

**VOLUME 15 TERM 4**

**31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013**

Dear Parents,

**CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS, STAFF and PARENTS**

Our school learning community was informed last week that it had been selected to receive two (2) South West Sydney Region Director's Choice Awards. From the 270 primary schools and high schools in the Region, we were selected to receive the:

1. **'Increased Parental Engagement in Supporting their Learning Director's Choice Award'; and**
2. **'Staff Professional Development Director's Choice Award'.**



I would like to congratulate our students, staff, and parents on being selected to receive these very prestigious awards.

1. **'Increased Parental Engagement in Supporting Their Child's Learning Directors Choice Award'**

Our school was selected to receive this Award for **'...building outstanding partnerships with parents, with the local community, with other schools, and with a range of community-focused agencies.'**

We were also selected because of our outstanding:

- Schools as Community Centres ('HARMONY HOUSE') programs;
- New Arrivals Program;
- Partners for Learning Program;
- Parent information workshops; and
- Attendance of parents at morning assemblies, 3 way conferences, and P. and C. meetings.

2. **Staff Professional Development Director's Choice Award'**

From the 270 schools in the Region, we were the only school to receive this award because over the past 2 years we have developed, implemented and evaluated innovative, world's best-practice leadership development and teacher development programs that are facilitating students to exceed their full potential academically, socially, emotionally, physically, and creatively.

In the area of leadership, the 13 members of our distributed leadership team have participated in high quality long-term leadership development programs with leaders and managers from the private industry (eg. IT). These programs include the 'Australian School of Applied Management Colloquium,' and 'Change First' programs.

Our leaders also participate in a school-based leadership development program each fortnight for 60 minutes.

Our teacher professional learning programs are acknowledged across the Region as exemplary. Our weekly teacher development program is research-based where teachers research and further develop their ability to use best-practice teaching strategies to maximise student learning outcomes. Small teams of teachers observe one another teach and then provide their colleagues with constructive feedback to further improve teaching and learning.

We were also selected by the Melbourne based 'Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership' (AITSL) to participate in an innovative program with Merrylands East Public School where Twitter has been used to make connections with teachers across Australia to share best-practice teaching methods to improve learning.

These 2 awards will be presented to our school community next Thursday evening at the very special 2013 Director's Choice Awards Ceremony which is to be held at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre. I am proud to inform you that **Ms Donovick**, our Deputy Principal, and **Mrs Daujoutis**, our facilitator of Harmony House, will be walking onto the stage to receive these awards on behalf of our outstanding multi-award-winning Auburn North Public School Learning Community.

#### **A MESSAGE FROM SAJA, A YEAR 6 STUDENT**

Saja Dawish, one of our delightful Year 6 students, started at Auburn North seven years ago as a Kindy student. This week is Saja's last week at Auburn North. She is going overseas for 2 months before returning next year to commence Year 7 at Auburn Girls' High School. During Tuesday's 9am assembly, Saja read a message to our students, staff and parents. Her message is reproduced below.

*"As most of you know I'm Saja, a proud year 6 student. Auburn North Public School has been my second home and family for the past seven years. Unfortunately, today is my last day at this wonderful school. My school has helped me change from a child to a young girl and has watched me grow up.*

*I would like to thank the school and staff for everything they have helped me with and what they have done for me. I will never be able to show how grateful I am for being a student at Auburn North.*

*As my parents always tell me, your teachers are your second parents and your school is your second home. Teachers are like candles. It burns itself to brighten the room. I am very lucky to be a student at Auburn North Public School with beautiful teachers and the friendliest students.*

*I thank everyone for everything. Good luck to all of you and I wish you all the best."*

*Thank you  
Saja 6/5I*

## PARENTS AND CITIZEN'S (P. and C.) MEETING - TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Ms Zenna Diab, our energetic and committed P. and C. President, has asked that I inform you that the **next P. and C. meeting** will be held from **9.15am - 10.15am on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November** in the staffroom. We hope you can attend this important parent meeting.

## CLASS REPORTS - KINDERGARTEN ESL AND TURKISH CL

I would like to thank the **Kindergarten ESL and Turkish Community Language classes** and their teachers, **Ms O'Connor** and **Mr Kayacan**, for their interesting and informative reports.

Mr M. Harris



## **IMPORTANT DATES 2013**

### **NOVEMBER**

4 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Great Aussie Bush Camp - Years 5 & 6
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Stewart House Clothing Appeal Collection
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kindy 2014 Orientation - notes to follow
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Partners for Learning Parent Workshop - Writing
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kindy 2014 Orientation - notes to follow
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kindy 2014 Orientation - notes to follow
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Kindy 2014 Night Orientation - notes to follow
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Summer PSSA Semi Finals
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Gold Badge Assembly at 2pm
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sydney Olympic Park Excursion - Stage 1
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Summer PSSA Grand Final

### **DECEMBER**

Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Thank you Community Morning Tea
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Books In Homes Assembly at 2pm
	High School Orientation Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sports Assembly
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Gold Badge Movie
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Presentation Assembly
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Principal's Morning Tea
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Farewell/Graduation & Evening Disco
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reports Go Home
	K-2 Dance Party
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Term 4 for students

## **IMPORTANT DATES 2014**

### **JANUARY**

Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School Development Day
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Years 1 - 6 students return to school

### **FEBRUARY**

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Kinder 2014 students start school
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# Principal's Award

<b>KH</b>	Zainab	For independently writing sentences using 'who', 'what', 'where' and 'when.
<b>KH</b>	Muhammad	For independently writing using finger spaces and writing on the line.
<b>KK</b>	Ayat	For confidently finding all capital letters, full stops and question marks in her work.
<b>KL</b>	Roqia	For attempting to write independently and trying her best to blend words together.
<b>KS</b>	Ridah	For being able to state the number before and after in the range 1-100.
<b>KS</b>	Kabeer	For making a positive start to KS and for writing a detailed description about ducks. Well done Kabeer!
<b>KT</b>	Sanila	For making a positive start to Kindergarten and following the Auburn North values.
<b>KT</b>	Saumya	For his outstanding efforts in writing about ducks, using punctuation, sight words and topic words. Great Work!
<b>1B</b>	Akshaya	For her excellent procedure about how to make a sandwich.
<b>1B</b>	Akshit	For always demonstrating the school values and being an excellent role model for his peers.
<b>1E</b>	Maryam	For being a responsible and kind member of 1E.
<b>1E</b>	Hussan	For being a responsible and kind member of 1E.
<b>1E</b>	Hussain	For his ability and effort in mathematics and for always demonstrating the school values of honesty and fairness.
<b>1M</b>	Basim	For using the visualisation strategy to find the total of two numbers.
<b>1M</b>	Muhammad	For asking lots of sensible questions during reading sessions
<b>1W</b>	Jade	For the progress you have made in maths. You are now much more confident in counting on and back to solve problems.
<b>2C</b>	Joan	For setting in well into Auburn North Public School and following the 5L's.
<b>2C</b>	Noah	For working well with his team to create an information poster on frogs.
<b>2K</b>	Yashoda	For making a positive effort to focus on tasks during independent activities.
<b>2K</b>	Rahela	For working hard to use doubles and near doubles facts when adding sets of two-digit numbers.
<b>2Q</b>	Umeed	For using his spelling skills and strategies in his writing.
<b>2Q</b>	Muhidasa	For making a big effort to display the ANPS values in the classroom and on the playground.
<b>2S</b>	Matthew	For working really hard to exceed his potential and demonstrate the Auburn North School Values.
<b>2S</b>	Shabnum	For using kind and thoughtful words to identify special things about others.
<b>3O</b>	Mustafa	For challenging himself to try something new and as a result exceeding his potential.
<b>3O</b>	Mohtashim	For making improvements in all strands of mathematics.
<b>3P</b>	Aaysha	For always being a positive role model for peers.
<b>4/3M</b>	Abedalaziz	For demonstrating improved fluency and comprehension when reading.
<b>4/3M</b>	Ilayda	For excellent work in writing an independent dialogue on the topic 'working together' in Turkish and presenting to class.
<b>4/3M</b>	Henry	For demonstrating excellent throwing and catching skills during newcombe ball activities.
<b>4I</b>	Samer	For improved effort and participation in all aspects of his learning and his amazing improvement in reading Arabic.
<b>4I</b>	Rahatunnisa	For ensuring that she is completing set tasks on time
<b>5/4V</b>	Jaafer	For consistently demonstrating the school values and being a positive role model.
<b>5M</b>	Sahera	For always demonstrating the Auburn North values of responsibility and kindness.

6/5I	Doris	For always contributing positively to collaborative group tasks.
6B	Robert	For a consistent effort and achievement in literacy and numeracy.
6B	Adela	For being committed to her learning throughout 2013.
6L	Jhanvi	For making great progress in reading.
6L	Elizabeth	For her positive attitude towards all areas of learning

## GOLD BADGE NOMINATIONS TERM 4 WEEK 4

KH	Freshta
KH	Muhammad
KK	Sakina
KK	Faraz
KS	Reyaad
KS	Kevin
KT	Saumya
KT	Dhrety
1B	Zohaib
1B	Zahra
1E	Syed
1E	Simran
1E	Elijah
1M	Sarah
1M	Jennison
1W	Sonia
1W	Jade
1W	Anaheetha
2C	Mohamed Asim
2C	Sharon
2C	Noah
2C	Aise
2K	Semih
2K	Ata
2Q	Usman
2Q	Efe
2Q	Muhidasa
2Q	Prashna
2S	Muhammad Kaif
2S	Yusuf
2S	Mariam

3O	Thakshana
3O	Shams
3O	Eren
3O	Vincent
3P	Shakhzodjon
3P	Yusra
4/3M	Hasan
4/3M	Wod
4I	Akar
4I	Shamsia
4I	Aiman
4Z	Mohammad
4Z	Khadeejah
4Z	Abdillahi
4Z	Wala
5/4V	Fatima
5/4V	Danial
5/4V	Michelle
5/4V	Elody
5/4V	Amir
5M	Maha
5M	Eman
5M	Sahera
6/5I	Aleyna
6B	Ken
6B	Mohamed Arshad
6L	Te-Ariki
6L	Hannan
6L	Reem
6L	Parisa