



PO Box 252 Thirroul NSW 2515
tel: 4267 1311 fax: 4267 1018
austinmer-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Austinmer PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal's Report for Wednesday 23rd March 2011

Staffing Update

Merit selection interviews for a new Assistant Principal were completed this week. Following a standards appeals period, the successful applicant was Ms Debbie Hobbs.

With Ms Hobbs as our new Assistant Principal, we are now in need of a new classroom teacher. Staffing procedures are underway to fulfill this position.

It is anticipated that this new staff member will be appointed before the end of the term.

Demountable Movements

It is anticipated that the current demountable at school will be relocated this weekend, and that a new demountable will be placed on site at the same time. With utilities to be connected and the rooms both furnished, we hope to move into the rooms in the last week of term.

Electronic Newsletters, Notes and Calendar

The electronic newsletter service is up and running. From anecdotal evidence, parents find this a useful service. Currently there are 87 subscribers to the service. This week parents have been asked to 'opt in' to continue receiving a hard copy of the Newsletter.

An electronic school calendar is now in operation and also seems to be well received by parents.

Swim - A - Thon

Paul, Jodie and the team must be so very proud of the 2011 Swim-a-thon. Weather did not dampen the spirits of any of the children, staff or parents who attended.

Although we had to scale back the student involvement on the day due to the weather - as a staff we are all very happy with the way the event has evolved and we have all booked a bright, warm day for a 2012 Swim-a-thon and Welcome Back to School event.

The Bunnings BBQ the next day was a drippy affair too, but a good bit of fun and great fundraising by a small but dedicated team.

Supporting Public Education and the Australian Government Schools Review Commission

Submissions to the Review of Funding for Schooling have been extended to March 31st 2011. Two Austinmer community members attended the Public Education Supports event at Keira Technology High School. Tonight I would encourage all parents to make a submission on behalf of the future of public education funding.

Future Events of Note

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day is traditionally a fun day here at Austinmer PS and this year promises to be just as vibrant as before. All of the staff and students, and the canteen which has some special things in place, looks forward to welcoming a huge crowd.

Make a Wish Pyjama Day

This SRC initiative fits in well with our school. The Make-A-Wish foundation is granting one of our past students a wish during her cancer treatment and we are very happy to support the foundation. They are asking for a gold coin donation.

Tour de Cure Visit

This Ride to Cure Cancer will be visiting us on Friday 1st April at 1.30pm. It will be quite a spectacle with around 90 cyclists riding up the driveway to visit. We hope for a gold coin donation to wish the tour well on their trip to Melbourne.

School Cross Country

We have the Stage 2 & 3 event on Friday 1st April and the Kinder to Year 2 students on Thursday 8th April. Events start around 9.45 each day and parents are encouraged to attend to cheer the children on.

ANZAC Commemorative Service

Our school commemoration will begin around 10.45 with representatives of the local RSL Sub-Branches in attendance. Parents are encouraged to attend.

SRC representatives will be in attendance at the Dawn Service conducted at Austinmer Surf Club from 5.30am on ANZAC Day.

School Development Day Term 2 - 27th April

Staff will be working with all of the Seacliff Community of Schools on Literacy links between the feeder primary schools and Bulli High School until 1.30pm. Then our staff will return to school to finalise our PBS Classroom programs.

First Day of Term 2 for Students.

Due to public holidays and the School Development Day, the first day of Term 2 is Thursday, 28th April.

Interrelate Family Evening

This service is scheduled for parents on Tuesday, 10th May from 6pm and then 7.15pm

NAPLAN Dates

The testing program starts on Tuesday 10th May and continues through to Friday 13th May

Paul Petersen
Principal
23rd March 2011