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**Austinmer PUBLIC SCHOOL**

## **Principal's Report for Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011**

*(Final)*

### **Buildings and Maintenance**

Our Hall heaters are still providing some grief. A defect notice has been put into place and we await repairs and rectification work on the units.

### **Education Week and Hall Opening**

This was a great event with Sharon Bird attending and the AECG representation for the signing of the Aboriginal Education agreement. Suzette and the canteen ladies did a great job in feeding everyone and the various classroom open events were very well received. Bella and Pascal represented the school most capably and admirably as Student Principals throughout the week.

### **Illawarra Music Festival Rehearsal, Banksia Opera House Concert Series & Southern Stars Dance Rehearsals**

So much effort goes into these events and it shows! Whilst our core work will always be based around the Literacy and Numeracy needs of our students, it is our school's commitment to the whole child's education that makes Austinmer unique. Of course our involvement here is only possible when staff are able to commit themselves to the events and when parents are able to be supportive of our plans.

My very public thanks to Mrs Burns with our senior choir, Mrs Upenicks with our recorders along with Mrs Hoskings and Mrs Reid for their work in Southern Stars, they and our students are all *practically perfect!*

### **ICS Provision of After School Care Services**

I have begun negotiations into an agreement with the Illawarra Children's Services for the provision of an After School Care Service. This should begin at the start of Term 4.

### **Hall Use and Noise Concerns from Neighbours**

Following concerns raised, I am still in negotiations with a school neighbour to try and reduce the noise levels that emanate from the school hall during out of school hour activities.

I do believe that we will have a satisfactory solution to the concerns before the end of the term.

### **Kindergarten Numbers for 2012**

Confirmed number for 2012 are far lower than in previous years - please notify any and all parents of the need to contact the school to secure a place for their child next year.

### **Bunnings BBQ Success**

Once again the generosity of our parents shows with their willingness to work hard for the school. My heartfelt thanks to all of the workers on the day, any amount of money raised is appreciated, but a profit of \$1602 is extraordinary!

## **2012 to 2014 School Plans**

By the end of the year all public schools will need to complete their long term school planning for this triennium.

I believe it is important for our school community to be involved in this process and plan to set aside two times for parents to provide their thoughts on our overall directions for the next triennium.

The first consultation is proposed for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 3pm to around 4pm. This session should allow parents who pick up their children a chance for their involvement.

The second consultation is proposed for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 9am till around 10am. This is designed to attract parents who drop students off in the mornings.

Dependent upon interest, a third session may be organised for Term 4.

The school plans must follow the broad strategic directions of the NSW State Plan and the Department of Education and Communities plans, which should be released during early September.

Getting the plan right, will take time - so the sooner we can gather a team started the better.

## **Future Events of Interest and to Note.**

### *Nude Food Day*

The second of the Nude Food Days is on 30<sup>th</sup> August and the SRC is very happy and excited about the changes that they have been bringing to student lunches and waste awareness.

### *Public Speaking Finals*

At Helensburgh PS 30<sup>th</sup> August.

### *National Literacy Day 31<sup>st</sup> August*

Every day is a Literacy Day, but today we will be having a big Buddy Read Off across the school.

### *Music Count Us In*

National event at 11am 1<sup>st</sup> September

### *WCC Surf Ed for years 2 - 4 - 6*

Sessions on after 12.30 on 1<sup>st</sup> September

### *P & C Fathers' Day Stall*

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

### *Wombarra KU Pre-School Visit*

An information session attended by all local schools for the information of pre-school parents.

### *Ethic Classes Information Session*

6.30pm in the Library

### *.TA Signal Box Beautification*

Ms Swan and a team of students will be working on the signal box at the front of the school on 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### *International Talk Like A Pirate Day*

A fund dress up day for no other reason than bein' a P'rate! 19<sup>th</sup> September AAAGGGGHHHH.

### *Illawarra Chess Tournament*

At TIGS from 9.15 to 2.30

### *Book Week Parade*

Bigger than Ben Hur, but a lot more fun than a chariot race. Mrs Gleeson is again working on a play production, so look out. This will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, the last day of Term 3.

### *Principal's Leave*

I will be taking long service leave for the first few weeks of Term 4 and Mrs Reid will be our Relieving Principal over this time.

**Paul Petersen**

*Principal*

*30<sup>th</sup> August 2011*

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