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Austinmer PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal's Report for Wednesday 11th May 2011

Staffing Update

We now have our full complement of teachers for 2011. At the start of the term we welcomed Ms Meli Theo to our permanent staff. Meli comes with a wealth of experience and has quickly settled into making Year 5J her own.

So our current staffing mix has the following classes and teachers:

KM ~ Miss Melissa Mendham	Year 3/4M ~ Mr Matthew Clark
KF ~ Mrs Kathy Foster	Year 3/4C ~ Mrs Eleanor Chamberlain (currently on LSL and taught by Mrs McInnes)
KS ~ Mrs Sarah Webb / Ms Holly Swan	Year 3/4B ~ Mrs Rachel Brown / Mrs Elaine Bell
Year 1P ~ Mrs Simone Pallier	Year 5J ~ Ms Meli Theo
Year 1HG ~ Ms Debbie Hobbs / Mrs Bronwyn Gleeson	Year 5B ~ Mrs Ruth Burns / Mrs Di Hosking
Year 2J ~ Ms Jo Blanch	Year 6R ~ Mrs Julie Reid
Year 2 W ~ Ms Rennae Woods	Year 6WJ ~ Mrs Susie Wynn-Jones
RFF ~ Peter Taylor / Holly Swan	

Demountable Success

Our last two demountables are in and security connections will be completed this week.

The next major work with demountables will be the installation of a small demountable toilet block, to be located next to the current Infants classes. This should be completed by the end of the term. As this unit is installed, we will finally have water and waste services connected to all of the demountables nearby.

Heating of the Hall

By the end of June, our hall will have two large flued gas heaters installed. This will really make a difference in the comfort levels over the cooler months.

Electronic Newsletters, Notes and Calendar

Currently there are 146 subscribers to the service. By request, we print 25 newsletters as hard copies. This means around 61 families do not receive any school information at all. Maybe they are going to the website to pick up their own copies?

Without doing a full school print run, we are saving about \$2400 per year and minimising our environmental impact - so we really need this system to work.

Please talk amongst other parents and ask them to either subscribe or request a hard copy newsletter.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day was outstanding. Everyone had a great day and the canteen workers made it a pleasure. My thanks to all who helped us put on such a good show for Austinmer PS.

Make a Wish Pyjama Day

This SRC initiative was a ton of fun for all concerned and again highlights the good work that our students can do under their own initiative.

Tour de Cure Visit

This was quite a spectacle with around 45 cyclists riding up the driveway to visit.

School Cross Country

Beautiful weather - loads of helpful parents and good days all round.

ANZAC Commemorative Service

Our school commemorative service was lovely and well attended by both the RSL and parents. Similarly the Dawn Service conducted at Austinmer Surf Club drew a huge crowd with our SRC representatives proudly assisting in the service.

Helping Your Child With Literacy K-6

This evening presentation was very well received, so much so that there will be a repeat session next week for parents assisting with reading in the classroom. Nikki Della Pozza, Ms Hobbs, Mrs Webb, Mrs Reid and Ms Woods packaged an informative and practical event to forge a strong link between parents and the classroom.

Interrelate Family Evening

This service was held last night on Tuesday 10th May. Altogether there were over 100 participants in both sessions. A minor disappointment were the numbers of parents who only booked their place on the day of the event. The lateness of their confirmation of attendance makes arrangements at school more difficult.

NAPLAN - National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy

The testing program started on Tuesday 10th May and continues through to Friday 13th May. All as expected and parents will receive their computer generated reports in late September come early October 2011.

Inter-School Chess Competitions

These started on 3rd May and take place on Friday afternoons after school. Mrs Reid coordinates the team with parent help and there are 7 rounds with schools from Ausitnmer to Gerringong taking part.

Future Events of Note

Working Bee Peter Taylor would like to discuss the date and long term plans for our Environmental Committee to work in conjunction with the school.

Maths Olympiad 18th May - Senior Classes with Mrs Reid.

Athletics Carnival 19th May at Beaton Park

Walk Saefly to School Day 20th May

P & C Disco 20th May

Musica Viva B'tutta 27th May

School Photos 31st May

Stage 3 Excursion to Sydney 2nd June

P & C Hollywood Night 4th June

Next P & C Meeting 15th June

Paul Petersen

Principal
10th May 2011