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Dear Parents,

DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE

Each year a small number of schools in NSW receive the NSW '**Director-General's School Achievement Award**'. This award is highly prestigious and is only awarded to schools which achieve excellence in leadership, teaching, learning, and parent participation. I am both proud and delighted to inform you that our school's excellent leadership, teaching, learning, and parent participation have been recognised and acknowledged by the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) and this year we have been selected to receive the 2012 '**Director-General's School Achievement Award**'. **CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!**

Our outstanding school learning community received this award as a result of what we have achieved over the past 2 years in terms of our:

- **Leadership**
- **Teaching**
- **Learning**
- **Parent Participation**



Two years ago we believed that our school was a very good school but we were determined to grow from a very good school to a **GREAT** school. Therefore, our application for the Director-General's award was titled '**Good to Great Project**'. With the exception of the two introductory pages, we have sent home today a copy of our five-page '**Good to Great Project**' application. I encourage you to read our application and feel as proud as my staff and I do that the DEC and the Director-General have recognised our school learning community as being exceptional and a model for other schools.

You will be invited to the formal presentation of the Award when the arrangements are finalised. We hope you are able to attend.

TERM 4 - MOST IMPORTANT TERM OF YEAR

Term 4 is the most important term of the year for our school, our leaders, our teachers, and our students. While our teachers will continue to teach effectively and successfully until 19th December, our staff will also be evaluating our 2012 plans and programs to plan for even **greater** success in 2013.

My staff and I want our students to continue to work hard and learn effectively and successfully until 19th December. We want them to continue to focus on our 2012 saying which is:

***In 2012,
Let's All Aim For The Stars
And
Let's All Become Stars'***

We also want our students to continue to work hard so that they are **PROMOTED** to a higher grade next year. Come on girls and boys, we know you can do it.

STAFF INFORMATION



We would like to congratulate two members of staff who were married during the school holidays. **Ms Pollock** was married and her married name is **Mrs Quigley**. **Ms Denham** was married and her married name is **Mrs Armstrong**. On behalf of our learning community, I would like to congratulate **Mrs Armstrong** and **Mrs Quigley**.

As you know **Mrs Gilmour**, who was the teacher of our 6G class in terms 1, 2 and 3, commenced maternity leave at the end of last term. We are very pleased that she has been replaced by an equally fine teacher in **Mr Barker**, who last term was our full-time K-6 teacher in the computer lab (ANTEC) and our library (ANCLIC).

Ms Campbell has replaced **Mr Barker** in ANCLIC and ANTEC this term and **Ms Allan** is a part time ESL teacher this term while **Mrs Vidmar** is on leave.

We welcome **Ms Campbell** and **Ms Allan** to our school and we hope that they soon feel like valued and important members of our cohesive community.

OUR ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES SPORTS PROGRAM

Our school participates in the Australian Sports Commission's 'Active After-School Communities Sports Program'. This after school program offers our students fun, safe and inclusive structured physical activities, providing them with the opportunity to develop essential motor skills and to develop an enthusiasm for being active.

The Program is **FREE** to the students and includes a healthy afternoon snack. It runs on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3.00 - 4.15 at the school. A variety of multi-skilled activities are taught to the students by some of our teachers who are qualified coaches.

More than 200 K-6 students have participated in this highly successful program this year. I would like to thank **Ms Malcolm**, who has coordinated this exemplary and important program, and **Mrs Spicer**, **Ms Smith**, **Mrs Varley**, and **Mrs Quigley** for coaching our students.

KINDY - YEAR 5 PUBLIC SPEAKING PROGRAM

It is very important that each student develops the skills to speak clearly, comfortably, and confidently in front of a group of people. These skills are developed each day in our classrooms.

To assist our students further develop these skills, our school implements an annual Kindy-Year 6 public speaking program. Every student is required to prepare and present a speech to their class or year group and this year every student did exceptionally well in participating in this integral learning experience.

All children were highly motivated to write and present their speeches and the program has impacted positively on each student's skills and confidence.

I would like to congratulate each of our students and thank **Mrs Saleh** and **Mrs Cheeseman** for coordinating the program. I would also like to thank all teachers and parents for assisting our students prepare for their presentations.

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING BAGS

Stewart House Clothing Bags have been sent home with each child. If you have any clothing you no longer need, can you please put them in the bag and return them to school. Students should not carry these bags by themselves if the bag is too heavy. The last day to return bags to school is Monday 29th October, 2012. **PLEASE DO NOT** send any bags after this date.

CLASS REPORT: 1M & 3/2P

I would like to thank **1M & 3/2P** students and their teachers, **Miss McGufficke & Miss Purves**, for their informative and interesting class reports.

Mr M. Harris
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES



OCTOBER

Wednesday, 24th October:

Cookbook Launch (Harmony House)

Tuesday, 30th October:

School Spectacular at the Opera House

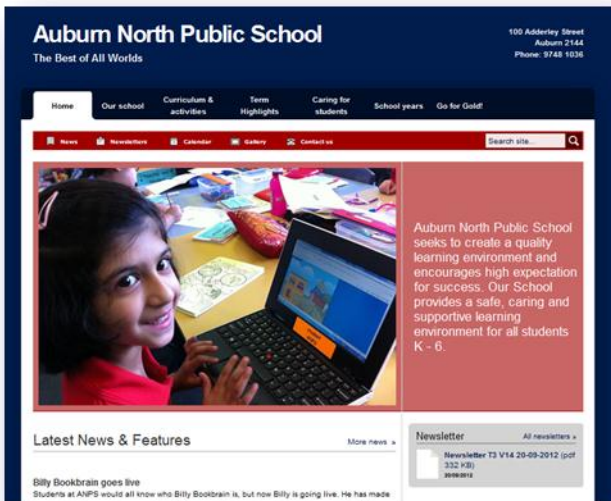
Thursday, 1st November:

P&C meeting at 9:15 in the staffroom
(Agenda: National Partnership, BBQ fundraiser)

Principal's Award

KH	Justin	For trying hard to read with fluency and to recognise sight words.
KK	Mohammad Kumail	For his enthusiasm and excellence in sequencing and following and completing the "Funny Face Biscuit" procedure.
KS	Anas	For being able to unjumble words to make a sentence that makes sense.
1/KL	Jun	For being able to subtract using counting back in Kindergarten! A fantastic effort Jun!
1C	Sami-Ullah	For using inverse operations to check maths problems.
1E	Ahsan	For recognition of his contribution to class discussions.
1KI	Aleyna	For showing improvement and increased diligence in all areas of her learning.
1M	Mengxuan	For working cooperatively in a team during guided reading sessions.
2DK	Ali	For his brilliant mathematician skills using money.
2S	Ching	For her hard work during maths lessons by showing her ability to round money up or down to the nearest five cents.
3/2P	Ricky	For his excellent knowledge of and contribution to class discussions about Australian geography.
3M	Ola	For returning to Term 4 with an outstanding attitude and producing work of high quality.
3O	Samantha	For writing a well-structured and coherent procedure about tornadoes.
4S	Burak	For working hard to learn new skills in mathematics, and having a positive approach to his learning.
5/4P	Jawid	For settling well into Auburn North Public School. Well done!
5B	Robert	For his positive attitude towards all areas of learning. Well done!
5M	Kieran-Ryan	For returning to school in Term 4 with a positive attitude to learning whilst demonstrating respect and responsibility in the classroom.
6I	Steven	For his improved quality of book work presentation and handwriting.
6L	Sina	For producing an outstanding comic strip on 'How to groom a horse'.
Arabic CL Mrs Francis	Ruaa (1E) Sakeena (3O)	For trying hard to connect letters in Arabic. For trying hard to connect letters in Arabic.
Chinese CL Ms Cheung	Amy (6I)	For being a responsible and hardworking student. Amy always completes her work to the best of her ability.
Dari CL Mr Salempour	Sima (6I)	For her positive and enthusiastic manner in learning Dari's new topic of "Physical Phenomena".
Turkish CL Mr Kayacan	Ceyda (6G)	For an excellent speech on the topic 'How a generator works' and for improving her studies in Turkish.

Auburn North Public School Website



Have you visited the school website recently?

<http://www.auburnnth-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/home>

There is always loads of current information, including photos from excursions and events around the school, the school newsletter is uploaded fortnightly including our translated newsletters and there is always information and news from the Department too. You can now even share our website via **Facebook, Twitter or Email**. So if you see something wonderful our school is doing let the world know!

Some of the exciting pages you might like to visit on the website include:

- **Term Highlights** – particularly the Term 3 Highlights page where you can get information about all the great things the students and school did last term. This section also provides you with a PDF copy of the term planner for you to print off and have at home so you can keep track of all the events coming up at school.
- **Billy Bookbrain** has gone live and you can view “60 Seconds with Billy” on the website via the **Curriculum and Activities** tab.
- **The calendar** also lists all the upcoming events at the school to keep you up to date.
- Stay up to date with changes to the website by adding the **RSS feed** to your toolbar.

Free Piano

There is currently a piano in the kindergarten room that is not being used and is taking up space. If you think you could use a piano or know of a group or a person who would like a piano for free (all they have to do is to be able to move it, which will require piano removalists as it is heavy) then please contact the school.



Auburn North Public School is extremely grateful to be participating in the Books in Homes program again this term. This means every student at ANPS will receive three books of their choice to take home in a book bag to keep for free. This great initiative is only possible thanks to Books in Homes and our sponsor the University of Western Sydney. Students will be selecting their books from a catalogue over the next 2 weeks and will receive their books by the end of the term.

Make sure you have a close look at the catalogue, particularly the second last page, as it features ANPS students enjoying their books. Students are also encouraged to participate in the comprehension activity on the front of the catalogue where they have a chance to win some great prizes.



Books in Homes – About Us

Books in Homes Australia's vision is to re-awaken a sense of wonder in children and excitement in parents, by creating an Australia where every child and family has access to books of choice at home.

Since 2001, Books in Homes has distributed in excess of 1,200,000 new books to more than 110,000 children from 300 schools and communities around Australia.

What the Books in Homes Primary Programme will deliver

This Programme will deliver the following in 1 year:

1. 9 new books of choice for students to take home – 3 books each term
2. Preview Pack of 48 titles each term – 144 books to be donated to the school library
3. 3 Book Catalogues - every student receives a colourful printed Book Catalogue at the beginning of terms 1, 2 and 4
4. 3 Competitions per year – all those who enter receive a Certificate
5. 3 Waterproof Book Bags per year to keep books safe and name labels for each book
6. Bonus Caught Being Good books and certificates.

Books in Homes Australia website: <http://www.booksinhomesaustralia.com.au>

Books in Homes Australia blog: <http://booksinhomes.blogspot.com.au/>

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT 2013

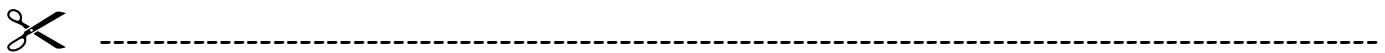
Enrolments for 2013 must be completed NOW.

If your child turns 5 before the 31st July 2013, 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. If either parent was also born overseas, we require evidence of Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency for either parent. We will also require your child's Immunisation Record and proof of your current residential address.

If you know of any neighbours, friends or relatives who have a child who should start Kindergarten next year at Auburn North PS, please pass on this information to them.

The Kindergarten Orientation Program, 'Starting School', will run for 3 consecutive Thursdays starting on Thursday 8th November, 2012 from 9.15 - 10.45 am.

Our office hours are 8:30am - 3:00pm.



Kindergarten Enrolment 2013

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

of class _____

2013 Student's Name: _____
(First name) (Last name)

2013 Student's Date of Birth: _____
(day) (month) (year)

