: Positive Parenting Program
22/5/12: Positive Parenting Program  S Galvin

LIBRARY NEWS

Starting from Thursday 17 May 2012, the library will be opened at 8:35am til 8:55am on Thursday mornings. Activities include returning and borrowing, completing homework, reading books, quiet board games and puzzles.

The school library will continue to be open at lunch time for reading, board games, puzzles, constructive play, and drawing.

Important Note: We would like all students to borrow a book during their library time. To borrow books students need to have a library bag with their name on it. The bags ensure that books do not get damaged or lost. Library bags are on sale for $3 from the school office.

Happy Reading.  E Silvia and N Chanelian

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The Years 3-6 Cross Country Carnival was held at Progress Park on Friday 27 April. We were very lucky to have such beautiful weather and the event was a great success. All students were encouraged to take part and gain points for their house group. Junior students aged 8, 9 and 10 completed two laps of the park (2km), while senior students completed a staggering three laps (3km). All participants are to be commended for their effort and perseverance, as well as their lovely behaviour on the day. Thank you to the parents and friends who attended to support our students.

The first 6 competitors in each age division (Ages 8-13) will compete in the District Cross Country to be held on Tuesday 22 May at Parramatta Park. Students involved will receive further information in the coming days. Parents and friends are welcome to attend and cheer on the children.

The winning sports house on the day was Beaumont on 173 points, followed by Wellington with 148 points; Chisholm was third, with 126 points and Chiswick in fourth position on 100 points.

A huge thank you to all the teachers involved in the event, your support and enthusiasm makes these events so enjoyable. Also, a special mention goes to Mr Turrin who assisted in organising the event.

A Pawley, Sports Co-ordinator

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2013 are now being accepted. If your child was born between 1 August 2007 and 31 March 2008 please come to the school office and pick up an application form.

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