



THE AUBURN WEST DRUM

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

2016 Classes

Congratulations to all our students and staff for a great start to the school year, and in particular to our new Kindergarten students who have settled in very well to our school community. We have now finalised our organisation for the coming year and have formed permanent classes. Due to enrolment numbers staying the same, we will keep our classes in the same formation as the start of the year. The school will continue to take new enrolments, if you are aware of any students who will be enrolling in our school, please ask these families to contact our administration office.

A year of collaboration

We are very excited to continue to transform our school to ensure that our students make the most of all their learning experiences at school. Education keeps evolving; we have moved a long way from 'teaching everything the same from a textbook' to providing each and every student with personalised learning to ensure they reach their full potential. This year our Stage 2 classes (Year 3 and 4) and our Stage 3 classes (Year 5 and 6) will work more collaboratively than ever before. This fortnight our Stage 3 students have worked together for the 6Cs Conference; where 200 students worked collaboratively in the hall to complete many activities designed to develop 21st learning skills. Our students continue to be supported in their learning no matter what class they are in and through all the structures we have in place.

Throughout the year we will collaborate with Hilltop Rd PS, Camdenville PS and Turramurra North PS where students will participate in a range of face to face and online activities together. We have formed a partnership with Macquarie University to teach the "Big History Project" to our Stage 2 students and we will visit Macquarie University later in the year.

Our school has formed strong links with partner organisations to provide our students with access to a range of programs. We thank the following organisations for supporting our school through funding and a range of social, academic, physical and emotional programs:

- The Smith Family
- The Salvation Army
- FoodBank
- Books in Homes

- Sporting Schools
- Our volunteers who help with Homework Club, Learning Centre, English classes and much more.

Meet the Teacher

On Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 we will hold our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons followed by a BBQ. We look forward to meeting many families for the following sessions:

- Tuesday 23 February: 3-6 students - All classes will meet in the school hall for general information, then classes will move to each classroom
- Wednesday 24 February: K-2 students All classes will meet as a grade in the following classrooms
 - . Kindergarten meet in KE & KR (Rooms 1 & 2)
 - . Year 1 meet in 1C & 1R (Rooms 11 & 12)
 - . Year 2 meet in 2A & 2J (Rooms 13 & 14)
- A BBQ will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday for our families to meet other community members. Please complete the note attached if you wish to attend the BBQ so we can cater for everyone.

School Council

We currently have a vacancy for our 2016 School Council. If parents are interested in nominating to be part of the School Council it requires a commitment to attend a meeting at 5pm once a term. If you are interested in joining the Council please complete the nomination form on the accompanying note.

Ms L Hodges

TERM 1 2016 EVENTS

Fri 19 Feb	Summer PSSA Round 1 Parent Meeting: Meet the Executive Staff of Auburn West
Mon 22 Feb	Homework Club begins
Tues 23 Feb	Meet the Teacher: Yrs 3-6, 3:15-4:30pm
Wed 24 Feb	Star Badge Assembly 2-3pm Meet the Teacher: K-2, 3:15-4:30
Thu 25 Feb	Auburn Girls HS & Granville Boys HS Open Day
Fri 26 Feb	Parent Meeting: Gardening Working Bee



PSSA and School Sport

This Friday, the Summer PSSA competition commences with Auburn West Public School competing in the T-Ball, Cricket and AFL competitions. Each week students in these teams will compete against the schools in the Auburn district at varying locations in hopes of making the semi finals at the end of Term 4. Parents are more than welcome to come along and support our students, so please speak to your child's coach about game locations.

Students who remain at school will be involved in a range of sports this term and for the rest of the year. All students are reminded to wear their school uniform, sport shoes and their hats.

Miss Eldridge Sport Coordinator



We're on Twitter  @AuburnWestPS



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

Check the time your school starts. DON'T BE LATE!

