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Dear Parents,

I believe a school can be classified as either a stationary school or a **MOVING** school. When I reflect on our community's outstanding 2013 achievements, I think that it's obvious that we have **MOVED FORWARD** significantly since February this year.

As you know, our 2013 saying has been:

**'In 2013,
Expect Success
And
Nothing Less.'**

Our multi-award-winning Auburn North Public School Learning Community has expected success and achieved success in all areas this year, including:

- **Leadership;**
- **Teaching;**
- **Learning; and**
- **Parent Participation.**

I believe that it has been the combination of moving forward in the areas of **leadership, teaching, learning, and parent participation**, with all community members working together as one united team this year, that explains why all of our 588 K-6 students have achieved outstanding performances in the emotional, social, physical, and creative areas this year, and our students have absolutely starred in the **academic** area, as indicated by school based data and our NAPLAN results, including:

- **In terms of growth, our Year 5 students outperformed the District, Region, and State in 4 of the 5 areas, and**
- **Our Year 3 students outperformed the District and Region in all 7 Literacy and numeracy areas, and outperformed the State in 4 of the areas.**

Congratulations students, staff, and parents.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS - A 'CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS'

Semester 2 student reports have gone home with children today. I have read and signed each of the 588 reports and each one is a '**CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS**'. The reports reflect your children's progress over the past 6 months and demonstrate how effectively and successfully our students, teachers, and parents have worked together collaboratively and cooperatively all year to facilitate student success.



When you sit down this afternoon with your children to read the reports, can I ask you to focus on the back page which includes 'Values', 'Social Development' and 'Attitudes and Work Habits' because these areas indicate your children's development in the very important emotional and social areas.

STAFFING INFORMATION & FAREWELLS

After 3 years of outstanding teaching at Auburn North, **Ms Smith** is leaving our school tomorrow. While Ms Smith has loved teaching here, we are not in a position to offer her a permanent position. However, a school that had a vacant permanent teaching position was searching for a teacher who was highly-skilled, knowledgeable, who was passionate about their career, and who was totally committed to the education and welfare of primary students. That school made the very wise decision to select Ms Smith.

On behalf of all Auburn North staff, students, and parents, I would like to thank Ms Smith for everything she has done for our students and our school. She will be sorely missed and we wish her all the very best in her future career.



Ms Babbington has been an excellent year 1 teacher at Auburn North this year and she has assisted students achieve great success in all areas of their learning. Again, however, we were not able to offer Ms Babbington a permanent position and she was offered and has accepted a permanent position in another school. On behalf of our community, I would like to thank Ms Babbington for her commitment to her students.

Ms Hamidi, our school administration officer in the office, will be taking maternity leave next year. We wish Ms Hamidi all the very best as she awaits the birth of her little baby.

PARENTS and CITIZENS (P. AND C.) INFORMATION

During our 3-6 Presentation Assembly last week, we presented a very special plaque to **Mrs Diab, Mrs Acar, and Mrs Zreika**, the three dynamic 2012 P. and C. executive members. The plaque, which is proudly displayed in the school foyer, has the following engraved on it:

'This plaque is dedicated to Zenna Diab, Amina Zreika, and Dilek Acar, the 3 2012 P. and C. Executive members, whose leadership and advocacy led to the installation of our school security fence.'

On behalf of all Auburn North families, I would like to thank and congratulate Mrs Zreika, Mrs Acar, and Mrs Zreika.

I would also like to thank **Mr Dizdar**, who last year was the Director Of South Western Sydney Region, for allocating the necessary funds to our school to facilitate the installation.

Seventeen of our wonderful and committed parents spent 6 hours in our school last Tuesday operating their BBQ and cake stall. Despite sweltering conditions, the mums stayed all day to ensure that our students were able to buy sausage sandwiches and cakes.

The team of 17, plus **Mr Quigley**, our excellent relieving general assistant, and **Johnny**, our hard-working crossing man, raised more than **\$1500.00**. This is an outstanding result. The P. and C. decided to

donate \$1,000.00 from these funds to our school for the installation of our intercom 'buzzer' security system which will be used in 2014.

I would like to thank the following 17 parents:

- Zenna Diab
- Nadia Khan
- Amina Zreika
- Fizi Bibi
- Farhana Sethwala
- Fozia Shoaib
- Malani Robis
- Quiling Li
- Fathima Makkeen
- Khloud Hawshar
- Zaynab Kandil
- Meryem Celik
- Inci Bedir
- Tui Savage
- Maryam Maghary
- Dalwasha Maghary
- Syeda Mahsooma

Please find attached to this newsletter the 2013 P. and C. Annual Report that has been written by Zenna Diab, the P. and C. President.



THANK YOU STAFF

I believe our boys and girls are so fortunate to have world class teachers who have assisted them love their school and love their learning this year. Our teachers are very talented people who are passionate about their profession and are totally devoted to unlocking each student's full potential in the academic, social, emotional, physical, and creative areas. Our teachers are committed to providing our students with the widest range of programs and opportunities to develop their interests and talents both inside the classroom and outside the classroom, and they have assisted our students achieve outstanding success this year. I would like to thank our **wonderful teachers** for their extraordinary work this year.

I would also like to thank our office staff, **Mrs Daujotis**, and the members of our dynamic leadership team who are:

- Ms Donovick
- Ms Camp
- Mrs Southgate
- Ms Ireland
- Mrs Irrgang
- Ms Gerdes
- Ms McGufficke
- Mrs Cliff
- Mrs Tukuafu
- Mrs Lavulavu
- Mrs McBriarty
- Ms O'Rourke
- Mrs Quigley
- Mrs Harris

Mrs Jahida Zreika has been one of our teachers this year. Mrs Zreika sent an email to me recently that describes how exemplary our Auburn North staff are in everything they do. Please find the email below:

"Dear Mr Harris and Auburn North Staff,

I would like to thank everyone at ANPS for a wonderful year of teaching at your school. I have learnt and gained such positive experiences from implementing the excellent programs you have developed.

You should be congratulated on being members of a fantastic school and for being a wonderful team. I have had the privilege of working with your executive staff, classroom teachers, ESL

teachers and support teachers and all should be commended on the outstanding job they are doing, for catering for the individual needs of their students, and for making ANPS the wonderful school that it is.

I am so proud of the achievements of all Auburn North students and how far they have all come this year. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching them and being able to work with all students from K-6.

I have worked in many schools in many different demographics and in my opinion I could definitely say that ANPS is the school that provides 'The Best of All Worlds'.

I would like to thank you and everyone at ANPS once again for a wonderful year and I hope I am given the opportunity to work in your school in the near future. I wish you and everyone at ANPS a safe and happy holiday!"

Regards,

Jahida Zreika

2013-2014

I believe 2013 has probably been the most successful year in our schools' very proud history. If we continue to be a united and harmonious moving school next year, as I expect we will, then by next December we will most certainly achieve our 2-year Mission, meaning that all students would not only have reached their full potential but had actually exceeded their full potential academically, emotionally, socially, physically, and creatively. That's what I call real success!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

It is now time for students staff and parents to enjoy a well-earned holiday. On behalf of my staff, I wish you a safe and peaceful holiday. Tomorrow is the last school day this year. Students return to school on **Wednesday 29th January, 2014 (Year 1 to Year 6)**, while our new 2014 Kindergarten students commence on Monday 3rd February, 2014.

Principal

Mr M. Harris

IMPORTANT DATES 2013

DECEMBER

Tues 17th Dec	P. & C. meeting for 2013 at 9.15am K-2 Dance Party at 1.30pm Student Reports Go Home
Wed 18th Dec	Last day of Term 4 for students
Thurs 19th Dec	School Development Day (staff only)
Fri 20th Dec	School Development Day (staff only)

IMPORTANT DATES 2014

JANUARY

Tues 28th Jan	School Development Day (staff only)
Wed 29th Jan	Years 1 - 6 students return to school
Wed 29th - Fri 31st	Kinder 2014 students and parent interviews (30 minute appointments as informed)

FEBRUARY

Mon 3rd Feb	Kinder 2014 students start school
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Principal's Award

KH	Zaid	For always trying hard to achieve his personal best in every lesson.
KH	Usman	For being able to visualise dot patterns when adding two groups together.
KH	Aliza	For being to explain and follow different procedures.
KK	Nawal	For demonstrating the values of friendship and kindness to all her KK classmates.
KL	Nida	For always completing her work to the best of her ability and achieving success and nothing less!
KL	Hannan	For returning back to school and achieving his personal best in all tasks! Well done!
KS	Ali Sajad	For being able to tell the class what happened in the beginning, middle and end of the story 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'.
KS	Jerry	For his great effort to achieve his goal to the best of his ability and being helpful to his peers in class.
KS	Reyaad	For being a kind friend and trying hard to achieve his personal best.
KS	Shakhi	For being able to follow a procedure to make a delicious Funny Face Biscuit.
KT	Bianca	For her outstanding progress in writing and reaching a level 13 in reading. Well done!
KT	Bilal	For excellent work in matching the words with pictures and reading them in Turkish on the topic 'Farm animals'.
1B	Savannah	For being a kind, considerate and helpful member of 1B.
1B	Malika	For trying her personal best during Dari class discussions and always upholding the school "Values".
1B	Hooriya	For always producing beautiful handwriting and being a kind member of 1B.
1E	Fiona	For her great effort to complete all her work in class to the best of her ability
1M	Maryam	For consistently demonstrating all of Auburn North's school values.
1M	Rayan	For effectively using her 'have-a-go' spelling booklet when writing independently.
1M	Ali Mohammed	For presenting an interesting and clear speech confidently to the class.
1W	Haider	For your positive attitude and commitment to learning.
1W	Sehar	For your excellent progress in reading. Keep it up.
2C	Joy	For writing and following a procedure to make funny face bread.
2C	Areeba	For using a variety of strategies to add and subtract two-digit numbers.
2K	Feriha	For being a kind and respectful member of 2K.
2Q	Adem	For already setting a goal for 2014: to attend his 4th Principal's morning tea at the end of term 4.
2Q	Deborah	For working collaboratively during reader's theatre to produce a high quality production.
2Q	Saima	For consistently demonstrating our Auburn North Public School values of responsibility and fairness.
2S	Duaa	For displaying a positive attitude towards learning both in the classroom and on the playground.
2S	Shabnum	For meeting all success criteria of a lesson by identifying names of people that she can trust when she needs help.
2S	Akasya	For working in pairs or groups, constantly following classroom rules and meeting the learning intention and success criteria.
2S	Zainab	For using contractions in her writing and verbally describing the purpose of using them.
3O	Aneesa	For following all six Auburn North values.
3O	Shaziya	For displaying the values of respect and responsibility.
3P	Alisina	For always trying his best in all activities.

4/3M	Ayasha	For being an enthusiastic participant in all class activities.
4/3M	Falaq	For demonstrating excellent drawing skills using a YouTube 'how to draw' video.
5/4V	Kaif	For being a positive role model by peer tutoring and encouraging his 'reading buddy' from 2S.
6/5I	Aleyna	For her continued enthusiasm for reading.
6B	Ada	For increased participation in class discussions.
6B	Bassil	For finishing his project about a natural disaster and present it proudly in the Arabic class.
6L	Rafey	For always displaying the ANPS values of honesty and responsibility.
6L	Sanadeed	For being a helpful, friendly and responsible student.