



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 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

### **Buildings and Maintenance**

Our 12 monthly hall inspection took place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011. A number of issues were detected and are currently being rectified. Some work was completed on Tuesday and Wednesday. The school will be receiving covered walkways. This work is being undertaken by the Asset Management Unit (AMU) in liaison with the BER Program Office. Anticipated date of completion will be the start of Term 1 2012.

### **Before and After School Care**

The new arrangements for Before and After School Care began beginning of Term 4 and some adjustments to routines and practices are being made.

### **NAPLAN RESULTS**

Students in Years 3 and 5 have received their NAPLAN results last term. Our school average results in all areas were above the national averages. The staff is using the data provided to do more long term planning for all of our students, however, we always like to keep this information in context. It is one test on one day and does not provide a measure of all we do at our school. Parents who would like more information about the NAPLAN results have been making appointments with their child's class teacher.

### **Book Week Parade Last Day of Term**

It was great to see students and staff dress up for the day, a wonderful way to end the term. The traditional staff play was a highlight, the staff enjoy this just as much as the children and the Fun Friday Family Lunch was well attended. Congratulations to Mrs Gleeson for all her organisation.

### **2012 to 2014 School Plans**

The School Plans are being finalised and are due for completion in November.

### **Kindergarten Orientation for 2012 Students**

A Parent Information Evening was held in Week 1 followed by Orientation Days in Weeks 1, 2 and 3. Our final session is Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Congratulations to Mrs Webb and all staff for the success of the program. The organisation of such events is very much a team

effort. Our Year 5 students have been outstanding and are very excited about their role as 'Buddies'. Currently we have 45 enrolments.

### **Calmsley Hill Farm Stage 1 Excursion**

Everyone had a great day and the teachers congratulated the students on their excellent behaviour and manners. There are some photos on the website, hopefully there will be more soon.

### **School Swimming Scheme**

The School Swimming Scheme began on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October and will run for two weeks. There are 40 students attending from Year 2 to Year 5. Mr Clarke has been the organising teacher and the lessons take place at Corrimal Pool.

### **Bulli High Adventure Program**

Students from Year 5 have been given the opportunity to attend lessons at Bulli High. The lessons take place on various days and in a number of different subject areas.

### **Footsteps Dance Program**

This is an excellent program being enjoyed by the majority of students. Lessons are held every Friday and will continue throughout the term.

### **Canteen Passes**

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October we began our 'Jump the Queue Canteen Pass' as part of our PBS Reward System. Thank you to Suezette and our canteen helpers for assisting with this initiative.

### **Mrs Webb Maternity Leave**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011 will be Mrs Webb's last day. Ms Swan will be teaching KS for the remainder of the year.

### **Future Events**

**KOALA Awards** - Kids Own Australian Literature Awards. Library Monitors attended the awards at Casula Powerhouse Museum on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**UOW Science Fair** - To be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 with 12 Stage 3 students attending.

**Year 6 Fundraising Market Days** - Fundraising for Year 6 gift to the school to be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

**Remembrance Day Ceremony Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** - The Remembrance Day Ceremony held in conjunction with the Austinmer Sub Branch is organised for 11am at Austinmer Surf Club near the memorial. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Stage 3 Camp** - Students and teachers will be attending Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2011.

**Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Concert** - The concert will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Dress rehearsal at 10.00am and Concert at 2.30pm.

**End of Year Reports** - Reports are being sent home on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

**Bulli High School Orientation Day** - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

**Year 6 Farewell** - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Last day of School for Students** - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011