Dear Antonio Park Families,

It is amazing to think that we have only 11 school days left this term!!! The excellent learning and teaching program being delivered in classes across the school is most impressive.

Learning Walk Invitation

APPS offers rich and diverse learning opportunities for its students. Over the course of the year, we would like to provide an opportunity where staff and students will be conducting a Learning Walk focusing on a particular aspect of the learning environment at APPS.

On Thursday 21st March from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. we will be conducting a Learning Walk for our Writing program. Interested mums and dads can contact the office to let us know if you will be attending. This will help us with organising staff so we can run smaller groups.

Frog Pond

On behalf of students, staff and parents, I would like to thank Sue and Dean (Piper’s mum and dad) for the work they have done to complete our Frog Pond. It looks fantastic.

School Council

Thank you to all nominees for School Council this year. It was great to have such strong interest. The four successful candidates were Vince Orsini, Kylie Sandow, Sarah Hewitt and Andrew Thomas.

Retiring from our current council are Justin Ezard, Kim Magner, Michael Halifax, Christine Grundy, Tim Pontefract and Mark Wickman who have made significant contributions to Antonio Park Primary School through their skills and commitment. We will be celebrating Justin, Kim, Mark and Michael’s contribution in Term 2.

FETE....

Only 9 sleeps to go!

Karen Patten

Going Green

At its last meeting School Council unanimously endorsed the ‘Going Green’ of APPS’s newsletter.

From the beginning of Term 2 APPS’s newsletter will only be available electronically. To register, visit our website: www.antoniops.vic.edu.au

Click on ‘Join our Mailing List’

Follow the prompts

Each week there will be a few hard copies at the office.

Karen Patten
Assistant Principals

Exciting News!

We have a new addition to our Antonio Park family!

On Monday, Amy and Simon Holt welcomed into the world their baby daughter, Scarlett Grace Holt, weighing in at approx. 2.78 kg (6lbs 12oz)!

Mother, father and baby are all doing well and Amy says ‘hi’ to everyone at APPS!
Scarlett has beautiful dark hair and is gorgeous!

We send our love and congrats to them all!

Have a great weekend!

Annette & Jan

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There are students coming to school with aromatherapy oils on their body. Whilst we appreciate the benefits of aromatherapy, many of these oils contain peanut oil. Due to our Anaphylaxis policy, we cannot have these at school. In order to safeguard our students, please refrain from sending your child to school wearing this oil. …..Thanks!

What's Happening In Level 1?

This week we are starting to write in a new genre. For the past six weeks we have been focusing on Recount Writing, where the students have written about different experiences that they have had, including making popcorn and muffins, walking to Nature’s Classroom and making paper planes with their buddies. This week we are starting Persuasive writing. We will be talking to the students about their point of view and asking them to give reasons why they have that opinion. The students are going to be writing a persuasive writing piece about the best toy. They will need to decide what the best toy is and then give three arguments as to why they have that point of view. We will be writing persuasive writing pieces for the rest of the term, and looking at topics such as, ‘The Best Pet’ and ‘The Best Cartoon Character’. At home, talk with your child about their opinion on different topics and ask them for reasons why they have that point of view.

We have been focusing on the letter 'Tt' this week, where we may have made tambourines, tip-toeing tigers or tissue paper teddy bears. We have written and brainstormed words that start with the letter 'Tt' and discussed that words that start with ‘th’ have a different sound. We have also brainstormed words that start with this spelling blend. Through writing lists of words and drawing pictures of words that start with 'Tt’, we are extending the students’ vocabulary. Next week we will be focusing on the letter ‘Bb’.

This week in maths we are focusing on two-dimensional shapes. We have discussed where we can identify shapes around us, we have made shapes with our bodies and created shapes with different mediums. Next week we are focusing on length. On Tuesday next week we will be doing a length activity with our buddies, comparing lengths of different parts of their bodies. We will extend students by using formal units of length, but will mostly focus on informal units such as wool, MAB blocks and teddy rulers.

Next week on Friday the Level 1 teachers will be planning for Term 2. Due to planning, the students will not have any specialists from Monday to Thursday and then have only specialists on Friday. The Level 1 teachers would like to remind you to send in your Nurse Forms, as we are still missing a few of them. Please, also send in Woodwork Incursion forms and money, as this incursion is the week after next on Wednesday 27th March.

Level 1 Team
Elizabeth, Stacey, Lauren and Lauren
What’s Happening In Level 2?

We have been getting into our Persuasive writing genre and are enjoying discussions about the text structure and use of persuasive language. We have been working hard with addition and using extended notation to complete our addition sums. Next week we will begin subtraction.

We are excited to announce that Fun for Ones and our Level 2 Sleepover will be happening in the last week of this term. There will be an information notice go home this week with the details about each event.

There was a Swimming notice that went home yesterday. Parents are asked to complete the notice and return it to school if they wish to express interest in their child attending our Level 2 Swimming Program in Term 3.

Thank you for the tissue box donations!

Have a great week!

Level 2 team

What’s Happening In Level 3?

We have been really impressed with the effort was put into homework last week. We have seen so much care and detail in the presentation of writing and great thought in the responses. We love looking at the hard work and we love sharing student’s ideas when homework is returned. Please encourage your child to spend a little time each night working on their homework.

A reminder to keep up the fantastic work with the home reading program. Reading should happen every night for a minimum of 20 minutes. Each child is also required to complete one journal entry in their reading journal, we have seen some brilliant detailed responses!

All students have received their Mathletics usernames and passwords. Mathletics is a great resource and students are encouraged to get on there and earn themselves a gold certificate. Will there be a level 3 holding onto the gold star at assembly? Fingers crossed!

Level 3 Team

What’s Happening In Level 4?

Interschool Sport.
This week we are playing Holy Spirit in our interschool sport competition. The following teams are playing at home: Rounders, Volleystars and Bat Tennis. The following teams are playing away at Holy Spirit: Cricket, Basketball and Teeball. Remember to try your best and be a good sport as everyone has been thus far.
We have a make-up round on Thursday 21st March against Kalinda Primary School and require some parents to assist us with basketball. There is no match on Friday 22nd March due to a bye. The following week we are also playing on Thursday and would greatly appreciate the assistance of some parents at Basketball and Tee ball.

Hats.
Just a reminder to everyone that hats must be worn throughout Term 1 and 4 and children who do not have hats on will be required to sit passively in the shaded areas. Hats are also a prerequisite for playing sport and thus ‘no hat, no play’.

Grade 6 Jackets.
The Year 6 jackets have been distributed and look fantastic. Jackets have only been distributed to children who have paid the $50 as per the original letter.

Empowered Kids.
Level 4 students had a great session with the group performing the Empowered Kids workshop. The session covered various types of bullying, role played different scenarios, tackled the issue of dobbing and discussed strategies for dealing and coping with bullying and bullies. It was a very valuable lesson for the children.

Writing Walls.
Please come up and have a walk around the main corridor and admire the fantastic writing the children at our school are producing. The Level 4 Writing Wall is down in the Level 1 area and other work is up in the classrooms. Pop in and have a look.

Canberra Camp.
A very big thank you to all the parents who volunteered to attend this camp in Term 2. The successful parents will be notified shortly. Please remember to keep your payments coming in and to notify us if your child is not attending the camp.

Thanks you!
Level 4 Team
BUNNINGS BBQ: We need your help! The PAG committee are running the BBQ at Nunawading Bunnings on SUNDAY APRIL 7TH. This is a great opportunity to raise some money toward the playground. But we need your help. If you can spare a couple of hours to help, please fill in the form below and drop it into the fundraising box at the office. As we are the “Parents Activity Group”, we rely on the occasional assistance from APPS parents. With this donation of time we will achieve the best result for APPS.

We will be in touch to confirm with you closer to the BBQ weekend.
If you are able to help, 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.

WORKING BEE
SUNDAY 17th MARCH
9 - 12
We have several very important jobs to do to get ready for the Fete on Saturday 23rd March
The committee would like to thank Sue & Dean for their help with the frog pond and now we are waiting to hear a ‘croak.’ Also, thanks to the phantom gardener who is moving all the mulch. Thanks Nick.

BUNNINGS BBQ: SUNDAY APRIL 7TH 2013

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

(Please check the Community Noticeboard for further details)

- Norwood Secondary College Open night Wednesday 24th April, 7-8.30pm. Ph 9871 0400 for enquiries. Norwood also offers an enrichment program. Contact the school for more information.
- Rangeview Primary School Fair, Saturday 16th March 11am—4pm. Churinga Ave Mitcham.
- Laburnum Primary School Fete, Saturday 16th March 12-6pm. Janet St, Blackburn.
- Ringwood Celtics Basketball club is looking for girls to fill it's under 12 team for the upcoming season. The team plays Saturday mornings and trains Tuesday nights. Please contact Greg Matthews on 0409 530 897 or Tim Killian on 0430 116 690.
- April School Holiday Performance Camp. 2 days of singing, dancing and acting in a fun and structured environment with a concert on the second day. Classes held in Ringwood, Langwarrin and Glen Iris. Please call Bop till you Drop on 1300 130 313 for more details.
- Vermont Uniting Community Centre Car Boot Sale, Saturday 16th March 12-4pm. Vermont Uniting Community Centre, 640 Canterbury Rd, Vermont. Ph 9874 2058 or 0447 369 994.
- Choir Victoria recruiting now! Children aged 5 years and up are invited to audition for Victorian Boys or Victorian Girls Choir at Tintern on Saturday 16th March. Contact Sam 0417 531 128 or Ros 0422 568 100.
- Free event: Cinema under the stars "WRECK-IT RALPH". Friday 22/3/13. At Halliday Park. Games start at 6pm movie begins at dusk. Food and drink for sale. BYO chairs and blankets.

Level 4 Sport:

We would greatly appreciate some parent helpers to assist with Basketball and Tee ball on Thursday 28th March between 9 and 11am. If you are able to assist please contact Mitchell Newman who is our coordinator for sport. Thank you!

Ride to School Day

Next Friday 22nd March is National ‘Ride to School Day’. Please put this date in your diaries.

Which class will win the ‘Golden Shoe Award’?

Fete News

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  0417384642
Do you need a babysitter?
I'm 14 years old and I love caring and being with kids. My name is Rachael Pearson and I'm an ex-student from Antonio Park Primary School (Amy Pearson's 3DH sister)
I am available from 5.00pm Friday and Saturday nights.
I charge $15 an hour.
My phone no. 0422-564-873
Or
My email address- pea0066@ringwoodsc.vic.edu.au