PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Book Fair
A reminder that our annual Book Fair starts on 12 August. This will be closely followed by Book Week. This year’s theme is, “Read Across The Universe.” We hope to see many students reading and purchasing some of the wonderful new books, and many old favourites, during this celebration of reading. We will be holding some other special activities during this time with details to follow.

Education Week, Literacy/Numeracy Week
Thank you to the parents and family members who attended our special combined Education Week and National Literacy/Numeracy Week celebrations last Wednesday. I know the children loved seeing you at school, especially after the assembly when they were doing fantastic work back in their classrooms.

Intercultural Day
One of our most special days of the year is not far away. Intercultural Day will be held on Thursday 12 September. Keep the day free, we would love you to join us for our annual celebration.

Star Badges
Next week we will be holding our next Star Badge assembly. We hope to see 62 new recipients making their family, friends and school proud of them. This assembly will see us reach over the 200 mark for students with Star badges in 2013. Fantastic!

New Communication System
You may have noticed that in addition to the work being completed on our landscaped hill in the middle of the school, a new communication system is being installed. This will provide us with a new bell system in addition to providing quick communication between the office and each individual class room. 

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair
AWPS will be holding their annual Book Fair between 12-22 August in the school library. The book fair provides quality books to families within the school community at discounted prices. Every book purchased helps AWPS build learning resources for students.

Premiers Reading Challenge
The PRC is almost at an end. Students will be required to enter their PRC books before the 23 August 2013. Students can enter the books at https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html. If students are having trouble, please visit the library to talk to Ms Silvia or Ms Chanelian.

Ms E Silvia

AWPS UNIFORM SHOP
The new uniform shop is now open on Mondays 8:30 - 10:00 am and Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:30 pm. The shop is located at the southern end of the school grounds, near the play equipment. Access is through the school grounds.
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GALLIPOLI MOSQUE VISIT AND “BREAKING OF THE FAST” AT ISRA, AUBURN

On Tuesday 30 July after school 12 teachers from Auburn West Public School visited Gallipoli Mosque, in Auburn. The teachers learnt all about the history of this wonderful mosque and had the privilege of a guided tour throughout the mosque. The teachers were able to see the marvellous decorative features of the mosque plus learn about the Islamic faith. After the tour was over the teachers were then invited up to ISRA’s offices in South Parade, where their learning of the Islamic faith continued. The teachers were included in the preparations for the end of the fasting for the day and the prayers that were said before the fasting period was finalised for the day. Afterwards, at the “breaking of the fast” meal the teachers learnt about the prayers that had been said, the Koran and many elements of the Islamic faith, with a special focus on Ramadan and the up and coming Eid celebrations.

We thank our hosts, both at the mosque and ISRA, for a tremendous afternoon learning about Islam and the holy month of Ramadan. We thank them for inviting us to their “breaking of the fast” meal and the sharing of their prayers during Ramadan.

Thank you to Mrs Agar, Mrs Jalili and Ms Galvin for organising such a wonderful opportunity of learning more about the Islamic faith.

Ms S Galvin

FROM THE SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS:

HAVE FUN FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS!

- Get your child’s attention before giving the instruction.
- Give specific instructions with limited steps/parts.
- Giving instructions in the form of a “Simon Says” game can make it more fun and effective!
- Improve your child’s listening skills by saying things like “can you get the big purple jar that is on the third shelf from the bottom” when you are at the shops.

Help Clifford and his friends find the buried treasure: http://pbskids.org/clifford/games/buried-treasure.html


iPad app: “Fun with Directions” (99c for the Lite version)