Dear Antonio Park Families,

Pirates of The Park
What an amazing experience!
Our fete last weekend was the best fete I have been to. I was really impressed with the number of school community members who volunteered their time to enable the fete to be a great success. There were a lot of staff, students and their families here last Friday night setting up and then again on Saturday to help at the Fete and also pack up. On Sunday morning it was great to see, yet again, a lot of families, students and staff to make sure everything was spic and span for Monday.

The fete committee is still finalising expenses for the fete. Once they have completed this, we will announce to the community how much money we have raised and what the money will go towards.

Holding a wonderful community event such as this not only raises money for our school to improve our facilities and programs, but as important as that is, it is the fun we have and ‘getting to know each other’ that occurs on the day. In our Fete newsletter I thanked a number of people for their contributions.

School Council
I would like to welcome our new school councillors, Vince Orsini (Vice President), Kylie Sandow, Andrew Thomas and Sarah Hewitt. Thank you those councillors who have rejoined Council: Jan MacDonald and Jenny Semken. Welcome back to those who are serving their second year: Tim Stuchbery (President), Marc Giglio, Jeannine Vains, Kathryn Goldsmith, Bonnie Ratten and Cathy Nisbet. Kim Magner and Michael Hallifax join council as co-opted community members.

On behalf of APPS’s community I would like to acknowledge the wonderful contributions and work of the following retiring members:

- Justin Ezard, who has been a member of School Council for six years and President for four years.
- Mark Wickman, who has been a member for four years and also has represented the fete on council.
- Tim Pontefract, who has been a member of School Council for three years.
- Christine Grundy who joined council last year and whose son Hamish is in Year 6.

Around Antonio goes green next term.
To register yourself for an electronic copy of the newsletter, visit www.antoniops.vic.edu.au
There will be a few copies at the office if needed.

Happy Holidays …
On behalf of staff, I would like to wish all of our students a safe and happy holiday. It is also a great time for our staff to recharge their batteries in anticipation of a successful Term 2. See you all back on Monday 15th April.

Karen Patten
Assistant Principals

Classroom Helpers Program
This week was our last session and we discussed writing...the writing process, the stages of writing and how we can assist in the classroom with spelling and conferencing student writing.

Some strategies for assisting with unknown spelling words:
1. Say it slowly; what sounds do you hear?
2. Circle or underline the word (or part) you think is wrong.
3. Try it again.
4. Look in your own writing and around the room for charts and lists.
5. Ask a friend.
6. Use a dictionary or word book.

We went on a Learning Walk to view the wonderful student writing on display in the corridors, from each Level. We were able to see the process of writing from pre writing...planning...drafting...editing...revising...publishing and the student's personal rubric which shows student assessment of their own writing piece.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Classroom Helpers Program. It was great to discuss how students learn at school and how we can make a difference. I have enjoyed my chats with you...have fun in the classroom! Jan

Thank you to Lewis Randell who has been assisting the Kelly Sports staff this week with the incursions. The students had fun learning some new skills. Mr R has written a report for the newsletter!

What a wonderful time we all had at the fete...great work everyone!

Have a wonderful holiday break with family and friends!

Annette & Jan

What’s Happening In Level 1?

Congratulations Level Ones on completing your first term of school. It’s been a wonderful start to school life with lots of learning, new friendships and heaps of fun! It’s amazing to see such growth over such a short period of time. All the teachers are so proud of your wonderful achievements and can’t wait to continue our journey together in Term Two.

The Level One teachers would like to send out a massive thank you to all the parent helpers this term! It’s always a very busy start to the year, setting routines and getting settled but we are now thrilled to have helpers in the classroom each day. Thank you for your time, care and enthusiasm. We are definitely hoping to see you all again next term.

The Level Ones participated in an exciting woodwork incursion this week from Learning by Doing. The students learnt about a range of real tools and used them to make their own toy. A fantastic time was had by all and there may even be some future carpenters among us!

Have a safe, restful and happy holiday.
Level One Team

What's Happening In Level 2?

What a fantastic end to term one!
Fun for Ones was a hit with the children having fun playing activities such as Crab Soccer, Kick Ball and Ship, Shark, Shore. The students all behaved well and had a blast. Grade two sleepover has left us all tired but we had a great night. We enjoyed our sausage sizzle, hot chocolate and playing games with our friends.

The students have done some fantastic work this term, please celebrate the displays we have brought home to show you. Perhaps we can practise our persuading skills over the holidays!

Keep going on Mathletics over the holidays to keep the addition and subtraction skills that we learnt this term current.

Have a safe and happy Easter.
Level Two Team
What’s Happening In Level 3?

We have had a wonderful first term. We have all settled into our level 3 classes and are having a great time working together as a team.

We have found out lots about our learning styles and learning needs in our inquiry unit, “Knowing Me, Knowing You.”

Over the holidays please continue to enjoy the wonderful world of books and complete some reading journal entries. We would also love to see all students having a go at Mathletics and earning some certificates. Maybe a Level 3 grade will earn the ‘Golden Star’ for the most amount of time spent on Mathletics over the holidays.

Have a fantastic and safe holiday.
Level Three Team

What’s Happening In Level 4?

What an amazing term in Level 4! The students have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the brain and how it functions, plus how to best care for our body’s computer. This week they have shared their knowledge with a younger year level which has helped not only to spread the information they have gathered around the school, but also to solidify their own understandings. There have been posters, Powerpoints and games developed and it has been wonderful to see all the work put into this sharing of knowledge. Well done to all!

Level 4 Sport

We couldn’t run such a fantastic Interschool Sport program without the assistance of our amazing Level 4 families. Thank you to Susan Peter Budge, Natalie Adams, Lucy Giglio, Sharon Stuchbery, Jennifer Foster, Sofie Russo and Kaisha Gurry for helping out this term – we really appreciate your assistance each week! On Tuesday we sent home a letter requesting further assistance from our families for our Winter sports in Term 2. If you are able to coach or umpire any of the six sports outlined, please fill in the slip provided and return to your classroom teacher. Our Winter competition starts in Week 2, Term 2 and will be played in the afternoon (1:00 – 3:00pm).

Year 6/7 Transition

It is great to see so many Year 6 families making final decisions on where to send their child to secondary school next year. If you are still to make this important decision, we recommend you tour some of the local schools and see what is on offer as time is running out. Many schools are currently organising open nights and information sessions and this is a great way to hear all about their Year 7 programs and to learn further information about the schools’ facilities and curriculum. Time is fast approaching to finalise your decision. Enrolment application forms will go home to Year 6 students on the 17th April and are due back one month later on the 17th May.

Level 4 Canberra Camp Update

Camp medical and movie permission forms were due back today. If you have not yet returned these forms, please ensure they are returned to your classroom teacher on the first day back next term as we are required to send these onto the camp over the school holidays. Some further information was sent home yesterday and will be especially useful for families who want to start getting organised over the holidays. With regard to payment, final payment is due back on Thursday 18th April.

For families on Payment Option B, your second last payment was due on the 22nd March. If you have not yet settled this installment, please do so as soon as possible with the school office.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter and holiday break!

Kate, Mitch, Clive, Rachel and Karen
Level 4Four Team

What’s Happening In PE?

Level 4 Sports Bus Levy:

All students are expected to have paid for their bus levy by the end of term 1. The levy is for all interschool sport buses in terms 1 and 2, and other special events such as House Swimming and Athletics and Cross Country. Please try to pay the $60 by the end of term.

2013 School Swimming Program:

A notice has been sent home outlining all details for our Swimming Programs for later in the year. Please read it carefully and plan your repayments to the Office prior to the starting dates of each level. Thank you to all parents who have returned the attachment to the letter indicating participation.

District Sports Trials:

Last week some grade 6 students attended the District Sports trials. Well done to Eliza Kral and Michael McCartin who join Skye Hagland at the Region trials in term 2.

Term 2 Inter School Sport:

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 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 in which we are going to need more umpires.

Darren McMenaman
Phys Ed
The second hand uniform shop operates on the 1st Monday of each month in the foyer of the hall. 3pm—4pm

Next date: Monday 22nd April

Kelly Sports Incursion

On Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th of March, the Level 1-3 students were lucky enough to experience an incursion provided by Kelly Sports. The incursion included many different activities that incorporated skills from basketball, tennis, hockey, cricket and soccer as well as catching with ‘sling nets’. These sessions were provided by 2 very enthusiastic and knowledgeable facilitators. The students thoroughly enjoyed their session.

Kelly Sports will be running clinics after schools on Thursdays starting Term 2. If the weather is wet or too hot, I have been advised that the program will go ahead although appropriate modifications will be made.

A flyer has been sent home with more information and a tear off slip for those wishing to participate.

Mr R
Phys Ed

Camp Australia:

Camp Australia: Dear Parents our holiday club bookings are open and ready on our website www.campaustralia.com.au you can see all the exciting activities we have planned. Hopefully we get to see you during our holiday program; if you have further queries please call us on 0412 545 042. Congratulations to our Aussie of the week Sanja Erceg for Fantastic work at OSHC. We would also like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Easter and looking forward to seeing everyone soon!
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is once again happening in 2013. All children at Antonio Park Primary School have been registered for the challenge and it would be wonderful to have everyone complete the challenge – so get your children reading now!!!

Information has been sent home and if you would like to have your child’s name published in the Age newspaper for completing the challenge you will need to return the permission slip attached to that note.

Further information about the challenge can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc including the list of books. The web address is also used to enter the books your child has read. Username is your child’s first name and surname with no space between the two names and the password is Antonio1. Students in Level 3 and 4 are encouraged to enter their own books but if you experience any difficulties with this, please send the list of books read to school to be entered.

If you have any concerns, please come and see me.

Elizabeth Alda
### Aussie of the Week Awards

| LF | Madeleine Green | For outstanding improvement in writing and sounding out words. |
| EA | Caden Sleap  | For all the detail he gives during sharing and reporting times. |
| LC | Noah Powell  | For continuously demonstrating enthusiasm and a positive attitude to your learning particularly throughout our literacy rotations. |
| SG | Madison Sandow | For being a confident, independent worker and always being willing to help others. Well done! |
| BC | Ayla Wilson  | For her excellent addition and subtraction skills. Congratulations maths whiz. |
| CC | Scarlett Beddoe | For your fantastic Persuasive Writing! I am so impressed by all of your hard work. You should be very proud! |
| CE | Cassidy Fletcher | For showing confidence to complete all tasks to the best of your ability. Excellent work! |
| CN | Georgia Scheer | For her sensational subtraction sums. Great work Georgia!! |
| JS | Ashley Keys  | For an entertaining and quirky persuasive writing piece on ‘cold winter weather’.
| LE | Shantae Kohari | For her excellent writing pieces and sensational subtraction work. You are producing work that you should be so proud of. Keep it up!! |
| SP | Samantha Spencer | For being such a hard worker. You always try your best and give 100% to all your class work. Well done. |
| AB | Connor Harvey | For your outstanding persuasive piece about why swimming shouldn’t be taught through schools! You used fantastic, emotive language and captured the minds of your audience! Top job! |
| BR | Chantelle Underwood | For being a responsible and independent member of our grade. |
| DH | Bridie Conroy  | For her wonderful maths skills when working at our ‘lucky bottles’ stall. You were a sensational worker Bridie! Top job! |
| JD | Charlie Foster | For working independently through his persuasive writing tasks. Your arguments on why swimming should be compulsory at schools was excellent. Fantastic work Charlie! |
| NM | Lee Martin  | For your amazing efforts with your maths activities and excellent contribution towards our shape discussion. |
| RM | Jack Goldsmith | For being an amazing class member. You are a kind, resourceful and resilient student and a delight to teach. |
| CH | Jessica Grace | For being a happy and reliable member of the class and working extremely well throughout the week. Well done Jess! |
| KD | Cooper Bonetti | For a super effort when editing your persuasive writing. It is wonderful to see you expanding your arguments. |
| KT | Will Handley | For your independent approach to writing this term-superstar effort! |
| MN | Matthew Nichol | For his improved efforts across the board over the last few weeks. You have worked very hard during class time. Keep up the good work! |
| RF | Dipra Bhalla | For being such a positive, cheerful and encouraging member of our classroom. Your attitude is infectious! |
| ERRIC | Scarlett Beddoe | For being a great member of the school and taking care of a friend in need. You showed empathy and compassion for your fellow classmate and represented our school values in a fantastic way! Well done! |

**Library 2CE**

For being the Level 2 grade who borrowed the most books from the library. You are going to be the best readers ever. Happy reading.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

(Please check the Community Noticeboard for further details)

- Mitcham Community House, 4 week Resilient Parenting course. 23rd April Ph 9873 4587
- Forest Hill SC is introducing the ‘Developing Sports Leaders Program’. Contact 9814 9444 for more information.
- Wesley Mission ‘Run Melbourne’ is being held on Sunday 21st July. Contact 9662 2355 for more information.
- Mothers Day Classic Sunday 12th May. Ph 9285 0600 for more details.
- Mullum Mullum Festival 20th, 21st, 27th & 28th April. Contact 9719 7661 for more information.
- Community Weight Loss Challenge starts on April 16 at 7pm in Vermont. Only $49 for 10 weeks, with weekly weigh-ins, group support and cash prizes for 1st and 2nd. Call Fiona on 0402 510 698 for more information.
- Blackburn High School – Open Night – Wednesday May 1, 2013 – 6pm – 8pm
- RSL announces Australia’s first Coloured Commemorative Coin. $10 donation. Ph 02 6248 7199 for more details.
PIANO/KEYBOARD LESSONS

at Antonio Park Primary School

Michelle Wan has been teaching piano at Antonio Park Primary since 1998. She teaches Classical & Modern piano music. Between 2006 and 2007 she started two community based orchestra, MW’s Chamber Orchestra and Werribee Chamber Orchestra. Her credentials included composing commercial music for Channel 31, Radio 3ZZZ and for various other organisations in the music industry.

30 minutes lesson (one to one) at the school’s premises during school hours once per week on a rotational timetable. **Now taking students to go on my program’s waiting list.** At this stage my waiting period is between 2 to 3 years but it may be less depending on availability. If you like your child to begin in 2 to 3 years time, please leave your child's name in the attached slip.

Ring or email and speak to Michelle Wan

☎ 0450 578 328  E: ausland@yahoo.com

On your email's subject line quote “Piano Lessons at Antonio Park PS”.

**Lesson cost details & my credentials visit** [http://piano-antonio.blogspot.com/](http://piano-antonio.blogspot.com/)

For Michelle Wan, Piano Teacher, Front Office Staff - please leave slip in Music Teacher’s blue tray. Thanks!

To enrol your child’s name onto my waiting list please leave your name, phone contacts (I need them all) & email address (I need that too) on the slip below.

Parent’s Name: ________________________________
Child’s Name: ________________________________  Grade: __________

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**What’s On at The Whitehorse Centre April 2013**

The Whitehorse Centre presents

**Cautionary Tales For Children**

‘He hadn’t gone a yard when – Bang! With open jaws, a lion sprang…’

This delightful production for the whole family introduces a dysfunctional musical troupe of four, who have travelled to our stage via a time machine. On a mission to teach today’s rascally kids a thing or two about the importance of being well-behaved, they are armed with Hilaire Belloc’s poems about wayward children and the outlandish fates that befall them. A lyrical, satirical cabaret, this wickedly entertaining and funny show questions the age-old belief that adults know best all of the time!

Tuesday 9 April 7.00pm
Wednesday 10 April 11.00am
Single $16 Family (4+) $14
Badminton and Table Tennis Coaching commences in April.

Register for Term 2!

Clinics will involve group coaching by skilled badminton and table tennis coaches within a fun and supportive environment. Catering for primary and early secondary aged children.

Table Tennis
Mondays 4:30pm-6:00pm
April 15 - June 24
(cost: $165 per term, includes 10 clinics)

Badminton
Tuesdays 4:30pm-5:30pm
April 16 - June 25
(cost: $121 per term, includes 11 clinics)

To register your child or for any other enquiries please contact Sportlink on 9847 7111.

Come TENPIN bowling!

Birthday Parties. Social Events. Celebrations.


What other reason do you have for a get-together?

- 8 lanes
- Adjoining Party Room
- Catering & Self Catering available
- Ample FREE parking
- Glow in the dark lights

Phone 9895 2300 to book a lane.

Holiday Swim Intensive Classes!

- Use your holidays to learn!
- Max. 4 students per class!
- Qualified Teachers.

For 3yr olds to Junior squad level!
Private Lessons also available!

Classes run in the mornings for 5 consecutive days. This allows your children to consolidate and build on their skills every day. Weeks are booked individually.

Phone 9879 5777 to enrol.

PROGRAM DATES:
- Tues 2nd—Sat 6th April 2013
- Mon 8th—Fri 14th April 2013