PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

An Innovative School

Over the past two weeks I have visited many schools to find out what innovative practices are taking place in schools beyond our district. Last week nine of our staff were part of a group of 25 teachers and principals who visited three schools in Melbourne. Thank you to Mrs Etri, Miss Cobbin, Ms Taing, Miss Mannion, Miss Tran, Mrs Jubb, Ms Galvin and Mrs Black who gave up time with their families to spend two days with colleagues from other Sydney schools to find out what schools in Melbourne were doing to make improvements for their school. On Monday Miss Manners, Miss Cooper, Miss Kitchin and I were part of a group of 140 teachers and principals who visited three western Sydney schools to find out what great programs and practices were taking place in other public schools.

The most important thing that I have learnt over these past few weeks is that our school is an innovative school. I can see that our excellent classroom practice, outstanding learning spaces and great students and staff who are always striving to do better with each and every day is the key to our success (although we are very happy to take some of the other great ideas we have noticed in these schools and implement them here too!). There are many great learning opportunities for our students in our public education system, and I’m very proud of our innovative school.

Road Safety

A reminder to all parents that students need to be driven or walked to and from school safely each day. You may have noticed that we have had School Zone lights installed on Chisholm Rd recently to assist with reminding drivers to slow down near our school.

I would also remind all students to use the pedestrian crossings near the school to cross the road. Please remember to follow the road safety rules and to walk safely on the streets around the school as we have many busy roads within a few blocks of our school.

University of Sydney

Over the next few weeks AWPS will host three visits from the University of Sydney for students who will become teachers in the next few years. We have a great connection with this university, and we have many of our teachers who have been employed after visiting our school with visits like this, perhaps one of these students will be our new staff member in the years to come.

Congratulations Ganga

I would like to congratulate Ganga for her award winning poster for the Interrelate 2015 ‘Say No to Bullying’ competition.

Staffing

I would like to welcome Mrs Beynon as our new Assistant Principal for Stage 1 for 2015. I would also like to congratulate Miss Kitchin who will continue in the role of Relieving Assistant Principal for Early Stage 1 for the rest of 2015.

We’re on Twitter

@AuburnWestPS

Working out the relationship between throwing distance and object weight

#science #mathematics

Who can build the tallest tower? #skilled problem solving #teamwork #math resources #creativity #2G #awps

17 March 2015
YEAR 6 HIGH SCHOOL FORMS
This is an exciting time for Year 6 students and their families as it is time to start the process of high school enrolment. Expression of interest forms for government high schools have been given to all Year 6 students this week. Students have been shown how to complete the form, which is to be returned by Friday 20 March. Parents who would like assistance with the form are encouraged to contact the office to make an appointment with Miss Cooper.

PARENT PROGRAM REPORT
Meet the Executive Staff parent meeting (Friday 6.3.15)
The AWPS Executive staff met with the parents in the Hall on Friday to talk about their role in the school in 2015. During the session the Assistant Principals, Instructional Leader and the Deputy Principals talked about the learning programs in the school, the importance of home language maintenance, how to help your child with their homework and the importance of having a talk with your child’s teacher if you have concerns about their learning. Afterwards the parents and the Executive staff had the opportunity to have morning tea together.

Thank you to the Executive staff for their presentations and a big thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting.

Super Salad Friday (Friday 13.3.15)
Parent Room was buzzing with activity today! Why, you might ask? It was Super Salad Friday in the parent room.
The parents collected salad produce from the Community Garden and turned the items into three big platters of salad. Children in Mrs Haddad’s New Arrivals class plus children in years 1 and 2 arrived in the Parent Room to see these wonderful salads and the EAT THE HEALTHY SALADS!!! Afterwards the parents managed to find a little bit of salad left over and they too got to eat their lovely food.

A big thank you to the parents for preparing the salads for the children and the other parents.

Harmony Day Celebrations at Auburn West Public School
“Everyone Belongs”
Friday 20 March, 2015
Harmony Day is held every year to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity, a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

Parent Activities: 9 – 10:30AM, School Hall
Come along to the hall to make colourful bunting. The children have been doing this in their classrooms and now it is the parents’ turn. The bunting that the parents produce at this workshop will be displayed around the school to celebrate Harmony Day. Also, we will have henna available so that parents can participate in henna activities.

Whole School Morning Tea: 11 – 11:30AM
We ask that all parents attending this event to bring a plate of traditional food for sharing with the teachers and other parents.

Harmony Day Assembly: 11:45am - 12:50PM
Parents and Caregivers welcome.

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