Dear Antonio Park Families,

Playground...Walkathon

An enormous thank you goes to Danni Harvey our Level 3 teacher/JSC leader and to Kylie Sandow who is one of our parents for their amazing organization of our inaugural walkathon held last Friday.

Another big thank you goes to the many mums and dads helping with the barbecue and marking of laps. It was great to see so many mums, dads, and staff also participating in the walkathon.

Remember to return your sponsor form/s and money raised to the school by 7th November.

Pupil Free Days for 2014

Tuesday 28th January - First Day back for staff
Wednesday 29th January - First Aid Training for staff
Friday 28th March - Conference – AusVELS
Monday 3rd November - Assessment & Reporting

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR 2014

Term 4 sees another quarter of a school year’s learning taking place for our students. It is important for students to keep focused on this year’s learning as we head towards the end of a school year. Whilst the teachers and students are continuing their learning and work for the 2013 school year, we are commencing organisational matters for the 2014 school year.

At the end of each year the staff work through a comprehensive process to place students transitioning from one level to the next. Current teaching teams place students into the next level based on their knowledge of the students in relation to their academic, social/emotional and physical needs. Specialist staff also have input.

Parents are offered an opportunity to provide to me, in writing, any special considerations in terms of special educational needs of their child/ren transitioning into the next level. Please note that a specific request for teachers is not offered.

Any special request from parents in regard to the placement of their child/ren must be in writing to me by Friday 15th November 2013. Requests must be in to me by this date to assist with planning, staffing and organisation.

Karen Patten
Assistant Principals

Student Welfare
During morning recess and lunch breaks, students are encouraged to play with their friends outside in the yard. PE equipment is available for student use and the oval is available for cricket, ball games 'tiggy' and running/skipping. The basketball court is available for students to play with friends and the adventure playground is available to everyone. Quieter games can be played at the front of the school and on the deck. The library is open on Thursdays and Fridays at lunchtime and the art room is open on Tuesdays.

Recently, some of our students have been playing games that are unsafe. British Bulldog, Gang up Tiggy and Octopus are three of these games. Due to the unsafe nature of these games, they have been banned in schools for many years. The reason they are banned is to keep all students safe. The nature of tackling and being thrown to the ground, could cause serious injury and we are very mindful of everyone’s safety at our school. All schools have a ‘Duty of Care’ to all students.

Library
Thank you to the Dangerfield family who donated a wonderful book, ‘100 Wonders of the World’, to our library.

Enjoy the days ahead!
Annette & Jan

What’s Happening In Level 1?

The Level One students have been having a great time swimming over the past two weeks. It’s been great to see their swimming skills and confidence in the water developing and especially their independence getting themselves ready before and after swimming. It is very impressive Level Ones! A big thank you to all the mums and dads who are coming along to the pool to help and support. It’s the last lesson tomorrow and that means it’s time to celebrate with a fun filled final session. Have fun!

We are well into our transactional writing genre now and it’s been exciting to be receiving some responses to the letters we have been sending out. You may have recently or may soon be receiving a letter from your child. We know how much they would love a response, so we are encouraging all parents to send a letter back to their child. Please send it to the school using the postal system. They will absolutely love it!

We are all getting excited about the zoo excursion coming up on November 13th. Please keep those payments and permission notes coming in. Some classes are still looking for parent helpers so please see your child’s teacher if you can help. It is always a wonderful experience.

P.M.P. will be commencing again next week. There are still some gaps that need to be filled so if you can help please add your name to the roster on your child’s noticeboard or see their teacher.

Next week our spelling focus will be ‘ch’ and ‘ee’ blends. During maths we will be learning about chance.

Have a wonderful long weekend.
The Level One Team

What’s Happening In Level 2?

Our aquarium excursion is slowly sneaking up on us, keep bringing the forms in if you have not already. The team love all the resources that are being bought in by the kids, please keep bringing them in if you think you have anything to add to our Under the Sea learning experiences.

The students have enjoyed working with money over the last two weeks. We have started chance and data this week. Any hands on experience at home with this topic, such as looking at the weather and discussing the chance of rain would assist students.

Have a great week.
The Level Two Team
What’s Happening In Level 4?

Swimming
What a fabulous start to the Level 4 swimming program! It has been great to see the enjoyment on students’ faces and the increase in their skills and safety around water. Just a reminder that after this week swimming will be on Friday the 8th, 15th and 22nd of November.

Graduation Update
Walk past the Level 4 rooms and you might be lucky enough to hear the wonderful voices of our Grade 6 students as they practise their graduation song. And let us tell you they are sounding fantastic! Thank you to everyone who has forwarded photos to Mitch. Please keep them coming in as quickly as possible. Any outstanding graduation payments are also due asap.

2014 Year 6 Jackets
Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday parents will be able to come along and size their child for their Grade 6 jackets and polo tops for next year. A range of sizes will be available to students to try on in the corridor outside Mr Newman and Mrs Fittolani’s rooms. A notice went home this week with further information.

What is Happening In Level 3?

Gundinwindi Camp
Thank you to all of the Level 3 students and parents who attended our important camp information night on Monday. It was great to see we had the support from so many families. We hope that the evening was useful and answered the questions that parents and students had about our upcoming Gundinwindi camp. We all had very excited students talking nonstop about camp on Tuesday!

The information we covered on Monday night along with any other camp updates will be found in the newsletter so please make sure you keep reading each week to ensure you are up to date with all of the important information.

To recap on some of Monday’s important information:

- Students need to be at school at 8:45am on Wednesday the 20th November so that we can depart at 9:00am and will return at approximately 3:30pm on Friday the 22nd November.
- Students need to bring a packed lunch on the first day in a separate bag that can be taken on the bus with them.
- Cameras must be used appropriately and are the responsibility of the student.
- Gundinwindi is an adventure camp with a range of activities that include a nature hunt, survival skills, yabbying, flying fox, archery, giant swing, low ropes course and a bush dance just to name a few!
- Bags need to be packed by the student so they know exactly where everything is. Use the check list that was handed out on Monday night to ensure everything has been packed. Log bags are a necessity...NO CASES (due to lack of space in tents).
- Only a small bag of lollies is permitted.

This week your child would have received a blue medical form. This must be completed carefully to ensure all sections are filled out. Please write N/A in sections that do not apply so we know nothing has been missed and then return this to school as soon as possible. On camp Jana Densem and Natalie Mackay will be administering the medication however on the day of camp you will need to give the medication to your classroom teacher so please ensure this comes along with your child.

Thanks, have a lovely long weekend!

Level 3 Team.

Stop Press
Aerobics News

There will be a report and photos from the Spring Challenge in the next newsletter.
What’s Happening In PE?

State Athletics Championships 2013

Fantastic news for Aaron PB who has qualified once again to represent Victoria in Brisbane at the National Championships, winning his 200m and finishing 3rd in the 100m.
The three other students should be very proud of their efforts also.
Chantelle U who is still a nine year old finished 6th in the 10 year Discus.
Mathew N finished 11th in the 11 year High Jump and Eliza K just got pipped for a medal and finished 4th in the 12 year Triple Jump.
This is wonderful news for these students who have represented our school with distinction at all levels of competition.
Again, thank you to the parents who supported their children so very well.
Darren McMenaman
Phys Ed

Environmental News?

Thank you to the families who were able to bring along their metal bits n pieces for our recycling challenge last term. We finally received our cheque and although not the figure we thought it might be, every little bit helps towards the new playground!
Please read the extract from Bianca McMurray and perhaps we can try again next year:

‘We pay your school $60 per tonne, so the more the bin weighs the more we will pay! Alternatively, if the parents decide to bring their metals to our Eco Recycle Centre at 199 - 201 Colchester Road, Kilsyth... we will pay $100 per tonne towards your schools metal challenge.
With Antonio Park Primary... I think you've done well for the first time! Metal came to 3.48 tonnes which the amount worked out to be a fabulous $208.80.

Keep in mind for next time that items like fridges, washing machines, fold up chairs, look really big but don't weigh as much as car batteries, lawn mowers and smaller heavier metal objects etc...’
Thanks also to the classes who are recycling their plastics for the RED program (Recycle plus Education makes a Difference). Kaisha Gurry volunteers to collect the bag each week and takes it to Coles where it is sent off for processing.
Fabulous efforts to take care of our earth!
Janet and the Sustainable Schools Team

What’s Happening In Art?

ART DISPLAY
Please check out the displays of our fantastic artists in Level 2, 3 and 4.
In Studio Belajar (Indonesian for studio of learning) Level 2 students have created and displayed 3D masks – please come in and have a look. There are also more in the Staffroom and Library corridors. These were influenced by the book The Pros and Cons of Being a Frog.
We have recycled the election voting booths as display spaces and in the office foyer you can view Level 3 students’ rockets influenced by the book The Terrible Suitcase.
Level 4 students created aerial landscape views influenced by the book Herman and Rosie, these can be seen along the Library corridor.
Hope you enjoy the artwork.
Janet George (Art Teacher)
State Primary School Sport Victoria Championships - Monday 28th October
Well done to Chantelle, Matthew, Eliza, and Aaron who represented Antonio Park Primary.

Chantelle placed 6th in the 9/10yo Discus
Matthew placed 11th in the 11yo High Jump
Eliza placed 4th in the 12/13yo Triple Jump
Aaron placed 3rd in the 12/13yo 100m, and
1st in the 12/13yo 200m
Last Friday we had our first ever APPS Walk-a-thon and what a hit it was! We were extremely lucky with the weather and luckily 1EA and 4RF quickly squeezed in their laps at lunch time to avoid the big down pour of rain.

It was wonderful to see so many students, staff and parents involved in the special day. What first seemed like no time at all, we quickly realised that walking, running or jogging non stop for 25 minutes was a big challenge however everyone successfully completed this with a whopping 7000 laps completed in total...WOW!

The day would not have run as smoothly if it wasn't for the help of our PAG who helped organise the special day and made it so successful. A big thank you to all the parent helpers we had on the day as well, it was great to see them marking lap cards and cooking the yummy BBQ that we all enjoyed for lunch. Thank you to the JSCs who also worked extremely hard selling sausages throughout the day.

All sponsorship money is due back next **Thursday 7th November**. Please ensure it is returned by this date so that we can begin the counting process and determine how much money we raised and whether we have reached our target for our new junior playground.

**SELF ESTEEM**

Self-esteem is about liking yourself and who you are. Believe in yourself and know what you do well.

For children, self-esteem comes from knowing that you're loved and that you belong to a family that values you. It also comes from being praised and encouraged for the things that are important to you, and from feeling confident about the future.

What you can do to nurture your child’s self esteem:

- Encourage your child to think about how to solve problems. When you help your child with problem-solving, you're giving him the tools he needs to cope with life’s challenges.
- Celebrate achievements and successes, whether they’re big or small. Encourage siblings to recognise each other’s successes, and tell other people about them (without going overboard).
- Keep special reminders of your child’s successes and progress. You can go through them with your child and talk about your special memories, and achievements.
ICT around the school.

This term our writing focus has been transactional writing. As you are aware, this includes many forms of social media and mobile technology. Teachers have been wowed with the knowledge their students have of these different apps and their purpose and how they make communicating with friends easy. We have been working with students on cyber safety and understanding how their digital footprint can never really be erased once they press send. It is no longer their intellectual property but is that of the internet.

Teachers have also been discussing the importance of age appropriate applications, as not everyone that uses these apps has the best intentions in mind. We thought it would be a timely reminder for parents to check the age restrictions on some of the most popular apps we have been noticing being discussed, not just in Level 4 classes, but at all Levels. Thank you for your support in making our students the safest internet users.

- Itunes account – over 13 years old
- Kik – over 17 years old
- Vine - over 17 years old
- Whatsapp - over 15 years old
- Facebook – over 13 years old
- Snapchat - over 13 years old
- Instagram - over 13 years old
- Facetime - over 13 years old
- Tumblr - over 13 years old
- Pinterest - over 13 years old
- Flickr - over 13 years old
- Viber - over 13 years old
- Skype - over 13 years old
- Heytell - over 13 years old
- Twitter - over 13 years old
- Myspace – over 13 years old

A parents information evening about cyber safety will be held on:

Wednesday 27th November at 6:30pm

Facilitated by The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)'s Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentations.

APPS WALK-A-THON: A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the walk-a-thon last Friday. It was fantastic to see all the students, teachers and support staff completing as many laps as possible before time was called and it started all over again with the next group. We would like to thank everyone who came along to support the kids and do a few laps, helped marking and counting the laps, turned sausages and handed out icy poles. A special thank you to our JSC students who were kept busy handing out the sausages. Over $600 was raised from the sausage sizzle, we look forward to counting the sponsorship money over the next few days. Don’t forget to get the money raised in by November 7th to be eligible for some great prizes.

APPS Shopping Tour: Its time to start, continue or finish your Christmas shopping with our final fun and fundraising event this year on Thursday, November 14th. Please see the separate flyer sent home or the one attached to this newsletter. Please return payment and form by Tuesday November 12th.

After 3 years, the last two as convenor of the PAG committee at school council it is time to hand over the reins. We have tried to make our fundraising efforts lots of fun for everyone involved and had plenty of laughs along the way. Before then, the committee are looking for your fundraising ideas for the future to pass on. I look forward to supporting the fundraising efforts of the PAG committee next year and many more years to come. If you have any ideas, suggestions or queries please let us know either at school or drop us a line at appsPAG@gmail.com—Jeannine Vains
The APPS FUNdraiser Shopping Tour

Have you started your Christmas Shopping???

2013 Shopping Tour
Thursday November 14th

8.45am – Bus Departs from opposite Antonio Park Primary School – Whitehorse Road
3.30pm – Bus Returns opposite Antonio Park Primary School – Whitehorse Road

FIND BARGAINS GALORE SUCH AS….Toys, Clothes, Handbags, Books, Body Products...

Proceeds this year will go towards the
Junior School playground

$49.00 - adds up to a cheap day of shopping & lunch, socializing with other school parents & clearing the Christmas Gift List…without the kids!

HINT: You may want to bring a BIG bag to help keep all of your purchases together

Please fill out and return the form to the office with $49 per person by Tuesday Nov 12th
(Limited Seats - First in Best Dressed!!)

Please reserve ............. seat/s on the shopping bus

Name/s: ________________________________________________________________

PAID: $_____________ PAID DATE: ________

CONTACT MOBILE:............................................ Email..........................................................

Comments/Requests: ______________________________________________________

For Further info or if you have any suggestions/requests,
Kirsty Grace (Jessica 4CH) 0403 151 550 – kirsty@outletshoppingtours.com.au
Jeannine Vains (Emily 4CH) appsPAG@gmail.com
COMMUNITY NOTICES
(Please check the Community Noticeboard for further details)

- Under 12 Girls Basketball Ringwood Hawks have several spots available for Girls born 2003 or later to join their Representative Squad for 2014. The Ringwood Hawks program is one of the best in the area having both Senior Men and Senior Women playing in the BigV Grand Final earlier this year. Please contact Joe Egan for further details on 0418 565 795


- Ringwood Uniting Church Pre-School Night Market-Friday 8th November 9-0pm. Cnr Greenwood Ave and Station St, Ringwood.

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**Second Hand Uniform Shop**

*Monday 11th November 3-4pm Hall Foyer & During Prep Transition on Friday, 15th November 9am-10am in the administration corridor.*

Please ensure you bring cash in small notes to help on the day.

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Camp Australia:

Hello everyone,

This week’s activities at OSHC are:

**Craft:** Halloween Craft, harma beads, free painting, kids factor poster making, card making and children’s choice of their own art and craft.

**Outdoors:** Basketball, down ball, dodge ball, football, kick to kick, cricket, games in the hall and free time enjoying the weather as it fines up YAY!

**Cooking:** Halloween chocolate cake, french toast, popcorn, banana cake and Pancake Fridays

**Indoors:** group games – squirt, silent fish, traffic lights, in and out; homework club, quiet reading, cubby house games, dress ups, card games – Uno is a favorite, giant block construction, free time and a whole lot more.

Congratulations to Tyra W for Aussie of the week, Great Work Tyra!

Reminder: We are closed Monday 4th November (curriculum day)

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

Enjoy your week. Please don’t forget your hats! We will see you all on Wednesday 6th November have a safe and happy long weekend!
Aussie of the Week Awards

1LF Will
For your excellent performance at the Walk-a-thon, 17 laps-what a superstar!

1EA Mia
For your super efforts and great attitude towards swimming.

1LC Noah P
For bringing joy and laughter into our classroom and for always having a positive manner towards your learning.

1SG Chloe G
For demonstrating confidence and independence during the swimming program. Impressive.

2BC Paige R
For organising all of 2BC during the Walk-a-thon. Thanks for being a great JSC member.

2CC Freja
For showing a fantastic ‘Can do’ attitude towards our money tasks this week. You worked through every challenge and showed a great understanding of dollars and cents.

2CE Tynan
For a fantastic letter to the sea turtle foundation. You included lots of facts about turtles and asked amazing questions. Well done.

2CN Kai B
For being a responsible JSC. It was great to see you helping out at the Walk-a-thon and representing 2CN with a smile on your face.

2JS Lily M
For an informative and detailed letter to learn more about sea turtles.

2LE Jack A
For always enjoying the challenges he’s presented during maths sessions. You are a top mathematician Jack!

2SP Cooper
For being a fantastic class helper. You always volunteer to pack things away even when they aren’t yours. Thank you for all your help.

3AB Kyan W
For the amazing work you have put into your formal letter! You are a writing star! Well done!

3BR Laura D
For showing a huge improvement in your confidence. I love that you are willing to have a go and try your best. Keep it up.

3DH Connor
For his fantastic effort during our Walk-a-thon. Your determination was excellent and really paid off. Well done Connor!

3JD Luke K
For his wonderful work ethic. You always complete your school work and homework to a high standard.

3NM Tanisha W
For always producing work of an excellent standard and developing great confidence in your ability.

3RM Mick
For being a kind and caring classmate. Well done Mick for helping others when you see the need. Just fabulous.

4CH Tom B
For his artistic flair in producing headings in his Inquiry and Portfolio books.

4KD Harrison F
For your confident approach to all mathematical tasks. Your knowledge is impressive.

4KT Jess Z
For always setting high goals for yourself in mathematics-keep aiming for the stars Jess!

4RF Georgia J
For your wonderful contributions to our ‘Australian Gold Rush’ unit. The resources and the knowledge that you share add to our learning experiences. Thank you Georgia!

4MN Steve G
For your amazing efforts during the school Walk-a-thon. I don’t think I’ve ever seen you move so quickly.

Music Conor E 4CH
For his passionate approach to our new unit on Rock and Roll.
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