Dear Antonio Park Families,

School Captains
Congratulations to the following School Captains who will be representing APPS:
School Captains: Natalie Giglio and Tom Nisbet

School Vice Captains:
Ben North and Eliza Kral

Each week, our School Captains and I meet to chat about:
- What we are doing well at APPS
- Things we can do better or differently
- Leadership of JSC
- Recognition and acknowledgment of community members' contributions & achievements
- Improvements to our school's buildings and grounds.

2013-2016 STRATEGIC PLAN
APPS's 2013-2016 Strategic Plan is available on our Website. Feedback from School Council, staff and DEECD is that it is an outstanding document that shows clear direction, excellence and achievement and embraces the culture (heart and soul) of APPS. An excerpt from our Strategic Plan:

"At Antonio Park Primary School our purpose as an effective learning community is to believe in the achievement of excellence and the fulfillment of potential in a happy, caring and safe environment where students, staff and families feel a strong connection to each other and the school. We are committed to fostering a lifelong love of learning. We actively engage students in a range of authentic learning experiences. Through these our children will develop understandings and competencies needed to be successful learners and citizens in a rapidly changing world.

As part of its review year, in 2012 Antonio Park Primary School's students, staff and parents had conversations around three essential themes:

- What we love about the school;
- What the school does well; and
- Future aspirations.

What We Love About APPS
The threads woven that form the fabric and heart of our school:
- Its vibrant culture, the team and ‘can do’ ethos.
- Inclusivity, connectedness, respectfulness, positive relationships and ability to have conversations; especially with staff.
- Strong student voice, student centred and a focus on the whole child.
- Commitment of teachers, their preparedness to ‘do the extra’, their passion and the quality of programs.
- The amount of opportunities for individual students to engage and excel, within and outside the classroom.
- Wonderful community involvement, participation in and support of programs and events.
- The greenery and facilities.

What The School Does Well
- Engaging learning through the design and delivery of curriculum.
- Being Innovative, responsive, adaptive in an informed way.
- A fun and creative learning environment with wonderful extra curricular activities such as: the fete, production, aerobics, Tournament of Minds, instrumental music, sporting program, camps, swimming, the animal program and the environmental program.
- Caring, work well together and models the school's values: Empathy, Responsibility, Resilience, Independence, Confidence.

Continued......
Assistant Principals

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 4 March.

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

Karen, Annette and Jan

Classroom Helpers Program is advertised in this newsletter, if you would like to join in, please fill in the form and return to the office.

Have a great weekend

Annette & Jan

Notice to Parents

There has been a case of Parvovirus commonly known as ‘slapped cheek’ reported at the school.
A notice was sent home to the class concerned with more detailed information on Tuesday 5th February.
If you have any concerns please see your doctor. If you would like a copy of the notice, please see the office.

Thank you.

Staff Car Park

This year, we have 45 members of staff and therefore parking in the staff car park is at a premium. In the interest of safety and to minimise congestion, could all parents please refrain from using the staff car park.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Karen Patten

Visitors On Site During the School Day

Schools are required to have all visitors to the school (including parents) to sign in at the front office and wear a visitor’s badge. The wearing of a visitor’s badge will:

- Ensure we have a record of all people on site in case of an emergency evacuation.
- Reassure staff and students that the visitor is on site for school business, e.g. dropping lunches off, hearing students read, helping in the classroom, visiting teachers working with students.

All parents visiting the school must sign in at the office and wear a visitor’s badge. The exception to this requirement is large scale events such as the house athletics.
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.

Here at Antonio Park P.S. we implement strategies and processes to ensure a safe and supporting environment for students at risk of anaphylaxis. Students and parents in each class with an anaphylactic student will have been notified by letter of the strategies in place to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic triggers. At Antonio Park P.S. we have:

- an anaphylaxis management plan for each student diagnosed at risk of anaphylaxis
- prevention strategies covering incidents in the school setting
- an anaphylaxis policy
- regular training and updates for school staff in recognising and responding to anaphylactic reactions including competently administering an adrenaline auto-injector (such as EpiPen®/Anapen®).

If you have a child who has an existing Anaphylaxis Action Plan or Allergic Reaction Action Plan at school, please take the opportunity to organise an updated plan to give to your child’s teacher at your parent/teacher discussion. They are only functional for one year and will probably be out of date very soon.

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 me at school. Have a great week!

Annette Hayes
Dear Parents,

In the context of AEU bans the following will take place at Antonio Park Primary School.

**Information Night**
Each level will be distributing an information handout regarding classroom programs and practices. Please take some time to read over this handout. If you have any general questions regarding classroom operations, your child’s teacher/teachers will be available to answer these in their classroom on the following dates:

- **Level 2 and Level 4 Families:** Monday 18\(^{th}\) February at 3.45-4.15pm
- **Level 1 and Level 3 Families:** Tuesday 19\(^{th}\) February at 3.45-4.15pm

Please note that the focus for this session will be to discuss Level specific questions and how we can assist you in making your child’s transition to the Level as smooth as possible. It will not be a time for specific questions regarding your child.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings**
Please contact your child’s teacher to arrange a time to share information about your child. This time will be arranged during school hours. Level 1 parent meetings will continue on Wednesdays as arranged with their classroom teacher.

**Camping Program**
All camping programs across the school will go ahead as scheduled. Dates and programs to be advised in future communications or this may be included in your information handout.

**School Fete**
The School Fete will be held on Saturday 23\(^{rd}\) March.

**Stop work: Thursday 14\(^{th}\) February**
A separate letter will be sent home on Friday 8\(^{th}\) February or Monday 11\(^{th}\) February, depending on the outcome of current negotiations.

Kind Regards,

Karen Patten
Principal

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**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

**E.M.A.**

Eligible parents may apply for an education maintenance allowance at the school their children attend.

To be eligible for the **first instalment** a parent must hold a current Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care Benefit Card, or a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner card, or be a foster parent as at the first day of Term 1, **(January 30, 2013)**.

If your family is eligible, and you have not already received an application form from your child’s teacher, please collect an application form from the office, complete and return by **Friday, February 22**.
What’s Happening In Level 1?

Please see the Prep newsletter for ‘What is Happening in Level 1.

What’s Happening In Level 2?

We have had a great start to the year in Level 2. Everyone has settled in perfectly and all the teachers are looking forward to an exciting and fun year!

Our integrated topic this term is ‘We're Sense-ational!', exploring the 5 senses. If you have any resources regarding this topic, all teachers would love to use these in their rooms.

On another note, we are asking families to bring in a box of tissues for their child’s classroom. If you are able to donate one of these it would be greatly appreciated, especially as it gets closer to winter!

Have a great week,

Level 2 Team

What’s Happening In Level 3?

We hope everyone had a relaxing, enjoyable holiday and are ready for a terrific term of fun and learning in Level 3. It has been a very smooth transition for the students new to Level 3 and everyone is settling in well to their classes.

Over the next week the students are going to be decorating their Writer’s Notebooks. So that they can personalise their covers, we would like everyone to bring in photos of family, images of things that are important to them and anything else they might like to use.

Thank you to all of those students who have returned their ICT agreement (grade 3 only) and swimming sports forms (due back Wednesday). There are still a few to come, it would be great if we could have them back as soon as possible.

Have a great week,

The Level 3 Team

Bonnie, Danni, Alec, Rachel, Jana and Natalie

What’s Happening In Level 4?

Welcome back to all of the Level 4 students and families! We are very excited about the coming year and it was wonderful to see everyone hit the ground running on our first few days back. A HUGE welcome to our new Level 4 teachers, Rachel Fittolani and Karen Davis and welcome back to our returning staff. We also welcome Anne Breteler to Level 4 as she will be taking Karen D’s class during the first three weeks of term.

This term we will be ‘Learning to Learn’ with our unit of work focusing on individual learning styles, multiple intelligences, brain function and the different ways we can optimise our learning through healthy eating and lifestyle. What a great way to engage our students in their own individual learning!

Alongside our unit of work we have been running our Start Up program, with lots of getting to know you activities and games. You may have heard about the students “Brick in the Wall” – a personalised box they are creating with five unique items inside that reflect and represent them as individuals. Students may be required to complete some work on this box at home.

Level 4 Sport

There have been some changes to our Level 4 sport program due to a significant increase in numbers this year. Please see the note from Mr Mac for further details. Two sports notices have been sent home last week, related to our Swimming Sports carnival and Level 4 sports transportation for the year (bus levy). We would really appreciate your help in returning the permission forms and related payments to school as soon as possible to ensure all students can participate in our sports program throughout Term 1 and the rest of the school year. The Interschool Sport permission form was due back on Wednesday and the $60.00 bus levy payment due on the 1st March. Thank you for your assistance!

Level 4 Student Diaries

This year we have provided students in Level 4 with their own personal diaries. The purpose of these diaries is to assist students in becoming more independent with their learning and organisation. We will be working with the students across the first few weeks of the year to help them get used to the process of entering events, homework and reminders in their diaries. If you need to communicate with us, please feel free to put a note in the diary and ask your child to hand this to their classroom teacher when they arrive at school.

We hope you all had lovely, long holiday and look forward to an exciting year in Level 4!

Kate, Mitch, Clive, Rachel and Karen

Level 4 Team
CLASSROOM HELPERS PROGRAM

As part of our Literacy Program at Antonio Park, a Classroom Helpers Program will be held in Term 1. The Classroom Helpers Program consists of four weekly sessions. The aim is to enable parents to help in the classroom during Literacy times, to know what to expect, and to feel confident in assisting classroom teachers. Parents who cannot help in the classroom, but would like to find out more about our Literacy Program are most welcome to come along.

The sessions will deal with speaking and listening, reading and writing, and the benefits associated with being a helper. Each session is expected to take one to one and a half hours. If needed, childcare will be provided.

The program will be held every **Monday, following assembly, at 10.00** beginning **February 25** in the library.

Looking forward to working with you!

Jan MacDonald

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CLASSROOM HELPERS PROGRAM

Name____________________________________

I am interested in attending the Classroom Helpers Program

I will require Childcare for ____________________.
Walking School Bus

Please return your expression of interest forms as soon as possible so that we can get our buses up and walking!

This year, we will have our 3 bus routes walking—Burnett St, Brunswick Rd and Wattle Valley Triangle.

If you have any questions, please contact Kaisha Gurry at mickandkaisha@hotmail.com

PAG News

During term one the PAG committee (Parents Activity Group) support our fete assisting where we can. While the school community is working hard to make the fete a success, the PAG committee doesn’t run any additional fundraising events. Look out for Sandy who runs the craft stall, if you have any crafty ideas please let her know! We look forward to continuing to put the ‘fun’ in fundraising from term two. If you have any ideas, suggestions or queries please let us know either at school or drop us a line at appsPAG@gmail.com.

Looking for sparkly craft collaborators – 6 weeks to go until fete 2013 as of next week!

If you are interested in contributing to the school by helping out with the craft stall at the school fete, we would very much like to meet you. You don’t have to be a craft wizard, your helping hands would be appreciated and made useful somehow. If you prefer to whip crafty stuff up at home yourself and donate that to the craft stall to sell on fete day, that is also very welcome. If you’re new to APPS, come introduce yourself.

This year if you have them, we would appreciate donations of –

- old APPS winter and summer girls uniforms
- old crayons, bright colours preferred, in any condition
- brightly coloured woollen jumpers, no acrylic, any pattern
- balls of real wool, not acrylic

Please leave them with the Office staff.

So, if you would like to share your money-spinning craft ideas and energy with us, please join us for lots of chat and fun over tea and biscuits. Small children are welcome. We have two time options for 2013, hope to see you at one of them –

Friday mornings at Sandy Ingram’s house, after school drop off
7 Rupert St
Mitcham 3132
Home ph 9874 8586

Wednesday nights at Kathryn Goldsmith’s house from 7.00pm onwards
Commencing February 6th – this week.
3 Sunnyside Ave
Nunawading 3131
Home ph 9874 7673

Your PAG committee: Del Costello, Bettina Faircloth, Sandy Ingram, Kylie Sandow and Jeannine Vains.

OHSC News

Welcome back everyone. We hope you all enjoyed your break and are ready for term 1. We look forward to seeing everyone and welcoming our new preps. If you have any enquiries or would any information please contact OSHC on 0412 545 042
Would you like to see the Newsletter in colour?

Log on to our website www.antoniops.vic.edu.au and you will be amazed at how great the newsletter looks in colour.

If you would like to save paper and receive your Newsletter electronically you will need to visit the Antonio Park Primary School website to register.

Registration is very simple by following these easy steps:

Visit www.antoniops.vic.edu.au

- Then ‘Subscribe to mailing list’.
- You then need to follow the prompts to register your details. You will then receive an email each week with a link to the current week’s newsletter.

Please indicate below if would like to receive your copy of the newsletter electronically in 2013 and return to your teacher or school office.

__________________________________________________________________________

Childs Name : _________________________Class : ________

Parents Name : _______________________________________

I will register myself to receive the newsletter online
Junior Rockers

Dear Antonio Park Primary Parents,

Junior Rockers’ lessons are back up and running for 2013.

We are currently offering lessons in guitar, piano/keyboard, singing and drums.

The lessons are run weekly around the specialist timetable.

You can choose private lessons ($28/lesson) or shared lessons ($21/lesson). Shared lessons have a maximum of 2 students. Hire and purchase instruments are also available through Junior Rockers.

For more information or to book in for lessons, please email sue@juniorrockers.com or call us on 8740 3902

Or go to www.juniorrockers.com and fill in the online application.
FREE trial class for all interested students over lunchtime Monday 11th February

CLASSES ARE HELD @ ANTONIO PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL EACH MONDAY DURING LUNCHTIME

- Learn singing & breathing techniques
- Microphone & performance skills
- Basic music concepts
- Choreographed & modern dances
- Get to perform in real concerts!

For bookings & more information please contact Sonja on 0414 66 23 23 or sonja.olsen@heydeeho.com www.funkeymusic.com.au
## TERM 1 2013 CLASS TIMETABLE (Mitcham)

### Fitnessworx for Kinder Kids (classes for 3-5yr olds)

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### Fitnessworx for Schoolies (classes for 5-14yr olds)

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### TERM 1 2013 ENROLMENT FORM

Please enroll my child (insert name)__________________________, age _____ into the Fitnessworx program/s indicated above (please circle on table)

Term 1 cost: $136.8 wks (Mon classes $119 - Labor Day) - late enrollments ok and prorated

Enroll in an additional class and receive 20% discount. 10% sibling discount also applies.

Start date: FRIDAY 1st FEBRURY End date: THURSDAY 28th MARCH

PROMOTIONAL CODE (if applicable): ____________________

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- [ ] VISA / MASTERCARD:
  - Credit Card No: _______________ Exp: __________

- [ ] EFT to BSB: 083 219 ACCOUNT: 57 075 1834
  - [ ] CASH: prior to the commencement of the term
  - [ ] CHEQUE: made out to Fitness Worx PL

### PARENT/GUARDIAN

NAME: ___________________________ SIGNED: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________

Phone/Mobile: __________________

Address: ______________________

Fax to: 1300 668 337 Email: info@fitnessworx.com.au Post to: 2/1 Monomeeth Dve Mitcham

Please note: a medical information/indemnity form will be given to you to fill in prior to your child’s first class.
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Allens Real Estate

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Australian Wine Tours
Authentic Women/Pink Training
Bead Foods Dandenong South
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Blue Racoon
Bunnings
Central Deborah Gold Mine
Chesterfield Farm
Coles Mitcham
Coles Ringwood
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Grace Family
Gumbya Park
Gurrang Family
Hardie Grant Egmont
Hardrock Climbing Centre
Haystack Corporation Blackburn
Healesville Amateur Racing Club
Healthways Fitness
Hedgend Maze
Just Swimming
Kelly Family
Kmart
Koorong Books
Little Jade Dog Cafe
Livemore Family
Lunar Drive In
Manhattan Hotel
McPherson's Consumer Products
Melbourne Racing Club
Melbourne Sports Tours
Melrose Health
Microsoft
Mike Symon MP
Mitcham Community House
Mitcham Fruit and Vegetables
Mont De Lancy Historic Homestead and Museum
Mornington Tourist Railway
Nick's Tavern
Noble Family
Nott Family
Outlet Shopping Tours
Palace Cinema Balwyn
Patten Family
Phillip Webb Real Estate
Pollock Family
Puffing Billy
Punjabi Masala Indian Restaurant
Random House Publisher
Ray White Mitcham
Ray White Ringwood
Riveresque Curtains and Interiors
Roller City Bayswater
Salmon Family
Say Bella Bridal Jewellery
Scienceworks
Smith Family
Smyrakis Family
Spotlight
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Stan Russell
Step into Life
Strachan Eyecare
Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb
The Enchanted Maze Garden
The Five Mile Press
The Fruit Gallery Ringwood
The Melbourne Museum
The Mitcham Newsagency
The Opera Centre
The Shop for Shops
The Zone Bendigo
ToughNuts Training
Tread Care Podiatry/Farquhar Family
United Bonded
Whitehorse Centre
Wonderland Fun Park
Yarra Trams/Kym Frost
Yeaman Family