



**VOLUME 18 TERM 4**

**1<sup>st</sup> December, 2011**

Dear Parents,

As the last school day for students this year is **Friday, 16 December**, this is the second last newsletter for the year. Our teachers will continue to ensure that all students work to the best of their ability right up until the end of the year so that each student reaches his or her **PERSONAL BEST** by the end of the year and is rewarded with their best-ever reports on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**ARE YOU MOVING?**

We are in the process of organising our classes for next year. Therefore, we need to know if:

1. You will be moving during the holidays and your child or children will **not** be returning to our school next year; or
2. Your child will be returning to our school next year but will be returning after the first 2012 school day which is Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January.

If you are moving or if your child is returning to school late can you please contact our office **BEFORE** Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December.

**CONTRATULATIONS STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF!!**

There are more than 5000 public, private and Catholic primary and high schools in NSW. We nominated our school learning community for the "2011 Cohesive Community School Award". This prestigious Ministerial Award recognises the efforts and achievements of government and non-government schools in promoting cohesive communities and developing social harmony and unity.

From all the nominations, we have achieved **2<sup>nd</sup> place** and been awarded a **SPECIAL COMMENDATION**. This is an outstanding achievement. Part of the letter I received yesterday states:

**"I am pleased to inform you that Auburn North Public School has been recognised with a Special Commendation. The panel wished to acknowledge the range of programs implemented at the school to promote a cohesive community and the connections the school has built with the local community.**

**Please accept my congratulations on your Special Commendation and my best wishes for the continuing success of Auburn North Public School".**

Our school is an exemplary model for other schools in many areas, including developing social harmony and unity. I hope you feel the same pride I feel in receiving the Special Commendation award.

## OUR STUDENTS COME TO SCHOOL TO LEARN, TO HAVE FUN, AND TO EXPERIENCE AND ENJOY LIFELONG MEMORIES

I believe our Auburn North students come to our school for 3 main reasons. The main reasons are:

1. To Learn
2. To Have Fun
3. To Experience and Enjoy Lifelong Memories

Last week more than 60 of our Year 6 and Year 5 students participated in two different 3-day programs outside our school grounds where they did:

- Learn
- Have Fun
- Experience and Enjoy Lifelong Memories

The two programs were:

- a. 3-Day Overnight Excursion (camp)
- b. 3-Day NSW Schools Spectacular

### a. 3-Day Overnight Excursion (camp)

Last week nearly 50 of our Year 6/Year 5 students participated in a 3-day overnight excursion at the Milson Island Sport and Recreation Camp on the scenic Hawkesbury River. The excursion was coordinated by **Ms Ireland**, who attended the camp along with **Mrs Lim** and **Mr Mahoney**.

The students enjoyed participating in a wide range of exciting sporting and recreational activities including canoeing, fencing, mini Olympics, climbing and a disco. Our teachers informed me that our students were outstanding school representatives and were a credit to themselves, to their families, and to our school. Congratulations girls and boys.

On behalf of the participating students, I would like to thank **Ms Ireland**, **Mrs Lim** and **Mr Mahoney** for providing our students with the opportunity to learn new skills, to have fun of a unique kind in a beautiful setting, and to experience and enjoy lifelong memories.

### b. NSW Schools' Spectacular

Twelve of our senior students last week participated in the prestigious 3-day NSW Schools' Spectacular. The Spectacular has been held for the past 28 years but this year is the first year our school has been involved. Many schools and thousands of students auditioned for the Spectacular but only the most talented were selected. Our school was selected.

Our students danced in two night performances and two matinee (daytime) performances at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

Our school's participation was coordinated by **Ms Strothers** and **Mrs Tukuafu** and they were strongly supported by **Ms Beretov** and **Mrs Sullivan**, and by **Mrs Kandil** who made their costumes.

I had the great privilege of watching and enjoying our students perform along with more than 4000 other very talented primary and high school students from many public schools from right across NSW. Until last Saturday night when I was in the audience, the most spectacular show I had ever seen was the

2000 Sydney Olympics Opening Ceremony. However, the performance by more than 4000 dancers, singers and musicians last Saturday night was every bit as spectacular as the 2000 Olympics.

Our dancers stayed in Sydney on Friday and Saturday night with our teachers and enjoyed dinner and lunch in restaurants but also cooked pancakes and made hamburgers in their apartments. What an experience for them!

I would like to thank **Ms Strothers, Ms Beretov, Mrs Tukuafu, Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Kandil** for providing our dancers with a range of opportunities to learn new skills, to have fun, and to experience and enjoy lifelong memories.

### P. and C BBQ: TUESDAY

Our P. and C. members have organised a fund-raising BBQ for next Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. A sausage sizzle is only \$2 and a drink \$1. Your children took order forms home with them earlier this week. I encourage you to support this fund-raising activity and return the order forms to school by Monday.

### THANK YOU MRS HOWARD AND P. and C.

Our 6 new classrooms were built without air conditioners which would have made them very uncomfortable in the warm and hot months. However, thanks to **Mrs Howard's** very sound financial management of our school funds (not National Partnership funds) and the hard work and generosity of our **P. and C. members**, we were able to save \$35,000 this year which we used to install lovely, cool air conditioners in each of the classrooms last month.

Thank you very much **Mrs Howard** and our **P. and C. members**.

Mr M Harris

Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

### DECEMBER

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>     | - Sports Presentation Assembly      |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>    | - Gold Badge Movies                 |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>   | - Principal's Morning Tea           |
|                            | - K-2 Disco - 1.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> | - School Presentation Assemblies    |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>  | - Year 6 Graduation Assembly        |
|                            | - 3-6 Disco - 6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>    | - Students last day for 2011        |

### JANUARY 2012

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| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>  | - Years 1-6 students return to school |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> | - 2012 Kindy students commence school |

## Principal's Award

<b>KC</b>	Spogmai Nadeem	For remembering the school value of friendship and playing nicely on the playground. For making good predictions during maths measurement lessons.
<b>KI</b>	Soma Yousef	For always showing diligence in all classroom activities. For making improvements in all areas of his learning.
<b>KK</b>	Deborah Wissam	For always having a positive attitude to learning. For identifying the correct steps in the "cups and saucers" procedure.
<b>KM</b>	Sandy Fahim	For being able to count on from a given number to 100. For recognising and using adjectives in both whole class writing and in his own writing.
<b>KS</b>	Zeynep	For her improvement in learning her sight words.
<b>1C</b>	Sharjeel	For working hard during reading groups, resulting in Sharjeel improving his reading by 9 levels.
<b>1K</b>	Mary Mohtashim	For always being a kind and friendly class member. For an improvement in his bookwork, always being neat and taking care with his handwriting.
<b>1V</b>	Ali Zabirah	For trying hard to follow school rules at all times. For making significant improvements with her counting on skills.
<b>2/1S</b>	Samantha Fadhil	For always striving to achieve her personal best in all areas of learning. For always being a kind and helpful friend to his peers.
<b>2K</b>	Ali Seena Sevval	For working hard to improve his writing and always staying on task. For working hard to use the jump strategy when adding two-digit numbers.
<b>2L</b>	Zinab Tylena	For excellent progression in reading with fluency and expression. For immense improvements in participating in class discussions and always showing kindness to her peers.
<b>2M</b>	Ayesha Anurag	For the great improvement she has made in all areas of mathematics. For taking greater pride in his bookwork.
<b>3/20</b>	Matthew Aleyna	For actively contributing to all class discussions. For working well with others in literacy groups.
<b>3P</b>	Khatira Burakhan	For quickly settling into her new class and school. For trying his personal best with all learning tasks.
<b>4/3S</b>	Ershad Claire Mahdeeya	For always being a kind and co-operative student. For writing an excellent procedure in literacy. For outstanding work in numeracy.
<b>4G</b>	Jawairia	For her positive attitude to her learning and helpfulness in class.
<b>4KV</b>	Saja	For demonstrating the value of honesty.
<b>5/4I</b>	Gulalay	For always showing the ANPS values of honesty and respect.
<b>5M</b>	Berlas Emre	For making a fabulous frog and writing a procedure on how to make it. For recognition of his enthusiastic participation and organisation of the Jason Derulo assembly item.
<b>6/5L</b>	Ali	For improvement in his reading and writing.

	Almir	For his outstanding achievements in mathematics.
6DT	Rebecca	For recognition of writing the 'ultimate' detailed, specific and descriptive procedure on how to make a milkshake.
	Farzana	For always demonstrating the values of respect and responsibility.
6V	Michelle	For always trying her personal best to improve in all areas of her learning.
	Johnson	For always being a cheerful and cooperative member of the class, and putting in 100% effort into learning.
Arabic CL Mrs Francis	Deema	For making an interesting family tree in Arabic.
	Mohammad	For making a significant progress in all areas of Arabic.
Chinese CL Ms Cheung	Matthew	For his enthusiasm to participate in all kinds of activities in class.
	Frank	For his positive attitude in learning Chinese and for always completing his work to the best of his ability.
Dari CL Mr Salempour	Ali Seena	For being a responsible student in Dari lessons and a wonderful role model.

## GOLD BADGE STUDENTS TERM 4 WEEK 8

KC	Zeeshan	3/20	Melek Kaif
KI	Ata Shaima	3P	No students selected
KK	Shabnam Wissam	4/3S	Xing Peter
KM	No students selected	4G	Reem Manar Noman
KS	Hussein Zeynep	4KV	Kenny Te-Ariki
1C	Yoosuf Arsh	5/4I	Lucy Amin
1K	Gulalai Rhubaba Mary	5B	Bowen Shaira
1V	Falaq Halima Marwah	5M	Bibi Sidiki
2/1S	Elody Sumyya	6/5L	Hyder Ranien Jelena
2L	Zinab	6DT	Mustafa Emma Betul
2K	Huda Wala	6V	Yasmin Ayse
2M	Housein Samer Ayesha	RFF Mrs Kiraz	Akar 2M Anas 3/20
Arabic CL	Assia 4G	Chinese CL	Ricky 6DT

<b>Mrs Francis</b>	Nurtada 6/5L	<b>Ms Cheung</b>	Janet 3/20
<b>Dari CL</b> <b>Mr Salempour</b>	Barin 2/1S Ali Yaser 6V	<b>RFF</b> <b>Miss Simms</b>	Sevval 2K
<b>RFF</b> <b>Mrs Archer</b>	Essey KK Michael 1C	<b>RFF</b> <b>Ms Robinson</b>	Ahsan KI
<b>ESL</b> <b>Mrs Cheeseman</b>	Berlas Rezai 5M Yalda 3/20 Abdul 3/20	<b>ESL</b> <b>Mr Drobnak</b>	Ken 5/4I
<b>ESL</b> <b>Mrs Vidmar</b>	Emina 6V	<b>ESL</b> <b>Mr Mahoney</b>	Khatira 3P
<b>Mentor &amp; E-E</b> <b>Mrs Lavulavu</b>	Hussein 2K	<b>ESL</b> <b>Ms O'Connor</b>	Yussef KS
<b>ESL/ICT</b> <b>Mrs Southgate</b>	Ali 5/4I	<b>E-E</b> <b>Mrs Grigg</b>	Soma KI Efe KS