



# THE AUBURN WEST DRUM

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Kindergarten Transition

It has been wonderful to get to know our 2016 Kindergarten students and their families over the past three weeks. I would like to thank all of our Kindergarten teachers, language teachers, specialist teachers and office staff who assisted in making these days a success. Congratulations to our 2015 Kindergarten students who performed for our new community, thank you to our Kindergarten and Year 5/6 helpers who made sure each student had a wonderful experience of our school community. We can't wait to meet you all again in 2016.

### Summer PSSA

As Summer PSSA draws to a close I would like to congratulate ALL our PSSA teams for great participation and team spirit. Thank you to:- Ms Nguyen for coaching T-ball, Mr Drobnak for coaching cricket and Miss Mannion for coaching AFL. Congratulations to our Junior Cricket & Junior AFL teams who have made the Semi Finals for 2015, good luck and play your best.

### Staffing Update

This week we say goodbye and thank you to some of our teachers. Mr Drobnak has now left our school to begin a new career; we wish him all the best in his new ventures and hope to see him some time in the future. We also say farewell to Miss Taing who will take maternity leave, we wish her all the best for this special time with her new family. Lastly, we say farewell to Miss Gandham as she leaves our school to get married and then moves to a new school next year. Miss Gandham has been at our school for a number of years and has taught both our primary and infants students, helped with dance group and sport, as well as all those extra jobs our teachers do for our students. We wish her all the best for this special family event and starting at a new school.

### Marbles

It seems that marbles have come back in to our school as a great game to play at recess and lunch. It's wonderful to see many students concentrating on this game, however, a reminder to all students that it is a friendly game and students do not trade marbles or 'play for keeps'. Please make sure you have something to carry your marbles in safely and

that you put them away during class time.

### Moving at the end of the year?

Is your family moving house or extending a holiday into the new school year? We are organising our school for 2016 and need to know if students are leaving our school at the end of the year to enrol in a different school, please let our office staff know if this applies to you. If you are taking a holiday before the end of the school year or at the beginning of the school year, families need to apply for leave. Please collect a form from our office.

### Jump Rope For Heart

Thank you to all our students who participated with great enthusiasm in our annual Jump Rope For Heart. Our students raised almost \$200 for the Heart Foundation. Thank you to the organising committee, led by Mrs Elchami.

### Swimming Carnival

Don't forget that our Yr2-5 swimming carnival is on Wednesday 25 November. Students in Year 2 who have attended swimming lessons do not need to pay to attend as this is part of the cost of the lessons. All Year 2-5 students are expected to attend this important school event, please pay your money at the office.

*Ms L Hodges*

## TERM 4 2015 EVENTS

Mon 23 Nov	Year 6 AWPS / Hilltop Road PS Challenge Day
Tues 24 Nov	Year 5 AWPS / Hilltop Road PS Challenge Day
Wed 25 Nov	Swimming Carnival
<b>Thurs 29</b>	Star Badge Assembly 2pm
Tue 1 Dec	Year 6 Picnic Year 3 excursion to Opera House
Wed 2 Dec	Sports Assembly 2-3pm
Mon 7 Dec	K-2 Presentation Assembly 9-10:30am
Tue 8 Dec	3-6 Star Badge Treat
Wed 9 Dec	3-6 Presentation Day Assembly
Thurs 10	K-2 Star Badge Treat





On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September the EALID students performed a puppet theatre show. We have been looking at dreamtime stories and Aboriginal culture. We designed and created our own dreamtime story depicting it in a puppet theatre performance. We made our own puppets, theatre, script, lighting and costumes. Some special guest like Ms Hodges, Mrs Hanna, Ms Galvin, Ms Alderson, 3B and some lucky students from year 2 got to watch the performance. It was exciting and fun to be presenting our work for others to see.  
Younis 4M and Mustafa 5H



### Paint Auburn REaD

Playgroup attended the annual Paint Auburn Read day on 5 November at the town hall. This is a community program to draw awareness to the importance of reading to and with young children from birth. Unfortunately because of the weather the story walk down Auburn Road had to be cancelled but we still heard a story and saw a magic show about books. Then we all enjoyed a juicy red apple. Mrs M Allen

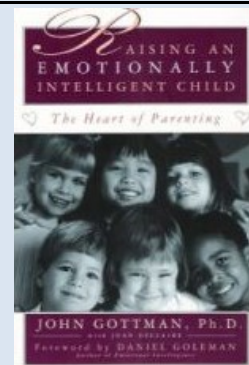
**LIBRARY NEWS:** Library lessons will finish tomorrow to allow for a library stocktake. Please return all school library books as soon as possible. Please check your home, behind cupboards and under the bed for missing school library books. If you are having trouble locating books, please visit the library to discuss the issue. Thank you to those who have already returned their library books.

Miss E Silvia



### Got It! Tip of the Week

For a lot of parents, their child's challenging behaviours can be hard to understand and frustrating to manage. It is important to remember that a child's difficult behaviour is a way of expressing their emotional and physical needs. It can sometimes be tricky to know what your child is trying to communicate with their behaviour; however thinking about the emotional needs behind the behaviour is a great place to start. Emotions guide our actions and being aware of our feelings and the feelings of others means we are able to handle our moods better, bounce back from emotional events faster, are healthier, get along better with people, and manage our behaviour better.



BOOK *Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child : The Heart of Parenting* by John Gottman