PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Changes to Office Staff
Our lovely Mrs Scaccianoce (Germana) has decided to take extended long service leave until mid-2019. Mrs Scaccianoce is always a smiling face when you walk into the school and is much loved by students, parents and staff. She is always so kind and helpful and cares greatly about our students. We will all miss her very much, but hope that she enjoys her leave in her beautiful new home.

Replacing Mrs Scaccianoce, temporarily will be Mrs Claire Cooper who comes to us from Narellan Vale Public School. I know that everyone will make her feel welcome and support her as she gets to know Austral Public School.

Luckily, Mrs Chalkley will still be here to help us all.

NAIDOC Celebrations
Today all of our students participated in a short assembly run by our Aboriginal students and then stage based rotational activities to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Our students did an amazing job of explaining why we have an ‘Acknowledgement of Country’ and read a Dreamtime story to the school. One of our younger Aboriginal students explained this year’s theme and what it means to her. NAIDOC Week is observed every year at Austral Public School, this year’s theme is ‘Because of Her We can’. Thank you to Miss Little for organising this event.

Education Week
Next week is Education Week in NSW and the theme is ‘Today’s schools creating tomorrow’s world’. We have lots of things planned at Austral Public School to celebrate this significant time and to show our pride in public education. We hope that you can join us for any or all of them.

Wednesday:  
9:10 – 10:10 Open classrooms  
10:15 – 11am – Whole school assembly hosted by Kindergarten. Parents are invited to stay for recess.

Thursday:  
11:30 – 1pm P & C Fun Run around the school oval  
11:30 – 12:00 Kindergarten and Stage 1  
12:00 – 12:30 Stage 2  
12:30 – 1pm Stage 3

Friday:  
Athletics Carnival for all students turning 8 and over  
Starting at 9:30 on the school oval

Canteen
A note went home earlier this week for visitors to the Athletic Carnival if you would like to order your lunch that day. Please complete the form and return to the canteen by next Wednesday.

Our canteen staff have been concerned about children bringing large amounts of money to school, some as large as $50. We really don’t encourage this as children need to be responsible for their own money and we would hate for them to lose it or it go missing.

Book Week and Book Parade
Our book parade was such a success last year, we all decided to have another one this year during book week. This is coming up in Week 5, so start thinking about those costumes. Mr Thompson will send home more information shortly.

Jan Rogers
**Talking Maths!!!**

Kindergarten to Year 6 have been focusing on how to have productive conversations during class time, especially during maths lessons. They have been practising Turn and Talk and how to Revoice ("So, you’re saying...") so that they can learn more from each other.

Years 3 – 6 have also been practising being mathematicians by showing persistence, reasoning and communicating through rich tasks. Last week’s rich task was called a Magic V – Give it a go!

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**Magic Vs**

Place each of the numbers 1 to 5 in the V shape so that the two arms of the V have the same total.

- How many different possibilities are there?
- Can you convince someone that you have all the solutions?
- What happens if we use the numbers from 2 to 6? From 12 to 16? From 37 to 41? From 103 to 107?
- Investigate the same problem with a V that has arms of length 4.
Child Protection Lessons

During term 3 all K – 6 teachers will be delivering the Child Protection component of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PD/H/PE) syllabus. This is a mandatory area of the curriculum that is covered annually in classes. Balanced child protection education incorporates teaching and learning in three broad themes: recognising abuse, power in relationships and protective strategies. If you would like to know more or have any questions or concerns, please contact the school for further information. Lessons will commence in week 3.

Book Fair

During week 5 of this term, the Austral Public School Book Fair will be happening in the Library. All students will have the opportunity to attend the Book Fair during this week with their class.

Fun Run + Athletics Carnival

Just a friendly reminder that the Fun Run will be taking place on Thursday 9th August and the Athletics carnival for years 3-6 as well as for those students in year 2 turning 8 will be happening on Friday 10th August.
NEXT P&C MEETING
WILL BE HELD TUESDAY 11TH
SEPTEMBER AT 5.00PM IN THE
STAFF ROOM
THANKYOU

DATES FOR THE DIARY
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8 Education Week Open Classrooms 9.10am to 10am
Whole School Assembly (KW) 10.15am
9 P&C Fun Run
10 Athletics Carnival (Yrs 3-6 & Children turning 8)
14 ICAS Mathematics
20-24 Bookfair
24 Book Parade

Uniform Orders

Uniform orders are to be placed at the office no later than Friday morning 9.30am. Orders will be filled out on Friday 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 shorts or pants for boys and shorts or 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.

Thank you

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