



THE AUBURN WEST DRUM

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our generous community

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Harmony Day events over the past few weeks. The whole school community has contributed once again to supporting a range of activities for Harmony Day 2016. Although the main theme of Harmony Day is 'Everyone Belongs', the 2016 theme was 'Diversity is our Strength'. This theme is very appropriate for our school community as we come from many communities around the world and share many similar ideas and values here at our school.

This year we held two cake/sweet stalls to raise a great deal of money for communities in Bangladesh. Thanks to our generous staff and parents we held TWO stalls to support this worthy cause. Our assembly on Thursday 24 March was a great success, with many community members wearing orange to show their support for Harmony Day and another outstanding flag ceremony by our Kindergarten and Stage 3 students. Read more news further on in the newsletter.

Summer PSSA

This week is the final round of the first half of our Summer PSSA competition. Thank you to the students who have represented our school in T-ball, cricket and AFL. A big thank you to our coaches Miss Mannion, Miss Cheng and Miss Huvanandana, and to Miss Eldridge for organising our school sport and coaching when needed. Winter PSSA begins next term with trials underway for soccer, Oz-tag, netball and newcombe ball.

Project-Based Learning

Last week eight staff spent two days at Hilltop Rd PS for consecutive days of professional learning about Project-Based Learning. These sessions were led by David and Clare Price, leading educational speakers from the Innovation Unit in England. Our staff have discussed projects to implement with our students at AWPS, and this year we will see a focus on PBL across the school. As David Price states "with the right tools for planning and managing projects, teachers see



that their students are gaining the skills they need for a modern world - after all, most adults spend their working lives working on projects, so why not start at school?"

Sydney University

Last week 25 students from Sydney University visited our school to see first-hand what takes place in a primary school. Thank you to Ms Galvin who led the visitors through a presentation of the great work we do at AWPS and provided

opportunities for the visitors to spend time in classrooms for the rest of the day. We look forward to seeing some of the students return later in the year for the school placements.

Star Badge Term 1



Congratulations to ALL our Term 1 Star Badge recipients, 145 students have received their badge so far this year. These lucky students will go ten-pin bowling this week as their reward, thanks to all the staff from the PBL committee who have organised the assembly and treat this term

Staffing

In the last newsletter I neglected to mention that Mrs El-Far has joined our school executive team as Relieving Assistant Principal. During the time Ms Galvin is the Relieving Deputy Principal, Mrs El-Far will replace her role as R/AP EAL/D and she will oversee our ESL staff, new arrivals students and assist with our Parent Program team. Congratulations Mrs El-Far. *Ms L Hodges*

TERMS 1 & 2 2016 EVENTS

Tues 5 Apr	Anzac Assembly
Wed 6 Apr	Star Badge Treat
Thurs 7 Apr	Book give-away in the courtyard, 3pm
Fri 8 April	Last day for Term 1
Wed 27 Apr	Students return for Term 2
Tues 3 May	Cross Country Carnival
Tues, Wed, Thurs 10,11,12 May	NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5





Zeybek's home.

Mrs Zeybek hosted the meeting in her backyard and provided morning tea with traditional Turkish food and coffee, using the coffee cups that she had bought in Turkey. All the

PATHWAYS AROUND AUBURN: A home visit initiative at Auburn West PS

This year our parent program started their new home visits called "Pathways". Last year Mrs Iyidilli, a Turkish language teacher at the school, came up with the idea of revamping the bi-annual home visit format with a visit to the home of one AWPS parents' home by all of the other parents each term.

This year Mrs Zeybek kicked off the "Pathways" home visit program by generously opening her home to parent community. Twenty three parents gathered in the school's courtyard, with prams, strollers and morning tea items, ready for their grand walk along the pathways to Mrs

parents who attended supplemented the morning tea with their own traditional food, with recipes being shared by all.

During the parent meeting the parents discussed issues relevant to their children's wellbeing and also planned a parent skills workshop to be held at the school in term two of this year. The parents' skills workshop will see the parents showcasing their traditional skills and talents to the students at AWPS.

Thanks to Mr Gary who collected chairs, tables and the morning tea items to deliver to Mrs Zeybek's home for the parents' visit.

By Suzanne Galvin and Nazmiye Iyidilli



Harmony Day OUR DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH

Thank you to our school community for helping to celebrate Harmony Day 2016. The students looked great in orange during our assembly. Thank you to the Harmony Day team who created such a memorable assembly for our students this year, the highlights being the video featuring our students speaking about what Harmony Day means to them and a special video message from a former AWPS student Tarek Elrich, who plays soccer with Adelaide United and Socceroos.

We also would like to thank the students and community for helping with our fundraising efforts over the past 2 weeks. Across our two bake sale days we managed to raise \$1016 which will be donated to Human Appeal to build a well for a community in Bangladesh. A fantastic effort by all, thank you. *Mrs Beynon & the Harmony Day Committee*



PARENT MEETING: SUPER SALAD DAY

On Friday April 1 we celebrated 'Super Salad Day' with the help of our lovely mums at AWPS. We made four different types of salad; Bean salad, Shephard salad, Tomato salad and Potato salad. We invited all of the Kindergarten and Year 1 classes to come and enjoy eating those scrumptious salads along with the yummy Lebanese bread.

Every term we have a salad day to encourage younger students at AWPS to eat fresh and healthy foods and to promote vegetable eating at our school.

Parent Program Team



K1JT @K1JT Apr 1
We are enjoying our delicious salads made by our parents! Thank you 🙌