

Auburn Primary School



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DIARY DATES

MAY

Week 2

Tues 10	NAPLAN: writing
Thurs 12	NAPLAN: reading, UP prac. teacher visit
Fri 13	Small Schools Movie Day (Blyth)

Week 3 **Newsletter Week**

Mon 16	NAPLAN: Language
Tues 17	NAPLAN: Numeracy, Governing Council (6.30pm, library)
Wed 18	RADHS visit
Thurs 19	UP prac. teacher visit
Fri 20	Walk Safely to School Day

Week 4

Mon 23	Cross-country (Burra)
Tues 24	PUPIL FREE DAY
Wed 25	Nat'l Simultaneous Storytime
Thurs 26	UP prac. teacher visit

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Briony Ackland

Welcome back to Term 2! While we are only 4 days deep, we have certainly hit the ground running. The students have returned to school with much energy, sharing their adventures from holidays, throwing themselves in to setting new learning goals and taking on new challenges with enthusiasm.

Our teachers and parents, too, have taken on new learning. On Tuesday night, we welcomed Sandy Russo from SPELD (Specific Learning Difficulties SA) to work with us on strategies to enhance the quality of our conversations with children. She shared the research that very clearly identifies the **detrimental impact** of limited talking, reading and singing experiences on a child's developing literacy by age 3, and beyond. In an era of technological distraction, and when many of us are constantly 'racing the clock', Sandy challenged us to think about our interactions with our children. She worked through some strategies to assist us to better engage them in conversation that enhance their exposure to language and *exponentially* grow their vocabulary; in turn supporting them to be *exponentially* better readers, writers, speakers, and learners. It was a fantastic show of support for our home-school partnership from our Playcentre and school families with over half of our families represented. We are inspired to continue working in this space and look forward to providing further support to action Sandy's ideas at home.

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This week, we have also welcomed our new Pastoral Care Worker, Lauren Budreika, to the team; and university student, Tahlia Reid, who is beginning her studies in primary teaching and completing her first practicum in our UP class. **Lauren** has been immersing herself in class activities as she gets to know our school, staff, students and their families. She brings a wealth of experience in social work and a passion for wellbeing. **Tahlia** is hoping to specialise in mathematics and will be a wonderful, additional support to our classes as she observes, learns and works with our staff and students. We wish her all the very best as she works towards her first teaching block in Week 6.

And finally, we kick-started the next phase of our playground development, with a design consultation with Dirtworks yesterday. This is to ensure that we make sensible and strategic decisions in relation to our grounds development (including the soon-to-be-installed nest swing and outdoor performance stage) to ensure a lasting and engaging outdoor environment for years to come.

But first, to Term 2, and the here and now. Enjoy!

Kind regards,
Bri

Thankyou

Lynette Taljaard
and Lily Macdonald +
families for looking after
our beloved chooks over
the holidays. x





NAPLAN

Over the next 2 weeks, our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the national assessment program (NAPLAN). In conjunction with our many other collection methods and as part of our broader assessment program at APS, NAPLAN provides another data set for students' literacy and numeracy achievement to assist us to further clarify and identify student needs and develop programs to target improvement for each child. *For those with children sitting the tests, please note the amended schedule.*

AUBURN AUTUMN FETE

Easter Sunday provided the perfect excuse for locals and tourists to browse the many goods available and on show at the Auburn Autumn Fete. We were proud to be involved in this fantastic community offering, and enjoyed the opportunity to share our produce and sustainability products with the public. There was much interest in our stall, with many a comment not only about the variety and quality of items for sale; but also about the impeccable manners and kindness of our student volunteers, and the learning programs we offer at APS. Furthermore, our efforts raised over \$400 for the SAKGP program, which will be used to declutter and update the kitchen learning space and purchase some new (replacement) equipment for student programs. Thankyou to those students and parents who were able to support the running of the stall, particularly as it coincided with the Easter weekend.

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NEW RESOURCE FOR HOME

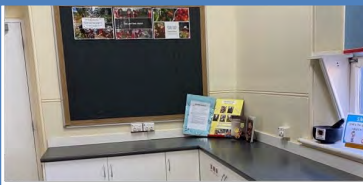
To further build our home-school partnership, we have been able to utilise *Parents in Education* grant funding to purchase a subscription to *Parenting Ideas*. This resource will complement our Parents in Partnership program of information sessions and workshops (in the key areas of wellbeing, literacy and numeracy). As part of this membership, staff, parents and carers gain FREE access to webinars, articles, videos and e-books on key parenting topics such as:

- Encouraging good behaviour
- Helping your child with anxiety
- Handling tricky friendship days
- Every day resilience lessons
- Managing screen time, and more.

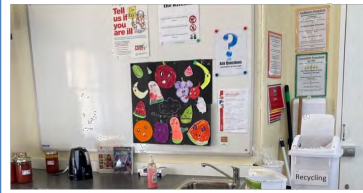
We will include an article in each week's newsletter, and provide access codes/tokens for webinars as they become available (but don't panic if you can't join live, online; we will have access to recordings for 3 months after each is aired). [The access code for the term's first webinar recording - Helping your child with anxiety - is attached to this newsletter.](#)

We trust this will be a valuable addition to the information sessions we are providing and welcome your feedback as we explore this resource.





Kitchen Updates Begin!



ACTIVE KIDS ARE SMARTER KIDS



FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

Let's start the day in a healthy way!
Join Mrs Rusca and Mrs Ackland at Centenary Park at 8.30am
ready to walk together to school, where Mrs Prince will be
ready and waiting for whole-school fitness fun!

Masterchef Mystery Bag success!

Key ingredient: apples





OWNERSHIP



Excursions



New friendships



Vacation Care April 2022



New experiences



Yummy food



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Do you need some help to support your child's safe use of technology at home?
Check out these FREE eSafety sessions in May & June.



Parent and carer webinars

2022

Safe settings for online devices

Learn how to set up parental controls on devices and apps to keep your children safe online.

eSafety's expert education and training team is running FREE live webinars in May 2022 about how to manage settings on devices and apps. Parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years are invited to join.

Dates: (AEDT)

Tuesday 10 May: 7.30 - 8.30 pm Thursday 19 May: 12.30 - 1.30 pm

Tuesday 31 May: 12.30 - 1.30 pm



Register now: esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

Safer online gaming

Help your kids stay safe by learning about the benefits and risks of online gaming.

eSafety's expert education and training team is running FREE live webinars in June 2022 exploring safe online gaming. Parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years are invited to join.

Dates: (AEDT)

Thursday 9 June: 12.30 - 1.30 pm Friday 17 June: 12.30 - 1.30 pm

Tuesday 21 June: 7.30 - 8.30 pm



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Webinars for parents in 2022

We have a membership with Parenting Ideas, one of Australia's most trusted sources of parenting education and support. As part of this membership, all the parents and carers in our community can attend helpful, informative and enjoyable parenting webinars at no cost. Enjoy this exclusive benefit by redeeming online today.

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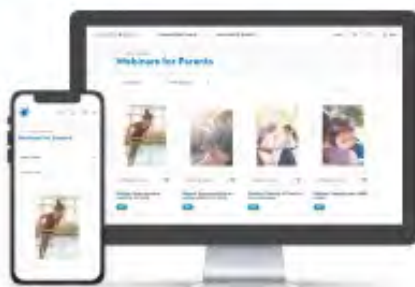


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