PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Parent Teacher Interviews
I would like to invite all parents to visit our school for parent teacher interviews.

Parent teacher interviews will be held on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday June 27 2012. You will be asked to nominate a preferred time to attend the interview between 3:00pm and 7:00pm. All teachers will endeavour to schedule you in as close as possible to your preferred time. Some teachers may offer additional times for parent teacher interviews, please read your notes carefully and return the completed form to school as soon as possible so that we may accommodate all interested parents.

Parent teacher interviews are an extremely important event in the school year. Teachers spend many hours to prepare a comprehensive report on every student. It is important that all parents attend to discuss the progress of their child and receive their written reports. Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child’s teacher how we can help your child improve further over the next two terms.

Research from around the world proves that students do better at school when their parents take an active interest in their child’s education. Attending parent teacher interviews and discussing your child’s progress at school helps to reinforce the value of a good education.

I hope to see everyone during the parent teacher interviews this year.

Please make sure your child arrives at school before the 8:55am morning bell.

Year 5 and 6 Camp
This is a friendly reminder that all payments for the Year 5/6 Camp to Milson Island need to be finalised before Friday June 15 2012. Please make your final payments as soon as possible.

All attending students need to complete and return the medical information forms to their class teacher so that we may process them to ensure the safety of your child.

Arriving to school on time
Unfortunately, we continue to have a significant number of students missing important learning time each day because they are arriving late to school. Please help us and your child by ensuring your child is at school before 8:55am.

We are now monitoring the arrival time of all students with a new electronic roll marking system. The new system will allow us to accurately record students’ absences and lateness. If a student is constantly late for school we have an obligation to notify the parents and the Department of Education and Communities about our concerns.

Athletics Carnival Canteen
During the Years 2 - 6 Athletics carnival students will be able to purchase some food and drink items at the ground. Available for sale will be;
Sausage sandwich $2.50
Soft drinks $1.50
Pop Corn $0.50c
Simits $0.50c

Mr H Vassila

PRIDE IN OUR UNIFORM
The SRC have been busy researching information about our school uniform. They have been looking at what we wear to school each day and how we can improve our image. The SRC and our students are proud of our uniform, however, the SRC believe that by reducing the accessories worn to school we can make our school an even better place to be. The information gathered by the SRC was presented to the School Council last week. The School Council has supported the recommendations from SRC to refine what our students wear to school.

Ms L Hodges

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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Helping your Child
I am pleased to see that all students are making good improvements in their reading, writing, talking and listening.

One focus area for our school this year is the development of oral language skills (talking and listening)

It would be very helpful for your child to spend some time each week talking about what they are learning at school, and telling you about the things they have been learning about.

Having this time to talk will help your child develop oral language skills such as taking turns in discussions, asking and answering questions, giving an opinion about a topic and explaining their thoughts. 5-10 minutes each night with your child, giving them the time to discuss their learning or other things about their day would be greatly beneficial to their learning.

Tips for helping your child learn talking and listening skills:
Make a time when you can sit and talk to your child without too many distractions. For example, when having a snack in the afternoon or eating dinner, make sure that the tv is off so that you can talk and listen to each other.

Ask questions that require children to give more information about what they are talking about.

Try to avoid asking questions that will only get a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ response from your child. For example if you are talking to them about something they did at school, rather than just asking if they liked it ask them what they liked or didn’t like about it. This will allow them to talk more about the topic and practise expressing their opinion.

Sometimes when children get home they forget about the things that they have done during the day, and so you may need to prompt them to get the conversation started and keep it going.

Some topics that you may wish to talk about with your child include: what they are learning in class; what they have been doing in their library lessons; things they have done at lunch time or any interesting books they have read.

It is great to give children the opportunity to explain things to you, as this helps them to remember the learning as well as improve their ability to give information to other people clearly. When possible give children the time to explain how things are done, for example ask them what sport they have been learning and the rules of the game, or ask them what they have been doing in computer lessons and the steps they need to follow to do this.

Miss N Cooper

SCHOOL AMBASSADOR
Each year every school in South Western Sydney is asked to nominate one student as an ambassador for Public Education. The chosen student exemplifies community values and leadership, can serve as a role model for other students, and will represent the school in a variety of public forums. Auburn West Public School is pleased to announce that Abdulrahman El-Kobaitry of 5/6R has been chosen as our 2012 school ambassador.

Abdulrahman is an active member of the Student Representative Council and he consistently models the school’s values and rules through his positive attitude to learning and exemplary behaviour. He was presented with a certificate of recognition at our whole school assembly in week 7.

Abdulrahman will be attending a special day for all school ambassadors at the University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown Campus later in the year, where he and other ambassadors from the region will be recognised for their achievements and given opportunities to gain new leadership skills.

Miss K Manners

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