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Dear Parents,

FAREWELL Mrs WAKELING - OUR 'DIRECTOR OF FIRST IMPRESSIONS'

After 17½ years of outstanding service as our school's School Administration Officer, **Mrs Wakeling** will be retiring next week on Friday, 11th November. As a parent, teacher and principal, I know how important a school administration officer is to a school because she is usually the first person who greets a new family into a school community. We have been most fortunate to have Mrs Wakeling welcoming our new families into our learning community for the past 17½ years.

A number of years ago, I presented Mrs Wakeling with a special plaque which had the following message engraved on it :

'DIRECTOR OF FIRST IMPRESSIONS'

In my 12 years at Auburn North Public School, Mrs Wakeling has always been our positive and professional 'Director of First Impressions'. She has used her caring nature and total commitment to the Auburn North Public School Learning Community to :

- warmly greet parents in our office and provide advice and assistance to them.
- assist students with their many big and 'little' requests.
- assist teachers with each one of their requests over the past 17½ years.

Nothing has ever been too much trouble for 'our' Mrs Wakeling because she has always had our students, staff and parents' interests and welfare as her top priority.

I believe that Mrs Wakeling and I have been a very successful and effective team over the past 12 years. While Ms Hodges was my teaching 'right hand person' during difficult situations, Mrs Wakeling has been my office 'right hand person' upon whom I could always depend when there were great demands placed on me or on the operation of the office.

Mrs Wakeling has had a huge impact on the lives of all ANPS community members over the past 17½ years but it is now time for her to commence what I'm sure will prove to be a very long and happy retirement with her ever-increasing family.

As Mrs Wakeling pulls down the shutter on the window in the front office for the last time next Friday, I hope she will leave our school with a lifetime of happy memories and her **12 Gold Badges**, and that she will visit us soon to share her retirement adventures with all her friends at Auburn North.

Thank you Mrs Wakeling for helping make ANPS the 'Best Of All Worlds'.

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL DAY

As I watched the wonderful DVD of our school's 2011 Community Festival Day (CFD), which was 'directed' and 'produced' by **Ms Gerdes**, our excellent educational paraprofessional, it was very clear that the day was the highlight of our 2011 school year.

It was a day where we celebrated our own and each other's unique and special cultures from around the world. It was a day where our performances and our 'food from around the world' demonstrated that our parents, our students, and our staff are 'many cultures but one harmonious, united learning community'.

I would like to thank our parents who made and served their delicious food.

I would especially like to thank and congratulate the members of staff who coordinated our 2011 CFD. They were :

- Mrs Cheeseman (Chairperson)
- Mrs Tukuafu
- Ms Strothers
- Mrs Clift
- Ms Cheung
- Mrs Francis
- Miss Indrakusuma
- Ms Ireland
- Ms O'Rourke
- Mrs Saleh
- Mrs Sullivan
- Ms O'Connor
- Mrs Shams
- Mrs McBriarty
- Ms Gerdes
- Mrs Ellis
- Ms Lean
- Mrs Kiraz
- Mrs Daujotis
- Mrs Keegan
- Mr Mahoney
- Mrs McShane
- Ms Vallotta
- Mrs Spicer

Some of the statements I made in my principal's address during the first concert included :

- "Our CFD program, including the performance and 'food from around the world', will provide our multicultural public school with the opportunity to celebrate the unique nature of our school's learning community, to showcase some of the talents of our students, teachers and parents, and provide us with the very important opportunity to develop even closer links with our parents and the wider community".
- "In our multicultural public schools like Auburn North, we don't just accept and tolerate other cultures, we **recognise** each other's cultures, we **respect** each other's cultures, and we **encourage** each other to take great pride in their cultures, and together we celebrate each other's unique and special cultures every school day. Gloria, one of our year 6 students, wrote last week, "**Our school is lucky to be multicultural. If you look around you and ask yourself, 'Is everyone the same?', your answer would be, 'No, we're all very lucky to be different'**". However, only in inclusive multicultural public schools such as ANPS can today's children and tomorrow's adults learn one of life's most important lessons;... and the lesson is that regardless of a person's culture, religion or colour, we are all essentially the same with the same needs and wants".
- "Recently, two students wrote why they thought ANPS was 'The Best of All Worlds'. They wrote:

'What I like about Auburn North Public School, the school which provides 'THE BEST OF ALL WORLDS', is that it is so multicultural.

I come to school every day knowing that I'm going to learn something new, not only in education, but that I will also learn something new every day about the cultures of the world. This is what makes Auburn North so special'.

Our 2nd student wrote:

'One reason why I like Auburn North is because you are given the freedom to do what you believe in. I think that is very important because everyone has different beliefs and to live in a harmonious community we MUST respect the beliefs of others. That is what makes Auburn North really 'The Best of All Worlds'.'

- "Multicultural public schools, like our school, educate the whole child, emotionally, socially, physically and most definitely academically. Auburn North is an example of an outstanding multicultural public school learning community with its perfect mix of families and staff from around the world, where highly motivated and professional teachers, delightful, appreciative and bright students, and lovely, supportive parents teach and learn together harmoniously to produce a school culture based on high expectations, high standards and high achievements".
- "As a result of all ANPS community members, that is, students, staff and parents, working together harmoniously, our multicultural school has achieved outstanding academic results over many years. In this year's NAPLAN tests, in terms of our student growth in our District of 15 schools, we achieved:
 - ❖ 2nd greatest growth in Reading
 - ❖ 2nd greatest growth in Grammar and Punctuation; and
 - ❖ 4th greatest growth in Numeracy".
- "I believe our parents from around the world share the view that was expressed by Mr Quadri last week when he sent the following email to me:

'Dear respected ANPS Staff,

I would like to thank you all for the utmost care you take with my children. I have a very high regard for your school and I am proud to write that my children attend the best school in NSW which has the best values and highest standards".

- "And finally, I believe that our outstanding school is a **MODEL** for all schools and communities in Australia and around the world, and I believe that our world would be a lot more peaceful and fair if all individuals and communities followed our lead".

CONGRATULATIONS Mrs TUKUAFU

As you know, Ms Hodges' position at our school was Assistant Principal (AP). Following her promotion to Auburn West PS as its Deputy Principal, we advertised the vacant AP position. Following the merit selection process, the selection panel selected Mrs Tukuafu as our school's new permanent AP.

On behalf of the ANPS learning community I would like to congratulate Mrs Tukuafu on her very well-deserved promotion.

I would like to thank Mrs Clift, Mrs Zenna Diab, and Mrs Sakini Zreika for joining me as members of the merit selection panel.

CONGRATULATIONS Mrs DAUJOTIS

Mrs Daujotis has been the Facilitator of our Schools as Community Centre ('Harmony House') program since 2004. The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) decided that this year all facilitator positions had to be advertised and filled through merit selection.

I am delighted to announce that following the conclusion of the process, Mrs Daujotis was selected as our school's facilitator for a further 3 years. Congratulations Mrs Daujotis.

CONGRATULATIONS Mrs CLIFT AND OUR STUDENT TV STARS

One of the greatest 'gifts' a parent and teacher can 'give' a child is a love of books. Our parents and our teachers have provided this gift to each one of our 591 students. Mrs Clift, our outstanding teacher-librarian and relieving Assistant Principal, and her welcoming and stimulating library (ANCLIC) have been instrumental in engendering a love of books and a knowledge of quality books and authors in our K-6 students to a level that I have not witnessed in any other primary or high school.

The prestigious ABC television program the 'First Tuesday Book Club', is a program which promotes literature and reading. They are producing just one episode this year for children and our school was only one of three schools in NSW which was selected to 'star' in the episode. What an honour!

I believe we were selected because Mrs Clift, her fellow teachers, our parents, and our school have developed a reputation for facilitating children to read, to love reading, to be discerning readers, and because our students know that they must 'READ TO SUCCEED'.

Congratulations to all teachers and parents, and, in particular Mrs Clift and the 8 students who will star on TV on 6th December and 11th December.

CLASS REPORTS : KC and DARI COMMUNITY LANGUAGE

I would like to thank **KC and Dari Community Language classes** and their teachers, **Mrs Chateauraynaud** and **Mr Salempour**, for their interesting and exciting class reports.

Mr M. Harris
Principal

KINDERGARTEN 2012 ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Orientation sessions for the 2012 Kindergarten students and their parents are now taking place.

The two remaining sessions will be on **8th and 15th October from 9:15 am - 10:45 am**. There will also be one session on Tuesday, 22nd November from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm for those parents who work and cannot attend the day sessions.

If you have a child who turns 5 before the 31st July 2007, please enrol them as soon as possible.

Ms Donovick
Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, 8th : 2nd Kindergarten Orientation 9:15 am – 10:45 am
 Tuesday 15th : 3rd Kindergarten Orientation 9:15 am – 10:45 am
 Tuesday 22nd : Night Time Kindy Orientation 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
 (For working parents)

Principal's Award

KC	Kerem Hannah Areejali	For being an active participant during groups. For always striving to become a better learner in all subjects. For working hard to become an independent writer who sounds out new words.
KI	Thomas Aisha	For making a wonderful start to Term 4 by showing diligence and being focused with his school work. For her super maths work, especially in adding numbers together.
KK	Thami Evren Yehya	For trying for his personal best in all work. For his detailed recount of 'Community Festival Day'. For always having creative, neat and well thought writing.
KM	Nirosha Tanish Fahim	For being a positive role model by trying her best in all areas of her learning. For holding his pencil correctly during handwriting lessons. For being a responsible member of KM who is always ready to learn at the beginning of the day.
KS	Yussef Carol Sami-Ullah	For making a positive start to Term 4 and trying his best in every lesson. For trying hard to use different reading strategies to decode unknown words during guided reading lessons. For working positively during group work and being a positive role model to his peers.
1C	Garima Ching	For outstanding reading progress and displaying a positive attitude during literacy. For always using her best listening skills in class discussions and providing well thought-out answers to tricky questions.
1K	Gulalai i Farooq Ayub	For making an excellent improvement in reading for meaning. For being able to make arrays and find the total. For increased focus during literacy and class discussions.
1V	Ali Halima Hamza	For being an attentive listener to Arabic stories and for participating in class discussions. For being able to recall friends of 10 facts quickly. For being able to investigate and identify living and non-living things.

2/1S	Yolander Maha Cyril	For always using her brain to think carefully in math lessons. For striving to achieve her personal best in all areas of learning. For always being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.
2K	Hussein Emad Huda	For making a tremendous turn around this semester and progressing towards a Gold Badge in all areas. For making a continued effort to improve his behaviour on and off the playground. For making a huge improvement in her spelling by slowing down and sounding out words.
2L	Kavi Arushi	For making an improvement in his behaviour towards learning and showing kindness in the playground. For settling into class routines extremely well and showing a positive learning behaviour.
2M	Zoukah Jason Jason	For always displaying a positive attitude towards learning. For the amazing effort he places into all lessons. For always completing his work with pride.
3/2O	William Yalda	Always working to the best of his ability in all subjects. For being a kind and responsible student who has settled well into her new class.
3P	Ali Melis	For improved effort during independent writing activities. For contributing productively during group tasks.
4/3S	Xing	For being a responsible student who always enjoys sharing his viewpoints.
4G	Uditha Joanne	For his improved focus and application in independent work tasks. For her consistent application and focus in all lessons.
4KV	Mohammad Kenny	For improved focus during literacy. For beginning work quickly during literacy.
5/4I	Sadaf Faiaz	For always displaying the ANPS values of kindness and respect. For displaying kindness and respect during class time.
5M	Mohammed Angok	For returning to school in Term 4 with enthusiasm and dedication to complete his best work in all lessons. For achieving his best spelling results for the year and writing a detailed procedure on "how to make popcorn".
6/5L	Samirul Murtada Alisha	For improved attendance and applying himself to all class work. For wonderful improvement in his attitude and behaviour this term. For her excellent behaviour and attitude to class activities at all times.
6DT	Hansan	For achieving excellent multiplication results consistently throughout the year and demonstrating outstanding knowledge in a variety of areas in an extension task.
6V	Sarah Leon	For always showing respect and offering assistance to teachers at ANPS. For being a keen contributor in classroom discussions, especially during literacy.
Arabic CL Mrs Francis	Sara- 6V Zinab-2L	For always trying hard and doing her work to the best of her ability in Arabic. For her great participation in class discussion and fantastic progress in her Arabic vocals.

Chinese CL Ms Cheung	Ellie - 6/5L Anna - 6V Yolani - 2/1S	For her keen participation in helping the Chinese Dance group. For her keen participation in all Chinese activities and her positive attitude to learn Chinese. For her great effort to achieve the highest goal in learning Chinese.
Dari CL Mr Salempour	Zuhal- 1C Abbas - 6DT	For always showing kindness to her peers and doing her best in Dari Lessons. For always showing good behaviour and setting a good example for his Dari peers.

GOLD BADGE STUDENTS TERM 4 WEEK 4

KC	Rayan Ahmed	3/20	Natalie Sahar
KI	Feriha Queenie	3P	Fatima Tareq
KK	Matheen Areeba	4/3S	No students selected
KM	Fahim	4G	Sanadeed Cindoze
KS	No students selected	4KV	Upekha Eman
1C	Sweekar Abdulhamid	5/4I	Sadaf Halima
1K	Aakanksha		
1V	Kalim	5B	Sina Vasa
2/1S	Abrar Fadhil	5M	Ceyda
2L	Rehab Abdillahi	6/5L	William
2K	Khadeejah	6DT	Sara Ali
2M	Rahat Jason	6V	Maser
Arabic CL Mrs Francis	Fatima - 4/3S Mariam - 5M	Chinese CL Ms Cheung	Yolander - 2/1S Victor - 3/20
Dari CL Mr Salempour	Shahab - 6/5L Nazdona- 5/4I	ESL Ms Lean	Hassan - 6/5L Jacky - 5/4I
ESL Mrs Cheeseman	Jhanvi - 4/3S Saifuddim - 4G	ESL Mrs Saleh	Mortaza - 1K
Mentor & E-E Mrs Lavulavu	Hiba- 2K	ESL Ms O'Connor	Tanish - KM Melih - KI
ESL Mrs Varley	Ayesha - 4G		

EXTENDED LEAVE

With only six school weeks to go before the end of the 2011 school year, (Friday 16th December) we have started to form our 2012 classes. To ensure that there will be minimal changes to our classes early in term 1 we ask that you contact our office as soon as possible if:

1. you will be moving to another suburb during the holidays and that your child/children will NOT be attending our school next year.
2. you will be going on an overseas holiday during the school holidays and your child/children will not be returning to school on Monday, 30th January (1st day of 2012 school year) but WILL be returning to school later in the term.

This is a reminder to parents that children should be attending school every day. If you are planning a holiday or need to travel overseas, this should be organised with the least disruption to your child's education as possible. Parents who need to travel with their child need to complete an 'Exemption from School' form at least 6 weeks prior to travel. These forms are available from the office. We also require a copy of your travel arrangements (airline ticket). Failure to complete this form may result in your child being referred to the Home School Liaison Officer.

If you are thinking about travel and leave for 2012, please refer to the school schedule.

Term 1: Monday 30th January to Thursday 5th April

Holiday: Friday 6th April to Monday 23rd April

Term 2: Tuesday 24th April to Friday 29th June

Holiday: Monday 2nd July to Monday 16th July

Term 3: Tuesday 17th July to Friday 21st September

Holiday: Monday 24th September to Friday 5th October

Term 4: Monday 8th October to Wednesday 19th December

Holiday: Thursday 20th December. Students return Wednesday 30th January 2013

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.



NOT RETURNING - TRANSFER TO ANOTHER SCHOOL

My child / children: _____ of class _____

_____ of class _____

_____ of class _____

WILL NOT be returning to Auburn North Public School in 2012.

Parent/Guardian print name: _____

Parents/Guardian signature: _____

Please collect a transfer certificate from our school office before enrolling in your new school.



HOLIDAYS - RETURNING LATE (AFTER 30-01-12)

My child / children: _____ of class _____
_____ of class _____
_____ of class _____
_____ of class _____

Will be on **holidays** and will return **late** to Auburn North Public School on 2012.

Last day of school _____ / _____ / 2011

Returning to school on _____ / _____ / 2012

Parent/Guardian print name: _____

Parents/Guardian signature: _____

