Principal’s News

This week we held year level assemblies to celebrate some of the great events that have been happening at our school. I also spoke to students about the importance of seeing them modelling our DARE (Diversity, Aspiration, Respect, Excellence) school values and congratulated them on this. Our senior student leaders explained how they ran their first debating session with Year 5 students at Auburn South Primary school last week. They taught all the Year 5 students debating skills and techniques, and the Year 5 students are practising these skills with their classroom teachers and preparing for the first debating round on Tuesday 26th August. The feedback from all involved was that it was a great session and they are looking forward to the next one.

On a final note I will be on long service leave starting Monday 25th August till the end of this term. My leave had been planned and booked last November when I had no idea I’d be in a new school. I’m heading off to Europe with my husband and looking forward to the warmer weather and exploring cities that I have never visited before.

In my absence, Jim Ringin will be the acting Principal and Craig McPherson will be the acting Assistant Principal. I thank Jim and Craig for stepping into these roles, and I know they will do a splendid job.

I will be returning on the first day back on Monday 6th October, hopefully reinvigorated for a busy term four.

Regards
Maria Karvouni
Principal

Important Dates

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Chinese Delegates Visit

Last week we hosted a delegation of 15 Chinese educators from the Jiangsu Province, in China. They visited six Victorian schools who are specialising in the teaching of Chinese Mandarin. These educational leaders were interested in the Victorian educational reform and curriculum, school accountability and professional development of our staff. Our Chinese teacher Tong Lin did most of the interpreting and we took them around on a tour. They really enjoyed visiting the practical classes (Food Technology, Chemistry, Design and Technology) and commented that they do not do any practical classes in China, as they don’t have enough time for this in the curriculum. They also couldn’t believe the small number of students in our classes compared to the 40 or 50 students in their classes. They really enjoyed the visit to our school, and they are keen for us to visit them in Jiangsu at some stage.

Reminder

Students are not allowed to leave the school grounds at any time during the day. If they have parental permission to leave, the note needs to be given to the Year Level Coordinator or the front office and they need to sign out.

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. Families need to check what the uniform requirements are as well as the breaches of the policy.

The Uniform Shop is open for sales:
Monday and Wednesday 1:00 – 1:30pm
Tuesday 3:00 – 3:30pm
Curriculum Day – Focus on Assessment

Our professional development day focus was on best practice in curriculum design and assessment methods. We have been working with a curriculum consultant during this year who has assisted us in developing our new framework for mapping all our learning programs. We are now looking at the assessment of our students and in particular looking at both formative and summative assessment. Assessment tasks should allow for our students to engage and grow in their learning, achieve excellence and become successful learners. We shared some of the assessment strategies teachers are already using such as online quizzes, graphic organisers, and student feedback. There are some very innovative tools teachers are using in their classrooms at Auburn High School in order to obtain accurate data of student’s understanding of the work and their achievement. We will be spending more time for the rest of this year focusing on this important area of teaching and learning.

Science Week

Science Week has been running this week, with fabulous activities happening in our school every day. The theme of this year’s Science Week was “Science feeding the world”. We have had science quizzes in tutor groups, science shows with Auburn South Primary and Richmond Primary students where students have launched a handmade hot air balloon, baking of science cakes (not judged at the time of writing this) and science-themed morning tea. Thank you to all our Science teachers, Kellee our laboratory technician, Vela Stambolziev our Food Technology teacher and a big thank you to Kath Sobey our science coordinator for organising the week.
Assistant Principal’s News

Assistant Principal’s report

Auburn High School emails (http://webmail.auburnhs.vic.edu.au)

Thanks to our fantastic IT staff, all staff and students now have their own email account as of this term. Staff, students and parents will be able to communicate through this forum and this will be the preferred method of students sending their work electronically. Information has been provided to students during this week regarding their log-in and password, as well as the protocols that they must use when sending work to teachers.

Students’ usernames are their CASES code (eg abc0001) & their passwords are their date of birth. It is recommended that students change this password when they first log in. If parents wish to email teachers, you need to have the teachers initial of their Christian name, and their Surname with @auburnhs.vic.edu.au

Eg If you wish to email me, then it is jringin@auburnhs.vic.edu.au. Compass also has all staff and students email addresses on their system.

Jim Ringin
Assistant Principal
Hosier Lane Excursion

6/8/14

Street art? Graffiti? Vandalism? Year 10 English and EAL students from Ms Michael's and Ms Satilmis' classes spent an afternoon exploring Hosier Lane in the city, discussing and photographing a range of street art and graffiti.

Students have been considering the representation of street art and graffiti in visual and print media, examining the persuasive language devices used to try to convince an audience of its' positive or negative impact on the community.

They are working towards developing their own points of view on these issues, which they will be asked to present in the form of a written argumentative piece and persuasive oral

Glowy Ecoli

Our Year 12 Biology student put their skills in Biotechnology into action at the Gene Technology Access Center. These budding Biologist performed a restriction enzyme digestion of a recombinant Plasmid. They also performed gel electrophoresis to analyse the results of the digestion and then used the same plasmid to genetically modify E. coli with the green florescent protein gene, successfully making glowing bacteria!
Year 11 English/ EAL Incursion

Kutcha and Eva Jo Edwards shared their experiences as members of The Stolen Generations and revealed where their lives have taken them in a presentation to all Year 11 students.

The aim of this workshop was to enlighten and educate our students about reconciliation, and develop a positive understanding and appreciation of Australia's indigenous people and history.

This semester Year 11 English/EAL students are studying the play ‘Stolen’ by Jane Harrison and film ‘Rabbit Proof Fence’ directed by Phillip Noyce.

Students can be seen creating a ‘Flag of Many Hands’ in the colours of yellow, black and red as a ‘symbolic’ memento of the workshop.

Ms Michael

Student Writing

Speakers, Kutcha and Eva Jo Edwards, came to our school recently. They came to talk about the Stolen Generations, of which they were a part. I had previous knowledge of the Stolen Generations, but it never seems as real as when people come to talk about their own experience with this dark part in our nation’s history. The speakers spoke about meeting their parents for the first time late in life, the impact the ‘assimilation’ had on their parenting and the distress that this caused them and their families. The audience was silent throughout most of the talk and at the end everyone present painted a flag with their hands and paint, symbolising unity between everyone.

Matthew Kasa
Getting To Know You

Name: Rachel Bowen

School role: Arts & Technology Coordinator
Subjects/responsibilities: Media, Art & Drama Teacher
Time spent in this role at AHS: Since beginning of the year.
Other schools: Thornbury High School

Bio:
I completed a Bachelor of Creative Arts at the Victorian College of the Arts in 2002. In 2008 I won an Australian Writers Guild award for the script to my short film, Hugo.

Personal interests:
I have a passion for dance and perform with the dance group Body Electric. I have two beautiful pooches, Sunday and Luna, who I love taking to the dog park.

Life goals:
- To ensure that the Arts & Technology program at Auburn High is as engaging, inspiring and challenging as possible.
- To have a novel published.
- To be dancing when I’m 80.

Working in education because:
I’m passionate about the ability of education to improve people’s lives. I believe in the power of the Arts to help young people understand the world and express themselves in a positive way.

Something funny about yourself?
When I was 17 I played a Viking called Helga on the kids TV show, Round the Twist.
Science Week

On 18th August 2014, the Year Ten students built projects with K’nex machine construction sets. They worked well in teams and built a Ferris wheel, a paddle boat and used their own creativity to construct some innovative spinning tops made out of large wheels.

Ms. Kouloumendas

Ian Potter Centre & Immigration Museum Excursion

Year 12 EAL (English as an Additional Language) students recently visited the Ian Potter Centre at Federation Square for a guided tour of selected artwork on Identity & Belonging. This was a really worthwhile experience for our students as they were able to leave afterwards with various ideas to include in their Context writing. After a quick bite to eat, students then made their way to the Immigration Museum to enhance their understanding of Australia’s history and cultural diversity.

A fantastic day!

Ms Michael & Ms Caruana
Coughs, Colds and Asthma

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

- Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.
- If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.
- Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found [here](#) and can also be determined by your doctor.
- Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

Stay warm this winter!

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)
Auburn High School

Science Week

August 18th - 23rd
SUMMER BASEBALL
JUNIOR COME N TRY DAY
SUNDAY 31 August 12-2PM
ALL WELCOME - FREE KIDS BASEBALL CLINIC
AT KOOYONG PARK opposite Kooyong Tennis Club
Glenferrie Road

- Ages 5 to 16
- All equipment provided
- No experience needed our experienced coaches will teach you to play
- Emphasis is on FUN baseball
- Opportunity to join teams
- Free BBQ
- Come and join us at our Ball Park on the 31st

Find out more visit us at:
www.malvern-baseball.com.au
MalvernBBC@gmail.com
Twitter: @MalvernBraves
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
@ BOROONDARA YOUTH SERVICES
10 - 18 YEARS OLD

Monday 22nd Sept &
Monday 29th Sept
X-Box
Tournament
Snacks provided
10-18 years
10am-12pm session
2pm-4pm session

Tuesday 23rd Sept &
Tuesday 30th Sept
BBQ at the Junction
Skate park
Join the BYS and
YMCA teams for
lunch and a skate

Wednesday 24th Sept &
Wednesday 1st Oct
Art & Craft
Creations
Snacks provided
10am-12pm for 10-14yo
2pm-4pm for 14-18yo
Please RSVP

Thursday 25th Sept &
Thursday 2nd Oct
MasterChef
Masterclass
10am-12pm for 10-14yo
2pm-4pm for 14-18yo
Please RSVP

Friday 26th Sept &
Friday 3rd October
Movie Mania
Snacks provided
10am-12pm for 10-14yo
2pm-4pm for 15-18yo
Please RSVP

To RSVP to any activity, phone 9835 7824
Centre hours of operation: 10am to 6pm, Monday to Friday
Boroondara Youth Resource Centre, Level 1, 360 Burwood Rd, Hawthorn
Individual Guitar and Bass Guitar lessons, with Martin Campbell, will be available for students.

Lessons will occur on Thursdays every week, beginning Thursday 17th July.

Lesson fees: $170 for ten half hour individual lessons. AHS will be heavily subsidising the cost of lessons for 2014.

AHS is able to supply guitars for lesson times, or students may bring their own guitars to school for lessons.

Interested students should complete the form below and return it, with payment, to the school office.

Completed form:

Instrumental Music Lessons

Student’s name: ______________________________

Year level: ____

Instrument (guitar or bass guitar): ______________

Lesson day: Thursdays, commencing 17th July

Fees enclosed: $170 for one term (10 lessons)