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Dear Parents,

Following an announcement last week, I can very proudly claim that Auburn North Public School is THE leading school in NSW. In our previous newsletter I explained to you that our school learning community had been selected to receive the 2012 NSW '*Director-General's School Achievement Award*' for our community's achievements in the areas of leadership, teaching, learning, and parent participation. Last week, we were also informed that OUR school was THE school to receive the South Western Sydney Region's '*Staff Professional Learning Award*'. This is a very prestigious award and we were selected from more than 225 schools in the Region.

To my knowledge, we are the only NSW school in the past 3 years to receive:

- * 3 State Awards
- * 1 Regional Award



The Awards are:

- '*Cohesive Community School Award*': *Highly Commended 2010*
- '*Cohesive Community School Award*': *Highly Commended 2011*
- '*Director General's School Achievement Award*': *2012*
- *South Western Sydney Region's 'Staff Professional Learning Award': 2012*

The most recent Regional award is an acknowledgement of our 'strategic, high quality, differentiated teacher professional learning and quality leadership to maximise student learning outcomes'.

The two 2012 awards will be presented to members of our school's leadership team next Thursday evening at the South Western Sydney Region's 'Celebration of Student, Staff and Community Achievements' ceremony at the Sydney Olympic Sports Centre. Our leaders will proudly accept these awards on behalf of our school's:

- **students**
- **staff**
- **parents**

We have invited Mr Dizdar, our Regional Director, and Mr Selby, our Relieving School Education Director, to also present the two awards to all students, staff, and parents during a 9am assembly later in November. Once it has been finalised, we will inform you of the date of the presentation at school.

You may be interested in knowing that five other Auburn North leaders and I have been invited to Melbourne to present our award-winning approach to leadership to maximise teaching and learning

outcomes to a large number of school leaders from Victorian primary and high schools. We will be the keynote speakers at the 'Reimagining School Leadership Forum'.

During our three-day educational visit to Melbourne in late November we will also be meeting with educational leaders from Canada and New Zealand as a means of assisting our school further develop our leadership to produce even more innovative teaching practices and improved learning outcomes.

2012 GRANVILLE SCHOOLS' SPECTACULAR - SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

On Tuesday night our school's senior dance group and choir performed at the Sydney Opera House as participants in the 2012 'Great Southern Land' Granville Schools' Spectacular. With the exception of one year, I have assisted backstage during the day rehearsals and night-time performances since the spectacular began 12 years ago. I think the standard of performances by all schools this year was the highest I have seen in that time.

The members of our choir, accompanied by **Mrs Spicer** and **Mrs Clift**, sang their set of songs beautifully and with great pride and enthusiasm in front of an audience of equally proud family members.

Our dancers, supported by **Mrs Harris**, **Miss Beretov** and **Mrs Sullivan**, 'stole the show' with their spectacular dance routine.

It was a very long day for students and teachers at the Opera House, which started at 9 am and did not conclude until 11 pm when they arrived back at school. I am delighted to say that during this time the behaviour of all of our students was PERFECT and each student was a credit to themselves, to their teachers, and to their families.

On behalf of our school learning community, I would like to congratulate all members of our choir and senior dance group, and thank the following teachers for devoting so much of their own time to provide our children with a memory they will remember always:



- Mrs Spicer
- Mrs Clift
- Mrs Sullivan
- Mrs Harris
- Miss Beretov



I would especially like to thank **Mrs Strothers**, **Mrs Harris's** very special and considerate mum, for devoting hours of her time to produce some of the sensational costumes for our dancers.

I would also like to thank the staff members who attended the Spectacular to support their colleagues and our students.

Yesterday morning, the morning following the performance, I received a very special email from **Mrs Zenna Diab** our P. and C. President. Mrs Diab's daughter, Zoukah, performed in the dance routine. With Mrs Diab's permission, I have reproduced some of her email below:

"Dear Mr Harris and ANPS Staff,

This evening when the bus pulled up at ANPS I heard the students and staff cheering. Hip hip hooray three times. It was past 11pm; The day for your staff started very early and ended very late - way beyond any person's 'normal working hours'. Yet there you all were, broad smiles and enthusiasm still shining.

Thank you for giving our children such fantastic opportunities. Thank you for helping to shape memories they will fondly recall in decades from now. Thank you for sacrificing so much time and applying so much effort to allow our children the opportunity to be truly spectacular.

Spectacular they were!

There wasn't a single other school whose students - every single one of them - dazzled the Concert Hall with their smiles! The dance routine was immaculate and our children had so much energy when on the stage. In fact, sitting behind me, parents from another school talked about the excitement generating from our dancers! Well, I've seen dance rehearsals in the past and I know the instructors exhibit this energy, passion and enthusiasm... So, evidently, our students always shine because our teachers do!

Testament to our outstanding school, the Auburn North Choir members were placed in the forefront and they did a marvellous job. They stood tall and proud, they sang with passion and they shone with broad, excited smiles. I must say I have never enjoyed the combined choir as much as I did this year and I attribute that to being able to marvel at the impressive talent displayed by our students and teachers.

Once again, tonight you and your staff reminded me that we are so lucky to be part of the Auburn North community! Please extend my sincerest gratitude to all staff who assisted in providing this valuable experience for Zoukah and all the other Auburn North students".

*Kind regards,
Zenna.*

CLASS REPORTS: 5B AND TURKISH COMMUNITY LANGUAGE

I would like to thank **5B** and **Turkish Community Language** classes and their teachers, **Miss Beretov** and **Mr Kayacan**, for their interesting and informative reports.

Mr M. Harris
Principal

EXTENDED LEAVE

With only six school weeks to go before the end of the 2012 school year, (Wednesday 19th December) we have started to form our 2013 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 Wednesday, 30th January (1st day of 2013 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 2013, please refer to the school schedule.

Term 1: Wednesday 30th January to Friday 12th April
Easter: Friday 29th March to Monday 1st April
Holiday: Monday 15th April to Friday 26th April

Term 2: Tuesday 30th April to Friday 28th June
Holiday: Monday 1st July to Friday 12th July

Term 3: Tuesday 16th July to Friday 20th September
Holiday: Monday 23rd September to Monday 7th October

Term 4: Tuesday 8th October to Wednesday 18th December
Holiday: Thursday 19th December. Students return Wednesday 29th January 2014

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 2013.

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 30-01-13)

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 2013.

Last day of school _____ / _____ / 2012

Returning to school on _____ / _____ / 2013

Parent/Guardian print name: _____

Parents/Guardian signature: _____

KINDERGARTEN 2013 ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Letters have been sent to all parents who have enrolled a child for Kindergarten next year, inviting them to attend our Orientation program.

There will be 3 daytime sessions beginning on Thursday 8th November then on Thursday 15th and Thursday 22nd November, 9:15-11:00.

There is also 1 night session on Wednesday 21st November 6:00-7:30 pm for parents unable to attend in the daytime.

WHY should parents bring their child to Orientation?

Children will become familiar with 'Big School', meeting teachers and other children who will start school with them.

Our teachers will learn about their new students and how best to support them in Kindergarten. Parents will learn about Auburn North PS; school expectations and routines, find out about school uniforms and healthy lunches, meet our school counsellor and Home School Liaison Officer and learn about how to help their child further develop literacy and numeracy skills from our Best Start Consultant, Lisa Goss.

Please enrol any child who will turn 5 before the 31st July 2013 now.

SCHOOL CROSSING OFFICER

Our previous school crossing officer on Adderley Street has received a transfer to a new school. The RTA will be appointing a new person shortly. In the meantime, we have had a few casual officers supporting the children to cross safely.

They have mentioned the following concerns:

1. **Parents should not double park.** This is illegal and puts the crossing officer in danger as they do not have a clear view of oncoming traffic.
2. **Parents should remind their children leave the car from the passenger side of the car,** not from the driver's side. Children should not be walking out into the road then walking in between cars to get into the school.
3. **Parents and or children should cross only at the crossing on Adderley Street,** not cross the street from in between cars away from the crossing.

Ms D. Donovick
Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT DATES



Thursday, 8th November: 1st Kindergarten Orientation 9:15 am - 11:00am

Thursday, 15th November: 2nd Kindergarten Orientation 9:15 am - 11:00am

Thursday, 22nd November: 3rd Kindergarten Orientation 9:15 am - 11:00am

Wednesday, 21st November: Night Time Kindy Orientation 6:00 pm - 7:30pm
(For working parents)

Principal's Award

KH	Moazzam	For using different strategies to complete work independently and to a high standard.
KK	Jayden	For finding the "doubles" of numbers 1 to 10.
KK	Elizabeth	For always completing her work to a high standard
KM	Farhad	For settling well into KM and for showing a keen interest in his own learning.
KS	Esma	For 'having a go' at sounding out words she does not know how to spell in her writing.
KS	Mariya	For 'having a go' at sounding out words she does not know how to spell in her writing.
KS	Elijah	For 'having a go' at sounding out words she does not know how to spell in her writing.
KS	Jade	For 'having a go' at sounding out words she does not know how to spell in her writing.
KS	Mohamed	For trying his personal best at literacy and CMIT lessons. Well done Mohamed!
1/KL	Ata	For being able to use 'inverse operation' to solve addition and subtraction sums during Maths.
1C	Parisa	For upholding the school values by being honest and kind.
1C	Melih	For trying his best to sound out words and write full sentences.
1E	Essey	For his excellent efforts during reading groups.
1E	Yehya	For always completing his homework neatly and to a high standard.
1KI	Matthew	For being able to find 21 equivalences to the number sentence $15 + 6$.
1KI	Evren	For being able to create equivalent number sentences.
1M	Aisha	For always completing her homework to a high standard.
1M	Mohamad Zia	For counting in twos to count a group of objects.
2DK	Tuana	For being a kind and caring member of 2DK and always working cooperatively with her peers.
2DK	Lonna	For her enthusiasm and values she shows in all aspects of her school life!
2S	Falaq	For always showing kindness and respect to her peers and teachers.

2S	Sharjeel	For using his mathematical skills to think of two or more equivalent number sentences.
2W	Ali	For successfully rounding money to the nearest five cents.
3M	Abedalaziz	For demonstrating outstanding and creative acting skills during drama lessons.
3M	Yasemin	For her positive attitude and extra initiative during literacy and numeracy.
4S	Maulik	For writing an impressive explanation about how tsunamis occur.
4S	Samy	For making a tremendous start to term 4 by demonstrating all of our school values.
4V	Angela	For writing a detailed explanation about why earthquakes occur.
5/4P	Aleyna	For displaying ANPS manners and values during literature circle homework presentations.
5B	Khodar	For his positive and focused attitude towards his learning
5M	Tayyaser	For trying to complete all his work in Literacy lessons to his best ability and in the required timeframe.
5M	Biftu	For trying her hardest to always show the Auburn North values of respect and honesty.
6G	Bobo	For great problem solving in literacy.
6G	Yusra	For making contributions to class discussions
6I	Shiwani	For her mature and motivated approach to all areas of school life.
6L	Shojaat	For trying his very best to complete set tasks.
6L	Thanuluxy	For her outstanding skills in using Prezi to present her research project last term.
Arabic CL Mrs Francis	Fatima (4S) Jaafer (4V)	For making progress in all areas in Arabic and for doing her homework regularly to the best of her ability. For his great participation in class discussions about Australian animals and his consistent effort in learning Arabic.
Chinese CL Ms Cheung	Jacky (4V)	For being a good listener in class and because his handwriting is always neat and tidy.
Dari CL Mr Salempour	Saima (1C) Tahmina (3O)	For being a very responsible student in doing her Dari homework and for being an excellent role model for others. For making a huge effort to complete her Dari homework on Afghanistan's heritage cities.
Turkish CL Mr Kayacan	Aliye (4S) Nisa Nur (5/4P)	For excellent work in story completion in Turkish. For excellent work in reading and responding in Turkish class.

GOLD BADGE STUDENTS

TERM 4 WEEK 4

KH	Mohammad & Zain	3/2P	Ricky & Mohammad
KK	Soman & Syed	3M	Usman & Ali
KM	Zahra & Simrika	3O	Abdillahi & Housein
KS	Mohamed	4S	Boorana & Jay
1/KL	Jasmin	4V	Jaafer & Aisha
1E	Ali & Mahima	5/4P	Zak
1KI	Hiba	5B	Junaid
1M	Farooq & Taylan	5M	Keiran & Biftu
1C	Thomas & Yashoda	6L	Vasa & Mariam
2DK	Shams & Sumyya	RFF Mrs Armstrong	Ahsan 1E Mengxuan (Henry) 1M
2W	Yoosuf & Naushin	Arabic Mrs Francis	Zahra 4S Maria KK
2S	Mohtashim & Marwah	Chinese Mrs Cheung	Justin KH
Dari Mr Salempour	Mahdi KH Shabnum 1/KL	Turkish Mr Kayacan	Burak 4S Sueda 1/KL
RFF Mrs. Kiraz	Sammy 4S	ESL Mr Mahoney	Saja 5B Roxy 5/4P Mariam 6L
ESL Mrs Cheeseman	Saif 5M Nisa Nur 5/4P	ESL Miss O'Connor	Fatima 5/4P Basim KH
ESL Mrs Saleh	Asim 1KI Ruhab 1M	St 2 Support Ms Lavulavu	Maulik 4S Danial 4V Faaizah 3O
St 1 Support Mrs Southgate	Younus 2DK Semih 1E		