Dear Antonio Park Families,

Welcome Back

It is great to see everyone refreshed and excited to be back at school. Term 4 has commenced very smoothly. The level teams have their learning and teaching program well planned and prepared for their students.

Term 4 is a very important term. The focus on learning and teaching and completion of work tasks continues. Term four is one quarter of the learning year for our students. This is a significant amount of time. During Term 4 it is important for our students to be focused on this year.

During the final quarter of learning and teaching for the 2013 year, the students are consolidating and extending their learning, which is very important preparation for next year. I am looking forward to seeing the students applying themselves to the best of their ability to their learning and work. Having an excellent work ethic and pride in the work you do enhances learning outcomes and opportunities.

Welcome To Our New Families

We welcome 5 new students and their families to our school. Welcome to Grace, David, Kaedin, Maxine and Breanna.

SUN SMART

Despite the current mild weather it is worth remembering that we have entered a time of the year when all of us are particularly vulnerable to the sun’s harmful rays. Parents are reminded that it is school policy that all children wear a broad-brimmed hat when outdoors during terms 1 and 4.

Punctuality

It is great to see students at school prior to the first bell at 8:55 a.m. The students enter their classroom to put their bags away and organise their things for the day. The learning and teaching program commences promptly at 9:00 a.m. for our students. It is very important for students to arrive at school on time as they will miss out on the revision of existing skills and the introduction to new skills.

We understand that there are rare occasions due to special appointments or other reasons for being late. This won’t impact on a child’s learning and progress at school. A regular late arrival is detrimental to a child’s learning. When a child enters the classroom late, it disrupts the learning of other students and the program being delivered by the teacher. Punctuality is very much part of a strong work ethic and work habit. It is a life skill students must learn in preparation for life as a working adult.

At 4:30 a.m. on Wednesday 29th September, DEECD Security Management received alarm activations from the canteen. Police and security were notified and attended. On arrival police heard noises coming from the roof. It appears an attempt had been made to enter the canteen via a window. On further investigation it appears that a gas connection had been tampered with. The Fire Brigade were called by police to attend to make the area safe. After a search by the dog squad two offenders were arrested by the police.

I received a phone call from Security Management just before 5:00 a.m. that morning. I arrived early at school, and made arrangements to meet the school’s plumber to make an assessment. Due to the damage to the piping which the gas travels through, we shut down all of the gas throughout the school. APPS’s plumber Peter repaired all of the broken piping and reconnected the gas. Thank you Peter!!! DEECD Security Management response to incidents such as this are very quick, highly skilled and extremely well coordinated with all emergencies services and the leadership of the school.

Karen Patten

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday this week.

Aussie of the week Term 3

Our School Values

ERRIC

Empathy Responsibility Resilience Independence Confidence
A big welcome back to everyone at APPS!

We hope you had a chance to have a break with your family. Did you go away on a holiday, visit The Royal Melbourne Show or see a movie? Did your kids have a play-date or a sleepover with a friend? Did they chill out on the couch for a while and read a good book? Or did they simply enjoy their backyard and play some terrific games?

Did you see the wonderful Production photos on display in the foyer of the theatre? They will be on display to order in the school foyer next week for two weeks. A purchase form will be available with the photos. All photos are 6 X 8 and will cost $3.00 each.

If you would like an extra Production booklet, you can buy them from the office for $2.00.

Term 4 is always an exciting one as there is so much going on; level 4 interschool sport, aerobics, level 1 and level 4 swimming, level 3 camp, the Walkathon, whole school photo, graduation, reports and of course Christmas celebrations just to name a few!

The monthly Parent Morning Tea will be held on Monday 14 October, following assembly. Please join in for a celebration of our wonderful community support during Production time! If you have not sent along the acceptance form, there is one attached to this newsletter.

**MORNING TEA**

We would like to invite you to morning tea on **Monday 14th October, at 9.45**, following the assembly, in the hall. Please come along and celebrate together the school community efforts by everyone that made our Production such a wonderful opportunity for all our students!

Morning Tea

If you are coming along, please complete this form and return to school.

Yes, I will be attending ____________________________________

Just a few reminders to get you back into the picture after the break:

- If your child needs temporary medication at school, please make sure you fill out a Medical Authority Form from the office and pass on to your child’s teacher.
- Please remember if your child has an Anaphylaxis Action Plan that the plan will expire after a year and will need to be renewed by a doctor.
- If you have any issues or problems you would like to discuss with your child’s classroom teacher, please make an appointment so that the teacher can give you quality time.
- If your child is absent from school, please send in an absence note when they return or phone us at school and follow the prompts to report an absence.
- Don’t forget to check the Wellbeing noticeboard in the school foyer for any community workshops or courses currently available.
- Please check this newsletter regularly to keep up to date on all school activities!

Jan and Annette
What’s Happening In Level 1?

Welcome back, and who can believe it is term 4 already!! Level 1 is really excited to be exploring our inquiry unit “It’s a Jungle Out There”. Students will be learning about living things (plants and animals) and what their essential needs are in order to grow and survive in their habitats.

We have a busy term ahead with our excursion to the zoo and swimming. As swimming is fast approaching in week 3 please ensure you have returned your medical forms and your green permission envelope to your class-room teacher. If you do not wish your child to go swimming a written note needs to be handed to your child’s teacher. For those parents who have returned interest notices for parent helpers, please make sure you have given your working with children check to the office.

This week our spelling focus has been the blend ‘th’ and words that contain ‘ai’. Next week we will be exploring words with the blend ‘sh’ and words that contain ‘oa’. This week in maths we have continued to work with the concept of addition and subtraction and next week we will introduce level 1 to symmetry.

We hope you had a fantastic first week back
Level 1 Team

What’s Happening In Level 2?

A big welcome back to all of the level 2 community. We hope you are all refreshed and ready for our last term of the year!

Our inquiry unit for this term is ‘Under the Sea’. This topic is always a favourite for students (and teachers!). As always, if you have any resources to do with sea life they would be greatly appreciated.

For the first half of the term our writing focus will be on Transactional Writing which is used to communicate and maintain relationships. We will be completing lots of exciting styles of transactional writing including writing letters to organisations in the hope of gaining information about our ‘Under the Sea’ topic. We will also undertake classroom blogs to communicate with each other and more information about this will be coming in the following weeks.

Have a great week,
Level 2 Team

What’s Happening In Level 3?

Welcome back to all our lovely Level 3 families. We have enjoyed hearing all about each other’s relaxing and exciting term 3 holidays.

This week we constructed some creative and clever simple machines. The students have displayed their creations in a level 3 classroom walk where all students visited each others’ rooms and shared their work. It was fantastic to see and hear the language that the students were engaging in and the knowledge base they have of simple machines. If you haven’t yet, ask your child about what they have learnt last term! Students in level 3 also taught a level 2 buddy about their machine and asked them to evaluate their work, what a great experience for our students to learn with a peer! Have a look at the next page at some of the outstanding creations!

This term our inquiry unit will be looking at Indigenous Australian culture and we will enjoy discovering this aspect of our lives as Australians. If you have any resources (books DVD’s, posters) at home that you would be willing to share with your child’s grade, please send them in.

Our mathematics unit will start off this term having fun investigating mass, volume and capacity. We will be looking at these different forms of measurement through hands on investigations and experiments.

In term 3 we begin our Literature Contracts. This is a much loved and exciting stage in our classroom reading program. Look out for the Literature Contract information coming home next week. Your child needs to be reading a book from home or one they have borrowed from the library. We will be offering suggestions in grade library sessions however if you would like to explore your local library for a great book then you are more than welcome to.

The level 3 homework will start next week. Homework will be distributed on Tuesday and students will have 10 days to complete.

We are looking forward to another great term.

Have a great week,
The Level 3 Team

NAPLAN

NAPLAN test results will be sent home to families this Friday 11th October.

ICAS

ICAS English Certificates will be presented at assembly this Monday 14th October.
Level 3
What’s Happening In Level 4?

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN LEVEL 4?

Off and running in Level 4 for our final term of the year — the year is certainly going by quickly! This term the students will be undertaking our Gold Rush unit focusing on the period from discovery of gold in New South Wales to the end of the Eureka Stockade. We will also be starting our literature contracts this week, so lots of reading throughout Term 4 also! Students will have received their contract this week; we encourage students to share with you the requirements of the task so you can keep up to date with their progress. We look forward to lots of fantastic work on display around the classrooms!

Level 4 Swimming Program

Medical forms for participating families were distributed on Wednesday. It is essential that forms are returned to school by Friday 18th October so the aquatic centre can finish the organisation for our program. There is still an opportunity to enrol your child if you have not already done so — please see your classroom teacher for further details if required. Students not attending will be continuing normal classes with Level 4 teachers remaining at school.

Year 6 Graduation

Year 6 students have been given further details on writing their speech for the Graduation DVD. This is a great opportunity for students to reflect on their time at the school, their friends and experiences. Students are asked to spend some time this week, whilst there is no other homework, working on their speech. They will also be given time at school to complete the draft or edit/revise. Speeches usually go for around two minutes, no longer than three minutes.

Division Athletics

Good luck to the students competing in the Division Athletics competition today. We are so proud of how well you are representing our school, congratulations on all of your success so far. Go Antonio Park!

Kate, Mitch, Clive, Rachel and Karen
Level 4 Team

ICT IN LEVEL 4

We are continuing to explore the many uses of technology to support and extend our learning in Level 4. Each week students have an opportunity to independently utilise the laptops to publish their written work, use interactive maths games and to investigate for inquiry learning. The interactive whiteboards are a wonderful opportunity for students to play educational games as a whole class, watch videos and clips to support their learning or and as a tool to map whole class thinking. Our iPads are a brilliant tool to create photo stories, to use the camera functions and to search for information. Across the curriculum, it is wonderful to see the kids engaged and using the technology to support their ongoing learning. We are very much looking forward to incorporating technology further during our history unit this term. Students will be able to access primary resources including documents, letters and statistical information to support their understanding of life in Australia during the gold rush period. Year 5 and 6 students will use the internet to source information for our Gold Rush Expo later in the term.
FAMILY TIME

Work, school and extracurricular activities can make our lives so busy and create difficulties for parents to foster a bond with their children. During this term you can easily strengthen family relationships by spending time with one another, listening to each other, and respecting each other’s opinions. Below are some easy things you can do to form stronger bonds with your child.

1. Try and eat dinner together with no distractions, such as television or phones. Eating a family meal together not only promotes better eating habits, but also gives family members time to discuss their day and any good or challenging things happening in their life.

2. A great way of having fun while bonding with your family is to create a “Family Night” where the entire family participates in an activity. This can be as easy as a board game night or an evening watching a DVD together.

3. Helping your child with their homework not only allows you to spend time together, but enables you to see what they are learning and how they are doing academically. Your support and praise will go a long way in boosting their confidence in school.

4. Many parents know that reading to their child daily increases their literacy, but it also allows for a time when both parent and child are completely focused on one another and can communicate freely about the book or other subjects.

There is nothing better than having a place you can call home, where you feel loved, appreciated and safe. As a parent, having a strong bond with your children creates a feeling of unity and safety. It is important to do all you can to create these family bonds to ensure a happier and healthier family.

JSC NEWS

It’s less than 3 weeks now until our whole school walk-a-thon and the JSCs along with the PAG are very excited about this special event.

We hope over the holidays you collected some sponsors from your family and friends showing their support of you and helping us achieve the funds for our new junior playground. As you can see by our thermometer, we are not too far off reaching our goal.

There will be a sausage sizzle lunch on the day for those that wish to have a yummy lunch and more information will be given out just before the big day.
Next Wednesday the 16th October is National Nude Food Day. This day is supported by Nude Food Movers and in partnership with Nutrition Australia, creates a national day in which we can all come together and show our support towards healthy eating and waste reduction. On Wednesday the 16th October we encourage everyone to bring fresh, healthy, rubbish free lunches to school in support of National Nude Food Day. There will be a prize awarded to the class with the most Nude Food Lunches.
Let’s get together and make a difference to the health of our planet.

APPs 2013 Walk-a-thon – Friday October 25th

It’s getting closer to the big day so we hope everyone has managed to find some sponsors over the school holidays. Don’t forget there are prizes up for grabs for the most money raised for each age group as well as for the ‘best and fairest’ student from each level. A notice has gone home this week asking for your expression of interest in purchasing sausages on the day. Please return that form to the fundraising box in the school foyer by Wednesday October 23rd.

We are still looking for helpers on the day to run the sausage sizzle, distribute icy poles, stamp ‘lap cards’ and record information. If you can help, please return the form below.

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Walk-a-thon Parent Volunteer

I _____________________________ parent/guardian of child ___________________ in grade __________

will be able to help assist Antonio Park Primary School’s Walkathon on Friday October 25th.
The second hand uniform shop will be open on Monday 14th October 3pm—4pm in the foyer of the hall.

There will also be another session during prep transition on 15th October 9am-10am in the administration corridor.

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

Camp Australia:

Welcome back! Term 4 has started and so has hat and sunscreen season!
Please remember to pack your hat for BSC and ASC. We have lots of sunscreen for all!
This week we have lots of fun activities ahead:
  - **Craft:** Spring nature Muriel continuation, outdoor nature drawings, harma beads, Spring Craft display creations and children’s choice of their own art and craft.
  - **Outdoors:** Cricket season is back, this lovely weather is bringing out all the Footballs, kick to kick, Free play on the bush playground, seniors club, soccer and free time enjoying the Spring weather.
  - **Cooking:** Chocolate cake, Jelly, popcorn, Chocolate balls and of course YUMMY Pancake Fridays are back.
  - **Indoors:** Group games, in and out, musical statues, Lego construction, homework club, quiet reading, free time and a whole lot more.

Have a great week everyone! We look forward to seeing everyone!
If you have any enquiries or questions please call us on 0412 545 042 or 1300 105 343 or visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES
(Please check the Community Noticeboard for further details)

- Spanish Language classes-Expressions of interest are called for lessons to be held at Doncaster Secondary College on Thursday afternoons 4.30-6pm in 2014. If your child could be interested in this potential Spanish class, please email your child’s name, grade, plus your name, address and phone number to Emma Freitas, at emma.bargen@gmail.com this week.
- NunNet Program, Nunawading Netball Club-Wednesdays 4.14-5pm commencing 16th September for 8 weeks. Contact Kaisha 0416 135247 or secretary@nunanetball.com.au
- Heathmont Jets 2014 player registration day, Sunday 20th October 10am-12noon, Heatherdale Reserve. Contact Andrew on 0407 530 363 or sec.jets@jfc@gmail.com
- Anglicare Victoria is offering ‘Resilient Parenting’ session commencing Thursday 31st October for 4 weeks, 7pm-9am at Mitcham Community House. Cost is $10pp, ph 9873 4587.
- Water and Waves Australian beach photographs, Thursday 17th October 2.30pm at Whitehorse Artspace. Bookings are essential ph 9262 6250.
- Tennis Victoria Mum’s Program, 21Oct-22Nov $35 for five weeks. Operating at clubs across Melbourne including Mitcham and Nunawading. Contact 8420 8420 or tvreception@tennis.com.au
Antonio Park Primary School
DVD Order Form 2013

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To Order a DVD ONLINE...

Go to www.aardvarkmedia.com.au, and click on “Create an Account” at the top of the screen. Enter your details. The Registration code for our school is: Apps195M
Then click on “click here to order your DVD or Blu-Ray” section to order.

OR...

Child’s Name: ________________________________

Grade: _______

No. of DVD copies  ___  @ $35 each. $______
No. of BLU-RAY copies  ___  @ $35 each. $______

Please place the form and payment (Cash/Cheque) into an envelope and hand into the office by Friday 8th October.

Cheques payable to Aardvark Media
Payment must accompany order
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www.vikingsbasketball.net.au

Age Groups
Year born to qualify for age group:
Under 12, born after 2005
Under 14, born in 2001/2002
Under 16, born in 1999/2000

All players please bring
Basketball
Drink bottle
Reversible top or light and dark top

Schedule & Important Dates
All players should arrive 15 minutes before session time

Sunday 6th October - Tryout Session 1
Slater Reserve off Grosvenor St, North Blackburn
Girls
Under 12 8:00am – 9:30am
Under 14 9:30am – 11:00am
Under 16/18 11:00am – 12:30pm
Boys
Under 12 12:30pm – 2:00pm
Under 14 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Under 16 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Under 18 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Friday 11th October – Tryout Session 2
Girls
Marcellin Secondary College, Bulleen
Under 12 6:00pm – 7:10pm
Under 14 7:10pm – 8:20pm
Under 16/18 8:20pm – 9:30pm
Boys
Slater Reserve off Grosvenor St, North Blackburn
Under 12 6:00pm – 7:10pm
Under 14 7:10pm – 8:20pm
Under 16 8:20pm – 9:30pm
Under 18 9:30pm – 10:40pm

Sunday 13th October – Tryout Session 3 & Registration Day
Slater Reserve off Grosvenor St, North Blackburn
Girls
Under 12 8:00am – 9:30am
Under 14 9:30am – 11:00am
Under 16/18 11:00am – 12:30pm
Boys
Under 12 12:30pm – 2:00pm
Under 14 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Under 16 3:30pm – 5:00pm
Under 18 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Friday 18th October – Tryout Session 4
Girls
Marcellin Secondary College, Bulleen
Under 12 6:00pm – 7:10pm
Under 14 7:10pm – 8:20pm
Under 16/18 8:20pm – 9:30pm
Boys
Slater Reserve off Grosvenor St, North Blackburn
Under 12 6:00pm – 7:10pm
Under 14 7:10pm – 8:20pm
Under 16 8:20pm – 9:30pm
Under 18 9:30pm – 10:40pm

Thursday 31st October - Team Selections completed and posted on the internet by 5pm

Under 20s
A meeting for U20’s will be held on Sun 24th November 2013 at 12.15pm Slater Reserve.

For enquiries contact
Administrator: Meeghan Zennaro email: admin@vikingsbasketball.net.au  AH Mobile: 0407 330 682
Secretary: Monique Roberts email: sec@vikingsbasketball.net.au

Note: If currently with another Representative Club, a completed “Permission to Train” form must be presented.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Are you interested in your child learning about the Catholic faith? Then join us at ST. JOHN’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

494 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham,
on
WEDNESDAY afternoons during school terms
4:15-5:15pm

We offer a 4 year program for children in Year 2-6 who would like to receive the sacraments in the Catholic Church. Please note that the Sacrament of the Eucharist is celebrated in the third year of the program. Contact Angela Jordan on 9873 7636 or 0403502558 for an enrolment form or to make enquiries.

Classes for 2014 commence on Wednesday 19th February.
Dear Antonio Park Primary School Parents,

Junior Rockers is currently offering lessons to Antonio Park Primary School students in guitar, keyboard/piano, singing and drums.

The lessons are run weekly around the specialist timetable.

You can choose private lessons ($28/lesson) or shared lessons ($21/lesson). Shared lessons have a maximum of 2 students.

For more information or to book in for lessons, please email sue@juniorrockers.com or call us on 1300 46 76 25.

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