

Auburn Primary School



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DIARY DATES

MARCH

Week 9 **Newsletter Week**
Thurs 31 Landcare Awards

APRIL

Fri 01 First Aid training

Week 10
Mon 04 AFFLIP fundraiser
(tropical theme)

Fri 08 Playcentre,
Parent Information
Session 1 with OT

Week 11
Mon 11 School Photos,
House Challenge #1

Tues 12 Parent-teacher
Interviews

Wed 13 Small schools movie
day (Blyth cinema)

Thurs 14 **LAST DAY OF TERM**
(Early finish, 2.15pm)

Fri 15 **EASTER FRIDAY**
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Briony Ackland

Ironically, the value of this fortnight is **Safety**. And what a time to work with children to expand their ideas about what it means to be safe and how we can make decisions for our own and others' safety - mentally, emotionally, physically, socially.

We have certainly had our fair share of health safety concerns over the past few weeks, and we can be incredibly proud of our community's response to testing and isolation requirements. This has enabled us to return to near full attendance as quickly as possible.

Kids' Council have been planning the term's House Challenge - loose parts construction (above) - and there is much excitement around it. As you will know, *The Jungle* is one of the most popular environments on our site, and a place where children learn to assess their safety and take *appropriate* risk as they explore, create and innovate. We can't wait to see the children working together in this space to solve problems and construct something magnificent for the challenge!

In the classroom, Mrs Rusca has developed a wonderful Semester's learning plan for all students in HPE (Health). This has infiltrated cooking and gardening lessons, morning fitness, recess and lunch breaks, school events (such as Ride to School Day), The Arts (music) and more, as the students develop a broader view of health and safety, and look at both individual, group and community strategies. It is timely also that we have been able to fill our Pastoral

31 March, 2022

WEEK 9 - TERM 1

Care role once again and look forward to working with the PCW to further our school initiatives for health and wellbeing.

Meanwhile, our Governing Council continue to explore solutions to road safety around the school. A verge parking zone has greatly improved safety on St Vincent Street outside the JP gate, but particularly with a growing school, it remains inadequate during drop-off and pick-up times. Speed along Port Road is an ongoing concern. Our Council remains committed to pursuing long-term solutions and growth for our school.

And finally, last week we were proud to connect with Leasingham local, Justyna Rosa, and offer our support to those displaced from Ukraine finding refuge in Poland - those who fear for their safety, daily. Thanks to community support of our Mini Market, we were able to make a donation of \$100 to Justyna, which will be used entirely to purchase goods for women and children in Polish shelters. Thankyou Justyna for your bravery; and helping us to safely contribute to others in need.

Wishing everyone health and safety,
Bri

WELCOME NEW FRIENDS!

Welcome Liliana Lloyd (R) and family, and Reuben King (Y2) and family to our school. We trust you have settled well and will love your time with us!

Value
of the
Week
SAFETY





GOVERNING COUNCIL

Governing Council work is well underway for 2022, following our AGM in Week 4 and the second termly meeting this week. Congratulations to our Councillors for this year, who remain as they were in 2021 with 3 re-elections to new terms:

Chairperson - Scott Williams
 Vice-Chairperson - Paul Kinnear
 Secretary - Mel Wewzow
 Finance Officer - John Hogben
 Community rep. - Rhonda Seymour
 Staff rep. - Kiara Rusca

We were also very grateful to have received a number of replies from parents interested to support GC committees and help out in any way they can. We have some major grounds developments happening this year, as well as the need to continue providing for our parent and friends community. **The Council does have 4 vacancies for general committee members**, so please be in touch if you could be available for one or two meetings a term, to share the load, and help get some of our initiatives off the ground - it's an exciting time to be involved!



BULB FUNDRAISER

Our Term 1 fundraiser - Tesselaar bulbs, is nearing a close. There are a few remaining catalogues littered around the town, including at the IGA counter and the Post Office. You can also order directly online, via this link:

<https://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/AUBURNPS>

Orders close Thursday, 14 April. We thank you in advance for your participation and look forward to being able to purchase plants to complete the new 'water soakage' garden beds that will protect the new playground surface from water damage.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Over the past few weeks we have held a number of leadership processes, to elect the student leadership team for 2022. Some of these roles endure the whole year, while others are for a Semester, providing the opportunity for more students to develop important skills of collaboration, critical listening, problem-solving and teamwork.

Student voice is a critical feature of our school decision-making, and in addition to fundraising opportunities, over the past few years student voice and action has resulted in a number of projects and improvements in both the school and community, such as:

- the outdoor café development
- Aquaponics
- House Challenges
- the soon to be installed nest/basket swing and outdoor performance stage
- exploration garden beds
- court scoreboard, and more.

Last newsletter we celebrated our School Captains, Myrtle and Lily. This week, we congratulate our **Kids' Council** representatives for Semester 1, who have already started work to raise funds for AFFLIP (Australian Foundation for Fostering Leadership in the Philippines) and design House Challenges for the year.



SEMESTER 1 KIDS' COUNCIL

(Back) Eloise Leslie, Myrtle Courtenay, Seth McCarthy
 (Front) Brooklyn Williams, Lily Macdonald, Walter Courtenay



MUSIC LESSONS AND PERFORMANCES

This term's Arts units have been in the area of Music, with a focus on literacy and music. Through language and literacy, we have explored the patterns and sounds in words and linked these to music concepts.

In R-2 class, we have taken advantage of their interest in singing and nursery rhymes to enhance their learning of syllables and rhyme. We have explored the use of everyday items as musical instruments as we investigate pulse, dynamics, pitch and tempo; and absolutely loved learning how to 'knick-knack' rhythms with spoons!

In Y3-6 class, we have worked hard to develop our ability to read and write our own music. This week, we collaboratively created 3-part ostinato (repeated rhythmic patterns) using a variety of strategies, including drawing on our literacy to begin with key phrases (a lead also in to song-writing). We can't wait to share our compositions with you over coming weeks.



We have also been fortunate this year to engage *Musica Viva* for musical performances. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we had to join our first concert online; but it was nevertheless fantastic!



In Week 8, we enjoyed the sounds and rhythms of Japanese *taiko* (drumming). Many students had not experienced the particular instruments, their varied sounds and style of performance, and were excited to identify aspects of their learning in the performance. In term 3, we hope to be able to invite other small schools to join us for a live performance, *Two-wheel time machine*.

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

Congratulations to our mid-term awardees. It is in many ways delightful to be in a position where it is difficult to select just two or three awards when we have a whole community of students who continue to set goals for themselves and demonstrate through ongoing actions, our core values for learning and school culture.



Myrtle Courtenay and Lily Macdonald

RESPECT

Our Captains, fulfilling their role with maturity, kindness and respect.



Reuben King and Lilianna Lloyd - Eloise Leslie and Ken Linckers

HAPPINESS

RESPECT

THANKYOU ROTARY CLUB!

The Rotary Club of Clare are very generous to donate a *Math Essential Facts and Tables* reference 'dictionary' to every Year 3 student. These are a handy resource for students in class. Thankyou, we greatly appreciate your ongoing support of our students and their mathematics learning!





2/3 Mathematicians!

We have been focusing on lots of different ideas in Math this term on the topic of place value and number. Place value describes how each DIGIT in a NUMERAL represents a particular value based on its position. This is an important understanding and skill for students in every year level.



Ideas for home

A growth mindset is the belief that intelligence and 'smartness' can be learned and that the brain grows from experience and effort. The opposite, a fixed mindset, is the idea that you are either smart or you are not. Did you know that praising effort rather than intelligence or results can impact your child's ability to persevere in challenges?

- Add "yet" when they claim they are "not good at this"
- Ask questions that focus on their effort and choices
- Ask them to reflect on satisfaction of that effort

For example: *What did you learn today? What mistake did you make that taught you something? What did you work hard at today?*



Math is everywhere! Holidays are a great time to learn how math relates to the real world. Help your child by taking advantage of the many great opportunities to practice math, naturally!

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Cooking can involve weighing, measuring, ordering, estimating, adding.
- Restaurants and shopping can involve money, estimating, adding, division...
- Parties can involve matching numbers of people to plates, cutlery, area of tables, estimation, multiplication...
- Trips can involve time, distance, evaluating routes, number plate games...
- Home projects can involve estimation, measuring, multiplication...
- Gardening can involve measuring, counting, area, division...
- Board and card games



We will have a chance next term to share what we did in the holidays ☺





MOBILE MARKET

Fresh produce harvested directly from our school garden for our community.

Wednesday fortnightly, St Vincent Street

Next market: 13/04/22

Bring a reusable bag

Donation appreciated

Currently, we have raised over \$100 to support Ukrainian women and children taking refuge in Poland.

Next term, we raise funds to revegetate the oval perimeter.





GET TROPICAL FOR AFFLIP

MONDAY 4TH APRIL (WEEK 10)



Gold Coin fundraiser

Come dressed in tropical attire!

think hot summers day, beach wear and tropical flowers



Kids Council
selling icy poles
\$2



All proceeds go towards our sponsor student in the Philippines.

TERM ONE HOUSE CHALLENGE
MONDAYWEEK 11

LOOSE PARTS CONSTRUCTION
Bleechmore vs Castine

- teamwork - creativity - fairness -

What will you build? How will you do it?

UPPER Primary

Mystery Animal

The baby ghost shark is a fish.





At OSHC we have been exploring the outside area of the school. Making the most of the beautiful weather and collaborating new friendships. The children have been cooperating with each other over the different sports equipment they would like to get out. The children have been using their negotiating and problem solving skills to make it fair for all.

We have been exploring sharing our interests with each other. I have been programming for what the children would like to do. On the night their name is one the program they are the leader. Taking on the responsibilities and delegating the roles to get our tasks done. The children have enjoying taking on the new roles.

Glenys



Auburn OSHC





AMAZING ASTRONOMY

AN INTERACTIVE TALK AT THE CLARE TOWN HALL

THURSDAY
APRIL 21
AT 2 PM

HOW BIG IS THE SOLAR SYSTEM?

HOW DOES GRAVITY WORK?

COULD THERE BE LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS?



DEADLY DINOS

AN INTERACTIVE TALK AT THE CLARE TOWN HALL

THURSDAY
APRIL 28
AT 2 PM

HOLD A REPLICA VELOCIRAPTOR SKULL

COULD YOU OUTRUN A T REX?

HOW DO YOU BECOME A PALEONTOLOGIST?





IN PREPARATION FOR OUR
MONDAY WEEK 11 HOUSE CHALLENGE

Can you add to
our loose parts?



We are looking for...

Mindfulness for Everyone

Do you sometimes feel like there is too much happening around you?

Are thoughts keeping you awake at night?

Would you like some time out to become more relaxed?

Or are you just interested in knowing what Mindfulness is all about...

We are running our Mindfulness and Meditation Course
in Clare in Term 2, 2022

Classes commencing Wednesday 11th May for 6 weeks
6.20pm – 8.00pm

at Clare Medical Centre, 41 Old North Road, Clare

Cost: \$140

Early Bird (if booked before the end of March) & Repeat Participants: \$120
(Concession available on request)

In these 1 1/2 hour sessions we will explore techniques to:

- improve mental clarity, concentration, relaxation and sleep – reduce stress
- learn to be in the present moment and out of 'auto pilot' – improve relationships
- manage pain – become less judgmental of ourselves and others

Places are limited - to register or make enquiries, contact:

Melanie Michael: 0428 101 228 Michelle Sanders: 0407 795 104

melanie@claremedicalcentre.com.au Certified Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction

Clare Hockey Club "Come & Try"

Just after school on
Wednesday 6th April, 2022
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Clare High School Oval
Sticks & Shin Guards provided
Sausage Sizzle / Fruit to follow
Tel: Marlene 0428 838 864



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AUBURN AUTUMN FÊTE

- _ Local Produce
- _ Chutneys, Jams & Sauces
- _ Quality Crafts
- _ Metal Work
- _ Fresh Flowers and Gifts
- _ Secondhand Books
- _ Sizzling Gourmet Sausages
- _ Hot Food To Go
- _ Coffee and Scones
- _ Leather Handbags
- _ Natural Beauty Products
- _ Plants
- _ Silk Scarves
- _ Wooden Boards
- _ Handmade Jewellery

10am – 3pm
17th April 2022
Easter Sunday
Auburn Institute

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