Dear Antonio Park Families,

Welcome back…
It is great to see staff and students refreshed and very enthusiastic about being back. Our learning environment is very rich; providing wonderful opportunities and experiences for all our students so they can shine.

We have a lot to look forward to this term:

**Learning & Teaching:**
- Level 1 Inquiry Unit: Young Einsteins
- Level 2 Inquiry Learning Unit: Science Works
- Level 3 Inquiry Learning Unit: What is the Impact of Wild Weather?
- Level 4 Inquiry Learning Unit: Eureka

- Our excellent Learning & Teaching program for Reading, Writing and Mathematics continues.
- Our social-emotional program ‘You Can Do It’ compliments our Restorative Practice program and is a strong feature of APPS’s KidsMatter School Framework.

- GATEWAYS
- Level 4 camp to Beechworth
- Senior and Junior Cross Country
- ICAS Writing and Science
- Aerobics preliminary competition and state finals
- APPS Choir concert
- Level 1 water and science visit

**Community**
- Working Bee-Sunday 15th May
- Student, parent and teacher conferences
- School Photos
- Little APPS has started again this term. It is wonderful to see the toddlers and their parents enjoying socialization time and a chance to form friendships. This is held in our hall every Tuesday morning from 9am to 11am.
- Mother’s Day stall
- PAG movie night
- OSCH Alannah and Madeline Foundation
- School Disco
- JSC free dress day - gold coin donation

**EDUCATION WEEK (May 16th to 20th)**
Soon we will be celebrating Education Week and as usual we have special plans. It is always an exciting time for the children when we open our classrooms for visitors. As in the past there will be many opportunities for parents, relatives and interested parents from local preschools and childcare centres to come and have a look at us in operation and perhaps join in with some of our activities. More information will be coming out soon.

**Information Night for prospective parents**
On Wednesday April 5th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. we will be holding an information night for parents. This night is for parents of prospective students and provides an insight into curriculum, programs and the learning environment that is Antonio Park.

**FETE**
We are still finalising the ins and outs. We will be announcing the final figure for the money raised within the next few weeks… very exciting.

Karen Patten
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APPS has subscribed to You Can Do It Positive Parenting Program so that you, our parents and community members will soon have access to the latest knowledge on positive and effective parenting to maximise your child’s success and wellbeing.

YCDI Parents uses evidence-based, international research from the fields of positive psychology and parenting to show parents how they can maximise their children’s success and wellbeing. Equipped with this knowledge and skills, parents can contribute even more to helping their children achieve to the best of their ability and to experience high levels of well-being.

Modular and mobile-friendly, YCDI Parents makes it easy for busy parents to learn at their own pace. The YCDI Positive Parents Program consists of three parts:

- Parent E-learning - Short, informative programs on positive and effective parenting.
- Parent Insight Articles - Articles that present information on important parenting topics.
- Child and Adolescent E-learning - Motivational, confidence and resilience building audio programs.

School-Home benefits:

- **Strong connections between your school and your parent community**
- **Opportunities to bring parents and staff together in a positive dialogue**
- **Valuable social and emotional learning at home**
- **Practical tools to help parents manage the stress of modern parenting**

The program provides parents with the latest knowledge on positive and effective parenting to maximise children’s success and wellbeing.

All families will receive a username and password that will enable them login access to the wonderful parent portal resources. Stay tuned to this space for upcoming information.

Have a great week!

Tim and Annette
What’s Happening in Level 1?

Welcome to Term 2 – it’s great to see the Level 1 students keen to be back at school! This week our spelling focus has been on the letter H and in Maths we have been using the tens frames as we subitise numbers. Next week our letter focus is on W and in Maths we focus again on number – making connections between number names, numerals and quantities.

Next week we start our new writing genre – Narrative writing. Watch for our amazing stories! Our inquiry unit is call ‘Young Einsteins’ and as the name suggests it has a science focus. Each week we will be completing a science experiment and we will be having a science incursion where a scientist from Monash Uni will come to school and lead us through some interesting experiments.

Just a reminder of the big difference you can make to your child’s progress by what you do at home. Please take the time to support your child read the take-home book each night and read through the high frequency word lists. Also discuss the ideas or story presented in books read as this helps with comprehension.

Mathletics is a great way to reinforce the Maths concepts we teach at school (and helps get points that may get the Mathletics star for your child’s grade!)

Thanks,
Level 1 Team

What’s Happening in Level 2?

Welcome back.
We hope you all had a very restful and fantastic break so that we are ready for a long and eventful term!

Our inquiry unit this term is ‘Science Works!’. The students will be conducting all types of experiments throughout the term which is sure to stir up lots of discussions over the dinner table. If you have any books or resources that would benefit us, your classroom teacher would love to borrow them!

This week we are continuing with our addition focus in maths. Any chance that you can give your children to add small amounts of items together would be beneficial.

Our persuasive writing is looking great. This is our last week on persuasive before we turn our attention to narrative writing.

One last reminder, if you have not done so already can you please bring your expression of interest forms for swimming back by tomorrow. These are really important to help us budget our program for term 3.

Have a great a week,
The Level 2 Team

What’s Happening in Level 3?

Welcome back.
We hope you all had a very restful and fantastic break so that we are ready for a long and eventful term.

Term 2 Inquiry topic.
Our Term 2 Inquiry topic is entitled, ‘What is the Impact of Wild Weather?’. If you have any resources at home or you can borrow from the local library to support our learning of this topic it would be greatly appreciated.

Homework.
Just a reminder that our Homework task this week involves the students bringing in their favourite narrative from home which we will then share in class.

Literature books and Reader’s Notebook.
Please remember to have your reading book and Reader’s Notebook at school every day. These should live in the students Communication Folder which should also be coming to school every day.

Swimming.
Please check that you have returned the expression of interest sheet for swimming this year. If you require a sheet please see your teacher and return it by Friday. Mr Mac is endeavouring to work out the final arrangements for this program and requires our numbers attending. Thank you to those parents who have already returned this form.

Thank you!
Level 3 Team
What’s Happening in Level 4?

We are right back into it in Level 4, starting the week off completing a Lotus Diagram about our new inquiry unit, ‘Eureka’. The students wrote down everything they knew about the discovery of gold, who came to Australia during the Gold Rush and how they came here, what life was like on the goldfields, including the relationship between miners and the government, The Eureka Stockade and Ned Kelly. It will be a fascinating inquiry unit looking at the history of Australia, enjoying our camp and finishing with a Mini Inquiry Project. We cannot wait to see the gained knowledge throughout the term when the students finish the unit by completing another Lotus Diagram and comparing the pre assessment and post assessment.

This week we started sports training for interschool sports. We will continue sports training throughout the term on a Wednesday morning from 8am for an 8:15am start. If it is raining or was raining the night prior then sports training is cancelled, as some of the surfaces we train on can become very slippery. The students are to train in the teams they have been selected for. If they are in the Sports Squad then they are able to choose which sport they attend on Wednesday mornings. Next Friday, 22nd April Interschool starts officially however we begin with a bye. The fixture and teams lists are in the Level 4 corridor.

On Monday you would have received a high school transition form if your child is in grade 6. The forms need to be returned immediately. If you have any questions, please see either your child’s classroom teacher or the Level 4 coordinator, Bonnie Ratten.

This week all level 4 students received a Premiers’ Reading Challenge notice. We will be completing this as a part of our reading program. We would really appreciate it if you could please sign these forms and return them as soon as possible.

A reminder to return your camp medical forms as soon as possible as camp is fast approaching!

We trust that you had a wonderful holiday and we are looking forward to seeing the great learning that will happen throughout this term in Level 4!

Bonnie Ratten, Cathy Nisbet, Christine Ewan, Jana Densem and Lauren Croxford

What’s Happening in ICT?

Parents and Cybersafety

Teaching your child to be cybersafe will help them to engage with the online world safely, responsibly and discerningly and can assist to protect them from online risks.

Sometimes children are faced with online situations that they simply don’t know how to handle. This means that schools should have ongoing campaigns and programs to teach children and young people the knowledge and skills they need to prevent bullying and other inappropriate behaviours they see online, to intervene effectively when incidents occur, to celebrate diversity, and to promote friendship and positive social behaviours.

The culture of a school is set by the leadership and teachers, but it is students and parents that can really make it strong. When students feel empowered to work with adults, to create opportunities for positive relationships and make commitments to engage in positive behaviours they can establish a positive peer group culture that makes a huge contribution to the school culture.

Common cybersafety issues for children include cyberbullying, accessing or sharing inappropriate content and protecting their personal information. The Department has provided schools with Acceptable Use Agreement templates to assist them to develop agreements as to what constitutes acceptable use of internet, netbooks and other online and digital technologies in their communities.

It is recommended that parents discuss, develop and implement a similar ‘family agreement’ at home. This will assist your child/ren to understand what is and isn’t appropriate online behaviour and that appropriate online behaviour is expected everywhere and anytime they are online.

For more information, see: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/parentcyber.aspx
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See our Assistant Principal’s report on page 2 for more info and stay tuned!
COMMUNITY NOTICES

(Please check the Community Noticeboard for further details)

- Kirsty Grace and Rachelle Noble invite you to a fun night at the movies to support ‘The weekend to end women’s cancers for Peter Mac’. Melbourne Central Hoyts, Wednesday April 6, 6:30pm. For bookings:
  1a. Login into our individual page on the End Cancers website [http://bit.ly/1SSEzOO](http://bit.ly/1SSEzOO) ‘DONATE NOW’ required amount eg. $70 if 2 people & 1 drink bottle
  Or 1b. pay direct debit into Westpac BSB 733039 ACCT#734202
  2. Please note name on payment
  3. Then please email kirsty@melbournesportstours.com.au with names of movie goers and drink bottle color request if ordering. Any queries please contact Kirsty 0403151550

- Trinity Netball Club NetSetGo is looking for Grade 1 students to take part after school on a Thursday. A very low cost activity and no experience necessary! For more information contact Mel Shackelford 0409 258 928.

- Blackburn Football Club is looking for U10—U 18 girls to join their club. U10s play with modified rules. To register, call Craig on 0425 801 545 or email blackburnjnr@eff.org.au

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Antonio Park Primary School is excited to again be participating in The Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Privacy and Consent forms, and further information was sent home this week. If your child would like to have their name included in the newspaper, please sign and return the Privacy and Consent form and return to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by the closing date of the challenge.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books by themselves or with their teachers. Your child’s classroom teacher will be keeping a record of these books and they will be entered into the challenge for them.

Children from Year 3 to Year 6 are challenged to read 15 books. Once all the forms have been returned, students will be entered into their new classes and year levels and they can begin entering the books that they read.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/PRC](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/PRC)

Rachel Fittolani
Dear Parents,

We are in urgent need of some parents or grandparents who can sew lycra or even help cut out patterns. We have our first aerobics competition in 3 weeks and need a set of leotards made and a few costumes altered. We are looking for support to start this week please.

If your son/daughter is not in aerobics, however you’re able to help, that would be fantastic. Could you please email your class liaison and let them know if you’re available.

Natalie Arundel
Antonio Park Primary
Mother’s Day Movie Night

Special Fundraiser event

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When: Wednesday May 11, 2016
Time: Movie starts at 6:30 – Please come a bit earlier for distribution of tickets
Where: HOYTS Cinemas Eastland with reclining seats for extra comfort
Price: $20 per ticket – drinks and food available for purchase at the cinema
RSVP: Please return your payment and reply slip to the front office before April 29

Seats are limited so be quick!!!
Any questions call: Vicky 0431630548 or Rachelle 0402368071

Antonio Park Primary Mother’s Day Movie Night
Mother’s Day (2016) Movie Night Reply Slip

Your Name: ___________________________________________ Phone#:________________________

Oldest Child’s Name and Class: ______________________________________________________________

# Tickets purchased_________ x$20 each =Total $ ____________________________ enclosed
Welcome back everyone. We hope you all had a very enjoyable break and are ready for the term ahead.

This week we have been making the most of the lovely weather, getting out to the oval and playing football. We also have lots of crafty things for every sort of interest. The Hama beads are always popular with children as they can make great patterns and designs. As the new term begins so does the homework, so to help those wanting to make a start on their homework we will be providing an area with resources for those children.

This term is also the start of footy cards, last year there were cards that went missing or were traded unfairly, so we request at before and after school care football cards are to remain inside school bags at all times. We will also hold no responsibility over missing cards.

Just a reminder, if you are creating or cancelling a booking to please call customer service or go online to the parent portal. If it is last minute you are also able to call/text the service phone on 0412 545 042.

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 email oshc@campaustralia.com.au
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9am - 10am or 10am - 11am
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