PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all the parents who helped to acknowledge the members of the Student Representative Council at last Wednesday’s assembly. I could see the enormous pride in your faces as you placed their badges. I know you and your children will remember that experience for many years.

Our school aims to develop outstanding 21st century citizens. By that, I mean students who are creative and innovative, students who can think critically, students who can communicate well and students who can collaborate with others. I believe our school provides excellent opportunities to help achieve our aim. Our school programs have an excellent balance between rigorous academic learning, authentic experiences and celebratory events.

This term, the teachers have provided or have planned to provide an amazing variety of educational experiences to further our students’ learning.

The excursions we have planned for this term are important for our students as they make the class learning meaningful. Year 5 will visit the Nuclear Reactor at Lucas Heights later this term, I hope some students will be inspired from this experience to pursue science careers. Year 4 will visit the grandeur of Government House to see the NSW Governor General’s residence. Kindergarten have seen, heard, felt and smelt the wonders of farm animals. Their experience has provided them with stimulus to improve their talking, writing and reading.

Our School choir and dance group will experience the thrills of performing in front of thousands of people at the Sydney Opera House. They will remember this for many years. Some students from the choir have also joined with students from other schools to take part in the “Mirror” project. They will be performing at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta, again an experience that will remain with them for a very long time.

Our Literacy and Numeracy week assembly in week 7 is a wonderful celebration of reading and mathematics two areas we value highly. Our students, with the help of their teachers, will design window displays based on books they have studied in class. Students and teachers will dress like characters that have captured their imagination from books they have read. I can imagine seeing many heroes, villains, cute animals, fairies and monsters parading around the school. These are wonderful learning experiences that will have our students talking, writing and reinforcing their learning.

The climax of this term’s experiences will be Our Intercultural Day. A celebration of our diversity and unity. Many students will perform on this day, present speeches, manage stalls and everyone will have a wonderful experience that will be remembered beyond their primary school years.

Outstanding 21st century citizens are developed by exposing students to quality learning experiences. It is through these experiences that our students learn to read and write, understand maths problems, become independent and learn to work well with others.

Mr H Vassila
BOOK FAIR
AWPS will be holding a Champions Read Book Fair from 22 - 30 August 2012. Books will be provided to the school library where students can purchase quality books at discounted prices. Students will be viewing the books during class library time.

Parents are welcome to view and purchase books 29 - 30 August 2012 from 8.30 - 9am and 2.30 - 3pm.

Students will be able to purchase books from 29 - 30 August 2012 - they will be notified when they can visit the library during those two days. Every book that is purchased helps provide free books for AWPS library.

The Children’s Book Council of Australia have announced the 2012 book of the year award winners.

Picture Book of the Year: A Bus Called Heaven, By Bob Graham.

Book of the Year for Younger Readers: Crow Country, by Kate Canstable.


Eve Pownall Award for Information Book: One Small Island: The Story of Macquarie Island, by Alison Lester and Coral Tulloch.

During library class time, students have been reading the 2012 short listed books and completed a number of reading activities.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE
There are only 10 more days of PRC to go. Congratulations to the 320 students who have completed the PRC. There are another 418 students who have almost completed the challenge. Please keep reading and entering your books on the website: www.products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html

Ms E Silvia

NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK
Auburn West Public School is celebrating National Literacy and Numeracy Week next week (week 7). We hope you can join us at these special events.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week highlights the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people, with a focus on school-aged children. The Week aims to recognise locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills.

For more information go to http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au

Dress Up as a Character from a Book
On Wednesday 29 August all students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character to celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week. Auburn West Public School is supporting the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Students who dress up will need to bring along a gold coin to donate to this worthwhile literacy organisation.

Prizes will be awarded at the assembly to the student with the best costume from each year.

Window Displays
Visit your child’s class to see the wonderful window displays celebrating Literacy and Numeracy Week. A prize will be awarded at the assembly to the best display from each year.

Literacy and Numeracy Week Assembly
Where: School Hall
When: 2.00 – 3.00

During this assembly we will celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week:

- prizes awarded for the student with the best costume from each year
- prizes awarded for the best window display from each year.
- the winners of the Book of the Year Awards will be announced
- a surprise guest will read a story to the assembly

Literacy and Numeracy Awards will be handed out to one student from each class. (If your child is to receive an award an invitation to the assembly will be sent to you during the week.)

Ms K Parsons