Dear Antonio Park Families,

Welcome back everyone!!!! I would like to welcome all our prep students for 2013 and the following students who have joined us other year levels, Kayani Schneider, Lachlan Furlong, Samuel Agius, Liam Parigi, Kayli and David Pollard, Madeline Janes and Alicia Pena-Tipene. We also extend a warm welcome to all of their families. I would also like to welcome our new staff, Lauren Fletcher (L1), Rachel Macgilp (L3) and Rachel Fittolani (L4).

I have been impressed with all staff for the excellent preparation and commitment to ensure our students have a great start to the school year. All of the students and especially the Preps, have settled in brilliantly. Visiting all of the classes, chatting with the students and staff, everyone looked refreshed...batteries well charged for another great year.

Cheers and Tears
It was lovely yesterday morning to see our new mums and dads join us in the library to celebrate the start of their child’s schooling at APPS. All of our new students have settled in well and there were lots of smiles on everyone’s faces.

Formal Leadership Roles and Positions

Principal
- Leading School Improvement …overall leadership of strategic plan.
- Financial Management
- Overseeing Leadership Whole School.
- Audits-Financial & Physical
- Facilities
- Workforce Plan- Staffing
- Communication Structures & Processes
- Executive Officer of School Council
- Codes of Practice
- School Evaluations
- School Council & subcommittees: Finance, Fete, Buildings & Grounds

Assistant Principals
Jan MacDonald’s Assistant Principal role will be leading curriculum across the school:

Strategic Plan
- Student Learning
- Curriculum (Inquiry) Design & Delivery
- Oversees Curriculum leaders: Literacy, Numeracy, ICT, Environment
- Assessment & Reporting Framework

So if you have any questions about curriculum or student learning...Jan is the person to catch up with.

Annette Haye’s Assistant Principal role will be leading Community Wellbeing and Transitions:
- Student Engagement Policy
- Oversees Curriculum leader: Restorative Practice
- Pathways and Transitions (K-Prep, between levels, 6-7),
- Facilitates Student Leadership for other staff to lead e.g. P/makers, JSC, Environmental Leaders, Buddies
- Student management across school
- Absenteeism
- ICT-Technical
- Integration

If you have any questions or would like to discuss student management, or family support contact Annette.

Level Leaders:
L1 - Elizabeth Alda
L2 - Ben Curcio
L3 - Bonnie Ratten
L4 - Kate Tyson (nee Roberts)

House Captain Speeches
Year 6 students are encouraged to start working on their House Captain speeches ready for presentation and voting on Wednesday 6th February. All Level 3 and 4 students will vote in their houses, with four captains voted in (male/female captains and male/female vice captains).

Good luck to everyone participating, we will be announcing the captains at the following week at our Monday morning assembly.

Great to be back!
Karen Patten
HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS 2013
Due to continued pool improvement works at the Box Hill Aqualink Pool, we have had to source another suitable pool. Fortunately, we have been able to acquire the use of the Tintern Grammar Pool. The date of the House Swimming for Levels 3 & 4 students is Wednesday 13th February. See notice sent home this week.

DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS
For students wishing to participate at the District Swimming Sports at the Tintern Pool on Monday 18th February, the following details must be sent to me by Monday 4th February. I require parents of children who turn 10, 11 or 12 in 2013 to put in writing their child's best times for 50 metres in any or all of the following strokes… freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke or butterfly. Students can only compete in two individual events so please nominate preferences. I will select our district representatives from the information I receive in relation to the qualifying times I have been given.

With our House Sports being so close to the District Sports, the team needs to be selected earlier to cater for communication with parents regarding events and personal transportation arrangements to the Tintern Pool.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT 2013
Arrangements for Inter – School Sport have changed in 2013 due to a substantial increase in our Level 4 numbers. In the past, grade 6 students have had preference in team selection in Terms 1 and 2. This will not alter. However, after topping up the team numbers from grade 5 students we will still have extra students not in teams. We believe all Level 4 students should have the opportunity to participate in inter – school sport and this will happen on a rotational basis to be arranged by the staff. Students not selected in teams each week will have a skills session and play an appropriate game to match sports played each term. Other schools deal with the increased numbers in a variety of ways. Our philosophy is to maximise each students opportunity to participate. This year, due to our increased numbers, Antonio Park will move into the Ringwood North District with other schools of similar enrolment numbers at level 4.

The primary schools in our new district are: Croydon Hills, Donvale CC, Good Shepherd, Great Ryrie, Holy Spirit, Kalinda, Ringwood North and Warranwood.

Information will be included in the Newsletter each week once the fixture has been confirmed. In term 1 games are played first thing Friday mornings due to our Sunsmart policy. In term 2 they are played in the afternoon.

Also note that an important notice regarding the Level 4 Sports Bus Levy will be sent home this week.

Darren McMenaman
Phys Ed

PAG News

Craft kickoff for 2013!
Hope you all had a great break and have a stash of crafty ideas for this year’s Craft Stall at the 2013 school fete. We are always looking for fresh ways to make the craft stall as profitable for the school as possible while we have fun making things for it. We usually gather on Friday mornings, after school drop off, so please join us for a cup of tea and chat while we magic things up for the craft stall during term 1.

If you are new to the school, it’s a comfy way to meet other APPS people, small children are very welcome too. You don’t have to possess superb sewing skills to join us, your willing hands can be made useful somehow as can your donations of useful crafty bits and pieces. Alternatively, if you wish to whip up crafty creations in your own home and donate them to the craft stall to sell on fete day, that is also very welcome.

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
- bright coloured woollen jumpers, no acrylic, any pattern
- balls of real wool, not acrylic

Please leave them at the office.

And Craft is stretching itself this year! For those people who cannot make it to a Friday morning chat/sew/snip/glue session but would like to contribute to the school craft effort somehow, there will now be an evening craft gathering for those who are better placed to attend a week night gathering. So, if craft rings your bell and you would like to share your ideas and helping hands with us, please join us.

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

Wednesday nights at Kathyrn Goldsmith’s house from 7.00 onwards
Commencing February 6th
3 Sunnyside Ave
Nunawading 3131
Home ph 9874 7673

We’d love to meet you and hear your craft ideas, hope to see you.
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 Rachelle Noble 0417 384642

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The second hand uniform shop will be open next Wednesday 6th February 3pm—4pm.

The shop runs from the hall foyer and runs on a monthly basis.

Please keep your eye on the newsletter for information on shop opening dates.

Please remember to bring small notes and coin so you can grab yourself a bargain.

Term Dates 2013

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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

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The Walking School Bus

What is a Walking Bus?

Each Walking School Bus is made up of at least two parents, one called the ‘driver’ and one called the ‘conductor’, and up to 16 children. (Currently our Burnett St Walking School Bus has over 16 children so we operate on a 1 adult to 8 children ratio.) Each bus walks along a set route, picking children up at designated stops along the way. Children up until the age of 10 do not have the spatial awareness and road savvy to walk independently along our busy streets. On the flip side our children face the real possibility of being less active, obese & living in a car driven society.

Walking School Buses began in England and were brought to Melbourne by VicHealth. We are fortunate that the City of Whitehorse now provides funding for equipment, training of volunteers & promotional items.

Walking on the Bus at Antonio Park.

Antonio Park Primary’s Walking School Bus program commenced in 2004 and now successfully runs 3 bus routes with many children & volunteer parents being involved. Our 3 bus routes are:

1) Burnett Street Bus – starting Burnett St & Austin Street, along Thomas St & Whitehorse Rd
2) Wattle Valley Road Bus – starting at the Wattle Valley triangle up through Antonio Park &
3) Brunswick Road Bus – starting at Hopetoun St, along Brunswick Rd to Cochrane St then walking along Whitehorse Rd and crossing in front of the school. Our school has a strong environmental culture and walking plays a significant role in reducing excess traffic around the school while providing a safe, sustainable and healthy transport option.

Walking School Buses can assist children to:

Get to school safely, conveniently and on time
Get regular physical activity and exercise
Gain a sense of independence
Experience being part of a group
Learn about traffic safety and good road sense
Arrive at school alert and ready to learn

Getting started.

At the start of each year an ‘Expression of Interest’ form is distributed to gauge how many children and what days they are interested in walking. As buses can’t run without volunteer support a timetable is then formulated by when volunteers can walk or ‘drive the bus.’ First Aid Training and a short Induction Session are provided by the City of Whitehorse to new volunteers. Children may start to walk on our buses at any time of the year. Please ask at the office if you wish to join.

Walking Events

We have a number of events throughout the school year to promote the Walking School Bus program & provide an opportunity for the whole school to take part in walking to school. Some of these include ‘Walk Safely to School Day’ in May & ‘Victoria Walks to School’ in October. Morning teas, lunches & giveaways may be provided. The City of Whitehorse organise a fantastic end of year party for all the schools taking part in the Walking School Bus program to come together & celebrate.
Please fill out the following form to indicate your child's standing on the bus.

For further information, please ask at the school office or contact Rachel Curry via email: rachel.kurty@hkmail.com. More details will be provided.

Please return this form to the School Office.

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Please indicate which bus you are interested in joining:

- Morning Bus
- After School Bus

When would you like your child to use the Walking School Bus? Please write the child's name(s) and grade(s) in the table below.

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Yes, I am interested in volunteering on the Walking School Bus.

I would like to volunteer from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM, Monday to Friday.

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Melbourne Academy of Dance endeavours to instill quality, artistry, musicality, technique, and discipline into the training vocabulary of every student. With care and individual attention each student can expect to reach his or her highest potential.

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Violin Lessons
‘Best Time of Year to Start’

Learning to play the violin is a lot of fun. I have been teaching primary aged students for over 10 years at numerous schools and know what keeps students engaged and motivated in their learning. When imagining the type of pieces learnt on the violin, you may think of Mozart or Beethoven but the great thing about the violin is the vast range of music that has been written for the instrument, meaning students can select music they enjoy and want to practice, ranging from the ‘Double Bach Concert’ to ‘The Simpsons’ or maybe ABBA.

Too often students practise and practise with no aim in sight, but each term the violin students work towards performing in their class, at solo concerts, in orchestral settings and at assemblies. These performance opportunities act as a great motivator in their practice and give students a clear sense of the many benefits that come from learning to play the violin.

The core value that students learn from playing the violin is that results are achieved through hard work and practise. Through regular practise students quickly see improvement as a result of their persistence. Learning the violin does not only give students an invaluable ability, but also sets them up for the rest of their academic life, instilling in them that all goals and dreams are achievable through persistence.

To enquire further please contact Trent Bunston Mobile: 0413 207 689
Email: trentbunston@gmail.com
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Salmon Family
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Stan Russell
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The Five Mile Press
The Fruit Gallery Ringwood
The Melbourne Museum
The Mitcham Newsagency
The Opera Centre
The Shop for Shops
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Tough Nuts Training
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United Bonded
Whitehorse Centre
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Yarra Trams/Kym Frost
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