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Austinmer PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal's Report for Wednesday 15th June 2011

Buildings and Maintenance

Following a state office review of school facilities, our plans for an extra set of toilets for the lower end of the school have been shelved. We have however been guaranteed that we will have water and waste services connected to all of the demountables over the next two terms.

The heaters for the hall have arrived and we await the install of two large flued gas heaters installed.

Online NAPLAN trial.

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.

Athletics Carnival 19th May

A great day with wonderful parental support at Beaton Park.

Walk Safely to School Day 20th May

These days are the fun ones where as a school we teach a great lesson in a practical way. Ms Hobbs organised the day and again parental support was outstanding.

P & C Disco 20th May

Mrs Holmes and her team provided a fun event for around 100 students with great reports from all involved.

Musica Viva B'tutta 27th May

It is exciting to have the Musica Viva program back in our school. The vast majority of students attended but it was disappointing to see the number of families who turned up on the morning of the performance to pay for their students. Staff were reminding those who had not paid, but we still had over 50 people paying on the morning of the event.

P & C Hollywood Night 4th June

Jodie's energies and enthusiasm shine with these events. The team she brings together is to be congratulated for providing the school community with such a magnificent fun filled evening.

Cyber Bullying Information Evening

This was held at Bulli High School as part of our Seacliff Community of Schools Parent Initiatives on Tuesday 14th June. It was a cold night with around 30 participants. Two of the Wollongong Local Area Command Liaison Officers addressed the group and provided practical first hand advice to the

attendees. This may be repeated at another venue in the future should schools see further interest from their parents.

New Server Install

This weekend (18-19th June) a new \$7000 server will be installed. We have had troubles over the last two years with the current unit and look forward to creating a quieter and more stable

2010 Annual School Report

This has finally been approved and should be on the school website by the end of the week.

Semester One Reports

Reports for all students Kindergarten to Year 6 will be distributed to parents on Friday 24th June. These comprehensive reports will give parents a very comprehensive understanding of the work undertaken by their children and provide a grade for the effort and capabilities of each student.

This year there is a new addition to the report format titled Areas in Need of Development, which specifically highlights areas or content that each child should focus on to improve their learning.

Parents are always welcome to meet with their child's class teacher at any time of the year. As such, at Austinmer we do not schedule specific parent interview times - however, any parent who would like an interview with the child's class teacher about anything specific in the reports is encouraged to do so in the last week of Term 2 or early in Term 3. Specific arrangements for interviews should be through each classroom teacher.

Future Events of Note

Peter Taylor starts LSL this Friday and we welcome Maddie Cochraine in the role for the next few weeks..

Carpet Cleaning Friday 17th June

Working Bee let's hope for good weather this weekend.

Illawarra Music Festival Rehearsal at Corrimal Thursday 23rd June.

Southern Stars Dance Rehearsal Lake Illawarra HS Thursday 23rd June.

Thirroul Fire Brigade Visit Friday 24th June and 1st July.

Recorder Rehearsals Salvation Army Hall Sydney 29th June.

Last Day of Term Friday 1st July.

Education Week ' these are some of the tentative events for August 1st to 5th (Week 3 Term 3)

- *Illawarra Music Festival Performance*
- *Official Opening of the School Hall with Sharon Bird attending*
- *Brainstorm 'Sticks and Stones' Production K to 6*
- *Stage 2 and Stage 1 Creative Arts Performance*
- *Premier's Spelling Bee In-School Finalists*
- *Community of Schools Parent Information Evening focusing on 'Building Resilience in Your Child' and a*
- *P & C Meeting.*

Paul Petersen

Principal

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