Dear Antonio Park Families,

The Level 4 students, staff and some parents, along with Karen Patten, are having a wonderful time in Canberra and are due back tomorrow afternoon. We look forward to catching up on all the news!

The DISCO last Friday night was a huge success! The students had a great time! We thank Jeannine, Adele and Sandy from our PAG for their fantastic organisation! There were many parents who assisted which really made it a terrific night and raised a significant amount of money! Thank you to all of the parents and students who joined in the fun!

**Information Night** for parents was held on Wednesday night. It was lovely to see so many parents here at our school. Thank you to Elizabeth Alda for her organisation of the night and to all of our staff; Annette Hayes, Lauren Croxford, Christine Ewan and Janet George for their presentations. Thank you also to Ann for child minding and to Stella for assisting with set up for our night. A big thank you to Zoe Kennedy, for her presentation on ‘a parent’s perspective at Antonio Park’.

On Tuesday I had the privilege of joining Janet George and eight of our students at the Children for Design event at the National Gallery of Victoria. It was a wonderful day. We had lots of fun and learnt all about design and how it permeates through everything we use! The students created boards for a huge 3D display which will be exhibited at the ‘designers’ expo’ this week. Our work will be returned to school in the next few weeks and will be displayed in our foyer. We also had the opportunity to go to the National Gallery of Australia and visit the Top Arts exhibition, (Year 12 student work) and the Indigenous exhibition…a great time for us all!

Enjoy the week ahead.

Annette & Jan
What's Happening In Level 1?

Level 1 has been working really hard on writing rhyming poems about animals and it was fantastic to read the creative ideas from the students. This week in writing we will be learning about acrostic poems. Level 1 spelling focus next week will be on the letter Aa and the extension oy. In Maths this week students have been focusing on addition and developing their language and learning about the purpose of an addition and equals sign. Next week in Maths we will be focusing on location.

Level 1 participated in an AusKick clinic on Monday. All students worked extremely hard in developing new skills that involved kicking for goals, handpassing, tackling and taking big marks. Everybody had a lot of fun and congratulations to Mrs Croxford who won the teacher kicking competition.

Next Monday the Level 1 students will be participating in the school cross country. Can all students please wear their house colours and can all students please bring a change of clothes, especially socks if rain is forecast.

Level 1 participated in a responsible pet ownership incursion on Wednesday. Students developed knowledge and skills on what to do if they are approached by a strange dog and how to care for their pets responsibly.

PMP started this week and all students are very eager and enthusiastic. Thank you to all the parents that are helping with the program.

Level 1 Team

What's Happening In Level 2?

Hello everyone,
We have an exciting few weeks ahead of us in Level 2! Next Monday is our cross country day, (weather permitting) this will be held after assembly until recess. We are all really looking forward to this day. Parents are welcome to come and watch and cheer on your house! If you would like to help out on the day please see Lewis Randell or return the form sent home. We would love for the students to be dressed in their house colours on the day.

On Tuesday the Level 2 classes are taking part in an AusKick workshop as part of our P.E curriculum. Parents are welcome to come and watch and lend a hand if they like. 2SP, 2LE, 2JS and 2CN will be taking part in the workshop from 9.00-10.00. 2CC, 2BC and 2CE will be taking part in the workshop from 10.00-11.00. Level 2 students will need to be wearing appropriate footwear for both of these events.

We have now finished our unit on time but are still learning how to read digital and analogue clocks. This is a great skill to keep working on at home as often as possible. We are loving our inquiry unit and are enjoying learning about the many different types of Shelters and Structures around the world. If you have any books at home that are related to our topic we would love to see them here at school. We have just purchased some lovely new take home books that are now in our classrooms ready for home reading. Please make sure your child is bringing home and reading a take home book every night.

We hope you all have a fantastic week,
Looking forward to all of the fun next week brings!

The Level 2 Team

What's Happening In Level 3?

Welcome to an interesting week in Level 3! We are having a fabulous time investigating how and why packages are made as part our Inquiry Unit ‘Packet, Stack It, Sell It’. We walked to Coles on Wednesday to research how supermarkets sell, price and advertise their products. The students asked fabulous questions and surveyed the products. Thanks to the parents who came along and helped, we couldn’t have done it without you!

We are looking forward to seeing the students’ homework this Friday. The effort and care that many students put into their work really enhances their learning.

In our library sessions we have been looking at Open Minded Portraits and stepping into the shoes of a character from a picture fiction story. It has been great to see all level three students enjoying their experience in the library. All students are encouraged to continue to borrow books on a weekly basis in these library sessions.

Keep bringing in examples of interesting and creative packaging, we still haven’t found a prize winner for the most unusual example.

Have a great week,
Bonnie, Danielle, Natalie, Alec, Rachel and Jana.
What’s Happening In PE?

Level 4 students did their Beep Test shuttle run last week. They really put in a great effort with some of our best students reaching levels 13 and 14. Remarkable!

Our House Cross Country for Level 3 and 4 students is next Thursday 9th May starting at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to view the event or act in an official capacity. We have also been planning for Levels 1 and 2 to run a mini – cross country which will be conducted on Monday 6th May. Information has been sent home by Mr Randell.

Inter School Sport:
This commenced last week with some good results particularly our soccer team. I was delighted with the efforts by all students in grades 5 and 6. Many schools we play don’t include their grade 5s but we like to promote the improvement of skills in game situations as well as teaching healthy attitudes to playing in a team with encouragement for peers. Last Friday I had cause to be extremely proud of our students when three teachers from Holy Spirit commented on how wonderful our students were with their attitude and support for each other and their beautiful manners. It made my day! These sorts of comments are great to hear and make winning or losing insignificant.

Level 4 Bus levy:
We still have some families that have not yet paid the Level 4 Bus levy. This fee pays for all inter-school sports buses throughout the year as well as for House Swimming and Athletics and District Cross Country. It is important that it is paid now as invoices start to come in. Thank you for your co-operation.

Swimming Program:
Also please keep the notices and payments coming in for our School Swimming Programs in terms 3 and 4.

Darren McMenaman
Phys Ed

APPs CROSS COUNTRY 2013

On Monday May 6th, all Level 1 & 2 students will be participating in our inaugural Junior House Cross-Country. The event is held in the morning with Level 1 students running approx 700m and Level 2 students running approx 850m. We aim to commence at 9.30am. Presentations will be made after all events at approximately 11.15am. The course will involve Antonio Park and around the school yard 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 ensure safety for all students at all times whilst competing.

All students who complete the course will receive a participation certificate.

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/socks 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 return the slip that came with the take home notice to the office or simply turn up at 9.00 am on the day.

Thank you.

Lewis Randell

What’s Happening In Art?

RECYCLING REQUEST

The Level 3 students will be working with one litre milk/juice cartons in a few weeks – could I ask our fabulous APPS families to collect these and send along to the art studio by the 17th May. We will need one per student, i.e. 140 cartons!

Thank you to the many families who have been donating bits ’n pieces to the art studio. The students love to come in on a Monday lunch time and just be creative! I’ll find a selection of photographs to share their fantastic pieces next week.

Another thank you to the Level 1 students who came into the studio to share their art work with their family – we have had a great display of Self Portraits.

On Tuesday, Mrs Mac and I were privileged to take 8 students to a design workshop at the National Gallery of Victoria. Thank you for a brilliant day and we will include their report and photos next week.

Janet George
School Disco: We hope all the kids and parent helpers had a fantastic time at the disco last Friday. A huge THANKYOU to the many helpers and of course the kids for coming along, behaving so well and having a great time. We had an overwhelming response to our request for helpers (27 volunteers for the junior disco and 19 volunteers for the senior disco) with many parents who weren’t rostered staying to help out on the night. Another big thankyou to Ben and Riley Costello, Emily and Nathan Vains and Jessica Grace who stayed after school to help set up, hand out glow sticks and put on tattoos during the junior disco. It was a fantastic night and raised over $2000.00 towards the new playground equipment.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or queries please let us know either at school or drop us a line at appsPAG@gmail.com

Don’t Forget
The Mother’s Day Stall is on Friday the 10th of May.

Every child will get an opportunity to buy something special for Mum on this day.

(Maximum spend per child is $5.00)

Extra shopping may be done at Lunch time and after school.

On the day of the stall, please bring
- $5.00
- carry bag for your gifts.

Please note: If you can help out on the day, please meet outside the Library in the hallway at 8.50am. Alternatively, call or text
Mandy - 0419 586 427 or
Sharon - 0416 193 981
to arrange a time that suits you during the day.

Happy shopping
Sharon & Mandy
Aussie of the Week Awards

1LF Tyson D For outstanding effort when sounding out words when reading and writing.
1EA Mia B For writing interesting and funny rhymes for poetry and writing.
1LC Jesse G For displaying improvement in your writing and reading and for approaching all learning tasks with enthusiasm!
1SG Kleinell L For the outstanding improvement in your handwriting. Well done! Keep up the great work!
2BC Jack G For a sensational colour poem. Your rhyming was amazing.
2CC Kira B For your amazing poems! You have blown me away with your clever and creative work. Well done!
2CE Alessia L For fantastic work on our colour poems. You came up with some excellent ideas.
2CN Keira D Persevering with her writing and reading. Keep up the great work Keira!!
2JS Zoe M For always showing kindness and helping others in the classroom.
2LE Abby M For being a brilliant worker! Your work habits are fantastic and your work presentation is of a high standard. Top effort Abby!
2SP Cassidy B For a very creative alphabet poem! Well done Cas.
3AB Skye M For your positive attitude to learning! You are growing in confidence every day and your results reflect the effort you are putting in! Keep it up!
3BR Mitchell G For working extremely hard on multiplication. We are so proud of you, keep it up.
3DH Robert A For his excellent persuasive writing piece on ‘Why Whaling should be banned’. You had some great persuasive techniques. Top job Robert!
3JD Sam H For displaying a more positive approach to your writing this week. Thank you for always using wonderful manners and making our grade laugh and a fun place to be. Well done.
3NM Amelia S For always working responsibly and continually improving your writing skills.
3RM Elijah Alam For asking amazing questions. We all learned so much from your questions about supermarkets. Just fabulous!
Music Chase M For his dramatic impersonation of an eagle chasing a snake. Well done Chase, your improvisation skills have improved a lot.
ERRIC Ava Duscher For displaying empathy and resilience when solving problems in the yard. Your positive attitude and growing confidence is wonderful.
COMMUNITY NOTICES
(Please check the Community Noticeboard for further details)

- Florence Avenue Playgroup OPEN DAY. Saturday 4th May 10am-12pm. We invite all interested parents and carers of pre-school children to view our delightful, well-equipped Playgroup facilities which caters for indoor and outdoor play. We are a not-for-profit organization, a member of Playgroup Victoria and are open Mon-Fri, for 2 hourly sessions. 7 Florence Ave, Donvale. Krissy Carmichael: florenceaveplaygroup@gmail.com
- Rangeview Pre-School Open Day. Saturday 18th May 10am-12noon. 3 Rupert St, Mitcham. Ph 9874 5874.
- Ringwood Uniting Pre-School Open Day. Saturday 18th May 9.30am—11.30am. Ph 9870 1707.
- Billanook Tour Saturday 4th May 10.15am—10.30am. Ph 9724 4237.
- Heatherdale Pre School Open Day. Saturday 11th May 10am-12noon. 12 Purches St, Mitcham, Ph 9874 5020
- Researchers from Swinburne University of Technology in Hawthorn invite you to participate in a study looking at the effect of a natural supplement, Bacopa Moniera, on children’s hyperactivity and inattention. If you are interested in your child participating in this 14 week trial or would like more information please contact James Kean on (03) 9214 5242 or at jkean@swin.edu.au.
- An Introduction to Netball program (NETTA) will begin next Wednesday May 8th. Aimed at under 9’s, the program will be held at Mitcham Primary School netball courts between 4.30 and 5.15pm and will run on Wednesdays until the end of Term 2. For more information or register your interest, please contact Kaisha Gurry at secretaryrunanc@gmail.com.au or 0416 135 247.
X-Kids is a safety-orientated, fun and energetic class for children 6 to 12 years of age. At Extreme MMA, students are taught valuable life skills as they adopt healthy lifestyles and learn self defence.

BOOK YOUR 2 FREE LESSONS TODAY! 9879 5551

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