**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**Welcome back**
I know this has already been said many times, but once again I’d like to welcome everyone back to the new school year. This is warmly extended to our new students and families to Austral public school, we are so happy to have you here and hope that you are going to love it as much as the rest of us do. If this is your first newsletter, we really encourage you to read it and future ones as it one of the major forms of school communication.

Kindergarten is off to a great start and children are already impressing their teachers with their readiness for school and all classes have begun learning in earnest.

**Classes**
Our numbers are looking steady at the moment and unlikely to change.
Our classes for 2015 should remain as follows:

- KG  Mrs Gow
- KS  Miss Standley
- 1S  Miss Smith
- 1/2M Mrs McMullen
- 2G  Miss Gaut
- 2/3C Mrs Carter
- 3/4G Miss Ghassibe
- 3/4/5T Mr Thompson and Mr McKay
- 4N  Mrs Gower
- 5B  Mrs Bergmann
- 6R  Mrs Rysko (Monday to Thursday) Mrs Wickham (Friday)
- 6T  Mrs Tester

Learning Support and English as an Additional Language or Dialect teachers are - Mrs Walker, Mrs Logozzo and Mrs Manago when she returns in week 5.
Mrs McPherson is working closely with our Instructional Leaders Mrs Becker and Mrs McGuire in supporting our kindergarten to Year 2 classes.
Meet the teacher night is coming up in Week 4 and a separate note will go home soon.

**Canteen**
Our new canteen is off to a great start and proving to be very popular with the students. The owners of the business are Greg and Tania Carluccio and our canteen is managed by Ivy, who will be there every day usually with helpers. The canteen staff are very keen to get to know the students and their families and become part of our community.
Parents and caregivers are very welcome to come to the canteen and I know everyone is keen to see the improved premises. Please just let Greg or Ivy know and they will be happy to invite you in and show you around, we just ask that you let one of them know before hand and not just walk in. It is a business and as such is still subject to work health and safety rules and insurance conditions.
We also invite the parents of children with special needs or allergies to come to the canteen to see which products will suit their children’s needs. Again please organise a time to do this when it is not so busy. There will be a competition for the children to select a name for the canteen with a prize for the winning entry. More information to come.

A huge thank you to the Gigliotti family, for planning, organising and installing the new kitchen in the canteen. We had other families come in to help including Mr Santaguida who worked on the plumbing. We had people here in the holidays and on weekends to make sure it was ready to open this week. This was a massive job and our deepest thanks go to everyone involved.

It just goes to show what we can achieve when we work together as now our canteen and our electronic sign have now been sourced from our school community.

Update your details
The start of new school year is a great time to check that all of your details are up to date on our records if you have changed your contact details or emergency contacts please make it a priority to let us know. It is always terrible if a child is sick or injured and parents cannot be contacted.

I am looking forward to another great year at Austral PS.

Kind regards

Jan Rogers
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Swimming Carnival (6/2/15)

On Friday 6th February 2015 we will be holding our annual Swimming Carnival. All students turning 8 years and older this year are invited to attend. The carnival will be held at Fairfield Leisure Centre, 44 Vine Street, Fairfield NSW 2165.

Just a reminder that students need to be at school by 8:30am as buses will be leaving at approx. 8:45am. This is to allow time for us to get to the venue so that the carnival can commence on time.

Parents are invited to come along on the day to support your child in races and events. You may wish to bring along a chair or rug. We hope to see you there!

Mr Thompson

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- **Monthly Market Day**
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  - Contact: Florence Callicott on 9826 1060

- **Sunday Worship** at 9.15am each week
  - Contact: Rev Jan Reeve on 0419 432 490 or 9823 7629

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