From the Principal

I have had a fabulous welcome from staff and students, as their new Principal at Auburn High School, during the last two weeks. I spoke to all staff and students at an assembly and explained how excited I am to have the opportunity to lead this vibrant new school. As I explained in my letter sent out last week, my vision is to work with our students, parents, teachers and the community to create a high performing government school that is a school of first choice in the area.

Auburn High School is my third school as a Principal, and I bring a strong background in teaching and learning and extensive experience in whole school improvement. I am looking forward to developing the Binational French, Bilingual Chinese and the SEAL programs in our school and I have seen the exciting work that is already happening in classrooms. I am very impressed with the professionalism and dedication of the staff at Auburn HS and the amount of effort they put in to engage and challenge students.

I would like to welcome Jim Ringin, who is the Acting Assistant Principal, during Virginia Murray’s leave. Jim is an experienced Assistant Principal and I look forward to working with him and the school leadership team.

Finally, I would like to thank Martin Culkin, the Interim Principal, for all the work he has done over the past 12 months to create Auburn High School and for assisting me in the transition. Martin has laid the foundations to enable Auburn High School to become a great school.

Year 7 and 8 Camps

Our Year 7’s had a great time on their camp at Waratah Bay last week. The teachers told me the students were very well behaved and enjoyed the activities each day. I would like to thank Nola Cefai, Alex Clark, Paul van Est, Udesthra Naidoo and Michael Thorburn for going on the camp. I am sure they were grateful for the ANZAC day public holiday the next day as they were very tired. An article on this camp is included in this newsletter.

This week was the Year 8 camp at Lorne and, by all accounts sounds like it has been successful as well. I would like to thank Ira Boots, Damian Major and Natalie Golding for going on the camp. More about this camp will in the next newsletter.

School Uniform

It is an expectation at Auburn High School that all students attend in full school uniform. During terms 2 and 3 the winter uniform is to be worn along with the school blazer. Students out of uniform will be asked to explain by way of providing a note from home. The uniform policy is available on the school website where families can check the uniform requirements are as well as the consequences of breaches of the uniform policy.

Marla Karvouni  Principal
YOU ARE ALL WELCOME to join us, for our

Auburn High School Parents Association Meeting

Date: Wednesday 14 May 2014,
Time: 7pm
Place: Library

We are delighted that the new principal, Maria Karvouni will also be joining us.

The purpose of this meeting will be to:

1: Ratify the Auburn High School Parents Association Constitution.
   (Whilst important, this will be a brief component of the meeting)
2: Provide families with an opportunity to join the association.
   (Membership is subject to a $20 donation)
3: Elect the office holders for 2014
   (President, Treasurer and Secretary)
4: Discuss and organise our first whole school WELCOME EVENT.
   Please bring along your inspiration and creative ideas to make this a memorable
   occasion for everyone.

A light supper will be provided and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you have information that would be of value to us before the meeting, or if you have
any further enquiries, please don’t hesitate to contact us via the details below.

Kind regards,

Interim President: Ilias Mastoris - mastoris1@optusnet.com.au
Interim Treasurer: Devika Iyer - drdevikaiyer@yahoo.com.au
Interim Secretary: Simone Cosgriff - simone.d.cosgriff@gmail.com

UNIFORM REMINDER

All students are required to wear the winter uniform from the start of Term 2,
Tuesday 22 April until the end of Term 3, Friday 19 September.

UNIFORM SHOP STOP PRESS

The winter skirts and some larger size blazers have arrived and are available for purchase.
The shop is open Monday and Wednesday 1.00 – 1.30 pm and Tuesday 3.00 – 3.30 pm.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS PROGRAM

The Overseas Student Program at Auburn High School is looking for good homestays for
overseas students. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact
Bernadette Caruana on 9804 6344 or caruana.bernadette@edumail.vic.gov.au to
Our Year 7’s got off to a flying start to term two as they headed off to their camp at Waratah Bay. The giant swing made ‘flying’ more than an expression for our intrepid adventurers as they explored all that camp had to offer. Camp provided our Year 7’s with a marvellous opportunity to strengthen social ties, broaden their circle of friends and connect with teachers away from the formalities of the classroom. Many of the activities we enjoyed had a strong teamwork focus and involved facing personal challenges. We completed a variety of initiative activities, traversed the ropes course and climbing walls, cooked damper, designed model boats, played beach volleyball and of course found some down time to sit around the camp fire at the end of the day.

It was also a terrific opportunity to continue some science in the field. The skies were kind and our night walk gave students the opportunity to look up and find some of the features of the night sky that they had been learning about in class. Our rock pooling morning unearthed some amazing creatures to identify including a personal favourite, the elephant snail.

Back at school our students are reflecting on their experiences in their English classes, so watch this space! We will look forward to sharing some of these in a future edition of The Arrow.

Nola Cefai Year 7 Coordinator
**Sports Report**

Hello and welcome to Term 2

This term is a very busy one for us in the Health & Physical Education Department. We have Interschool Sports for each year group, as well as the school and Interschool Cross Country competitions.

Listed below are the Interschool Sports and days in which the competitions will be held. We have a number of staff volunteering to train and coach the sporting teams. All sporting events will be listed on the ‘Interschool Sports’ board, providing students with the opportunity to sign up and participate. Keep an eye out for your year group and sign up when it is your chance to represent the school. We will be training and having team meetings for each sporting team that will be representing the school, so I encourage everyone to have a go. You will be required to attend these sessions during lunch time or after school to prepare you for the Interschool competition.

**Term 2**

Year 7, 8 & Intermediate – (Badminton, Football, Netball, Soccer)
Senior – (Badminton, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Netball, Soccer, Squash, Table Tennis)

Division Meeting 2 – Friday May 2nd
Senior Boys & Girls Football – Tuesday May 6th
Senior Team Sports Round Robin day – Monday May 12th
Intermediate Team Sports Round Robin day – Tuesday May 20th
Cross Country –– Monday May 26th
Year 8 Team Sports Round Robin day – Thursday May 29th
Year 7 Team Sports Round Robin day – Wednesday June 4th
Junior Girls Football – Thursday June 12th

Parents are encouraged to come and support their children at these events. Details of the events will be listed on the permission forms for each team that is attending the Interschool events.

I look forward to a successful term as we build a competitive sporting program at Auburn High School.

Mr Boots—Sports Coordinator
With reports that 1 in 5 children are bullied and as many as 1 in 3 are cyber bullied, parents can play an active role in ensuring their children are not victims.

Parents Bullying Information Forum

Auburn High School in conjunction with Bully Zero Australia Foundation presents a free parent forum

WEDNESDAY 28 MAY 6:00 PM

Inspirational speakers include Parents who have lost their children to cyber bullying and representatives from the Foundation.

This is an opportunity not to be missed.
Petanque

funny name, great game

You are invited to come try it out

Sunday 4th May from 10:00am

men & women – all ages – it’s easy to play

FREE Sausage Sizzle

Bring your family for a bit of fun & please wear sports shoes

Camberwell Petanque Club

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