

**AUBURN  
NORTH  
PUBLIC  
SCHOOL**



**THE SCHOOL WHICH PROVIDES  
'THE BEST OF ALL WORLDS  
FOR  
21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY LEARNERS'**

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Dear Parents,

I would like to welcome you back to the beginning of the most important term this year by sharing two pieces of very exciting news with you. Both pieces of news clearly demonstrate that OUR Auburn North Public School Learning Community has developed a reputation in NSW as a truly outstanding, high performing school that is used as a model for other schools wanting to become high performing learning environments.

The first piece of news involves seven Assistant-Directors from the Queensland Department of Education who are visiting three NSW primary schools and three high performing NSW high schools.

Last term the Queensland Assistant-Directors contacted the NSW Department of Education and Communities 'High Performance Unit' (HPU) and asked the leaders of the HPU to look at the student learning data of all NSW schools from Sydney to the Blue Mountains, to Wollongong and to Newcastle over the past three years to identify the three primary schools and three high schools that achieve the GREATEST growth in student learning.

I am so proud to inform you that from the hundreds of primary schools from Sydney to the Blue Mountains down to Wollongong and up to Newcastle, that OUR wonderful school was one of the three selected. That means from hundreds of schools we are in the TOP 3 of the schools where student learning growth is greatest from Kindergarten to Year 6. This is an extraordinary achievement by all members of staff, all students, and all parents. Congratulations everyone.

I am writing this newsletter on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October and the seven Queensland Assistant-Directors will be visiting our school from 12pm-3pm tomorrow, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. On Monday the Assistant-Director's spent time with the leaders of the HPU learning why Auburn North and the other five schools were selected as the highest performing schools in the very large Sydney metropolitan area.

Tomorrow from 12pm - 2.40pm the 13 members of our school leadership team will present information to the Assistant-Directors in response to the following two questions:

1. What critical strategies has Auburn North adopted to enable and maintain high performance?
2. What innovative approaches or changes has been introduced into the school to enable growth in performance?

From 2.40pm - 3pm the visiting Assistant-Directors will be meeting all of our students and staff during a K-6 Assembly. In the next newsletter I will share with you some of the comments made about OUR school by our special visitors.

The second piece of news involves the selection of our school by Dr Mark Carter, our school Director. The NSW DEC has started a new program called 'Innovative Practices and Initiatives'. The DEC has developed a new website where SELECTED schools submit information related to innovative practices and initiatives that have significantly improved student learning outcomes so that other NSW schools can learn from the selected high performing schools.

Each Director was asked by DEC to select one or two of their primary and high schools that have developed and implemented very successful innovative practices and initiatives. Yes, you guessed it, Dr Carter selected OUR school.

In response to our selection we chose two of our highly successful innovative practices and initiatives. They are:

- a. 'The Best of All Worlds for (21<sup>st</sup> Learning; where we provided information in the areas of leadership development, technology, innovative teaching and learning programs and strategies, and coaching and mentoring.
- b. 'Developing K-12 Learning Communities, where we provided information about our Pedagogical Partnership program with Auburn Girls High School.

I hope you share my pride in being a vital member of our high performing Auburn North Public School Learning Community.

### WELCOME MRS METAIL

I would like to welcome **Mrs Michelle Metail** back to Auburn North Public School Mrs Metail taught in our school in 2001 and 2002 and at that time was Ms Braine. Since 2002 Mrs Metail has travelled the world and taught in France, where she has been living for a number of years. She also got married and now has two beautiful young children. Mrs Metail was an excellent teacher in 2001 and 2002 and I knew that with her teaching and life experience over the past 10 years that she would be an even better teacher, so as soon as I heard that she had returned to Sydney with her family and keen to resume teaching at Auburn North I offered her a teaching position. Mrs Metail will be teaching our K-2 students three days per week.

Welcome back to Auburn North, Mrs Metail.

### OUR NETBALLERS ATTEND INTERNATIONAL NETBALL GAME



More than 20 of our PSSA netball players attended last Saturday night's international match between the 'Australian Diamonds' and the 'New Zealand Silver Ferns' at Allphones Arena in Homebush. By all accounts it was a very exciting evening for our students and I would like to thank **Ms Ireland, Mrs McBriarty** and Ms O'Rourke for their dedication in organising this memorable experience for our students and supervising the students during Saturday afternoon and evening.

For your reading, please find below a copy of an email I received from Mrs Amina Zreika, who assisted Ms Ireland coach the netballers' and who attended the game on Saturday night, and from Zakeena and Deema Zreika two of our netballers who also enjoyed the 'live action' on Saturday.

*'Dear Mr Harris,*

*Saturday night was amazing! My girls and I had never been to Allphones Arena so that made it even more exciting.*

*Our players watched Samantha Jade performed before the game and light show was beyond words.*

*As you would expect our students were so delighted to see the players in real life and I hope our students are able to use some of the playing techniques they saw and incorporate them into their playing next year.*

*From the time we left school until we returned it was if we were all on a high filled with so much happiness and joy. It's an experience we will never forget. Thank you Ms Ireland, Ms O'Rourke and Ms McBriarty.'*

*Mrs Amina Zreika*

*'On Saturday the Auburn North netball teams had the privilege of attending the series 3 match between the 'Australian Diamonds' and the New Zealand Silver Ferns.*

*We left school at 6pm and arrived there to find Allphones Arena packed with a massive crowd. We finally got through the ticket checking area and went to our seats. We received a bouncy glow ball and 2 clap sticks. It was exciting to know that we were sitting in an arena where famous pop stars like Justin Timberlake, Kate Perry and The Wiggles will be performing.*

*Before the match started Samantha Jade, the winner of 'X Factor' performed two of her hit songs and sang the Australian anthem. She was amazing. We all sang along to her songs.*

*The game finally started and the Diamonds were in the lead. The players were like birds flying in the air. They used so many tactics that we can learn from and include in our training sessions.*

*Both teams played very well, however, it was the Australian team that was the better team, winning 46 to 35.*

*The Auburn North netballers would like to give a big thank you to Ms Ireland for organising this excursion and for being such a strong supporter of our netball teams. We would also like to thank Miss O'Rourke and Mrs McBriarty for coming along and sharing this experience with us.*

*It was an amazing evening and something that the ANPS netballers will always cherish.'*

*Zakeena Zreika and Deema Zreika  
Year 4 students*

#### CLASS REPORTS: 1W AND TURKISH CL

I would like to thank the 1W and Turkish Community Language classes and their teachers, Ms Welch and Mr Kayacan, for their interesting and informative reports.

## WE REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE

We are in the process of forming 2015 classes. To ensure that there will be minimal changes to our classes in Term 1 next year, we request your assistance.

- a. If your family is moving during the holidays and your child will not be returning to Auburn North, could you complete the attached Note headed '**NOT RETURNING - TRANSFERRING TO ANOTHER SCHOOL**'.
- b. If your child will be returning to Auburn North but will be returning later than Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, the first school day in 2015, could you complete the Note headed '**HOLIDAYS - RETURNING LATE (AFTER 28.1.2015)**'.



Could all notes please be returned to our school office by Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**Mr M. Harris**  
**Principal**

**NOT RETURNING - TRANSFERRING TO ANOTHER SCHOOL**

My child / children: \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_

**WILL NOT** be returning to Auburn North Public School in 2014.

Parent/Guardian print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please collect a transfer certificate from our school office before enrolling in your new school.**



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**HOLIDAYS - RETURNING LATE (AFTER 29-01-2014)**

My child / children: \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_

Will be on **holidays** and will return **late** to Auburn North Public School in 2014.

Returning to school on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 2014

Parent/Guardian print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Deputy Principal's Message

As you know, Term 4 is the last term of learning for 2014. Throughout this term, students will be demonstrating through their positive choices and effort they place on their learning that they are ready to be promoted to the next grade in 2015.

- Our Kindergarten students are preparing for Year 1
- Our Year 1 students are preparing for Year 2
- Our Year 2 students are preparing for Year 3
- Our Year 3 students are preparing for Year 4
- Our Year 4 students are preparing for Year 5
- Our Year 5 students are preparing for Year 6
- Our Year 6 students are preparing for Year 7, high school!

At the beginning of this year, students were asked to set their own goals for 2014. In addition to setting different learning goals, almost all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 set one goal that was the same. They wanted to achieve a Gold Badge!



The Gold Badge is our school's **most** special award. Many students have already achieved Gold Badges this year. We would like 2014 to be the first year that **all** students at Auburn North earn a Gold Badge, and **all** parents have the opportunity to be invited to a Gold Badge assembly to proudly pin their child's Gold Badge on their uniform. To be eligible for a Gold Badge, students must achieve all of the following criteria for 5 consecutive weeks:

<b>Gold Badge Nominations 2014</b>	
Student:	Class:
Nominated by:	
<b>Please confirm</b> with: <input type="checkbox"/> CRT <input type="checkbox"/> Specialist Support <input type="checkbox"/> ESL <input type="checkbox"/> RFF <input type="checkbox"/> CLT <i>before</i> submitting nomination to maintain our high standards and expectations.	
<b>The nominated student must have 14 out of 14 (for at least 5 continuous weeks) to receive a Gold Badge.</b>	
<b>In the right place at the right time doing the right thing – classroom:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> respects others <input type="checkbox"/> moves around room sensibly <input type="checkbox"/> completes work to the best of their ability <input type="checkbox"/> listens to and follows instructions	
<b>In the right place at the right time doing the right thing – playground:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> plays co-operatively (no detentions in 5 week period) <input type="checkbox"/> stays in bounds – does not have to be reminded	
<b>Is responsible for own behaviour:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> does not have to be reminded to do the right thing <input type="checkbox"/> takes responsibility for own actions <input type="checkbox"/> accepts consequences – no talking back <input type="checkbox"/> always in lines on time (9.00am and playtime)	
<b>Takes pride in themselves and their school:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> completes work to the best of their ability <input type="checkbox"/> completes homework to the best of their ability <input type="checkbox"/> is a positive role model for peers <input type="checkbox"/> always wears full school uniform with pride (uniform is clean, wears school hat, correct shoes, white head scarf, shirt tucked in, jewellery limited to ear studs/sleepers, no nail polish, tattoos, etc)	

Students have two more opportunities to be selected to receive a Gold Badge this year. At the end of this term all students who have earned a Gold Badge this year will celebrate their achievement on a very special excursion to Reading Cinemas, where they will watch a new release children's movie!

I encourage all families to talk to one another about the Gold Badge criteria at home to help students further understand what they need to do to earn a Gold Badge this year. If students are unsure about what they need to do to earn a Gold Badge this year, they are encouraged to ask their teachers as soon as possible.

In addition to the Gold Badge Award, there are many other special awards that can be earned by students at Auburn North. Many of these awards can be achieved by earning **commendations**. Commendations are earned when students demonstrate the **school values**.

Our school values are:

1. Respect
2. Honesty
3. Fairness
4. Friendship
5. Responsibility
6. Kindness

Commendation Certificate

<input type="checkbox"/> Respect	<input type="checkbox"/> Friendship
<input type="checkbox"/> Honesty	<input type="checkbox"/> Responsibility
<input type="checkbox"/> Fairness	<input type="checkbox"/> Kindness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Students collect commendations throughout the year and earn the following tiered awards:

- 10 Commendations: **Bronze Award**
- 20 Commendations: **Silver Award**
- 30 Commendations: **Gold Award**
- 40 Commendations: **Banner Award**
- 50 Commendations: **Book Award**
- 60 Commendations: **Principal's Morning Tea**

With only **six weeks left** for students to achieve 60 commendations and receive an invitation to attend the Principal's Morning Tea with their parents, their teacher and Mr Harris, I encourage students to talk about their progress towards their achievement of this special level with their families.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students on their personal achievements in Terms 1, 2 and 3. I would like to extend a challenge to all students who are on their journey to achieving a Gold Badge or the Principal's Morning Tea level:



1. Set a goal
2. Make a plan
3. Ask for help if you need it
4. Stay focused
5. Reflect regularly and honestly on your progress



If you follow these steps, you will be closer than ever before to **exceeding your potential by the end of 2014.**

**Mrs Southgate**  
Relieving Deputy Principal

## **IMPORTANT DATES 2014**

### **OCTOBER**

<b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	School Photos - Class & Staff
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	Stage One Excursion - Imax Theatre
<b>Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	School Photos - Groups
<b>Thur 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Kindy Orientation - 9am to 11am

### **NOVEMBER**

<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Kindy Orientation - 9am to 11am Gold Badge - 2pm to 3pm
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Kindy Orientation - 9am to 11am
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	High School Transition
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Nov - Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Stage 3 Excursion - Milson Island
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Kindy Orientation - 9am to 11am
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	PSSA Semi Finals
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	High School Transition
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Kindy Orientation - 9am to 11am Gold Badge Assembly - 2pm to 3pm Kindy Orientation - Night
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	PSSA Grand Final



# Principal's Award

<b>KF</b>	Rahela	For writing a great text about our excursion to the farm.
<b>KH</b>	Shebratu	Consistently working hard in all the learning areas - always with a positive attitude!
<b>KH</b>	Hamza	for recognising the Arabic letters and sounds and for reading very challenging words in Arabic as well.
<b>KR</b>	Humera	For consistently trying to succeed her personal best. Very proud of your hard work!
<b>KT</b>	Alishay	for settling in well to her new school and always trying hard to follow all the school values.
<b>1E</b>	Samar	For being a responsible student and being helpful to others.
<b>1H</b>	Bahir	for always showing friendship and kindness to his peers and supporting them with their learning.
<b>1SM</b>	Shazeb	For always being a kind friend to everyone in 1SM.
<b>2B</b>	Ahmad Elias	His consistent effort to improve his learning this term.
<b>2Q</b>	Anas	For serving as a role model to his peers by consistently demonstrating ALL of Auburn North Public School values.
<b>2S</b>	Fiona	Drawing and labelling a diagram and explain the information to the class.
<b>3M</b>	Shaziya	For always trying her personal best in all areas of Dari language learning and being a respectful member of Dari class.
<b>3R</b>	Yusuf	For excellent work in preparing a speech about 'the journey of a letter' from the topic 'Communication'.
<b>3R</b>	Kutay	For demonstrating the school values of respect and responsibility.
<b>4/3C</b>	Usman	For his outstanding contributions to class discussions about sea creatures
<b>4/3C</b>	Yehya	for reading fluently and confidently Arabic words with two syllables and for the huge improvement of his behaviour.
<b>5S</b>	Engin	For excellent achievement in all the areas in Turkish class as a result of always being motivated, using time efficiently and self evaluating his own learning.
<b>6/5C</b>	Frank	For demonstrating focus and always displaying self-regulation in all key learning areas.
<b>6L</b>	Hamza	for his consistent work habits and mature approach to learning.
<b>6L</b>	Jawahir	For trying her very best to complete her Dari homework and being a responsible student by following ANPS values.