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Dear Parents,

The past 2 weeks have been outstandingly successful for OUR Auburn North Public School. Some of the highlights from the past fortnight include:

1. **Visit by Regional Director and School Education Director.**
2. **Book Week.**
3. **Granville Schools' Spectacular at the Opera House.**
4. **School Athletics Carnival.**
5. **Zone Athletics Carnival.**
6. **Gold Badge Assembly.**

Below I will outline why these special events were so successful and how they demonstrate some of the reasons why OUR school is an outstanding public school.

1. **Visit by Regional Director and School Education Director**

Each term, Murat Dizdar, our School Education Director (SED), selects 2 schools to invite Tom Urry, our Sydney South West Regional Director, to visit. Mr Dizdar selected our school this term. During the visit, Mr Urry :

- was shown a power point presentation where he received information about our school, about our National Partnership situational analysis process where all parents and teachers were surveyed, where many students were surveyed, where all teachers were interviewed, and where many parents and students were interviewed. The presentation also outlined some of our present and future innovative teaching and learning programs ;
- visited many of our stimulating classrooms to watch and enjoy our innovative programs 'in action' ;
- enjoyed chatting with students and teachers ; and
- visited Ms Daujotis and 'Harmony House'.

Following this visit, Mr Urry asked for a copy of our power point presentation to share with the other 9 school education directors in the Region.

The day after their visit, Mr Dizdar sent the following email :

' Mr Harris,

Please pass on my congratulations to all the teachers and students whose classes we visited today. I know that Mr Urry enjoyed today's visit and it was also an opportunity for me to see the quality work occurring at Auburn North Public School. I am appreciative of your teachers' efforts and willingness to share the unbelievable progress to date with the work around the National Partnership Program. I look forward to continuing to support the quality work at Auburn North'.

Mr Urry and Mr Dizdar are well-aware that our school is an outstanding NSW public school.

BOOK WEEK

As part of 'Book Week 2010', Mrs Clift and Ms Hodges co-ordinated a program where 4 well-known children's authors visited our school to explain why they became authors, to discuss their books, and to explain their writing processes. A large number of students, teachers and parents attended this special after-school event and they were thoroughly engaged in the presentations by the authors.

Following the visit, Mrs Clift received a number of emails from the authors, each of which mentioned our delightful students. Some of the emails are included below :

'Here's to a fantastic event. A magical afternoon with the most delightful group of students an author could hope to meet'.

'It was wonderful - what beautiful children, teachers and school'.

'I was sooo happy with the event..... kids' authors, books and kids are such a natural mix'.

We would like to thank Mrs Clift and Ms Hodges for organising this event, which was one of our strategies to assist our students love books and love reading. As we always say at Auburn North, **'READ TO SUCCEED'**.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The purpose of our recent school athletics carnival was to provide children with the opportunity to participate in age races and to actively participate in tabloid activities. Our K-6 children enjoyed a great day of races and fun. Each boy and girl tried their hardest, took pride in their efforts, and encouraged their housemates and class mates. Our students were perfectly behaved and were a credit to themselves, their families and their school.

A successful school carnival involves many hours of work by staff. The following team of teachers worked very hard to organise our school's 2010 carnival :

- Ms O'Rourke
- Mr Drobnak
- Miss Robertson
- Ms Beretov
- Ms Chung
- Mrs Prentice
- Mrs Heathcote
- Mrs Ellis
- Mr Hanbridge

Thank you to this energetic staff team.

THE 'PERFECT' ZONE CARNIVAL

Each year a different Granville district school has the responsibility of organising the Zone Athletics Carnival, which involves 12 Auburn, Granville and Merrylands public schools. It was our school's turn this year. Over the past 30 years I have seen many excellent athletics carnivals but never a PERFECT carnival. However, the 2010 Zone Carnival, which was co-ordinated by a team of our teachers, **WAS PERFECT**. It made me very proud to enjoy watching Auburn North teachers presenting a perfect model for all other schools and teachers.

Mr John Selby, Principal of Auburn West Public School, sent our school an email congratulating our teachers on their organisation. The email is reproduced below.

Dear Mr Harris,

*I just wanted to let you know that my teachers came back from the carnival the other day full of praise for your staff. Thanks very much for the professionalism and expertise but also for the care they showed towards our teachers and those from the other schools.
Congratulations and thank you!!*

Yours sincerely

Mr John Selby

Principal

Auburn West Public School

The members of the Zone Carnival 'DREAM TEAM' were:

- Ms O'Rourke (Leader)
- Mrs Dehouche
- Ms Chung
- Ms Robertson
- Ms Vandenberg
- Miss Strothers
- Ms Beretov
- Mr Hanbridge
- Mrs Tukuafu
- Mr Drobnak
- Ms Lean
- Mr Mahoney
- Mrs Heathcote
- Ms Paterson
- Ms Malcolm
- Mrs Ellis

We would also like to thank the following student helpers who were selected because they are responsible, reliable and excellent school representatives.

- Zolfagher
- Hakan
- Mariam
- Narjis
- Ali Y
- Fahad
- Ramazan
- Marja
- Abbas
- Motasem
- Ali P

Congratulations teachers and students !!

OPERA HOUSE GRANVILLE SCHOOLS' SPECTACULAR

This year was the 10th year the Opera House Granville Schools' Spectacular has been held. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this year, but I am told that the 2010 spectacular was the 'BEST EVER'. I would like to congratulate our dancers and choir members and their teachers, **Mrs Prentice, Mrs Clift, Mrs Tukuafu and Miss Strothers**. These teachers spent many, many hours preparing their students to participate in this memorable program. I would also like to thank **Ms Beretov** for assisting on the day and during the evening.

I would especially like to thank 2 very special non-teaching members of our school community. **Mrs Strothers**, the mother of Miss Strothers, produced the dazzling costumes for the dancers, and **Mrs Zenna Diab**, one of our very supportive parents, who travelled with the dancers to the Opera House, helped make sure that the dancers were ready to perform, and ensured that the dancers' hair looked 'amazing'.

Congratulations to all students, teachers, Mrs Strothers and Mrs Diab.

I would also like to thank the following staff members who attended the spectacular to support our school.

- **Mr Salempour**
- **Mrs Howard**
- **Mrs Cheeseman**
- **Mrs Francis**
- **Mrs Vidmar**
- **Mrs Heathcote**
- **Mrs Youngman**
- **Mrs Kandil**
- **Ms Paremeswaran**
- **Ms Li**
- **Ms Donovanick**
- **Ms Khoo**
- **Ms Sullivan**
- **Mrs McShane**

CLASS REPORT : 4/3K AND 6L

For your reading pleasure, please take the time to read the class reports from **4/3K and 6L**. I would like to thank the boys and girls from 4/3K and 6L and their teachers **Ms McGeehan** and **Mrs Lim**.

Mr Mark Harris
Principal

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Mr George Hasham, the Home School Liaison Officer for the Granville District, visited our school last Friday. His role is to monitor student attendance and to ensure all students are attending school on a regular basis. This includes partial and whole day absences. He noted that there are a number of students who have a high number of absences as well as parents not providing any reason for their child's absences (unexplained absence).

Mr Hasham will be returning in a few weeks to meet the parents of the students showing attendance concerns. Interview times will be organised for Wednesday 22nd September. If your child has had more than 10 days absence this year, you may be contacted for an appointment. Please remember that all absences must be explained, in writing, by the parent, including religious celebrations such as Eid.

KINDERGARTEN 2011 ENROLMENT

If your child is turning 5 years old by the 31st of July 2011, you need to enrol them for school now. Enrolment forms are available at the office. Arrangements are being made for Kindergarten Orientation in October/November. This program will help both you and your child to make a happy transition to 'big school'. If there are any concerns with enrolment, please make an appointment at the office to see Ms Donovick.

Ms D. Donovick
Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3

August

Monday, 30th - **Power House Excursion for Stage 2**

September

Monday, 13th - **Swim Scheme Y2-6 starts for 10 days**

Wednesday, 15th - **P & C Sausage Sizzle**

Friday, 23rd - **Swim Scheme last day**

Principal's Award

KK	Bora Ali	For making a big effort to present his work at a better standard. For displaying qualities of a good sport.
KM	Fadhil Aysha	For using kind words and showing his manners every day. For being a kind and caring student who takes pride in her bookwork.
KO	Lina Param	For her excellent comprehension skills and her willingness to participate in class discussions. For always trying his best during literacy activities.
KP	Sumyya Annie	For her fantastic writing with spaces, capital letters and neat handwriting. For trying hard to use vocabularies in writing sentences.
1DI	Maymounah Fatmah	For her great start to her new school and always having a smile on her face. For using her prediction skills to predict what the story is about and sharing it with her class.
1K	Esam Noor	For showing responsibility and co-operative behaviour during reading groups. For having the 5L's and showing respect to all teachers and peers at all times.
1L	Mohammad Michael	For trying hard to produce a fantastic looking bear print. For his expressive reading during class and trying hard to concentrate.
2/1C	Zaynab Nancy	For making fabulous sentences. For trying very hard to use correct punctuation in her writing.
2P	Juhi Lilieta	For trying hard to complete work to the best of her ability and being kind to others. For reading to succeed by borrowing home readers each night.
2S	Zahra	For being a kind and honest friend to all other students.
4/3H	William Aqib	For being a confident and co-operative member of 4/3H who is a great role model for his class mates. For making a huge effort in mathematics.
4/3V	Gulalay Ali	For her outstanding set of maths group work rules. For always setting a good example for his peers.

4/3K	Acelya Omer	For the pride she takes in her schoolwork and homework. For his sensible and mature contribution to PD/H/PE
4/3R	Gokcem Razia	For her enthusiastic approach to exciting spelling games. For always demonstrating kindness to teachers and students.
4/3S	Ayan	For consistently trying to produce an improvement in his bookwork.
5/4M	Rukhaiya	For her amazing improvement she has made in all areas of mathematics.
5B	Brenden	For showing respect and kindness at all times
5L	Vanessa	For great work during mathematics.
6A	Aziza Arzum	For displaying fairness in class sport. For always being respectful and responsible in Turkish class.
6L	Tugce	For her outstanding effort during mathematics.
6T	Hakan Ploy	For consistently demonstrating leadership skills and displaying ANPS values. For helping others and always being willing to accept extra responsibility.
Arabic CL	Abier	For making huge progress in reading and writing in Arabic.
Chinese CL	Shirley 5L	For her keen attitude to learn and to participate in all Chinese class activities.
Turkish CL	Eftelya 5/4M	For an excellent attitude toward learning Turkish.
Dari CL	Aref 6T	For reading Dari persuasive text fluently.

GOLD BADGE NOMINATIONS TERM 3 WEEK 5

KK	Lonna Moeed	4/3H	Vivek Sina	Arabic CL Mrs Francis	Sousen KP Sara 5L
KM	Ayaanali Thakshana	4/3K	Thanuluxy Noman	Dari CL Mr Salempour	Faiaz 4/3S Sakina 6T
KO	Cyril	4/3R	Saja Imdad	Chinese CL Ms Cheung	Claire 2/1C Shirley 5L
KP	Henry Sumyya	4/3S	Saud Thulasiga	Turkish CL Mrs Mehmet	Kubra 4/3S Oznur 5L
1L	Marium Zinab	4/3V	Moustapha	ESL Mrs Vidmar	Anurag 1L
1K	Nathan Khadeejah	5/4M	Hasan	ESL Mrs Cheeseman	Upadya 5/4M Ali 4/3V
1DI	Monica	5B	Murtada	ESL Mr Drobnak	Johnson 5/4M
2/1C	Rusel Jacky	5L	No nominations	RR Mrs Lavulavu	Ahmed 2S
2P	Iqra Okan	6A	Aziza Terry	RFF Ms Kiraz	Jordan 4/3R
2S	Fatima Melek	6L	Dilara Mehdi	PRINCIPAL Mr Harris	Abaan 4/3R Mrs Wakeling (Office) Mr Hanbridge (GA)
		6T	Marja Aref		