Dear Antonio Park Families,

8 Days To Go!!! How Exciting!!!

Have you got your Carnivale outfit organised? I’m working on mine with some lovely help from very creative staff members. I am very impressed with the tireless work by so many school community members...thank you. The fete committee have done a wonderful job in coordinating, facilitating, helping out and just being there for support. Thank you to our staff and students who are busy organising their stalls. Equally I’m impressed with the families who are pitching in and helping out in some shape or form. It is great to see new faces...keep it up APPS we are a great team!!!

If this is the first time you have been involved with the fete or you would like to become more involved have a chat with Michael Gurry, Katherine Goldsmith, Bart Maaskant, Andrew Thomas, Jan MacDonald, your child’s teacher and myself...all parents who have been involved with the fete are very welcoming and supportive. It is also a really special way of getting to know other families that leads to long term friendships. Here are the contact details of our fete committee or contact me at school if you would like to have a chat about becoming more involved with the fete:

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The strong partnership between home and school is seen as the foundation of successful learning for all children. When mums and dads get involved in their child’s school, helping out in some way it creates a strong sense of civics and citizenship. Children who see their parents making positive contributions to society are much more likely to do so themselves.

Karen Patten

Our fete is one of the many things we do at APPS to have a strong sense of connectedness. APPS has a fantastic reputation in regard to community connectedness and for the wonderful programs we provide our students. When our school values of Empathy, Responsibility, Resilience, Independence, 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.

2014 Curriculum Days:

Friday 28th March - Conference – AusVELS

Monday 3rd November - Assessment & Reporting

Karen Patten

For your information,
School Bell Times

8.55  Pre Bell
9.00  School starts
11.30  Recess starts
12.00  Recess ends
1.40  Students eat lunch in rooms
1.50  Students out to play
2.40  Lunch ends
3.30  School finishes

Our School Values
ERRIC
Empathy  Responsibility  Resilience  Independence  Confidence
What’s Happening In Level 1?

This week we are learning about the letter ‘t’ and next week we will be learning about the letter ‘b’. At home you can think of some words that begin with these letters. In maths we have started learning about shape. At home you can try and spot all the different shapes you can see with your child or practise drawing them on some paper.

Next week we will be learning about length. It is great to see so many Level 1 students going on Mathletics. If your child receives a certificate they can let their teacher know and they will print them off. Mathletics can be used on computers, iPads and smart phones. If you are using an iPad or phone you need to download the Mathletics app. Please encourage your child to type their own password each time they login. We are busy working on our second piece of persuasive writing about the best pet. Make sure you come and have a look at all our fantastic writing that is on display near the classrooms and in the hall. You may have received a notice regarding the stall your child’s class is running at the fete. If you are able to help out please return the slip so that a roster can be made. We have been receiving many donations for the school fete! Thank you very much for your support.

A reminder that Friday the 28th of March is a Curriculum Day and there is no school for students on this day.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Level 1 Team

Assistant Principals

LEARNING TOGETHER

Last Monday we held our first Classroom Helpers Program. We had 20 participants and it was great to discuss learning in the Literacy Program. We explored how children learn, that we all value and recognise differences and we discussed the role of the classroom helper. There are many ways to assist our children with their literacy learning in the Early Years.

Children learn in different ways, but all require:

◊ a reason to learn
◊ to be actively involved
◊ demonstration and modelling
◊ activity based learning
◊ opportunities for repetition and reinforcement
◊ opportunities for practice
◊ efforts to be praised.

Thank you to all the participants… I look forward to working with you next week, when we look at Speaking and Listening in the classroom and we visit the Level 1 & 2 classrooms ‘in action’.

Thank you to Karen Davis and her Wellbeing Team for their wonderful organisation of the Family Life sessions for parents and students.

Have a great weekend!

Jan & Annette

Assistant Principals
This week the students had a very special visitor, a 1929 Graham Paige. It was a great chance for them to see an old car up close and a fantastic addition to our Then and Now unit. The Students very extremely excited when the car drove into the school and were full of questions for the car’s driver. A huge thank you to Samantha’s grandparents Doug and Edith for donating their time and beautiful car.

Students have made a great start to their persuasive writing unit, coming up with great arguments as to whether it’s better to be old or young. We have also completed our unit on place value and have begun working with addition.

Thanks again to all the parents who have offered to help out this year at working bees, the fete and in the classroom, your time and effort is certainly appreciated!

Level 2 Team

What’s Happening In Level 2?

What’s Happening In Level 3?

What a fabulous week we are having in Level 3! We have just finished our unit on addition and have dived in head-first to our subtraction unit. We are already making many connections to the two processes, some have even labeled them as inverse operations! (How very technical!)

Please come and celebrate our recount writing by going on a ‘gallery walk’ around the school to see the fantastic writing walls. Ours is definitely one not to be missed – it’s located in the corridor near the Level 4 toilets! We really are a creative bunch!

Persuasive writing is happening at the moment in Level 3, we are learning about convincing someone so that they agree with our opinion! Be prepared for many well-structured arguments over things like the TV remote in the coming weeks as the students become persuasive pros!

Just a reminder that homework is due tomorrow, all of the Level 3 teachers are really looking forward to seeing what the amazing students are bringing in!

Have a fantastic week!
The Level 3 Team
Term 1 Inquiry topic.
Our Mini Inquiry Unit on a culture of the student's choice is well underway with the children working on it at school and in their homework via the Inquiry Learning section. The children should be starting to put their information together so that they can produce work that will be displayed to their peers.

Sport.
We will be playing Bayswater North this Friday and all students need to check where they are playing. Parents are always more than welcome to come and watch their child play.

Grade 6 Jackets.
The new Year 6 jackets and polo shirts have been delivered to school and handed out on Tuesday to all students. We ask you to please name these garments and encourage the Year 6 students to wear them. They really look great!!

Camp.
Our Level 4 Camp to Licola is fast approaching and we encourage you to keep you payments coming in by the due date. The next instalment is on Monday 17th March. Other information and documentation will be sent home soon and we ask that this is completed and returned promptly to school. If you are still undecided or have any queries please speak to your child’s teacher or Mr Hoskin so that they can be resolved or answered.

Family Life Incursion.
The Family Life Incursion program will be commencing on Tuesday 18th March with the payment and permission slip required by Friday 14th March. Thank you.

Box Hill High SEAL Program
The testing for this program is being held on Friday 9th May which is the last day of the Level 4 camp. Students from APPS who are interested in applying will be able to sit the test on Monday 12th May. Please direct all enquires to Box Hill High.

Thank you!
Level 4 Team

What’s Happening In PE?

REGIONAL SWIMMING SPORTS
Congratulations to Chantelle U who has qualified for the State Swimming Championships in the 10 year Freestyle. A wonderful effort. She also swam in the final of the Butterfly event but just missed out. Our 10 year relay team also did the School proud with a fourth place in the final after qualifying in the heats during the morning session. The members of the team are: Chantelle U, Bridie C, Oscar W and James P.

Darren McMenaman
Phys Ed

Aerobics News

All students have begun their routines for 2014 and it’s wonderful to see so much enthusiasm from students and their coaches. Please encourage your child to practise their routine at home and continue to work on their strength and flexibility training.

Preliminary Competition – Saturday 17th May
State Final Competition – Saturday 21st June
National Competition – Saturday 9th August (invitation only)

All students who have auditioned and been selected will be required to organise their own transport to Geelong for both the Preliminary and State Final competitions. All students will be required to attend both competitions and it will only be selected teams who will attend the National competition in August. Please ensure that you have put the competition dates in your diary!

Any questions please come and see me or you can visit the website:

Mrs Arundel
School Value—Independence

Independence is to take risks, to approach tasks with confidence, make your own decisions and to problem solve. (Antonio Park Primary School Code of Conduct Booklet)

I am independent when I try to do something I have not done before.

I am independent when I stand up in front of the class and talk with a loud voice.

I am independent when I choose to do the right thing even when other people are not.

Environmental News

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER NEWS

Hi, our names are Bailey from 3JD and Cooper from 2BW. We are Semester 1 Environmental Leaders. We wanted to let you know a little about caring for the animals around Antonio Park Primary School.

Here are some of our top tips for taking care of our school animals and wildlife:

Tip #1: Don’t chase the chickens! We want to keep our chickens in the school grounds and chasing them, or picking them up, could scare them away. If you want to pick one up, you will need to ask for permission from a teacher on yard duty.

Tip #2: Don’t feed the goats! The goats have lots and lots to eat in their pen and don’t need anything extra. The goats can get sick if we feed them too much.

Tip #3: Be kind to the goats! If you have to go in their pen, try to go through quietly so you don’t scare or frighten the goats. If you need to get your ball out of the pen, ask a teacher and walk sensibly and quietly.

Tip #4: Take care of nature around our school! The wildlife at Antonio Park loves the plants and bushes around our school, so we need to take care of them. Try not to break off branches or pick flowers that may be yummy food for animals or a safe place to hide.

Tip #5: If you see some wildlife, leave them be! Just like us humans, wild animals don’t like to be hurt or picked up too much. If you see an animal or insect around the school, you can have a good look at them, but try to give them some space.

We hope you all are kind and thoughtful to the animals we are lucky enough to have around our school!

By Bailey and Cooper
National Ride2School Day

Wednesday 19 March 2014 marks the eighth National Ride2School Day, where over 250,000 Australian children, just like you, will ride and walk to school. It is a day about celebrating riding and walking and encouraging everyone to give it a go!

Not only is riding and walking a fun way to get to school, but it also contributes to the children’s daily physical activity needs.

Although some of you live far away, or have conflicting commitments that makes it difficult to ride and walk every day, even going by bike or foot for part of the way, or on some of the days is still great.

Be part of the fun and remember to ride, walk or scoot to school next Wednesday 19th March.

We will be counting the children that participate in riding, walking or scooting to school so that we can support the Ride2School program. Last year we received the bike rails outside 2BC’s classroom as a result of our involvement with the Ride2School program. Let’s see if we can fill the bike rails?

The second hand uniform shop will be open
on
Monday 24th March
in the foyer of the hall.
3pm—4pm

Camp Australia:

Hello everyone! Hope you all had a great long weekend and are ready for the week ahead.

Some of our activities this week are:

**Craft:** This week children have been requesting hama beads and jewellery making, we are also going to be making a volcano to erupt and slime. Children have also been learning to draw with how to draw books.

**Outdoors:** Children have been busy outside on the playground, they have also been playing cricket on the oval. Downball is popular on the deck and children have also been playing games of bowling.

**Cooking:** This week we have lemon slice for afternoon tea, French toast, choc balls and we also have our pancake Fridays back again.

**Indoors:** Children have been enjoying imaginative play, making cubbies and bases with the cushions, they also have been using the dress ups. Children are busy with Lego and creating buildings, and using other building blocks to build structures.

Please remember to book in for the pupil free day. It is now on the online booking page so you must log in to your account to book.

Holiday Club is coming up in the next few weeks. Don’t forget to book your children in for our Holiday program. J

If you have any further enquires or questions please call us on 0412 545 042 or 1300 105 343 or visit our website [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)
COMMUNITY NOTICES
(Please check the Community Noticeboard for further details)

- Wandin North Harvest Market Sunday 16th May 9am-2pm. 220 Warburton Hwy, Wandin North, 3139. Phone Megan 03 5964 4259 for more information.

- The Next Step Spinal Cord Injury Recovery organisation is holding an Artisans Easter Market Sunday 16th March 9am-2pm at Waverley Medows Primary School, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill (Melways 71 G12)

- Doctors closed? After 6pm and weekend medical care is still available to you! You can get medical advice and find services (including bulk billing) by calling the After Hours GP Helpline (1800 022 222) or you can search for medical care locations near you at www.iemml.org.au/service-directory.

- Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club is seeking children in the U8, U9, U12 and U16 sections this season. All other age groups are open to new members also. Registration and pre season training 23rd March 12-2pm, Colchester Reserve, Boronia. Ph 0421 154 776.

- Ringwood Church of Christ is showing ‘The Lorax’ along with afternoon tea and activities on Tuesday 8th April 2-4.30pm. $5 admission. Phone 9870 8169 or office@ringwoodchurch.org.au

- Box Hill Community Arts Centre Matsudo Week 29th April to 18th May. Enjoy Japanese art, culture and live music. 470 Station St, Box Hill. Ph 9895 8888 or visit www.bhcac.com.au

Fete News

APPS FETE GOES LIVE
Yes, the fete website is up and well and truly running! Thanks to Tim Stuchbery for putting it all together for us! The website, at www.appsfete.com is your one stop shop for everything fete! From this site you can access the volunteer database and instructions, important dates, food handling and hygiene info, sponsors details, cake stall label template, newsletters, expense reimbursement forms, fete attraction details, the list goes on and on! So, come on, no playing Minecraft tonight - log onto our website instead to have a squiz! And hey, while you are there you may as well volunteer to help out at the fete!

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ANTONIO PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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- Self Defence
- Fitness
- Discipline
- Confidence
- Control
- Co-ordination
- Fun

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