Message from the Principal

Money for Auburn High School in this year’s state budget

What fabulous news for our school following the state budget announcement last week. Auburn High School has received $607,000 in the May state budget for capital works for schools. We will receive our first instalment in the 2014-15 financial year and the larger second instalment in 2017-18. This means that we can start working on areas of priority in the school to improve the outward appearance and also the ground floor.

Developing resilience and zero tolerance to bullying

Last week we have had students across Years 7 - 9 involved in various workshops all aimed at building resilience and a zero tolerance to bullying. There were workshops on Bully Zero where students looked at the effects bullying has on individuals and they need to ensure they take a part in not allowing it to happen. Our Year 7 students also had a workshop with Hugh Van Cuylenburg founder of “The Resilience Project” on the importance of developing resilience and a positive attitude. It was great to see students from Yarra and Richmond Primary join our Year 7s in this presentation.

Leadership Opportunities

There are many leadership opportunities for students at Auburn High School in which they can become involved in.

Last week twelve Year 9 students and their parents attended the first session of the Herbert Smith Freehills Law firm’s mentoring program. The students will meet with their mentors (young lawyers) on Friday afternoons over the next few months. The mentors will share their experiences and focus on how they coped with challenges at school and what skills helped them achieve their goals.

Our school leaders have been invited to a post budget breakfast with Ted Baillieu and the Treasurer, Hon Michael O’Brien (Member for Malvern) and will hear about the current state budget.

A group of students will also take part in the Melbourne Beijing Green preview later this month at the Old Treasury Building. We have been invited along with Auburn Primary school to take part in the earth ceremony and be part of the parade into the building.

Maria Karvouni
Principal

Bite Size Story

On the 24th April 2014 the Year 9/10 Food class prepared lunch which was shared with our two invited guests, our Principals, Mrs. Karvouni and Mr. Culkin. The menu consisted of a Pasta Primavera, Pasta Arabbiatta, a garden salad and garlic bread.
Assistant Principal Report

After 2 weeks as the Assistant Principal at AHS, I am delighted by the general behaviour of the students and the learning that is occurring in the classrooms. Maria and I have taken numerous school tours throughout the school in the past 2 weeks and all staff have welcomed the various visitors into the classrooms with great enthusiasm, and the students have spoken with clarity of the focus of the lesson. It is also fantastic to see so many classes putting the concepts/skills that they are learning into practice and applying them to the ‘real world’.

On another matter, there are some new student management processes that will be initiated as of today. This Thursday (May 15) will see the beginning of After School Detention. Students who:
- continually breach school uniform rules (without a note from a parent/guardian)
- are continually late to school without a note (unapproved late)
- do not follow teacher instructions
- are continually being relocated to another class or display inappropriate behaviour can be given an After School Detention by the Year Level Leaders (Ms Cefai, Mr Leach, Mr McPherson or the Principal Team). This detention will occur every Thursday from 3.00pm – 4.00pm in F2.

Students will receive a letter and parents will be called explaining why their son/daughter must do an After School Detention.

If students are to be out of uniform for whatever reason, they should have a note from their parent/guardian. This note must be given to the student’s Year Level Leader before school and a pass will be provided for that day (or longer if needed). If a student’s attire is not appropriate they might be asked to go home to change.

If students are going to be late to school they should have a note from their parents/guardian. This will count as an approved lateness. The same can be said for a student being absent from school – the expectation is that the student are to bring a written note and give this to reception when they return. We would also appreciate a phone call on the day.

Jim Ringin  
Assistant Principal

Auburn High School
VALUES
To which we as a community aspire

DIVERSITY

ASPIRATION

RESPECT

EXCELLENCE

Year 7s experience the Flying Fox at the Waratah Bay Camp

Our Senior Girls Netball Team
Update from Auburn High School on the French bi-national program  May 2014

We have had a fantastic start to the year with our French Bi-national program. Our students are studying the following subjects in French: French (literature, writing, grammar etc) Humanities, Mathematics and Science (biology, physics, chemistry). They then do the following subjects in English: English (grammar, writing, and comprehension), Health and Physical Education, Art and Design, Food and Technology. All classes for Health and Physical Education, Art and Design and Technology have all year 7 students working across groups. This ensures they mix with all the other members of the year 7 cohort and allows for more friendships and a sense of community to be established. There are three levels of French offered in Year 7: (i) LOTE Yr 7 standard (ii) Advanced and bi-national (fluent).

The English class is being run by our Select Entry Acceleration Learning Program (SEAL) Coordinator, Ms Nola Cefai and she is ensuring they are all being challenged in English.

All Year 7 students attended a camp at Waratah Bay in the first week back of term 2. The students really enjoyed their time at the camp and were involved in a wide variety of activities.
Surfs up for Year 8!!

Report by Natalie Golding

Have you ever dreamt of surfing the waves and paddling your board in the ocean, bobbing on the blue and waiting to catch a wave into shore? The dream became reality for an adventurous group of our Year 8 students braving the cooler conditions of late April to spend three days at Lorne Surf Life Saving Club.

Our journey began with a smooth trip down the Bellarine Peninsula with a short stint along Australia’s Great Ocean Road to Lorne. The additional freeways make this journey a short 2 hours. We then found ourselves beachfront at Lorne with our accommodation right on the water. A brief lunch interval had us into our rooms, followed by an introduction to surfing and then wetsuits on and we were all out there doing our best. Whether your choice was a boogie board or G-board we practiced our paddling skills and choosing waves to attempt the transition from tummy to knees to standing. The challenge was there for everyone. Two hours in the water generated a good hunger and after 20cents worth of hot water, dry and warm we were ready for dinner, followed by a movie and a good night's sleep.

Day 2 started with real rain and a pleasant walk to the pier and back, demonstrating that with the right gear you can brave difficult conditions. We rescheduled surfing for later in the afternoon to make the most of the waves and weather. Back into a wet wetsuit (just the thought makes you shiver) and out we went. This time there was a guarantee BIG board that even the inexperienced could stand on. Once you have got your feet the rest becomes easier. Day 2 saw those who really wanted to standing on their way into shore. Hard to describe how that feels – using the power of the ocean to cruise into the beach. High achievers were Tyler and Franc and special mention to Chris who managed to catch anything that came their way in addition to Henil who was the first to stand. Most consistent were Daniel, Sophie, Josh O and bravery awards to Matt, Dharshil and Josh A for getting out there! Another two hours and hot showers left us all ready for dinner, a delicious bolognaise and salad with ice cream sundaes (thanks Josh O for the generous chocolate sauce).

Day 3 brought sunshine and enthusiasm for another attempt at the waves. The brave ones headed out keen to make the most of this amazing opportunity. A glorious burst of sunshine and some stronger waves rewarded those who headed out. Again the efforts were outstanding and those who persisted achieved their goal, catching a wave to a gentle cruise standing to the shore line.

Senior Boys Basketball

Last Monday, the senior team played in the Boroondara Division at Waverley Basketball Stadium. Although totally outplayed, the boys tried their best and had a good day.

Scores were:
- AHS lost to Templestowe College 10 – 57
- AHS lost to Kew HS 17 – 51
- AHS lost to Camberwell HS 14 - 62
Compass

Your gateway to information

What is Compass?

It is our School Management System.

For some time we have used the system for families to access reports and make appointments for Parent Teacher Interviews.

Every family is issued with a user name and passwords in order to gain access. This is done via the schools webpage.

At the start of this year it was decided to subscribe to further modules the first of those being the attendance module.

You are now able to log in a view your child’s attendance.

Firstly you need to select Student Profile in order for the Tabs to be revealed to you.

Under the Dashboard tab you can view such things as your child’s daily timetable. View Looking Ahead where future events are posted.

The Schedule tab displays the student’s entire two week timetable.

The Attendance tab displays the students attendance for that day as well as a summary of their years attendance and percentage attendance for each subject.

The Report tab allows you to view your child’s reports.

News Feeds are also happening. Look under MY NEWS. It is here that you will find communications from the school on a wide range of topics. Notice of this edition of ARROW has been News Feed to you.

It is a very effective form of communication. In order for this to work efficiently we need your email address to be current. Please notify us of any changes.

We will keep you informed as we commission further modules of COMPASS and don’t hesitate to contact us if you need assistance.

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School Uniform

Reminder that during terms 2 and 3 only the winter uniform is to be worn with the school blazer.

The Uniform Policy is available on the school website if families need to check what the uniform requirements are as well as the breaches of the policy.
At Auburn High there is zero tolerance to bullying. Every student is participating in the Bully Zero Program.

Homestay Parents Wanted for International Students

Auburn High School has a large international student programme and is looking for homestay families to accommodate students arriving in July 2014.

For details of remuneration and conditions please contact:

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Bully Zero Program

‘Bully Zero Australia Foundation is dedicated and committed to raising awareness of bullying and its devastating consequences through schools, workplaces and the broader Community. They aim to provide young people with education to prevent bullying and work with bullies and their families to help create positive behavioural changes.

Every day across Australia, thousands of adults, children and adolescents are suffering the pain and humiliation of being bullied. The effects of bullying can be devastating not just for the victims, but also for their families. The Internet has now made it possible for bullies to continue hounding their targets twenty-four hours a day, providing no reprieve for the victims: It is fast spreading like an epidemic amongst today’s generation.

It has been suggested that almost 80% of youth suicides are due to mental illness caused by issues related to bullying, especially cyber bulling. A week does not pass where we don’t hear about the loss of a beautiful young person who has tragically taken his or her life after enduring unbearable, persistent and callous bullying at school, in the workplace or on social media.

In recent months a group of energetic, passionate and committed individuals have formed a committee to lead the way towards a new, bully-free Australia. The committee consists of families of bullied victims, politicians, senior members of the Police Force and professionals from various backgrounds who have united to form the Bully Zero Australia Foundation. They have worked tirelessly to establish a dynamic Anti-Bullying Foundation determined to “make a difference” in Australia in regards to this unacceptable anti-social disease.

Some of these members have come to speak at the school to help address bullying as a part of the pastoral care program. Please see attached photos and reflections from students who have attended the program.’

Tahlia Pastor
Leader Student Wellbeing
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.

RSVP 9822 3247 by May 21st
Burgess Street, East Hawthorn, VIC, 3123

Gold coin donation appreciated. All donations contribute towards funding Bully Zero school and workplace training programs.
It’s a go!
May 2014

Chess Club
Come join us every Thursday lunchtime in F6. The first to beat Mr Christopoulos will win a canteen lunch.

The French Connection
We are transforming a narrative text into a play.

Chinese Craft Club
Every Tuesday lunchtime
In the Library

Debate Team
Every Tuesday lunchtime
In the Lecture Theatre

Public Speaking Workshop
15 Students from Year 8 & 9 are invited to participate in the workshop of 3 sessions to be held after school at a date to be confirmed. Place your name on the sheet outside the Careers Office. See Mrs Hingmann for more information.

Futsal
Every Friday after school
3-4pm in the ECA

International Student Sport
Every Thursday after school
3-4pm in the ECA

Belly Dancing
Every Thursday lunchtime in the Drama room

Chinese LOTE
The students were given materials to make their own Mother’s Day cards.

They were first taught how to say Happy Mother’s Day in Chinese. Then the written text was introduced. Students gave the card to their mothers and said Happy Mother’s Day in Chinese.

Every student participated in our most successful and enjoyable School Swimming Carnival held at Bialik College on 29th April.