Dear Antonio Park Families,

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Last Thursday, 19th February, was the closing date for nominations for School Council. On behalf of our school community I would like to welcome the following new members of School Council:

Parent Members
1. Sarah Hewitt
2. John Hayes
3. Michelle Inifer
4. Rebecca Linnett

DE&T Members
1. Stacey Gamble
2. Tim Howarth

Tim Stuchbery’s position finishes February 2016. Tim’s daughter Leah has started secondary college, so Tim will not be on School Council this year. His position becomes a 12 month casual vacancy. If you are interested in filling this 12 month vacancy you can give me a call or collect a nomination form from the office. The nomination form needs to be into the office by Tuesday 3rd March, 4:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

School Council has an important role in fostering:

- **Connectedness**: Building a strong bond between all school community members (students, parents & staff) and with our wider community.

- **Relationships**: When people know each other better, the more aligned their expectations become. If you are the only parent who expects his or her child to go to bed at a certain time, this will be harder to achieve.

- **Harmony**: Most conflict is caused by differences in perception. Our children will be safer and happier if we are able to connect with each other.

- **Values**: When our school values of Empathy, Responsibility, Resilience, Independence, Confidence are shared and lived by us as adults in our school community they will be transmitted to the children. Our actions and interactions show children what we value.

- **Civics and Citizenship**: Children who see their parents making positive contributions to society are much more likely to do so themselves.

2015 School Council members are:

Parent Members
1. Margit Tully
2. Tim Powell
3. Stephen Magner
4. Sarah Hewitt
5. John Hayes

6. Michelle Inifer
7. Rebecca Linnett
8. 12 month Casual Vacancy

DE&T Members
1. Karen Patten
2. Ben Curcio
3. Alec Baron
4. Stacey Gamble
5. Tim Howarth

Community Member:
- Clinton Cummins

Thank you to the following Staff and parents who will be leaving School Council this year:
- Jenny Semken (staff)
- Jan MacDonald (retired staff member)
- Andrew Thomas
- Tim Stuchbery
- Vince Orsini
- Kylie Sandow

Andrew, Tim, Vince and Kylie have made many wonderful contributions to the school both through their day to day involvement and at School Council and its sub-committees. We have highly valued their active participation and support of APPS.

Karen Patten
Scooters, Bicycles, Skateboards... oh my!
A big THANK YOU to all those wonderful members of our school community who have remembered that when you’re in our school grounds you need to walk scooters and bikes, and carry skateboards. Maintaining a safe environment for everyone is so important and we need your help to do this. It was fantastic to hear a Level 2 child remind a friend of theirs in the playground last week exactly this, as well as seeing our Level 4 children role modelling this for the younger children. Keep an eye out also when you’re out the front of our gates riding past for people walking along the footpath and be careful to allow them enough room to walk. Thanks everyone for your support in this!

Lost (or is that found?) Property
Just in case you haven’t noticed, we’ve relocated our Lost Property! It now has its own purpose built cupboard in the space between the library and admin area – just down from the previous location. There are a few jumpers and lunch boxes in there already and we’re only half way through term 1. If you’re missing anything, come by and have a look. Mr Howarth has his eye on the soccer ball which is in there!

Food Allergy Awareness
As we all know, the amount of children with allergic reactions is increasing at an astonishing rate in today’s society. At Antonio Park Primary School, we are constantly updating our alert procedures and our training so that we can provide the best possible care for all of our students. The start of the year is a good time to refocus community attention to the serious nature of allergies with a quick review on allergies and anaphylaxis:

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction when a person is exposed to an allergen. Common allergens for children include: Eggs, peanuts, tree nuts such as cashews, cow’s milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, insect stings, medications.

Symptoms include:
- noisy or difficult breathing including wheezing or persistent coughing
- swelling of the tongue
- swelling or tightness in the throat
- difficulty talking such as a hoarse voice
- loss of consciousness and/or collapse
- pale pallor and floppiness in young children.

If you have a child who has an existing Anaphylaxis Action Plan at school, please check when the plan expires as they are only current for 12 months. If the plan is due to expire, take the opportunity to organise an updated plan to give to your child’s teacher at your parent/teacher discussion.

Medication
If medication needs to be administered to your child during school hours, you will need to fill out a medical authority form which details written advice providing directions for appropriate storage and administration. This form can be collected from the office. The medication must be:
- in the original bottle or container clearly labelled with the name of the student, dosage and time to be administered
- within its expiry date

We encourage parents/guardians to consider whether they can administer medication outside the school day, such as before and after school and before bed.

If you have any questions about our processes and policies regarding allergies and anaphylaxis or medications, please contact Annette at school.

Have a great weekend

Tim & Annette

PARENT MORNING TEA

On the first Monday of every month, following assembly, we will be holding a morning tea for parents.

We welcome all parents to join us for a cup of tea or coffee. Our first get together will be on the 2 March.

This is great opportunity to meet together for a chat and a relax!

Karen, Tim and Annette
What's Happening in Level 1?

Don’t forget next week is the first week that the Level 1 students attend school on Wednesdays. We have found the assessments on Wednesdays very valuable and thank parents for their assistance. Our literacy lessons are now established and working very well – and we are ready for parent helpers! Please look out for the note asking for helpers or if your child is in 1EA simply put your name on the calendar on the internal door. Don’t forget to show your Working With Children Check to the office staff.

Next week our letter focus is on Dd and the ck blend. In Maths we continue to work with number, focusing on accurate counting. We continue to explore families in our Inquiry Unit and have sent home paper leaves for you to write family members on. We would like these leaves back at school by Monday 2nd March for the students to complete their family trees.

Earlier this week a note was sent home regarding an online survey about your child’s transition to school. By completing this survey you provide us with valuable information and we thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

1SG, 1LC and 1EA are still looking for Parent Liaisons – it’s another great way to be involved in your child’s schooling. We are looking for two per grade, so if there is someone in your child’s grade that you enjoy working with, this could be a great role for the both of you!

Thanks
Elizabeth, Stacey, Lauren and Sophie,
Level 1 Team

What’s Happening in Level 2?

We are extremely excited with our excursion this Wednesday 4th March to the Eureka Tower. We can’t wait to see the city skyline and look closely at the different structures and shelters in our beautiful city. We will be driving over the West Gate Bridge and the Bolte Bridge also. It will be a fabulous day!

We have begun looking at Number and Algebra this week. We will be focusing on number patterns, skip counting, addition, repeated addition and place value. Your child may like to log into their Mathletics account and have a go at some of these tasks. Here are some websites students can visit also.

http://mrnussbaum.com/crossing-math-canyon/
http://www.harcourtschool.com/activity/connect_the_dots/
http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/earlymath/BalloonPopSkip.htm
http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/mathgames/earlymath/SkipCountAdvanced.htm

Thanks,
The Level 2 team

What’s Happening in Level 3?

Can you believe we are almost at the halfway point of the Term… how time flies when you’re learning!

This week we are finishing up our recount writing genre, the students have been hard at work creating masterful pieces detailing their swimming sports experience – you’ll be able to have a squiz at some of these next week on our writing display.

We have just started our unit on addition – this is the first topic of the four processes (addition, subtraction, division and multiplication) – the students have really impressed the teachers by how much they already know, along with their desire to learn more!

Homework went out this week and we are sure that all the students have decided which nights they are going to complete certain tasks. Remember the focus is on developing time management skills. Homework is due on Friday, 6th March (Next Friday).

Please make sure that the following items are returned to your child’s class as soon as possible:

⇒ ICT User Agreements
⇒ Parent Contact Lists
⇒ Team Building Incursion Notices
⇒ Parent/Teacher Discussion Forms

Have a fantastic week!
The Level 3 Team
It is hard to believe that we are already half way through term one. We have all been very busy, enjoying getting to know our classmates and teachers. It has been wonderful reading all the student’s recounts and finding out about their holidays and special events that they have attended. The students are busy finishing their recounts and publishing them, ready for display. Please take the time to have a look at all the fantastic work which will be on display in the main corridor from next Monday.

Thanks to everyone that has already handed in the Confidential Medical Information forms for camp. If you have not done so, please return these as soon as possible so we can continue to liaise with the camp operators. Parent/Teacher Discussion forms were sent out on Monday. The discussions will take place on Monday 2nd March between 2.30p.m and 8.00p.m. The forms have been coming back in quickly, so it is important that you return the forms as soon as possible in order to receive one of your preferred times.

What’s Happening in Level 4?

Please see the notice about ICT around the school in the newsletter this week. It states the age restrictions for many of the apps that the students may be using.

Thank you.

The Level 4 Team.

ICT around the school.

Antonio Park Primary School is an eSmart school. We have been working with students on cyber safety and understanding how their digital footprint can never really be erased once they press send. It is no longer their intellectual property but is that of the internet. As you are aware, this includes many forms of social media and mobile technology. Teachers have also been discussing the importance of age appropriate applications, as not everyone that uses these apps has the best intentions in mind. We thought it would be a timely reminder for parents to check the age restrictions on some of the most popular apps we have been noticing being discussed, not just in Level 4 classes, but at all Levels. Thank you for your support in making our students the safest internet users.

Itunes account – over 13 years old
Kik – over 17 years old
Vine - over 17 years old
Whatsapp - over 16 years old
Facebook – over 13 years old
Snapchat - over 13 years old
Instagram - over 13 years old
Facetime - over 13 years old
Tumblr - over 13 years old
Pinterest - over 13 years old
Flickr - over 13 years old
Viber - over 13 years old
Skype - over 13 years old
Heytell - over 13 years old
Twitter - over 13 years old
Myspace – over 13 years old

What’s Happening in PE?

INTER SCHOOL SPORT
This week we play Warranwood PS. Games being played at Warranwood are: Cricket, girls Basketball, Volleystars, and both Rounders. Games played at APPS are Tee Ball, Volleystars, Tennis and boys Basketball.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM 2015
Please note the following dates for our School Swimming Program at the Nunawading Pool this year.
Level 2       Group 1   10th August – 21st August     Group 2  24th August – 4th September
Level 3       10th August – 21st August
Level 4       5th October – 16th October
Level 1 (Preps)   19th October – 30th October

The cost of the Program is the same as last year, $130 per student for ten lessons. Please read the information letter “Swimming Program 2015” in this Newsletter, which gives all details prior to Grade Co-ordinators contacting you prior to the start of each Program.

Darren McMenaman

SRI Classes
SRI classes will commence during the last two weeks of this term for students who brought to school a signed permission form to attend.

News from our Environmental Leaders
You can help look after our environment everyday by leaving your foot prints from walking to school, rather than your car’s carbon footprint from the pollution it produces.
By Harry Apostolopoulos
SWIMMING PROGRAM 2015

Our school is very committed to our Swimming Program. The Program is a very important part of our Curriculum and it is expected that all children participate.

When we reflect on the enjoyment families experience from aquatic and leisure activities, it is really important for all children to be equipped with knowledge and skills related to water safety from a young age.

The program emphasises the following aspects..... water familiarisation, buoyancy, mobility and safety, stroke development, aquatic safety, survival and rescue skills.

For grades 5/6 students, they participate in an extension program that includes stroke technique and water safety components. The program also includes raft making, snorkelling and resuscitation skills.

The Swimming Program for 2015 is as follows:

Level 2  Nunawading Pool:  Group 1  10th August – 21st August  
                          Group 2  24th August – 4th September

Level 3  Nunawading Pool:   10th August – 21st August

Level 4  Nunawading Pool:   5th October – 16th October

Level 1  Nunawading Pool:   19th October – 30th October

Costing of the Program is very difficult and we ask parents for their assistance in keeping the cost to a minimum by supporting the program. The price set reflects travel costs, entry to the pool and for swimming instructors. The total cost is $130.00 per student for 10 lessons and will be non refundable. Parents are asked to plan their payments so that they are completed by the start of each program...Levels 2 and 3 in term three and Level 4 and Preps in term four.

We look forward to a continued positive response from families in supporting their children to learn to swim and be safe in water.

Further details will follow from level co-ordinators prior to the start of each Program.

Darren McMenaman  
School Swimming Program Co-ordinator

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Wherever possible, the second hand uniform shop will be open on the first Monday of each month from 3-4pm in the hall foyer.

Shop dates and times are as follows:

2nd March  
13th April  
4th May  
1st June  

Please keep an eye out in the newsletter for further dates.

The second hand uniform shop relies solely on donations - if you have any reusable items that you would like to donate please drop off at the office. Thank you to all the families who continue to donate. All proceeds go back to the school.
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**Camp Australia**

This week in OSHC

**Craft:** This week we have been doing a range of craft, we have been using plasticine to create interesting things. We will also be starting on our birthday wall with star signs as inspiration and also creating our own constellations.

**Cooking:** This week has been very chocolate, with chocolate coconut slice and brownies. Pancake Fridays are always a favourite with everyone, and plenty of other yummy treats.

**Inside:** Inside everyone likes to do their own thing, we have plenty of things to keep everyone busy, cubbies are popular, also watching a movie to wind down the afternoon.

**Outdoors:** We have been out everywhere, getting involved in sports games or hanging upside down on the monkey bars.

**Homework Club:** We are using the library for homework and quiet reading on days that the school isn’t using it. We are encouraging those who don’t have time to complete homework at home, to do it in a quiet designated area.

**Pupil Free Days 12th & 13th March**

Due to the expression of interest received it looks we will be running a program on both days. When the online booking becomes available we will be letting everyone know as soon as possible, so that you can book in to the days.

On a pupil free day parents will need to provide morning tea and lunch, and we will provide breakfast until 8am and afternoon tea.

If you have any inquiries or questions please call us on 0412 545 042, alternatively you can call customer service on 1300 105 343 or visit our website at www.campaustralia.com.au

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

(Please check the Community Noticeboard for further details)

- Marlborough Primary School Community Fair—Sunday 15th March 10am-3pm, Hardy Cres, Heathmont
- Anglicare presents ‘Parenting through tough times’ Wednesdays 11th & 25th March 1-3pm. Ph Gill 0458 002 536 or Kim 9735 6146
- Fans of Lego Expo—28 February—1 March at Karralyka Center, Ringwood. Tickets are limited-bookings www.trybooking.com/115102
- Girls’ Brigade Mitcham at Mitcham Baptist Church 8-12 Simla St Mitcham, Tuesday nights. Email gb@mitchambaptist.org.au
- Wandin North Harvest Market—Sunday 15th March 9am-2pm 220 Warburton Hwy, Wandin North. Phone Megan 5964 4259
- Blackburn Girls only Auskick, Monday nights 5-6pm March and April Call 0425 801 545 or email blackburnjnr@efl.org.au

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**SILENT AUCTION**

Are you able to help... Can you, your work, your family/friends help by DONATING a prize (goods or services) for the Silent Auction on Fete Day?

All businesses donating a prize will be advertised on the day and mentioned in the newsletter throughout the year which is read by over 300 families.

If you are in a position to help or have any ideas, please contact Rachelle Noble 0402 368 071
Aussie of the Week

1EA Charlotte P
For speaking so confidently when sharing her “Show and Tell”.

1LC James
For the confident way you have started school and the positive approach you take to your learning.

1SG Ruben
For your outstanding attitude towards school and always showing kindness and empathy towards others.

1SP Harper
For a fantastic start to school. You are very responsible and it is great to have your help around the classroom. You are also doing an excellent job with your writing. Keep up the good work!!

2BC Johnny
For his eagerness in all writing sessions. Keep it up!

2BW James
For working hard in all literacy sessions and taking pride in his achievements.

2KD Tessa
For your excellent understanding of extended notation. You are a maths star!

2JS Samantha
For completing an informative recount, a great effort!

2LM Zeke
For showing a great work ethic in the first weeks of school. Top job buddy!

2MN Jack
Working with numbers into the millions and billions. You are an absolute maths star buddy!

3AB Caitlin M.
For your sensational recount writing! You are a shining example for others in the class! What a star! Keep it up!

3DH Hunter
For creating a sensational recount all about Swimming Sports. Your writing was detailed and very entertaining Hunter! Keep up the fantastic effort!

3JD Jayde
For demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities in and outside of the classroom. The support, understanding and care you give all of your classmates and teachers is very much appreciated. Well done!

3KT Alessia L
For supporting your classmates and showing great leadership within the 3KT classroom – keep it up superstar!

3NA Heidi T
For being a responsible class member and sharing ideas thoughtfully in class discussions.

3RM Ashton
For your responsible and resilient attitude towards your learning. What a great start to Level 3!

4BR Chloe L
Being such a dedicated hard worker. It is great to see you striving to do your best in all learning tasks.
Keep it up!

4CE Dion C
Being such a resilient and hardworking student. Your broken arm does not get in the way of anything at school, great work!

4CH Evelyn J
Being a cooperative and reliable member of 4CH who is working extremely well and prepared to ‘have a go’ at more challenging work. Well done Evelyn!

4CN Fletcher
Being a Super worker. I love the way you participate in our class discussions. Your ideas are interesting, informative and well thought out.

4RF Layla
For showing great persistence and using your initiative when learning place value. You are reaping the rewards of all your hard work. Awesome Layla!
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