PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Meet the Teacher
It was great to see so many families attend our ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening on Tuesday. Parents indicated that they feel much better informed about the year ahead for their children. Thank you to everyone who attended and the teachers for giving up their personal time.

Thanks also to the Mr McKay and P & C for organising and manning the BBQ so everyone could enjoy the sausage sizzle.

Medical forms
We are currently in the process of updating our medical forms to the most recent departmental requirements. This paperwork needs to be updated every year. If you have been given new forms to fill out, we would appreciate it if you can return them to the office as soon as possible.

Learn to Swim Scheme
Once again the ‘learn to swim program’ is on offer for our students in years 2 to 6. This is a great opportunity for children to learn this vital life skill. We really encourage students who are non-swimmers to take advantage of this program. There are only 52 places on offer so it is essential to get in early.

School Contribution
A note went home recently requesting payment of the voluntary contribution to the school. The amount is $35 for one student or $50 per family. This allows us to purchase additional resources for our students that otherwise would not be possible. Again I stress that it is voluntary. We would like to thank the P & C for donating an iPad to raffle as a prize to thank those who are able to contribute.

Permission to Publish
A reminder for parents to complete the permission to publish note that went home so that we can include your child’s photo and work in the newsletter or other publications and on our website.

Thank you

Regards

Jan Rogers
Zone Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 25th February, 19 talented swimmers from Austral Public School will be attending the 2015 Zone Swimming Carnival. This carnival is being held at the Whitlam Centre, Liverpool. On behalf of the students and staff, I would like to congratulate these students on their achievement and wish them all the very best in their qualifying races on the day.

Mr Thompson
Sports Coordinator

Gold Chance Card Draw

Congratulations to Rabah from Year 6 who was the winner of the Gold Chance draw at our last whole school assembly on Wednesday 11 February 2015. Rabah was rewarded with a double pass to movies donated by the P & C, and a book prize donated from the Book Fair, which we hope he will enjoy.

Next month students will be receiving gold chance cards for joining in to activities nicely as this is an important skill at school. Try to encourage your child to choose a good time and place to talk, and use good manners, such as please and excuse me when trying to join in conversations. Discuss how to decide what to talk about and how important it is to talk in a friendly manner.

Mrs M. Carter
Class Teacher

PSSA
Round 1 20/2/15

Boys Oz Tag  All games at Whitlam Park
Boys Softball  All games at Ed Wheeler Reserve
Girls Soccer  All games at Hoxton Park Reserve
Newcombeball at Mt Pritchard PS

PSSA
Round 2 27/2/15

Boys Oz Tag  All games at Whitlam Park
Boys Softball  All games at Ed Wheeler Reserve
Girls Soccer  All games at Hoxton Park Reserve
Newcombeball at Hoxton Park PS

ST ANTHONY’S PARISH

St Anthony’s is celebrating 50 years a Parish in 2015.

There will be various celebrations during the year and the first is a disco dance for youth.

Ages: Year 3 to Year 7
Date: Friday 20 February 2015
Time: 6-9pm
Tickets: $10 each (includes chips & drink). Glo Sticks on sale at the dance.
Coffee/Tea/Cake: $5.00 available for parents staying.

FREE Child restraint safety check

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Silver Medallions

Azra

Kayley

Gold Award

Zara

Aussie of the Month

Nicholas

Mariette

Silver Award Winners


DATES FOR THE DIARY

Changed or new dates underlined

FEBRUARY
20 PSSA Season 1 commences
25 Zone Swimming Carnival
27 Clean up Australia Day

MARCH
02 Swimming scheme commences
03 Debating Workshop @ Greenway Park PS
04 Leadership Conference (Yr6 Leaders @ Homebush)
06 Swimming scheme finishes
A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

AUSTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
NAME YOUR CANTEEN
COMPETITION

The canteen would like the students from Austral Public School to name the new school canteen. You can enter as an individual or as a group.

The winning name will be selected by the teachers.

Once the name has been selected, a sign will be made and used outside the canteen for all to see.

The winning entry will have their name/s displayed on the sign as well.

Also, the winning entry will receive 10 x $5.00 canteen vouchers.

Entries close the end of week 8 term 1, 2015

some ideas used before:
The Tuck Shop
Canteen Corner
Healthy Habits
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Every year, from Perth to Penrith, hundreds of thousands of Australians get stuck in and clean up their local environment by collecting and removing rubbish on Clean Up Australia Day. Our school will get into the spirit by cleaning up the school grounds on the Friday before the weekend of the official day.

WHEN: Friday 27th February 2015.
WHO: All students (K-6)
WHERE: At school.
UNIFORM: School uniform with sunsafe hat.
REQUIREMENTS: All students to bring rubber or gardening gloves, and a small plastic bag.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs M. Carter
Co-ordinator

2015 SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

A note went home to all students Year 2-6 on Tuesday about the Department of Education and Communities School Swimming Scheme learn to swim program, which will be held from Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March 2015. This is a program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The scheme is conducted over five days and each daily lesson is 90 minutes.

Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. The scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Years 2 and 3, but provides for weak swimmers in Years 4 to 6. Cost is $50.00 which includes bus fare and pool entry each day. There is no charge for the actual swimming instruction.

Please return note and money to the office by next Wednesday 25th February 2015.

Mrs M. Carter
Organising Teacher

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform orders are to be placed at the office no later than Thursday morning 9.30am. Orders will be filled out on Thursday and delivered to the child’s class. Please place correct money in envelope with their name and class

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

It is a good idea to put spare underpants and either grey pants for boys and royal blue pants for girls for Kindergarten and Year 1 students in their bag as the office only has a limited number of spare clothes.
**3/4/5/T’s Mindset**

Students in 3/4/5/T have recently been learning about developing and changing their mindsets.

A person’s mindset is the way in which someone thinks of/about themselves. Students in 3/4/5T have been looking at two types of mindsets.

**Fixed Mindset:** In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success—without effort.

**Growth Mindset:** In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment.

We have been trying really hard to get ourselves away from having a fixed mindset and retraining our brains to think in a growth mindset. We have included some photographs of our learning about mindsets, as well as a photograph showing a mindset growth wall that we created for our classroom.

![Mindset Growth Wall](image1)

![Classroom Photos](image2)
NEXT P&C MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 16th
MARCH AT 9.15am IN
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