Dear Antonio Park Families,

ERRIC is the symbol for our school community’s values. APPS has a culture whereby staff, students and parents are expected to demonstrate behaviour that reflects these values.

The strong partnership between home and school is seen as the foundation of successful learning for all children. Through our school values of empathy, responsibility, resilience, independence and confidence, children are encouraged to develop a sense of wellbeing and are supported in developing healthy relationships with others. They are encouraged to be independent, accept increasing responsibility for their learning and to do their best. Their successes are acknowledged in many ways but no more so than through our weekly assembly where students are encouraged to participate and where achievements of our students, staff and parents are recognised and celebrated.

Student Leadership

Congratulations to the following students who have also received leadership roles for this year:

House Captains

At our whole school assembly this Monday our House Captains will have their badges presented to them. Our 2015 House Captains are:

Deep Creek
Georgia G and Ben C

Mullum Mullum
Louis M and Georgia L

Wattle Valley
Mikayla J and Liam

Yarran Dheran
Sam H and Maddy C

Semester 1 Junior School Councillors


Karen Patten
LEARNING TOGETHER

Information Nights for Level 1 and 3 were held on Tuesday, 17th February and for Level 2 and 4 on Wednesday, 18th February.

There was a fantastic turnout on both nights and we thank parents who took time to attend. Parents gained information about our educational programs, class routines and expectations, and the many ways they could assist with their child’s learning. It was an opportunity to meet the teams of teachers working with students at each level.

Parent/Teacher Discussions will be held for Level 2 and 4 on 2nd March and Level 3 on 3rd March. Notices will come out next week. These discussions give parents an opportunity to share information about their child with regards to interests, health and learning goals for the year.

Discussions regarding comprehensive academic achievements will be held in Term 2 in conjunction with the Student Report and Portfolio.

Parents of Level 1 students have been meeting the Level 1 teachers on Wednesdays this term to discuss their child’s interests, health and the ‘settling into school routine’.

Have a great week!
Tim and Annette

Library News: Welcome back to another year of exploring books together! If all students could bring a named bag to school for taking home a library book, it would be appreciated. This keeps the books away from food and drink accidents!

The Library is open for all students at lunchtime on Thursdays …come on in and enjoy the ‘quiet zone’!

Happy Reading!
Library Team: Annette, Ashlea and Margit

Stop Press

Information about Frozen Berry Recall

Please be assured that Café Antonio does not use any of the recalled Nanna’s brand frozen berries that have been linked to Hepatitis A.

What’s Happening in Level 1?

Please see the Level 1 newsletter distributed each Thursday.

What’s Happening in Level 2?

The school had a couple of special visitors on Wednesday morning and we managed to get a couple of photos. They were very polite and they were sure to leave the school before recess!

The information night yesterday was a success and it was really great to see so many parents attend. If you were not able to make it, the booklet that was sent home last week has all the information that was discussed. If you have any questions about the happenings in Level 2, please see your classroom teacher.

Our ‘We Built This City’ unit has begun nicely and the students are learning lots of new facts about shelters and structures from around the world. If you have any resources that will assist with this unit the team would love to borrow it! Our excursion to Eureka Tower will be a great day for the students so keep bringing those forms back.

Have a great week.
The Level 2 Team
Level 3 is well and truly underway with Literacy Rotations starting this week. It has been wonderful to see the students engaged and interested in their learning and sharing reading opportunities with their classmates. We are focusing on the comprehension skill of questioning and undertaking our first spelling tasks of the year. Place value continues as our numeracy focus, moving on from some skill-based games to more explicit teaching and learning of concepts. The students continue to learn more about themselves as both people and learners in our Inquiry unit, with some fabulous displays going up in classrooms. Great work team!

House Swimming Sports
A sensational day was had by all last Thursday at our swimming carnival. Well done to all the students who jumped in and had a go. There was some excellent cheering and support of other students from those in their house groups. Congratulations to the winning house, Deep Creek. It certainly was a close competition and the important thing is that everyone had fun and tried something new on the day. Well done everyone!

Team Building Incursion
Thank you to those families who have already paid for the upcoming Team Building incursion for Level 3 on Thursday 5th March. If you have not yet paid and completed the permission form, please send in to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Information Night
Thank you to those parents who attended the information session on Tuesday evening. It was great to see so many of you there. For those of you who weren’t able to make it, we hope the information booklet can answer any questions you have. If you need to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher with any queries.

Class Contact List Forms
Class contact list forms have been distributed. Please ensure you return this form to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Cereal Boxes
Thank you to those students who have already brought to school an empty cereal box. Students will be using these in their literacy/inquiry learning over the next few weeks, so if you haven’t already provided a box please do so as soon as possible.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Rachel, Alec, Danielle, Jana, Natalie and Kate
The Level 3 Team
Sport.
Last Friday we played Kalinda and thoroughly enjoyed our first week of competitive sport. This week we will be playing Ringwood North and all students need to check where they are playing. Parents are always more than welcome to come and watch their child play.

House captains.
Our 2015 House Captains will be presented with their badges at our school assembly on Monday.

Level 4 Noticeboard.
Please ensure you check our noticeboard for upcoming events, camp, sport and important information about Transition.
We have posted a number of flyers from various Secondary colleges about open days/nights, scholarships and special entry programs. Please have a look!

2015 Canberra Camp.
This fantastic camp is fast approaching and we remind you to keep up to date with your camp payments. We would also appreciate the dietary requirement form being returned as soon as possible if you haven’t already done so. Please watch for the camp medical form which will be coming home soon and return it as promptly as you can. Thanks.

Thank you!
Level 4 Team

What’s Happening in Level 4?

DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS 2015
We had a wonderful morning on Monday with all students representing Antonio Park with distinction. Chantelle U has qualified for the Division Sports winning both her freestyle and breaststroke events. Students to finish second in their heats were: James P (freestyle), Bridie C (freestyle), Patrick R (breaststroke) and Georgia G (backstroke). Those to finish third in their heats were: Lauren F (freestyle), Patrick R (freestyle), Lucas L (freestyle), Georgia G (freestyle), Bridie C (backstroke) and Georgia W (backstroke). Fourth placegetters were: Carlee D (backstroke), Jack G (freestyle), Georgia W (freestyle) and Georgia F (breaststroke). Others to perform well were: Ben C (freestyle), Claudia J (freestyle) and Madison G (freestyle).
Our 12 year freestyle relays were also placed. Georgia W, Bridie C, Georgia G and Chantelle U were second, whilst Lucas L, Jack G, James P and Patrick R were third.
Thank you to all the parents who came and supported the students and to those who took on “managing” and “false start rope” duties.

INTER SCHOOL SPORT
This week we play Ringwood North PS. Cricket is at the Ringwood North Oval on Wonga Road. Basketball, and Rounders are played at their school. Games at APPS are Tee Ball, Volleystars and Tennis.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM
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

More detail will be made available in next week’s Newsletter.

Darren McMenaman
Phys Ed

School Banking

This is a reminder to students and parents that the school banking deposit slip needs to be filled in when money is being deposited.

Banking will not be processed if the deposit slip is not filled in.

Thank you.
DON’T FORGET THIS FRIDAY
ANTONIO PARKLANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE JUNIOR PHOTO COMPETITION
PRIZES will be awarded at the ANTONIO PARK COMMUNITY BBQ, FRIDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY @ 6PM, next door in the park with JEEPSTER BAND playing for your entertainment (thank you Mrs Nisbet!). They also provide free sausages and drinks!

OPEN STUDIO – TUESDAYS
The art studio will be open Tuesday lunchtimes for any budding artists to come and create their own masterpieces. To keep up a supply of bits and pieces for these creative students if you are able to collect boxes of any sizes and any other materials that may be used by our very artistic students I would appreciate collections being delivered to the art studio – if I’m not in please just leave it at the door!
If we have any parents who work in the printing industry or have contacts where there is a source of different sized papers I would love to have a chat!
If you have artistic skills that you might like to share with us, please call in or leave a note for me and we’ll see what we can do!

Janet George
Visual Arts teacher

COMMUNITY NOTICES
(Please check the Community Noticeboard for further details)

• Heathmont Jets Junior Football Club Registration Day Sunday 22nd February 10am-12 noon, Heatherdale Reserve, Purches St, Heatherdale. Looking for U8, U9, U10 & U11’s. Phone Warren 0412 369 054 or Megan 0400 087 821 for more information.
• Marlborough Primary School Community Fair—Sunday 15th March 10am-3pm, Hardy Cres, Heathmont
• Nunawading Vikings Winter Registration contact Jody 0497 095 457
• Nunawading Vikings Aussie Hoops and Miniball Contact Chris 0414785682
• Anglicare presents ‘Parenting through touch 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
2015 Classroom helpers program

At Antonio Park Primary School we value our community links and welcome classroom helpers into our rooms to support learning. As part of our Literacy Program, we’d like to invite interested parents to be part of a training program to become classroom helpers. The training program runs over three sessions in term 1. The aim of this program is to enable our classroom helpers to provide assistance during Literacy times, to know what to expect as a helper, and to feel confident to assist classroom teachers. Parents who would like to find out more about our Literacy Program but who are unable to assist in classrooms are more than welcome to attend.

The three sessions will work through being a classroom helper, how to assist in reading, and how to assist in writing. Each session will take around an hour and are also a great opportunity to meet other parents in a casual setting. If needed, childcare can be provided.

The program will be held on **Wednesdays at 9.10am** in the library, commencing on **Wednesday 4th March, and then 11th March, and finally 18th March.**

Please fill out the below form and return it to your child’s teacher or to the office by Friday 20th February.

Looking forward to working with you!

Tim Howarth (Assistant Principal)

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**APPS Classroom Helpers Program**

Name:_________________________________________

Child’s name and class:____________________________________________________

I am interested in attending the Classroom Helpers Program.

I will require childcare for ________________________
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Camp Australia

What’s on this week:

Craft: It’s the year of the goat on Thursday and the start of the Chinese new year, so to help celebrate we have been making paper lanterns, Chinese dragons and more. We also had requests to make our own scratch art pictures using pastels and paint.
Cooking: This week we have treated everyone with popcorn and corn chips, we will also be in the kitchen cooking with the kids making cakes and slices.
Inside: We have had a group of children working on a puzzle, creating great teamwork and problem solving skills. Some of the more popular games this week are monopoly, mastermind and headbandz.
Outdoors: As it has been very warm, we have been using the playground as a place to keep cool in the shade and cricket, soccer and dodgeball have been the favourite games over the last week.

Pupil Free Days

If you are requiring care for the 12th and 13th of March on the pupil free days please come in and speak to the Coordinator as we will be able to provide you with more information.

Lastly, we have had a few cases of shoes going home with the wrong children. As it can be hard to label shoes without them coming off or fading, one of our lovely parents has given us some order forms from Cash’s which make personalised labels for shoes and other clothing items. These will be available on the parent desk in the OSHC room, along with a couple examples.

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

Walking School Buses are up and walking!

The Burnett Street Walking School Bus began walking to school this week with 24 children joining the ‘bus’ between Monday and Friday.

I would like to thank our existing volunteers for again participating in our Walking School Bus Program. We have 7 new parents who are going to join us in walking the Burnett Street bus’ to school each week. Each parent undertakes an Induction session with Whitehorse Council to become a Volunteer ‘Bus Driver’ and each day one of our ‘Bus Drivers’ must hold a First Aid Certificate. All training and first aid certificates are provided by Whitehorse Council at no charge to Walking School Bus Volunteers. Once our new volunteers are ‘ready to walk’ we are hoping to offer more places on the ‘bus’.

We currently have a waiting list for Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays on the Burnett Street Bus route, and children wanting to use the Brunswick Road and Wattle Valley Road routes, so if you have thought about joining the Walking School Bus and are able to participate as a volunteer we would love to hear from you. It is not a big commitment, less than 45 minutes of your time once a week. In return you will enable 8 children to walk to school and be ready for learning when they arrive as a result of being active before school. In addition you will meet children and parents from the school and join in Antonio Park’s school culture of parent contribution and participation. Your child/ren will love walking to school with you and you will enhance the home and school partnership.

We have a couple of families who are keen to participate in the Wattle Valley Road Bus and the Brunswick Road bus. If you live in either of these areas and would like to help re-establish either of these Walking School Bus routes then please contact Kaisha Gurry, 0416 135 247 or mickandkaisha@hotmail.com.
Aussie of the Week

2BC  Daniel  For showing a great work ethic in the first weeks of school. Top job buddy!
2BW  Caden   For producing excellent work this week and setting a great example to other students.
2CC  Steph   For working well in class last week. Keep up the great work!
2KD  Tyson D For welcoming our new students to 2KD. You are a greata
2JS  Matthew For being a responsible and caring monitor.
2LM  Jacob   For his beautiful handwriting! It has improved so much and I’m so proud of how neat your work is!
2MN  Isabella For your fantastic recount about your holiday in Ballarat. Your writing has come a long way since last year! Great job Bella, keep it up!
3AB  Mathan S For consistently giving 100% during class time! I’m very proud of you! Keep it up!
3DH  Lauren  For her remarkable achievements at her first house Swimming Sports. You gave everything your best Lauren. Well done!
3JD  Jack P  For demonstrated outstanding work habits and completing tasks to a high standard. You are a wonderful role model Jack. Well done!
3KT  Samantha S For an impressive start to Level 3 – great to see you showing the ERRIC values of confidence and independence. Well done!
3NA  Hannah P For displaying initiative with your learning and challenging yourself in maths.
3RM  Kuan V.V. For being an amazing role model for learning in 3RM. Kuan you always give 100% and show great respect for your classmates and for yourself.
4CE  Daniella D Being such a welcome addition to our new grade. Your smile and bubbly personality brighten our room. Keep up the confidence.
4CH  Fletcher M Working exceptionally well throughout the week and for being a cooperative and enthusiastic member of 4CH. Great start Fletch!
4CN  Mikayla J Challenging yourself and achieving a great result. Congratulations on being chosen Yellow House Captain
4RF  Mitch C For demonstrating a have a go attitude at house swimming, I loved seeing you jump in the water and try your best. Great job Mitch!
Step by Step Psychology is a psychology practice located in Forest Hill* committed to improving the quality of life of young people and their families.

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*Please see our website for more information or contact us to see how we can help your family.*

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Are you sick of your child sitting idle after school watching TV or glued to their iPod?

This voucher entitles you to bring your child to one of the following sessions free of charge to try out basketball.

Nunawading Vikings Basketball Club now Beginners Basketball Sessions
Sessions are held at Elder Reserve Basketball Stadium, Groveton St, Blackburn Nth
Aussie Hoops (skills sessions teaching the fundamentals)
MiniBall (skills with some game practice)

Monday 4pm-5pm Aussie Hoops (Age 5-8)
Tuesday 4pm-5pm Aussie Hoops (Age 5-8)
Tuesday 5pm-6pm MiniBall (Age 7-10)
Thursday 4pm-5pm MiniBall (Age 7-10)

Places are limited to reserve your child’s place by emailing Nick Kedlorn at programs@nunawadingvikings.com.au
Enquiries welcome - 434 888 116

Nunawading Vikings
3 VS 3 Comp is BACK!

Commencing on Wednesday 18th February 2015 - 4pm - Blackburn High School
- Targeted at children that have some prior basketball experience/knowledge
- Develop your skills through gameplay, under the guidance of experienced coaches
- Open to Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 Boys and Girls
- 1 Hour Session Each Week
- Run until the End of Term 1, last session Wednesday 27th March

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