Dear Antonio Park Families,

Our 2015 year once again promises to be a productive and eventful year. Antonio Park Primary School and its community is committed to fostering:

- **Connectedness:** Building a strong bond between all school community members (students, parents & staff) and with our wider community.
- **Relationships:** When people know each other better, the more aligned their expectations become.
- **Harmony:** Our children will be safer and happier if we are able to connect with each other.
- **Values:** When our school values of Empathy, Responsibility, Resilience, Independence and Confidence are shared and lived by us as adults in our school community they will be transmitted to the children. Our actions and interactions show children what we value.
- **Civics and Citizenship:** Children who see their parents making positive contributions to society are much more likely to do so themselves.

APPS prides itself in the above through our many wonderful events and community activities such as:

- Parent Information Nights,
- Parent/Teacher discussions,
- Fete
- extra-curricular activities such as choir, aerobics, swimming, camp
- Literacy Partnerships program for parents
- Excursion and incursions
- School Council and its sub-committees
- Parent helpers in the classroom
- Class Parent Liaison
- Production
- End of Year Carols and picnic
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**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.

APPS Prides Itself In:

- 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.

**School Captains**

Congratulations to the following School Captains who will be representing APPS:

- Georgia W.
- Liam B.
- Chantelle U.
- Ethan N.

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.

Karen Patten

**2015 Pupil Free Days**

Thursday/Friday 12th & 13th March

Monday 2nd November
Schedule 4  Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of ANTONIO PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL.
Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on THURSDAY February 19th 2015.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

If more nominations are received than vacancies, a ballot will be conducted.

Karen Patten
Principal

Assistant Principals

Hello APPS community!
Firstly I am so thankful for the wonderful welcome I have had to your fantastic school! What a lovely community to become part of. I have loved getting to know some of you – from ‘Cheers and Tears’ for our Level 1 parents, to school assemblies, to the chats in the playground, to the ‘Hi Mr Howarth!’ from the students. I have felt so welcome and thank you all so much for that!

I have loved getting to know all the amazing teachers and support staff here at Antonio Park – they are all so committed to making this school the very best it can be. I feel honoured to be part of such a dynamic group of educators – the vibe and buzz of this school is electric. The attitude of the students, culture of the staff, and the rich community involvement makes this school such an incredible place!

Prior to that I taught in Canberra having grown up in New South Wales, in a town called Goulburn (the home of the Big Merino!). I completed my Masters of Educational Leadership at the beginning of this year, and am looking forward to my graduation in May. I love music and you'll often hear music playing from my office, I go to the gym daily (at 6am!), and I love finding new places to eat around Melbourne.

I look forward to getting to know many of you and cannot wait for this incredible Fete I keep hearing great things about!

Enjoy your weekend,
Tim

A bit about me – last year I was acting Assistant Principal at Laburnum Primary and prior to that I was at Brighton Beach Primary for 11 years.
Community engagement at Antonio Park Primary School

At APPS we value the rich home and school partnerships to ensure our precious children gain the most from their education. Communication about what we do at school and how this might be supported at home takes on a number of forms which begin next week.

One of our first official events for 2015 will be our annual information sessions. During these sessions our teaching teams will present information to our parent community to help support the learning within our classrooms. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the entire teaching team for your child’s level and hear about information which is specific to your child’s level. It is also an opportunity to clarify any questions you may have during these sessions. We hope to see many of you at these evenings next Tuesday and Wednesday evening. There was a notice sent home last week with dates and times.

Following these sessions are our very valuable parent-teacher discussions, during week 6. These sessions provide an opportunity for parents to meet individually with their child’s class teacher to discuss their child and information about your child, such as their specific learning needs, interests, talents etc. These discussions are held for Levels 2, 3 and 4, as our Level 1 parents and children have these sessions during the first four Wednesdays of the year. For your information, these discussions will be held on:

- Monday March 2nd – Level 2 and Level 4
- Tuesday March 3rd – Level 3

More information will be sent home shortly.

In addition to this, we also have a range of exceptional opportunities for our community to further explore the teaching and learning here at APPS. Later this year we will hold an Open evening as part of Education Week, which is a fantastic time in which children love the opportunity to share their learning with their parents. Our children will also have the chance to further share their learning as part of our student led conferences at the end of Term 2. Teachers also value parent participation in classroom learning programs and will be seeking volunteers shortly for parent helpers programs within their classrooms. Tim will be running training sessions during the latter part of term 1 to support classroom helpers – keep an eye out for information!

Of course, our teachers are also more than happy to make appointments with our community at any time if there are any concerns, questions, queries, celebrations, thankyous… the list goes on and on!

Sunsmart Policy

Antonio Park P.S. has just achieved our 21st year of being a Sunsmart school!

At APPS we have an ongoing commitment to this health issue which helps ensure both students and staff have a healthy UV exposure to minimize the risk of skin damage and skin cancer and help with vitamin D.

Every three years we review our Sunsmart policy. We have recently had a policy review and achieved renewal of our Sunsmart membership. We hope to have many more Sunsmart years.

From September to the end of April, our Sunsmart policy is in force with students being required to wear hats at all times when outside. The students are reminded to reapply sunscreen before going outdoors. It is important that sunscreen use becomes as much a part of daily routine as hat wearing.

Have a great week!
Tim and Annette

Hello Level 2 Parents,

We hope you are all enjoying being back in the swing of school life! We have been having a wonderful time in class and all survived our first full week back at school.

This week we have begun learning about the place value of numbers. We will be encouraging the students to read, write, make and draw large numbers in class. Over the weekend you may like to write down some 4 or 5 digit numbers for your child and have a go at reading them together.

We have now begun our unit ‘We Built This City’. We will be learning about different shelters and structures around the world. If you’re walking or driving about over the weekend have a look and see if you can find a building site or an interesting structure to look at. If you have any resources that you think would be great for our unit please send them in to your child’s teacher.

Just a few reminders for the term;
Please ensure students wear appropriate footwear (sneakers, runners) on the days when they have P.E so that they can safely participate in all of the activities.
Borrowing has now begun in the Library. Please ensure your child has their library bag at school with them.

Have a wonderful week and we hope to see you all at our Information Night next Wednesday evening.

The Level 2 Team
Thank you to those who have already handed back their dietary requirement forms for Canberra Camp. Just a reminder that if you have not done so, they are due tomorrow as they need to be sent off to the camp.

Some important dates for your diaries are Level 3 Information Night on Tuesday 17th February from 7:30-8:15pm. This is an important night and we ask that all parents attend.

We have an incursion on Thursday 5th March, please ensure you have read the notice that came home earlier this week and return the envelope by Friday 27th February.

What’s Happening in Level 3?

Level 3 students thoroughly enjoyed their House Swimming event at Tintern Grammar. It was amazing to see the Grade 3 students having a go for their first time. Students were enthusiastically encouraging each other and supporting their team mates. A big thank you to everyone involved and especially Mr Mac, for organising such an exciting event.

Students have settled in to Level 3 routines extremely well and we are very proud of their efforts. A reminder that all communication wallets are expected to come to school each day. If your child is absent please inform their teacher via a note or a phone call.

All students should be reading every day at home. Can you please encourage home reading, either in the mornings or after school.

Thanks Level 3 Team

What’s Happening in Level 4?

Thank you to those who have already handed back their dietary requirement forms for Canberra Camp. Just a reminder that if you have not done so, they are due tomorrow as they need to be sent off to the camp.

Information regarding High Schools and special programs are beginning to come in. As we receive this information we are placing it on the Level 4 notice board. Please be sure to check there regularly so that you don’t miss out!

We go through a lot of tissues throughout the year so we would be grateful if you could pop an extra box in your shopping trolley this week and send it along to school with your child.

Interschool sport begins tomorrow. Please ensure your child is at school on time as we must be on the bus by 9.15am. The Level 4 notice board will keep you informed where each sport is being played each week.

We are all looking forward to our information evening being held next Wednesday the 18th of February in the library. The evening will begin at 7.30pm, hope to see you all there.

Have a safe weekend!

The Level Four Team

What’s Happening in PE?

DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS 2015
The following students have qualified for the District Swimming Sports at the Tintern Pool next Monday. Georgia W, Georgia G, Chantelle U, Claudia J, Bridie C, Madison G, Carlee D, Ben C and James P. Congratulations and good luck to all.

INTER SCHOOL SPORT
This starts tomorrow for Level 4 students. We play Kalinda PS. Games at Kalinda are Cricket, Basketball and Rounders. Tee Ball, Voleystars and Tennis are at APPS. Games commence about 9.30am and conclude around 10.40am.

Darren McMenaman
Phys Ed

What’s Happening in Art?

ANTONIO PARKLANDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE JUNIOR PHOTO COMPETITION
The wonderful committee that volunteers to help look after Antonio Parklands is once again holding a photographic competition for local school students. Level 3 and 4 students have been using iPads to take pictures next door in the park and some are entering their photos in the competition. If there are any younger students who would like to enter they may take their own photos in their own time and collect an entry form from the art studio or email: antonioparkphotocomp@gmail.com

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!

Stay cool but enjoy the sunshine,

Janet George
Visual Arts teacher
LEARNING IN LEVEL 3
Welcome back for another fun-filled year in the library! All library classes have now commenced for the year and it has been wonderful to see so many eager readers.

The Level 1’s will work with Miss Hayes and Mr Howarth this year, the Level 2’s with Miss French and the Level 3’s and 4’s each have an assigned weekly session to borrow books with their classroom teachers. Students also have access to the library during Thursday lunchtimes each week. During this time they can browse through our book collection, use the computers, play board games or draw. All students are expected to use a library bag when borrowing our library books as it helps to protect them and makes them last a little longer. If your child hasn’t already got a library bag please organise one as soon as possible. A cloth bag is fine.

We also welcome back the lovely Margit Tully who assists in the library every Monday, cataloguing new books and keeping the shelves in order for us. Leigh Ann Dentith is also back on board this year and will be assisting with covering new books for us.

Miss French
Library

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**Reading Recovery News**

**Reading Recovery at Antonio Park Primary School**

Reading Recovery is a one-to-one early intervention program that provides an opportunity for students who, after one year of schooling require assistance to achieve effective reading and writing processes. Students are given a thorough assessment to ascertain their eligibility for the program. Students in the Reading Recovery program receive either four or five, thirty minute sessions each week from a qualified reading Recovery teacher in addition to their regular classroom reading and writing program.

Research in Victoria and overseas has seen results in implementing a Reading Recovery program. Reading Recovery commenced in Victoria in 1984 when 14 schools implemented the program – Antonio Park commenced the program in 1996. We currently have two Reading Recovery teachers, Trish and Stella, working with Grade 1 students.

During the Reading Recovery lesson, students are involved in authentic reading and writing tasks. The Reading Recovery teacher demonstrates and teaches individual problem-solving strategies at the point of need, to develop effective reading and writing processes. Each lesson is planned for each individual and is based on what each child knows.

Each individual lesson includes:

- Reading familiar texts
- Re-reading a text that was read the day before and teachers analyse strategies for the next day’s lesson
- Working with letters and/or words, which is built from the child’s current knowledge and extended
- Writing
- Assembling cut up writing into phrases
- Reading a new book that will be read independently the next day and evaluated by a teacher Running Record.

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**Mathletics**

**School Captains-Ethan, Chantelle, Georgia, Liam**
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 ____________________________
Little A.P.P.S. Playgroup

Every Tuesday morning the little APPS Playgroup meets in the school hall from 9am—11am.

It is a great opportunity for your children to get to play with other children and for parent/carers to get to know each other over a cuppa.

Please come and join us.

If you have any questions please call Kylie 0401 101 737

Special Religious Instruction SRI

This is a reminder that SRI forms are to be returned no later than Friday 13th February.

Thank you

JSC NEWS

We are very excited to be working with a new group of JSCs this semester and hearing all their valuable ideas, as well as planning lots of exciting things. The Semester 1 representatives will be receiving their badges at assembly on Monday (16th February).

Environmental Leaders

Semester 1 Environmental Leaders will be presented with their badges at assembly on Monday 16th February.

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.
- Blackburn Vikings-Registration days 21st, 23rd & 25th February. Contact bom@vikingsbasketball.net.au or 0431 559893
- Vermont Eagles Junior Football Club is looking for players U8, U11 & U12. For more information contact admin@vermontfc.com.au or call Kylie 0413 334 596
Aussie of the Week

2BW Aasma  For settling in to 2BW so well. Welcome to Antonio Park!

2CC Jesse G  Your fantastic writing this week. I am so proud of all of the hard work you put in, great work buddy!!!

2KD Sam  for a wonderful welcome to Antonio Park Primary School and 2 KD. Everyone in the class has enjoyed getting to know you.

2JS Josiah  Welcome to Antonio Park

2LM Tahlia  For being an excellent role model for her peers and a great start to Grade 2!

2MN Sophia  For making such a great start to grade 1! You have shown a fantastic work ethic, have shown independence as well as responsibility and always come to school with a smile on your face! Good job Sophia!

3AB Ashlea  For confidently making the transition into Level 3! Your optimistic attitude and enthusiasm will ensure you have a sensational year!

3DH Gemma  For making a fantastic start to Level 3. You have put in a super effort in your first week and I know you will have a great year! Top job Gemma!

3JD James  Welcome to APPS! It’s been wonderful to see you settle into the classroom and make new friends. Well done!

3KT Ben S  For a brilliant start to the year – great to see you be such a fabulous role model and wonderful support to the younger students. Bravo Ben!

3NA Jacinta K  For being an outstanding role model and displaying the main attributes of the "Getting Along Key".

3RM Evelyn  Wow! What an amazing start to the year. Your creative approach to all of your work is fantastic.

4BR Liam P  A wonderful start to the year. You have put your head down and made some great progress so far. Keep up the great work habits!

4CE Brodie M  A brilliant start to grade 6. It is fantastic to see you put in one hundred percent and try your best! What a great role model!

4CH Amelia W  Settling into 4CH exceptionally well and having a fantastic start to Level 4. She has brought a bright smile, great attitude to work and a friendly nature with her into our class. Well done Amelia!

4CN Dante S  For being a positive role model for your classmates. Keep up the great work.

4RF Connor H  for being a kind, caring and helpful classmate. What an amazing start to Level 4 you have made Connor!
Family Fun Day!
Sunday 22nd February 2015.
11am - 4pm
The Knox School, 220 Burwood Highway

11:00am - 1:00pm: Come & try hockey
1:00pm - 2:30pm: Legends vs All Stars match
2:30pm - 4:00pm: Activities & games, fun for everyone

Contact Beck on 0423 386 535 to reserve a car boot spot
Entry $5 or $15 family ticket (2 adults and 2 children)
Entry covers all carnival games and activities.

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