PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
I am very pleased to be back at school after a relaxing break. I hope your school holiday period was rewarded with plenty of quality time with your children and families.

I would like to invite you and your family to come to our Open Day on Wednesday 1 August between 9:15am and 11:00am.

We will have a special assembly, starting at 9:15am, where our School Choir, School Dance Group and the School Drum Group will perform for you. Miss Bird and the students from 2B will also perform a special item.

Something to look forward to will be Miss Sadler and the school choir performing our new school song for the very first time at this assembly.

After the assembly, I hope you can visit your child’s classroom to meet the class teacher and view your child’s school books. Your child will be so pleased to see you taking an active interest in their learning, it will mean so much to them and to their class teachers if you could attend.

Our Open Day is part of Education Week which is a celebration of NSW Public Schools. The week acknowledges and promotes the achievements of all our students and teachers.

Selective High School
Congratulations to Kevin Zhou 6S and Mehmet Irmak 6N who have recently been offered placements at selective High Schools for 2013. All the teachers and staff at AWPS wish both boys every success in their future academic studies.

New Teachers
Miss R Cobbin and Miss A Poli have joined our team of dedicated teachers. Miss Cobbin will be teaching 2M for the remainder of this year whilst Miss Poli will assist our students through her role in literacy support.

Throughout this term we will have some minor changes in staff as teachers return to duty from various leaves.

YEAR 3 - TERM 2 LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS
Year 3 participated in many engaging learning experiences throughout Term 2. In English, we learnt how to tell and retell in our writing. We read both storybooks and historical non-fiction books and retold the books that we read through our writing. We also learnt to write our own stories.

In mathematics, we continued to learn strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems, such as the jump strategy and the split strategy. We practised counting with multiples of 1 through to 10. We also enjoyed learning about quadrilaterals and angles in space and geometry.

Our highlight of the term for Year 3 was learning about early Australian settlement and the journey of the First Fleet. The students consolidated their learning by visiting Elizabeth Farm and Experimental Cottage in Parramatta and discovered what life was really like for convicts and early settlers in the early 19th century.

Mr S Malla

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.
MEASLES
The NSW Ministry of Health have asked all schools to help raise community awareness and promote early detection and immunisation of measles. This follows some cases of measles being identified within our region.

What is measles?
Measles is a viral disease that may have serious complications. In the past, measles infection was very common in childhood. Measles is now rare in NSW because of immunisation.

What are the symptoms?
The first symptoms are fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose, sore red eyes and feeling unwell. A few days later a rash appears. The rash starts on the face, spreads down to the body and lasts for 4 -7 days.

How is it spread?
Measles is usually spread when a person breathes in the measles virus that has been coughed or sneezed into the air by an infectious person. Measles is one of the most easily spread of all human infections. Just being in the same room as someone with measles can result in infection.

People with measles are usually infectious from just before the symptoms begin until four days after the rash appears. The time from exposure to becoming sick is usually about 10 days. The rash usually appears around 14 days after exposure.

How is it prevented?
The best protection against measles is immunisation with two doses of MMR vaccine. This vaccine provides protection against infection with measles, as well as against mumps and rubella.

MMR vaccine should be given to children at age 12 months and a second dose is given at 4 years of age.

Anyone born during or after 1966 and who has never had measles infection or MMR vaccination should make sure that they have had two doses of MMR vaccine at least four weeks apart.

It is safe to have the vaccine more than twice, so people who are unsure should be vaccinated. People with measles should stay at home until they are no longer infectious (i.e. until 4 days after the rash starts).

How is it diagnosed?
Measles is suspected when a person feels unwell, has a cough, runny nose or sore eyes and a fever followed by a rash.

How is it treated?
People with measles infection are normally advised to rest, drink plenty of fluids, and take paracetamol to treat the fever. There is no specific treatment.

While a person is infectious with measles it is important that he or she remains at home to reduce the possibility of spreading it to other people.

LIBRARY NEWS
AWPS students have been participating in the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC). Students K-6 are ALL encouraged to read books independently, listen to books or participate in shared reading of books to complete the Challenge.

K-2 students require 30 books, and 3-6 students require 20 books to complete the Challenge.

When students successfully complete the Challenge, they will be awarded with a PRC certificate and their names will appear on the Honour Roll.

A handful of students have completed it, while others are on their way. The Library Team encourage ALL students to keep reading and entering their books onto the website- 

Happy Reading.

Miss E Silvia and Mrs N Chanelian

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