PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Swim Scheme
Swim scheme is coming to an end tomorrow after a very productive 5 days of lessons. The students are very proud of the progress they have made in such a short time and their confidence has increased tremendously. Thank you to Mrs Carter for organising and attending each day and also to Miss Gaut, Miss Ghassibe and Mrs Gower who attended as well.

Bush Tucker Garden
We are planning to create a bush tucker garden at school. Mrs Tester and Mrs McPherson lead our Aboriginal Education Committee and have invited members of the community to help design a garden featuring native plants that would have been used by local traditional Aboriginal tribes. Last year stages painted Dreamtime stories onto pavers which will be incorporated in the garden. ANL which is a local plant care business have very kindly offered to donate plants and pebbles to use to establish the garden. We sincerely thank them for their generosity. The garden will be a wonderful asset to our school.

Overseas Travel
There have been some changes to departmental policy on exemption from school. Overseas or family holidays are no longer considered as a reason for school exemption. Parents are encouraged to take holidays during school vacation time. Family holidays and overseas travel are now recorded as absences.

Medical Information
Thank you to everyone who has returned the new documentation for medical details. If the paperwork was sent home to you and you haven’t already done so it would be appreciated if it can be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. If you need assistance to fill out the documentation we are very happy to help. Please note that if your child has Asthma they must have an Asthma Action Plan completed by the doctor to be kept at school. All of this information must be updated every year. We apologise for any inconvenience, but your child’s health and safety is of paramount concern.

Canteen
The canteen is proving to be very popular with our students. The staff encourage all students to bring their lunch orders to the canteen before school starts. This gives the maximum amount of time to prepare orders in time for lunch. This is particularly important on Fridays as we have lunch first and there is less time to make up lunches.

Don’t forget the competition to name the canteen. There are still a couple of weeks to go as it closes on Friday 20th March. Please place entries in the box provided in the office.

Regards
Jan Rogers
Gold Chance Card Draw

Congratulations to William from 1S who was the winner of the Gold Chance draw at our last whole school assembly on Wednesday 4 March 2015. William was rewarded with a double pass to movies and a book donated from the last Book Fair, which we hope he will enjoy.

This next month students will be receiving gold chance cards for following directions, as this is an important skill at school. Everyone makes decisions on their behaviour. Sitting still, looking and listening to directions are the first steps to being able to actually carry out directions. Concentration plays a vital part in being able to follow directions correctly.

Mrs Carter
Class Teacher

Library News

Our library timetable is now settled and all classes have their library time each week. During this lesson each student has the opportunity to borrow books from the library to take home and read. Please make sure your child has a library bag to use when borrowing.

I am very keen to see every student in the school borrowing at least one book that interests them each week. Reading has a huge impact on all we do in life, and students need to practise and improve their reading skills constantly.

The Premiers Reading Challenge is on again this year and many students have decided to take part in the challenge.

Kinder to Year 2 students will have the PRC books read to them by teachers, and those in Years 3-6 will complete the challenge in their own time by borrowing books marked as PRC and reading at home. I look forward to many students participating.

Have a wonderful time reading!

Mrs Benson
Teacher Librarian

Aussie of the Month

Melissa  Sarah

Bookclub will close on 13th March.

PSSA

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Silver Medallions

Giuseppe

Gold Awards

Blade  Elise  Sabah

Mila  Emma  Connor

Silver Awards

Rabah  Selena

William Judson, Preston Scholes, Aria Trindall, Ruby Wickham, Shemar Pretorius, Emily Bryce, Samuel Cilia, Lillian Trindall, Jesse Judson, Julia Alfan, Joey Grima, Claire Matosevic & Isabel Sarpa.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Changed or new dates underlined

MARCH

06 Swimming scheme finishes
16 P&C meeting in staffroom @ 9.15am
17 Regional Swimming at Bradbury
23 School Photos (Full Summer Uniform)
25 K-6 Assembly 1/2M
Clean Up Australia Day

Thanks to all the students who participated in Clean Up Australia Day in the school grounds. It was great that everyone lent a hand to help keep our school neat and tidy.

Mrs Carter
Co ordinator

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

Scholarship Sportsmanship Citizenship
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.

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On Wednesday 25th February, 19 talented swimmers from Austral Public School attended the 2015 Zone Swimming Carnival. All students who represented Austral Public School at this event did a fantastic job at making our school proud. We are pleased to announce that 6 students in total have been successful in making it through to the regional swimming carnival, which is being held on Tuesday 17th March, at the Gordan Fetterplace Aquatic Centre, Bradbury. 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
5B have been learning about friendships through texts and art. We put our hands together to show that we can work as a class to be effective learners. We also wrote stories about unlikely friendships.

Abbie and Linda

As the lightning struck Abbie saw an egg rolling on the ground so she tried to catch it. It was too fast she couldn’t get it. The egg was larger than a soccer ball and shimmery purple. As Abbie carefully carried the egg home it hatched. It was a shimmy unicorn and it so cute. Abbie named the unicorn Linda.

To make Linda fly Abbie had to go to a faraway land to get the golden corn. She picked bundles. Abbie felt so good that her hear swelled. When Abbie got home she popped the corn for Linda. Abbie went to her shed but Linda wasn’t there. She heard a voice coming from outside.

Abbie dashed out of the shed. She peeked around the tree and saw Linda was stuck in a hole. Abbie tried to get Linda out but Abbie got pulled in. Then Abbie remembered that she had the golden corn. Abbie fed Linda the golden corn. Linda flapped and flapped her wings and she started to fly. Then Abbie thought, wait I need to hop on Linda’s back. Linda stopped flapping and let Abbie hop on, then she tried again. Then Linda began to fly.

Linda flew over the house. Abbie couldn’t believe her eyes. They developed a beautiful friendship and enjoyed many fun times together. By Sarah 5B
**Scholarship Sportsmanship Citizenship**

**Bella and Gogi**

As Bella was walking home from school it was boiling hot and Bella was dripping with sweat, like she just got out of a pool. Bella loved the hot days. She was happy that she had to walk home from school and enjoyed the sun. When Bella got home she was just about to go inside when Bella saw an enormous lightning flash and heard a huge crashing sound. Bella thought that her heart had stopped. She started to walk over to the side of the house and saw a gigantic space ship! The door opened and Bella got butterflies in her tummy. As the door was opening the ramp slowly lowered and an egg came rolling down the ramp. It stopped in front of Bella’s feet. Bella watched the egg very slowly and all of a sudden the egg cracked. The egg was open and Bella couldn’t believe her eyes.

**IT WAS A MONSTER!!!**

Bella blinked like crazy. Bella looked at the egg again and saw that there was a note on it. It said “Take care of the monster”. P.S its name is Gogi. Gogi was rainbow coloured with black spots on it. Bella knew that they would become great friends and have lots of fun adventures together.

By Julia 5B

**Kate and the Giant Butterfly!**

As Kate was eating her favourite cereal for breakfast as usual, she heard a weird sound that she had never heard before. Kate’s heart was beating so fast she could hardly hear the sound anymore. She raced outside and saw a giant butterfly - Kate was in shock. It was bright pink. It is the size of me! Kate thought to herself. Then the butterfly disappeared like magic into thin air. After about five seconds it came back another colour, instead of bright pink it came back bright yellow. “It can change colour!” Kate yelled. When she saw that she nearly threw up!

Kate didn’t know what to do. She was only 13 and she was way too scared to call her parents, anyway they were shopping they always shop on Saturday and I mean EVERY SINGLE SATURDAY! They won’t miss anything for shopping, NOTHING! They shop until 4:00 AM- all the way until the shops CLOSE! I know RIGHT!

So let’s go back into the story now. She had an idea but before she could do it the butterfly spoke and told Kate its name was Alice and it was a magical butterfly. Kate was in shock again! But this time she felt her stomach churn and it came – she actually did throw up! Oh no!

Kate thought it was just a dream so she tried counting to three and opening her eyes. 1…2…3…OPEN! Oh my, it isn’t a dream Kate told herself. Then Kate had a TERRIFIC IDEA! She hopped on the butterfly and said, Alice take me on an adventure. “But where”, Alice asked Kate. “Why don’t we go fly through the sky?” YES, YES! Kate yelled. So they went off on their journey.

By Ella 5B

**The days that we were together**

In 1926 in Hiroshima Japan, two baby girls’ screams were heard in the village, the mountains and the forest. It happened on the same day at the same time. The first baby girl was named Atalanta she was a Mother Nature girl and was a beautiful ballerina. The second baby girl was named Megan she was kind and also a gorgeous gymnast. However they were very poor and had to work twelve hours everyday even when they were young.

As time passed Atalanta and Megan turned 18 and they had to work at the bomb shelter every day and that’s when they met each other. Atalanta and Megan would do flexibility moves when there was no air raid or work to do.

One day Atalanta and Megan felt really emotional and felt that each other had something in them that was called friendship. Atalanta and Megan both eye connected to each other and smiled. They both hugged each other and spent most times together. However the friendship didn’t last forever. Air raids keep coming every day and Atalanta and Megan had to defeat the USA for peace. They had to wake up 1am and hop on the type 2592 kokusan.

While battling the USA Megan was injured with a serious injury, she couldn’t move and felt like she was broken. At the hospital while Megan was healing she just couldn’t take it anymore and she was going to rip the plug out of the support but Atalanta stopped her and sobbed. Megan smiled at Atalanta and stared at the beeper as it was going slower and her heart was fading. Megan put her hand on Atalanta’s face and whispered her last words “Sayonara my friend”. Her voice went sleepier and lower. The beeper line went straight and Atalanta’s face shredded with tears as her best friend had passed away.

As year past Atalanta was diagnosed with cancer and also passed way. Atalanta’s grave was placed next to her best friend Megan and both were remembered as greatest friend’s ever.

By Peony 5B
NEXT P&C MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 16th
MARCH AT 9.15am IN
STAFFROOM
THANK YOU