PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Staffing- Relieving Principal
A staffing update for your information:- Mr Selby will be absent from school for the next 10 weeks while relieving as the Director, Canterbury Schools. He will return to Auburn West PS on 21 August. During his absence I, Ms Hodges, will relieve as Principal, Miss Manners will relieve as Deputy Principal and Miss Kitchen the Assistant Principal. As you know we recently completed the process to select a new Deputy Principal. The successful applicant was Ms Tanya Black who joined us last Monday. Lastly, Miss Banning has left our school and Ms Nguyen will teach 4B for the remainder of the year.

Star Badges
Congratulations to all students who received a Star Badge last week. We are all very proud of your achievement. I am sure that you will love the end of term treat to be announced very soon.

Half Yearly Parent-Teacher-Student Meetings
A reminder to keep time free during the week starting 23 June for our half-yearly parent-teacher-student meetings.

RECONCILIATION WEEK ASSEMBLY
Wednesday June 4
All parents and caregivers of students at Auburn West Public School are invited to attend the school’s Reconciliation Week assembly on Wednesday, in the school hall, starting at 2:10pm.

What is Reconciliation week?
National Reconciliation Week is a time devoted to building positive, respectful relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the benefit of all Australians.

The assembly will involve the saying of the Acknowledgment of Country, the drum group performing and the Kindergarten and Year 1 students singing. The hall will be decorated with research assignments from each class all about a significant indigenous Australian. Please come along to help the AWPS student community mark this significant event.

Ms S Galvin

AUBURN ZONE CROSS COUNTRY
On Wednesday 21 May, 35 students from Years 3 to 6 participated in the Auburn Zone Cross Country. Students had to run a 3 kilometre distance and did a great job in the heat!

Congratulations to Amira (4E), Hajar (50) and Lufman (6J) who qualified in the Top 8 runners and have been given the opportunity to attend the Regional Carnival in Penrith next month.

Miss T Eldridge, Sport Coordinator

RED SHIRT DAY - SRC FUNDRAISING
On Thursday 29 May, students were invited to wear a red shirt to school and make a donation to the Red Shield Appeal. An amount of $476.50 was raised.

Miss O Logan-Pye

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SNIPPETS FROM SYDNEY WRITERS’ FESTIVAL
On May 23, the winners of the AWPS Writing Competition went to the 2014 Sydney Writers' Festival to visit 4 authors and 1 illustrator. Everyone met at Auburn station to catch the train to Town Hall. We were being respectful by letting people sit on the train.

First we met Ursula Dubosarsky, Andrew Joyner and Felice Arena. After lunch we met Steven Herrick who was really into poetry. He told us about his life and also told us some poems. He was the funniest author we had met that day.

Then we met Cornelia Funke who read us a chapter from one of her books. When each of the authors finished talking, we got to ask them some questions too.

We had a really long and fun day! By Amber 5/6A & Attiqa 3C

PARENT PROGRAMS: RECONCILIATION WEEK ART ACTIVITY
Today the parents worked with Erin from the Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Cultural and Education Centre as part of our AWPS Reconciliation Week activities. Erin showed the parents some of the symbols used in traditional indigenous art and the parents created their own art work to tell a story. Below are some of the parent’s art works and stories that were created today.

Zainab: The women were chatting while it was raining.

Tahani: We were sitting around the campfire looking at the rainbow.

Sedighei: This is the story about the men and women sitting at the gathering place trying to make a wicked plan to destroy the innocent people.

Eynas: My story is about the women sitting together - the women are at the centre of our society, they are always busy and they are important. The red colour represents the pressure women are under in our society. The green colour represents all the humans around the women and how the women make beautiful and vital life for everyone.

Samar: My friend and I were sitting together talking, it had stopped raining but it was cloudy.

As good mother’s we were worrying about our children and their future. Here in Australia we are our children’s everything – parents, grandparents and their extended family – all of the people from the homeland (India). It is a big responsibility for us as we want to make our children good people and responsible people – and it is all up to us!

Fazana is very good at doing henna designs so she selected the indigenous designs that looked a little like her henna designs: The women were sitting around the campfire with the stars and the sun in the sky.

Maryam: Title - Miserable Lady
The footsteps symbolise the journey of the woman.

Mrs Iydili (Turkish teacher): I am from Turkey – so in my design I have included the lake that surrounds my home city of Burdur.

The red and yellow dots symbolise the campfire and the meeting place at the scout camp I attended in Turkey and where I met my husband, he was the scout leader. I ended up marrying him and we moved to Australia, leaving my family behind – the blue dots symbolise the journey to Australia and my life in Australia (symbolised by the green, the sun and the stars.)

Ms S Galvin

STAR BADGE AWARDS

Mya  Majd  Serene  Wei  Demet  Nabil
Hadi  Chloe  Raheem  Malack  Chloe  Ahmed
Emaan  Ali  Tasnem  Fatima  Zaman  Zach
Ahmed  Asma  Aminah  Moustafa  Jumana  Sarah
Gordon  Yusuf  Irtiqa  Amira  Yahya  Shamsia
Tamana  Zaynabe  David  Jamal  Yaam  Maisal
Hassan  Noah  Ossya  Aalayah  Ella  Mohammad
Zeid El-  Suhail  Aalayah  Hadi  Zachariah  Aya
Bakr  Sabrin  Sara  Rae-Ann  Maha  Hassan
Safi  Khadija  Ruqia  Maha  Hassan

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