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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Auburn North Public School staff, I would like to welcome you and your children back to school for Term 4. Term 4 is always THE most important term of the year because students:

1. **continue to learn new information effectively and successfully;**
2. **revise and consolidate their learning from terms 1, 2 and 3; and**
3. **work very hard so that they are 'promoted' next year to a higher grade.**

OUTSTANDING AUBURN NORTH PS STUDENT LEARNING RESULTS: LET'S CELEBRATE !!

Last week Mr Chris Charles, Principal of Auburn Girls' High School, and some of his teachers, visited our school. The main reason for the visit was to share with us the achievements of former Auburn North Public School students who are now in Year 7 at Auburn Girls' High School. We were shown the results which our former students achieved in this year's National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. The results were simply **OUTSTANDING !!!**

The former Auburn North PS students completed their Year 7 NAPLAN tests early in Term 2 this year, having just started at Auburn Girls' High School. The most important results are those where the students' results in their Year 7 tests are compared to the results they achieved when they completed the Year 5 tests when they had just begun in Year 5 at Auburn North PS. Therefore, the results are based on the students' learning while they were in Year 5 **and** Year 6 at Auburn North.

The results compare the 'Improvement' or 'Growth' achieved by **our** students while they were in Year 5 and Year 6 at Auburn North PS to the 'improvement' or 'growth' of students in the State (NSW) and across the South Western Sydney Region. The average improvement or growth of our students was **FAR GREATER** than the average improvement or growth of **ALL** students in NSW. Some of the results are shown below.

**FORMER AUBURN NORTH GIRLS
WHO COMPLETED NAPLAN IN YEAR 5 AND WHO ARE NOW
IN YEAR 7 AT AGHS**

SUBJECT AREA	STATE IMPROVEMENT/GROWTH	REGION IMPROVEMENT/GROWTH	AUBURN NORTH PS IMPROVEMENT/ GROWTH
Reading	55 points (pts)	58 pts	* 102 pts
Writing	37 pts	38 pts	* 45 pts
Grammar & Punctuation	35 pts	42 pts	* 87 pts
Spelling	56 pts	56 pts	* 69 pts
Numeracy	62 pts	64 pts	* 82 pts

I believe these types of exceptional results would also have been achieved by the other former Auburn North girls who are in Year 7 classes in different high schools AND former Auburn North BOYS who are in Year 7 classes in a number of different high schools. We need to acknowledge that WE are ALL vital members of an excellent public primary school.

As members of the Auburn North Public School Learning Community we should ALL be proud of these results because:

- a. they don't just reflect what the students learnt when they were in Year 5 and Year 6, but what they learnt from their first day at Auburn North; and
- b. each of our present Kindy-Year 6 students are improving their learning every single day with the vast majority producing similar growth to that shown in the table above.

I presented these Year 7 results to our teachers this week and I have asked them if by the end of the week they could give me written responses to the following question:

'WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE THE REASONS TO EXPLAIN OUR STUDENTS' OUTSTANDING RESULTS?'

I am looking forward to reading the responses from the teachers over the weekend and I will include their suggestions in the next newsletter. In the meantime, why do YOU think OUR STUDENTS and OUR SCHOOL are producing such fantastic results? I am very interested to hear your ideas. Please see me if you would like to share your ideas.

'I LOVE SCHOOL'

Sogand, a student from 4/3V class, recently wrote a piece of writing titled 'I Love School'. Please read the writing below:

I LOVE SCHOOL

'I love school because it's fun playing with my friends and cool when people think I am funny. School is the best; I very much like it and am very proud of getting lots of awards. I like it when I win games and when my friends and I play sport together. My school is called Auburn North Public School. I love my school because it makes me and others feel good about going there. The friends that I have are so helpful and they are very kind. The most important thing is your teacher and trying to get a gold badge. I always do the right thing in class and am nice to the principal, my teachers and friends. TRY YOUR BEST IN CLASS'

THANK YOU MS MCGEEHAN

Ms McGeehan was selected to teach 4/3K while Mrs Kalic was on maternity leave last term and for the first 3 weeks of this term. I would like to thank Ms McGeehan for utilising her wonderful 'global' teaching skills to ensure that the 4/3K students continued to learn effectively and successfully during Mrs Kalic's absence. Thank you, Ms McGeehan.

From week 4, Mrs Kalic will teach 4/3K each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Ms McGeehan will teach the class each Monday and Tuesday.

CLASS REPORT : 1D and Dari Community Language

For your reading pleasure, please take the time to read the class reports from **1DI and Dari Community Language**. I would like to thank the boys and girls and their teachers **Mrs Dehouche, Ms Indrakasuma** and **Mr Salempour**.

Mr M. Harris
Principal

OVERSEAS ABSENCES

If you are going on holidays/overseas before the end of the year or you will not be returning for the start of the school year, please contact the school office. Any student, who is away for more than 10 days, must fill out a special 'Exemption from School' form. Students in year 1-6 will be returning to school on **Monday 31st January, 2011**. The Department of Education encourages parents to take their children on holidays during the NSW school holidays.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

After School Sports started this week for 7 weeks. Mondays Years K-2 and Wednesdays Years 3-6.

HOME WORK CENTRE

Homework Centre for Years 3-6 started back this week for 5 weeks on Mondays and Wednesday.

SUMMER UNIFORMS

All students should be wearing **SUMMER** school uniform. For girls, this means blue and white check dress with **white** socks or tights/long pants (full length, not $\frac{3}{4}$).

All students need to wear a school hat every day. All students need to wear black leather shoes every day. (Except on sports day)

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Our 2011 Kindergarten children will be visiting the school with their parents for **3 weeks, Thursday 11th, 18th and 25th November**. There will also be **one night time** session for parents unable to come during the day on **Tuesday 16th November**. If you know of nay child who is not enrolled for next year, please inform their parents so they are able to join us in the Orientation Program.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 4

October

Wednesday, 27th - Mini Commonwealth Games and Pizza Lunch

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 2010 - Wednesday 15th December, 2010

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2011 - Monday 31st January, 2011

Principal's Award

KK	Iram	For being a kind and helpful friend.
KM	Michael	For trying to write sentences independently during writing groups.
KO	Sweekar	For having a brilliant start in term 4, by writing fantastic sentences independently.
KP	Ali	For doing neat and fantastic work during reading groups.
1DI	Berny Elody	For his excellent behaviour and his outstanding work in class. For improving in returning her homework every week.
1K	Tylena	For using a range of reading strategies to work out new or unfamiliar words.
1L	Freya	For settling really well in her new class and school.
2/1C	Mirun	For his significant improvement in speaking and writing.
2P	Melisa Xing	For working independently on reading and writing activities. For his keen participation in class discussion and excellent behaviour in class.
2S	Daniel	For making a fantastic start in his new school.
4/3H	Jasmine	For her mature and enthusiasm towards all learning areas.
4/3V	Jacky Kieran-Ryan	For the responsibility he shows towards both his school work and behaviour. For his fantastic start to Term 4.
4/3K	Toobaa Cecilia	For her consistent effort in all areas of learning. For her enthusiastic approach to finding out about procedural writing.
4/3R	Zulfiqar Aysha	For demonstrating responsibility as our new bell and bag monitor. For making a settled start at Auburn North Public School.
4/3S	Vincent Mawa Alp	For his improvement in his persuasive writing. For making a settled start at Auburn North Public School. For his enthusiastic approach to designing a new community.
5/4M	Shyanili	For producing a fantastic procedure during an independent writing lesson.
5B	Mariama	For always displaying an enthusiastic, positive approach to math lessons.
5L	Sara	For a huge improvement in her discussion writing during term three.
6A	Sajah	For her creative skills in assisting the class to devise a drama presentation.
6L	Mehdi	For trying hard to do his best work at all times.
6T	Arda	For being an excellent role model for other students.
Arabic CL	Zahra 2S	For making great sentences in Arabic and reading fluently.
Turkish CL	Emre Esra	For using his manners and trying his best at all times in Turkish class. For always trying her best during every lesson in Turkish class.
Dari CL	Zahra 5/4M Mohammad 1DI	For being kind and respectful to others and also doing her Dari homework at the time under her mother's supervision. For active participation in Dari discussion about Eid Celebrations.

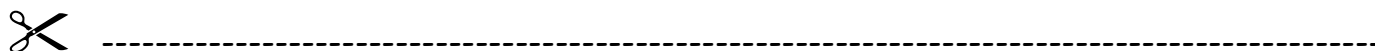
KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT 2011

We are now accepting enrolments for **Kindergarten 2011**. If your child turns 5 before the 31st July 2011, please fill out the form below or request an enrolment form at the school office. The form can be filled out at home then returned to school with an Australian Birth Certificate or Passport/Visa if born overseas. We will also require your child's Immunisation Record.

If you know of any neighbours, friends or relatives who do not have any children at Auburn North PS, but they have a child who should start Kindergarten next year at Auburn North, please pass on this information to them.

The Kindergarten Orientation Program, '**Starting School**', will run for 3 sessions next term. Once you have enrolled your child you will be sent information regarding the dates.

Our 1st Kindergarten Orientation day will be 9:15 - 10:45 am on Thursday 11th November, 2010.



Kindergarten Enrolment 2011

Please send an enrolment form home with my son/daughter _____ of
class _____ (First Name) (Surname)

2011 Student's Name: _____
(First name) (Last name)

Student's Date of Birth: _____
(day) (month) (year)
