Dear Antonio Park Families,

Walking around the school and visiting classes, it is great to see staff and students refreshed, mums and dads helping with classroom programs – a lovely vibe. We have a lot to look forward to this term:

- Continuance of APPS’ excellent learning and teaching program, with Inquiry Learning Units focusing on:
  - Level 1: Safety
  - Level 2: ‘We built this city’
  - Level 3: Packet, Stack it, Sell it
  - Level 4: ‘One Nation, Many Voices’

- Level 4 camp; Canberra Monday 29th April to Friday 3rd May

- Little APPS has started again this term. It is wonderful to see the toddlers and their parents enjoying socialization time and a chance to form friendships. This is held in our hall every Tuesday morning from 9am to 11am

- Level 1 ‘Cool Calm Kids’

- Tuesday 23rd April staff/parent evening on student well-being - Understanding Bullying

- Whole school writing program:
  - First five weeks: Completing Persuasive Writing followed by Poetry
  - 2nd 5 weeks: Information Reports

- Wednesday 1st May, an information night for prospective parents

- GATEways program for Level 2 and 3 students

- Friday 31st May, Pupil Free Day. Staff will be focusing on AusVELS in the curriculum

- Mathletics

- Aussie of the Week

- Student Leadership programs: JSC, Environmental Leaders, Peer Mediators, House Captains and School Captains

- E.R.R.I.C. award

- Distribution of new ICT resources (iPads and notebooks) through the school

- Aerobics: We have 14 teams competing in the School Aerobics competition on Saturday 11th May in Geelong and the same teams competing at State Finals on Saturday 22nd June

- Choir performances

- A special welcome to Amara, Prabhwans and Pouya who commenced in Level 1 this week and Manhao and Manfu who commenced in Level 4

EDUCATION WEEK

Soon we will be celebrating Education Week (May 20th to 24th) and as usual we have lots of special plans. It is always an exciting time for the children when we open our classrooms for visitors.

As in the past there will be many opportunities for parents, relatives and interested parents from local pre-schools and childcare centres to come and have a look at us in operation and perhaps join in with some of our activities.

Information Night

On Wednesday 1st May at 7.00pm we will be holding an information night for parents. This night is for parents of prospective students and provides an insight into curriculum, programs and the learning environment that is Antonio Park.

Karen Patten
Assistant Principals

We hope you had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed some special time with family and friends.

Next week, we have our Wellbeing Information Evening for parents, which is aligned to the sessions our Level 2, 3 and 4 students were involved in last term and into this term for the Level 1 students; Cool Calm Kids, Resilient Kids and Empowered Kids.

The parent session will give strategies to assist children with resilience and being assertive when needed. It is an opportunity to come along and join in discussion with other parents and to learn about the strategies that have been introduced to the students through the programs they have attended. We would love to see you there.

Please see notice attached to this newsletter.

What’s Happening In Level 1?

Welcome back – we have started Term 2 with great enthusiasm! This week we have enjoyed a basketball clinic during our PE sessions. The students enjoyed working with EJ from the Kilsyth Basketball Club and had fun trying out their basketball skills!

Our spelling focus has been on the letter H and as an extension the digraph ‘ou’. We have used H words to make alliteration poems. In maths we have been working with number and number stories that involve addition.

Our Inquiry Unit for Term 2 is on safety and we will be investigating safety in a range of situations, including road, home, water, sun, school, etc. We will be having a number of incursions throughout the term to support our work. If you have any resources/books on safety at home these can be brought to school to share.

Next Tuesday is the Cool Calm Kids incursion – please don’t forget to send in the permission envelope and money ASAP.

Thank you to those who have offered to help with PMP. We have plenty of helpers for the Wednesdays (1LC and 1EA) but we need more helpers for Thursdays (1SG and 1LF). Please be mindful that if we don’t have enough helpers we will be unable to run this valuable program – please let your child’s teacher know or return the form if you can help. Thanks.

Elizabeth, Stacey, Lauren and Lauren
Level 1 Team

What’s Happening In Level 2?

I hope everyone had a great and refreshing break. The Level 2 team are ready to go for another term!

This term our inquiry unit is ‘We Built This City’. focussing on shelters and structures around the world. If you have any books or resources that would help us out they would be greatly appreciated.

The Level 2 Team.

What’s Happening In Level 3?

Welcome back. We hope you all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for another great term in Level 3.

Later this term our writing unit is Poetry. We will be looking at different types of poetry and we encourage students to bring poetry books or poems from the internet to share at school.

We are really looking forward to diving into our Inquiry Unit - Packet, Stack It, Sell It. As part of our unit, we will be analysing and taking apart packages and creating our own. We would love for students to bring in different forms of packaging. We are looking for the most interesting and creative packages. For eg; cheese boxes, toothpaste boxes, Toblerone chocolate boxes. The student who brings in the most creative form of packaging in each class will receive a prize!

Homework will start next week, so stay tuned!

Have a wonderful week.

Bonnie, Danielle, Natalie, Alec, Rachel and Jana.

Library

Many thanks to the Orsini Family who have donated a beautiful book to the library…we are so delighted! It is Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory…it is a wonderful pop-up book and will be available to browse through during library times!

Enjoy the week ahead.

Annette & Jan
Welcome back to another term – a big one in Level 4! Camp is fast approaching and we have started our unit of work ‘One Nation, Many Voices’. The students will be learning all about the governance of Australia – from community groups, to local government and all the way up to our Federal system. Our camp is another opportunity for students to immerse themselves in learning, and to see firsthand some of the places that we will be discussing in the classroom. We look forward to seeing the students build upon their understandings across the term and hopefully bring home some of their questions and knowledge for discussion.

Level 4 Sport
Our Interschool Sport (winter) program starts in Week 2. Students have been notified of which squad they are in and we will be having a practice on Friday to prepare the students for next week. The sport session changes to the afternoon this term, running from approximately 1:00 – 3:00pm. Students in Level 4 will have an early lunch before sport commences. If your child played in one of the basketball teams last term, please ensure their uniform is washed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Year 6/7 Transition
Transition forms for secondary school in 2014 were distributed on Wednesday. It is important that families read the information carefully and fill out the forms as accurately as possible. If you have applied for a non-government school place and have not had confirmation yet, it is suggested that you complete the government school preference section to ensure a place is secured for your child until you have confirmation. Please see the transition coordinator, Kate Tyson, if you have any questions. Forms need to be returned by Friday 17th May.

Level 4 Canberra Camp Update
Camp is fast approaching and there are a few medical and movie forms still to be returned. Individual teachers will be chasing these up, but it is essential that these are returned immediately to allow us to finish our organisation and send this to the camp. Final payment installments were due today – if you have not paid in full, please send this to the office on Friday 19th April. Families with money still owing will be contacted if not received by Monday.

Have a great end to the week!
Kate, Mitch, Clive, Rachel and Karen
Level 4 Team

What’s Happening In PE?

Term 2 highlights:
This week all students in the school enjoyed their basketball coaching clinic from the Kilsyth Cobras players.

Our House Cross Country for Level 3 and 4 students is on Thursday 9th May starting at 9.30am. Sixty students will go on to represent the school at the District Cross Country on Tuesday 28th May at Domeney Reserve, Park Orchards.

Inter School Sport:
This commences in week 2 of the term. The fixture has been put on the noticeboard outside Level 4 rooms. Please note that there are no Friday games on May 3 (School Tour to Canberra) and May 31 (Curriculum Day). If parents are available to assist with coaching, umpiring or supervision of a team on Friday afternoons please see Mr. Newman or Mrs Tyson. We will have 3 netball teams so that is a sport we require assistance with.

Level 4 Bus levy:
Don’t forget to pay the Level 4 Bus levy if you haven’t already done so. This fee pays for all inter-school sports buses throughout the year as well as for House Swimming and Athletics and District Cross Country.

Swimming Program:
Keep the notices and payments coming in! Thank you all.
Darren McMenaman
Phys Ed

Mathletics Award
Dear Parents

We are excited to invite you to a Parent Session on understanding bullying on

Tuesday 23rd April
7:00pm – 8:30pm
in the Library

We have received a grant from the Whitehorse Council for this session which means all participants will attend free of charge.

This session will embrace what students have learnt in either the Cool Calm Kids, Resilient Kids or Empowered Kids workshops. It will give your family many insights into bullying behaviour and offers easy to implement strategies and life skills for students to build resilience and be free of victim thinking. Students are welcome to attend on the night. There will be no child minding available.

Inside Out Education will be hosting the session and have provided the following information:

Even the best schools have to deal with bullying behaviour and the most effective school anti-bullying strategy is one which is supported at home and understood by parents.

Bullying can take many forms, from so-called ‘harmless’ teasing to physical violence. Victims, perpetrators and bystanders of bullying need helpful strategies to deal with this problem – a problem which is much better handled at primary level than left until later when consequences may be much more severe.

Please let us know if you can attend by Thursday 18th April.

Looking forward to seeing you there,
The Wellbeing Team

Find out
• How to help your child to handle peer group pressure.
• What to do when your child is being bullied.
• How to teach your child assertiveness skills.
• How to approach your school with a bullying issue.
• How to teach your child to be a proactive bystander.

Understanding Bullying – An information Session for Parents
Yes! I/we would like to attend ‘Understanding Bullying’ on Tuesday, 23rd April.

Parent Name: ______________________________

No. of adults attending: _____ Name of adults: __________________________

No. of students attending: _____ Name of students: ________________________
On Thursday May 9th, all Level 3 & 4 students will be running in our annual House Cross-Country. The event is held in the morning, with 8, 9 and 10 year olds running 2 kms, and 11 & 12+ year olds running 3 kms. We aim to commence at 9.30 am. Presentations will be made after all events at approximately 11.00 am. The course this year will be through Antonio Park with the start and finish located on the school oval. Permission for this event has been granted through the local excursion form. Course Officials will be placed around the course to assure safety for all students at all times whilst competing.

Age groups and order of events is as follows:

10 Years – any student is 10 years of age or younger by 31st December this year.
11 Years - any student turning 11 years of age by 31st December this year.
12 Years - any student turning 12 years of age or older by 31st December this year.

All students who complete the course will receive points for their House and a participation ribbon. The first ten boys and first ten girls in each age group qualify to represent our school at the Ringwood District Cross Country on Tuesday May 28th at Domeney Reserve, Park Orchards.

Students are asked to wear their House colours, appropriate footwear and clothing to run in and to keep warm in before and after their event. It may be wise to send along a change of clothing/footwear if the weather looks inclement. Parents are very welcome to come along and support the children and their house teams.

Students may wish to have a drink bottle handy, and any child who requires an asthma spray must remember to bring it along and use it if and when appropriate.

If any parent is able to assist on the day, please leave your name at the Office or simply turn up at 9.00 am on the day.

Thank you.

Darren McMenaman
The second hand uniform shop will be open on Monday 22nd April in the foyer of the hall. 3pm—4pm

Bunnings BBQ: During the school holidays the PAG committee ran a successful Bunnings BBQ raising approximately $1500 toward the new playground equipment. We would like to thank the following people for helping on the day; Naomi McColl, Sally Love, Chris McCullough, Anne Hammond, Kylie Fox, Jenny Farquhar, Andrew McGrail, Annette Hayes, Jan Melvin, Graham Johns, Sandy Ingram, Mark Wickman, Justin Faircloth and Chris Vains. Special thanks to Coles Mitcham for donating the bread and Bettina Faircloth from the PAG committee for co-ordinating this fundraiser.

Entertainment Books: Information about the 2013/2014 entertainment books went home this week. They are full of great savings, please feel free to have a look at a copy in the foyer.

School Disco: We are looking forward to having a great time with everyone on Friday April 26th at the school disco. Don’t forget we need parents to help supervise and cook on the BBQ (I’m sure you can also have a boogie!). If you have any ideas, suggestions or queries please let us know either at school or drop us a line at appsPAG@gmail.com.
Your PAG committee: Del Costello, Bettina Faircloth, Sandy Ingram, Kylie Sandow and Jeannine Vains

Camp Australia: Welcome back to Parents and Students. We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday break. Term 2 has started and we are looking forward to many exciting activities to commence this term. Some new activities are; environmental club, continuing seniors clubs and drills and skills with Mitcham Football Club. We look forward to an exciting term ahead and welcoming everyone back, see you soon.
Friday Night Fever

FRIDAY APRIL 26

It’s that Time Again! Bust out your Bus Stop, Limber up for Limbo, Put on your dancing shoes and come join in the fun at our ‘Friday night fever’ disco. Just gather your friends, come along and groove the night away to all the music, games and lights provided by our very own professional DJ.

Levels 1 and 2 can reserve a spot on the dance floor between 5.00pm-6.30pm with a pre-paid ticket,

Levels 3 and 4 can be footloose and fancy free between 7.00pm-8.30pm with a pre-paid ticket.

Sausages will be on sale between 5.30pm and 8.15pm on the night. Please indicate below if you would be interested in purchasing one on the night. *(Please do not send money for the sausages now)*

COST FOR THIS EVENT IS $7 PER CHILD which includes unlimited water bottle refills and a glow stick.

Tattoos and nail painting will be available at the cost of $1.00

Parents, our last disco was such a success we would love to have you join in and help make this another memorable event for our kids. We require parents to help with the signing in and out of children, as well as chaperoning each session or helping with distribution of drinks and the cooking and sale of our sausage sizzle. Can you help? If so please drop a note with preferred time and/or task into the ‘fundraising’ box located in the School foyer.

Please return your expression of interest and payment to the fundraising box located in the school office.

Tickets will be issued a week prior to the event. Sausages, finger nail painting and tattoo money will be collected on the night.

We will be attending the disco. PLEASE RETURN PAYMENT AND PERMISSION SLIP IN A NAMED ENVELOPE-

SAUSAGE PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ON THE NIGHT.

I, ____________________ give permission for my child __________________ in class __________ to attend the school disco on Friday April 26. My contact phone number on the night will be ________________

signed ___________________________ (parent or guardian)

No. of children attending the Level 1/2 Disco ___________ at $7 per child

No. of children attending the Level 3/4 Disco ___________ at $7 per child

Total payment for all children attending $ ___________

We would be interested in purchasing ______ sausages for $2 each on the night.

(Please note, this expression of interest is to assist with our catering planning only-it is not an order form)

ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING THE DISCO SHOULD BRING A WATER BOTTLE, FILLED WITH WATER ONLY.

NO OTHER DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT.

I can help on the night: (name) ___________________________ Ph: ___________________________
COMMUNITY NOTICES

(Please check the Community Noticeboard for further details)

- City of Whitehorse is planning to upgrade the Halliday Park play space. Have your input into the upgrade either through a consultation session at the Park this Sat 20 April from 10.00am - Midday or in writing by April 24, phone, email or filling out the online survey - www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/HallidayParkPlaySpace.html
- Anglicare are looking for Volunteers to become short term or long term Foster Carers. An information session is being held on Tuesday 30th April 7.30-8.30pm at the Whitehorse Civic Centre. Call 1300889335 to register.
- Ringwood Hawks Basketball Assoc is running a 10yrs and under development squad. Sundays 5th May—9th June at Eastwood PS. Cost is $80, contact Joe Egan 9879 9859 or jmegan_2@bigpond.com
- The Pirates of Penzance Production at the Alexander Theatre, Monash University April 27, May 3 & 4. Book online at www.gilbertandsullivan.org.au
- Come join our family at Donvale Magpie Auskick. The program begins this weekend: April 20th from 9am. To register, go to the Auskick website and register specifically with the Donvale Football Club. All details, including the address for Donvale Football Club can be found on the Auskick website www.aflauskick.com.au
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