PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

2015 Classes
Last week we were able to confirm the number of classes for 2015. After calculating enrolments for the first few weeks we are able to confirm that we will maintain 30 classes this year. As you would be aware, many students in our community change schools throughout the year, please let the school know if you intend to move out of our area or if you wish to enrol in our school please collect an Application to Enrol form from the Front Office.

Meet the Teacher and a BBQ
Families are invited to meet their class teacher for 2015 between 3:15 - 4:00pm on the following days:

K-2 parents - Monday 23rd February
3-6 parents - Tuesday 24th February

This will be followed by a BBQ 4.00-4.30pm for all family members who attend. To cater for our sausage sizzle on Monday and Tuesday, please return the note sent out regarding this event. We look forward to seeing many families next week for this important meeting.

Uniform Shop
Our uniform shop is open twice a week for families to purchase school uniforms. Unfortunately the Uniform Shop has run out of school hats and we are waiting on more stock to arrive. We hope that the hats will be back in stock after a few weeks.

Parking
The roads around our school are always very busy at the peak times of 8:40-9:00am and 3:00-3:15pm. I would remind parents that we have many parking spaces in the car park on Chisholm Rd. For their safety, students MUST cross the road at a council crossing not at the round-about. At times when a crossing supervisor is not available to supervise students the school will do its best to ensure that someone helps the children cross the road. Please be aware of our neighbours and do not park across the driveways.

School Contribution
Schools contributions may now be paid at the front office. The school contribution helps to supplement the resources the DEC provides AWPS. This year the contribution will support the cost of classroom equipment, technology, library books and art materials. No textbooks are required to be purchased for our students as our teachers cater for their students through a range of lessons and equipment used in class. Notes will be sent home with more information about our school contribution.

ICT Permission Notes
Last week an updated permission note was sent home for our students to use ICT (technology/ IPads/ digital devices) in our school. Please make sure you return this note as soon as possible, we need to know whether we can include your child’s photo/work on our school website, Twitter account or published in another format.

We’re on Twitter
Auburn West Public School has joined the world of Twitter. The social media platform is a great way for us to let you know the great things that are happening in our school. In the last two weeks we have posted some great news about our school. Please look at our school website or follow us on Twitter to learn more about what is happening in our school.

@AuburnWestPS  Ms L Hodges
START BADGE NEWS

We have some exciting news in regards to Star Badge Awards this year. Based on feedback given by students, parents and teachers at the end of last year, it has been decided that this year all students will have a greater chance to receive a star badge. This year, teachers are able to select up to 3 students to receive a star badge at each assembly. We have also increased the number of star badge assemblies across the year by adding an extra assembly in Term 1 and Term 4.

The weeks for this years Star Badge assemblies are as follows:
- Term 1: Weeks 5 and 9
- Term 2: Weeks 5 and 9
- Term 3: Weeks 5 and 9
- Term 4: Weeks 4 and 8

We have also determined a criteria that students must meet in order to receive a Star Badge. This criteria requires all students to be following and upholding our school rules and values in the classroom and on the playground in order to receive a Star Badge.

The PBIS Committee

SPORT

Our students are all a part of a school sport house group: Beaumont, Chisolm, Chiswick and Wellington. Students represent their house at the school cross country, athletics and swimming carnivals and during school sport. Students are placed in their house group by surname, however over the last few years student numbers in each house groups has become uneven. As a result, some house groups have many more students than others.

We have now made some changes to some students to give all students and house groups equal opportunity when competing at our school sports carnivals. Your child may now be in a different house group than they were in previous years. Class teachers will be providing students with this information in the coming weeks.

Miss T Eldridge

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