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Austinmer PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal's Report for Wednesday 30th November 2011

Principal's Leave

My thanks to Mrs Reid for fulling in during my leave at the start of Term 3.

ICS Provision of Before and After School Care Services

The service is in full operation now and from all reports the programs are great.

Hall Use and Noise Concerns from Neighbours

A set of principles governing the use of the hall have been established.
These will be reviewed in June 2012.

School Numbers for 2012

We currently have 342 students for 2012 which will mean a continuation of 14 classes. In the last week we were informed of 9 students leaving, but then gained another 4.
At the start of next year, all of our classes will be 'on hold' and students will be working with their teachers of 2011 as they revise special Serfie, Bully Awareness and Child Safety lessons.
Once we are sure that our new arrivals are complete, we will move into the 2012 classes.
We hope that this will happen by Friday, 3rd February.

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 / 2012 School Plans / Seacliff COS 2012 Plans

The involvement of parents in the three year strategic plans was appreciated. These stay in draft form until approved by the School Education Director (SED).
The 2012 School Plans are underway and they too stay in draft form until our SED provides final approval. This usually happens around Week 4 of Term 1.

Stage Microphones and Improvements in the Hall

Installation was completed this week of new choir stage microphones and speakers (\$2856). Quality does not come cheap, but the benefits of the new system will be obvious to all on Friday with our next Junior School Creative Arts Performance.
Wonderwall (\$2827) will be installed next week too. This product will allow special class and school displays to be easily established for any special or long term events.

School Survey Results

These help us drive our school future school planning.

22 responses for English / Literacy

22 responses for School Communication

30 responses on parent Satisfaction. The surveys are anonymous and some respondents obviously have a single issue to pursue. There has been a suggestion to ask for named responses, so that concerns of that parent can be followed up directly.

Old Chaplaincy New NSCSWP Processes

Ready to move ahead from tonight's meeting with the new Student Welfare Program. We can apply for \$60,000 three year funding. We do need to choose a new SWP funding recipient as this group manages the legislative requirements of the program.

Once legislative training, taxes and fees are incurred, the Student Welfare Program person should be able to provide the school with between 2 to 4 hours of services a week.

Our Thanks

2011 has been an a year of continued excellence for the school students, staff and parents.

The ongoing financial support of the P & C has been exceptional. With the installation of IWBs across so many classes, teacher resources to benefit students, school discos, parent 'glam' events, canteen help, the move to an external BSC and ASC provider, 'Swim A Thon, Mothers' and Fathers' Day, canteen workers, morning teas, ANZAC and Remembrance Service help, Education Week support, Chess Club (and this list is not complete) your work is invaluable.

Sheralee along with all the Executive Team and others who take on big or small roles have my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all that you have done in 2011.

As the AGM comes around next week, I hope that all of you will stand for re-election and that others may follow your exceptional lead and also come on board to support the students, staff and parents throughout the year in 2012.

Paul Petersen
Principal
30th November 2011