



THE AUBURN WEST DRUM

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

An Outstanding School

As you may be aware, many educators have visited our school over the past eighteen months. They have visited for a range of reasons, and they always leave very impressed with our teachers and the way our students work in K-6.

Last week I had the privilege to co-present at the Inspire, Innovate 2016 Conference at ANZ Stadium with Miss Cooper, Miss Adams and Miss Chisholm. There were many educators from across the country who heard about the great work our school is doing by attending our workshop. So what did we share? Our presentation: "Collaborative, Reflective Learners need Collaborative Reflective Teachers - How opening our doors challenged our teaching, promoted collective efficacy and increased student autonomy."

Throughout this presentation we were able to share the great work our students have produced and strategies our teachers use to seek the best from their class. Perhaps your child can tell you what their WALT and WILF was for their lesson today, this something we shared. We also talked about our new flexible learning environments, project-based learning, the 6Cs and how our teachers work more collaboratively with their teams. As a result of this session we have many other schools who wish to visit Auburn West and see for themselves the great work that is taking place in all classrooms.

Stranger Danger

Last week one of our students was approached by two men in a car on the way to school. The student returned home safely and reported this to her family. Our teachers have reminded students about the importance of walking to and from school safely by not speaking to people they do not know. Parents, please ensure your child walks with one or more students/adults and that they come to school after 8.30am.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM)

Over the next few weeks we will be asking some students from Year 4-6 to participate in the TTFM survey to find out what our students think of their learning. If you do NOT wish to

let your child participate please let the class teacher know or send the note back to the office. We will share the results of the survey later in the year.
Ms L Hodges

K-2 BOOKS IN HOMES ASSEMBLY

This year at AWPS we are part of a new program called Books in Homes. The program will give our Kindergarten and Year 1 students the chance to choose 3 books they would like to receive as a reading gift.

This Tuesday 15 March at 2pm our K-2 students will be participating in our first Books in Homes assembly where class representatives will be presented with their books. At the assembly we will have a special guest author named Lynda A. Calder who has written the "Enigma Diaries". Lynda will be talking to students about being an author and the joy of reading.

After the assembly our Kindergarten and Year 1 students will return to class to receive their free books to read and take home.

We look forward to sharing some of our Books in Home excitement in our next newsletter!

Mrs T Black

LIBRARY NEWS

Library is open Monday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday in the morning from 8:35-8:55am. Students can play games, read a book, complete their homework or use a computer. Please wait for the teacher at the stairs to go up to the library.
Ms E Silvia

TERMS 1 & 2 2016 EVENTS

Fri 25 Mar	Good Friday Public Holiday
Mon 28 Mar	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tues 29 Mar	Star Badge Assembly
Tues 5 Apr	Anzac Assembly
Fri 8 April	Last day for Term 1
Wed 27 Apr	Students return for Term 2



A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY US ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

We welcome information from parents about your children's health.

All schools ask for medical information when children enrol. It is important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Please provide information in writing about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues to the school office.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

If you have any further questions, please see Mrs Black, Mrs Coxsedge or Mrs Alderson

BE SAFE: UV WARNING

Every year over 12,500 people in Australia are diagnosed with an aggressive type of skin cancer called Melanoma. This disease can affect all ages and action must be taken now to prevent it from occurring.

UV (ultra violet) rays are invisible rays from the sun that are responsible for causing damage to our skin. Even on cloudy days these rays can still be extremely dangerous.

It is important for all parents to make sure they help protect their children by making sure they come to school with an AWPS school hat every day and it is strongly encouraged that they wear sunscreen to school everyday too. For the best protection sunscreen should be put on 20 minutes before leaving the house and then applied again just before coming to school so it can act as a protective layer.

Did you know that our skin could burn in less than 15 minutes of being outside?

Be sun safe aware! An AWPS hat and two coats of sunscreen will save your child's life.

By students of the Stage3H Friday sport group.



Sensational 52NT @Stage3NT_AWPS · Mar 8
Today we commenced Cluster Writing Groups for the first time #innovateAWPS #persuasewriting



K1JT @K1JT · Mar 1
We love doing literacy activities every morning to learn new sight words and the alphabet



leanne hodes @leanne_3 · Feb 29
Thanks to our teachers for hosting our visitors & the exec team for sharing their expertise 2. Girl day @vrgmagpav

We're on Twitter



@AuburnWestPS

PARENT MEETING

On Friday 11/4 we had a parent meeting on how to help our children with Maths at home. Miss Kartambis and Miss Cooper presented parents with Kindergarten - Y6 ideas for Maths that the parents can use at home. Those ideas involved counting everyday objects at home or talk about Maths while shopping. The parents were delighted to have a pack each to take home in order to support their children in using different arithmetic strategies in adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. The parents also practised some of these ideas in small groups. We were very pleased to see a number of dads participating in our Friday parent meetings.

Parent meeting team

