



# THE AUBURN WEST DRUM

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Thanks to our community

It was wonderful to see so many people at our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions last week. Many parents were able to hear about all the great programs and learning taking place in our school and you also joined us for our community BBQ afterwards. Thanks to our class teachers who shared their information and to our BBQ assistants who stayed behind to serve delicious sausages.

An extra special thanks must go to our MasterChef Mr Paul, who in his last week helping our school cooked hundreds of sausages. (We also welcomed back Mr Gary from his holiday with a surprise BBQ!)

### Visitors from Northern NSW

We are very proud of our school and the great teaching and learning taking place each and every day. On Monday we hosted a visit from four schools from northern NSW where eight principals and teachers came to visit three Sydney schools, including AWPS! Thank you to the teachers who hosted visits in their classrooms and to our school Executive team who assisted with sharing their expertise with our visitors.

### Student Leaders and Stars

Congratulations to our Student Leaders for 2016, they have started the year off very well as they have hosted a number of assemblies, including the first Star Badge Assembly. They represented our school at the Young Leaders Day on Monday, I can't wait to hear their ideas for the school this year.

Congratulations to our first Star Badge recipients for 2016. Last Tuesday 65 Year 1-6 students were awarded a Star Badge after being nominated by their class teacher for achieving all Star Badge criteria. Kindergarten students will join us at our next Star Badge assembly. A reminder to parents that our assembly afternoon is now on **Tuesday**, please check the newsletter for further information.

### Safe Entry and Exit

As you would be aware, our school is on the corner of two busy roads. A reminder for all our community to make sure our students arrive at school safely and leave school safely each and every day:

Please do not park in the staff car park. The only parents who are to use the car park are those who have permission from the Principal to drop off/collect a child with an identified need.

Please do not walk through the car park, all entry and exit to the school must be through the pedestrian access gates.

Please use the school crossing, wait patiently for the crossing supervisor to stop the traffic BEFORE you step out onto the road.

Please park in the designated car park spaces, use the Chisholm Rd carpark if you can. Be aware that cars may be booked if they are stopped in the No Parking areas or too close to the crossing.

Please arrive at school on time, ideally between 8.30am and 8.57am. I have noticed that many students are arriving at school before 8.30am, at this time of the day our teachers are busy organising for the school day and therefore no active supervision takes place in the playground until 8.30am.

If your child arrives after 8.57am they are late to school, please do your best to ensure that they have enough time to walk in the school pedestrian gates and join their class by 8.57am. Students who arrive at 9.15am or later MUST be accompanied to the office to complete a late pass for the class teacher, children should not be coming to school at this time without an adult.

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TERM 1 2016 EVENTS	
Thu 3 Mar	Granville Boys & Auburn Girls HS Enrichment Class Test
Fri 4 Mar	Birrong Girls HS visit - Stage 3 Parent Program: Positive Behaviour in School (PBIS)
Fri 25 Mar	Good Friday Public Holiday
Mon 28 Mar	Easter Monday Public Holiday

### PSSA - off to a good start

Congratulations to our Summer PSSA teams for their great games last week, the results of these games were:

Junior and senior AFL played against Auburn North PS, both teams won their game.

Junior and senior cricket played against Lidcombe PS, senior cricket won their game.

Boys and girls T-ball played against Lidcombe PS, the boys team won their game.

### Some more reminders

Students are reminded to wear FULL school uniform to school each day, this includes their school hat and black school shoes. I hope I can achieve my goal this year; my goal is to spend more time asking students about their learning and less time asking them to put on their school hat or to check if they are wearing the correct shoes to school. School hats should be worn at all times when students are in our school outdoor areas.

Sports shoes may be worn each Tuesday for K-2 students and each Friday for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students. We hope to have our sports uniforms for sale very soon so students can wear their sports uniform on these days as well. Please visit our uniform shop on Monday morning or Wednesday afternoon to purchase the correct school uniform. *Ms L Hodges*

## LIBRARY NEWS

Library sessions have started this week. Students in K-2 can borrow 2 books each week and students in Stages 2 and 3 will be borrowing 2 books for in class reading and 4 books to take home. Please ensure that your child has a material library bag. *Ms E Silvia*

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