A couple of weeks ago we hosted 14 primary school Principals for a morning tea so they could have a tour of our school and to thank them for their support in our first year. There are quite a few Year 6 students who will be transitioning from these schools to our school in 2015. The delegation included a Regional Director from Queensland and a Principal from a Brisbane primary school that is wanting to establish a French Binational Program. A group of students helped prepare the delicious morning tea and then served our visitors. They were wonderful ambassadors and there were many comments about how well the students presented and conducted themselves. Thank you to Ms Stambolziev and to all the students who helped out on the day.

I would also like to thank another group of students who again displayed great manners and were guides on our Year 6 parent information evening.

Thank you to George Rubinstein, Ashwin Padia, Ariana Wheeler and Aisha Matthews for being great tour guides for the 170 people in attendance on the night. A special thank you to Kye-Ann Cheong who made a wonderful speech on the night about her transition experience from primary school. Hopefully this allayed the concerns of the incoming Year 7s of 2015.

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Regards
Maria Karvouni
Principal

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Congratulations on Their Further Studies

Congratulations to two of our Education Support staff who have just completed further studies. Bronwen Ch’ng has completed the Masters of Information Management at RMIT, becoming a librarian with accreditation in Records Management and Archives. Bronwen will use her expertise to locate resources for staff and students at our school and provide guidance in copyright, digital citizenship and information literacy.

Congratulations also to Simon Lloyd Integration Aide, who has completed his Masters of Social Science (Human services – counselling) at Swinburne University. Simon is particularly interested in trauma counselling and working with young people. The course has provided him with many useful insights on working with adolescents.

Final Student Assemblies And Awards

As the year is rolling to an end I am farewelling each year level with an assembly and celebrating student successes with awards. It has been great to highlight our student achievements throughout this semester and in particular acknowledge students who are displaying our Diversity, Aspiration, Respect, Excellence (DARE) school values.

At the Year 10 assembly I explained to students that employers are very interested in hiring people who display important values such as ours, as being able to get along with others is very important in the workplace. I also reminded students of the new start time in 2015 and that they need to be at school by 8.30am from the first day back, Thursday 29th January 2015.

Farewells to Auburn High School Staff Members

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell some of our staff who are leaving us at the end of this year. I would like to farewell Melody Xu, our Chinese Language Assistant and thank her for all her support in the Language Centre and wish her all the best on her return to China.

Farewell to Robyn Tan, our Literacy and Numeracy Coordinator who is returning to her previous school, and thank her for all her great work in supporting students. Finally farewell to our Chaplain Joel Grant, who will be working fulltime next year at his other school. Joel has contributed greatly to our Student Wellbeing Program and run our Peer Support Program and homework club.

As this is my final newsletter for the year I would like to thank all the staff for their wonderful work throughout the year. Thank you to all parents and to School Council members for your support in our first year as Auburn High School. The year has been such a positive start for our school.

The last day of school is Friday 19th of December, students will be dismissed at 1.00pm. Students will be returning to school on Thursday 29th January 2015 with classes beginning at 8.45am sharp.

I would like to wish all families a safe and relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Regards
Maria Karvouni
Principal
From the PE Staff

Congratulations to Lucy Bandelli (7A), who competed in the Australian Taekwondo National Competition on the weekend. She came 4th, which is a great achievement.

Auburn High School Uniform

All students will be expected to wear the new Auburn High School uniform from the beginning of 2015. The Uniform Shop is opened at the following times:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 1:00pm – 1:30pm
Tuesdays: 3:00pm – 3:30pm
Thursdays: 3:00 – 3:30pm

Reminder:

All students are to be in full summer uniform. This means only white socks are allowed to be worn. Blazers must be worn to and from school.

JANUARY UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

Thursday, 22 January 2015 10am-2pm
Friday 23, January 2015 10am-2pm
Tuesday, 27 January 2015 10am-2pm
Wednesday, 28 January 2015 10am-2pm

All students are to be in full summer uniform including the blazer from day one. Note that the boy’s summer ankle marle socks are not yet available. They are being manufactured and will be available early in term 1. White ankle socks are allowed to be worn until they arrive. Blazers must be worn to and from school.

If you have any worries or concerns during the school holiday period you are able to contact the following services:

- Kids Help Line on 1800 55 1800 (24/7)
- Life Line 13 11 14 (24/7)
- Headspace online counselling www.headspace.org.au
- Headspace Hawthorn
  Level 1
  360 Burwood Road
  Hawthorn Victoria 3122
  phone 9006 6500

School Magazine

Our first Auburn High School magazine has arrived! Each student in Years 7-9 will receive a copy in their tutor groups. Years 10-11 students will be given a copy next year. If you would one earlier please come in to the school office to collect one before Thursday, 18 December 2014. Year 12 students will receive their copy in the post.

Book List Collection

Book list collection of orders will take place at AHS Thursday 22/1/15: 11am-2pm.

Uncollected prepaid orders will be held at the school for later distribution. Unpaid orders that are not collected on the day will be returned to Campion and are to be collected from their West Heidelberg address with a charge of $5.95. Personal sales can be made at Campion, but lengthy delays may be experienced.

Campion Address:

94 McEwan Road
Heidelberg West
Dear Parent/Guardian

All Year 7 – 9 students will be participating in an activities program from **Monday December 15 – Wednesday December 17**. All activities will be based at school except for the activities on Tuesday afternoon for which students will need to nominate their preferred activity. The excursion notice for the Tuesday afternoon activity to the Skate Park has been given to the students and must be returned to the General Office by Friday December 12th.

The program is detailed below:

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Due to this program, the structure of the school day will be different and will operate with the following times:

**Session 1:** 9.00am – 11.30am

**Lunch:** 11.30am – 12.30pm

**Session 2:** 12.30pm – 3.00pm

All students will meet in the lecture theatre at the beginning of each session. The canteen will operate as normal.

**Thursday December 18 and Friday December 19** will involve environmental duties. Students will be dismissed at 1.00pm on Friday December 19.

If you have any questions then please call me on 9822 3247.

Jim Ringin
Acting Assistant Principal
**Chinese Excursion**

On Friday 5th of December, Year 7 Chinese students went to Box Hill. They used their Chinese skills to bargain in four shops to buy a variety of products.

Yin Zhang
Chinese Teacher

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**Bilingual Science**

To understand how machines work we have built a variety of machines, including a windmill. Students are asked to describe the simple machines used in the windmill and how they work. Of course, all in Chinese.

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**Congratulations Ines!**

Ines Van Dame went to Adelaide on the weekend to represent Auburn High School and Victoria at the All Schools Athletics Championships, which is a nationwide competition. It was a very happy and successful trip. Ines came 2nd in her heat, running a Personal Best and made the final (which was her main goal). She then came 6th out of 9 finalists, again running another Personal Best. The competition was tough with very fast and very experienced young runners at this level. We are extremely proud of Ines and couldn't have asked for more than what she has achieved. Great Job and we look forward to her competing again in Sydney next year!

Rhett Jordon
PE Teacher
2015 Year 10 Students

All current year 9 students have been sent home with a Work Experience Booklet which will allow them to get started with planning their placement for 2015. The Year 10 program includes a compulsory one week work experience placement from Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th of June (final week of Term 2). Students are expected to arrange their work experience placement over the summer break, including completing the Work Experience Arrangement Form which is to be signed by the Student, Parent and Employer. This completed form is to be submitted to the Careers Office at the start of Term 1, 2015.

Students should be investigating a placement that is an area of ‘career interest’ to them and there are many employer/placement idea’s outlined in the Booklet. The experience is about their ‘career exploration’ and will help them to make further decisions about possible career pathways in the future. It may also assist them with determining appropriate VCE subject selections. If you can provide assistance, please discuss some options with your son/daughter.

If you are able to offer a work experience placement to one or more of our students in 2015, please forward an email to me, outlining the position, industry sector and business/organisation name, address and contact details. Any assistance from our school community in regards to work experience placements for our students is much appreciated!

Ms Hingmann
hingmann.janelle.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Careers, Pathways and Transition News

It is exciting to announce the development of our new Auburn High School Careers website www.auburnhscareers.com. This site provides a large amount of information, resources and links and will be our students’ ‘first stop shop’ when seeking information on anything job, careers, university and TAFE related (and so much more)!

There is a student login area (Student Secure Area) that allows students to undertake a number of activities once they have created an account. Students should create their own account as soon as possible and will require their own personal email address to make one. It is preferred that students use their own personal email for this registration as it will be used to exchange information during their time at Auburn High School and even post Year 12. If they currently do not have a private email address please encourage and assist them to do so.

They will need a personal email while proceeding through school and onto university or TAFE, in particular when job seeking and for Resume/Employer purposes.

The website also assists students to create their own Career Planner, Resume and Cover Letter, all of which will save automatically and can be accessed and updated at any time throughout their schooling. The website can also be accessed via our main Auburn High School website, by pressing on the Careers tab. I encourage all students and parents to visit the new careers website where Careers Newsletters will also be posted regularly in 2015.
Beat the Brain Slump These Holidays

Help your child beat the brain slump these holidays.

Summer holidays are a great time to get your child reading for relaxation.

Most children are pleased to have a break from the rigours of school work over the summer holidays, but many will not open a book again until the beginning of the next school year. Not only does this make it difficult to get back into the swing of study when the time arises, it also means a valuable opportunity is missed.

And that is the opportunity to discover the joy of reading for pleasure.

Reading for pleasure is a wonderful way for your child to escape and unwind. It's also a great way to keep their brain active.

Studies have shown that children who stop reading over the school holidays experience something American researchers call the "summer slide" - a term used to refer to students' learning losses over the summer break.

Researchers used the analogy of a 'tap' to provide some insight into their findings, saying that while children are at school there is a flow of information, and all children have the same opportunities to learn.

When they are not at school, however, that 'tap' is turned off, unless there is some active engagement with books or other resources. Children whose 'tap' stays on throughout the summer holidays return to school with an advantage over those whose 'tap' may have been turned off for the past two months.

Over time, that advantage accumulates, and becomes a reason why some children are more successful at school than others.

Success aside, there is a world of enjoyment waiting to be discovered inside the pages of picture books and novels. Books are perfect for the sofa, the back lawn and the beach – all the places your child is most likely to be lounging these school holidays.

The Education Department has even compiled book lists for children of different ages – making it easy to find something for your pre-schooler, preppy, eight-year-old or teenager.

The book lists, which are refreshed every year by reading experts to include popular new releases, form part of the Premiers' Reading Challenge – an annual event that inspires young people of all ages to read more books.

So while their textbooks may be closed for the summer, their brains certainly shouldn't be. Make sure your children have a ready supply of books that appeal to their age and interests these school holidays, and help them discover the joy of reading for fun.

To download a copy of the Premiers' Reading Challenge booklists, visit:

Thanks to everyone for their warm welcome in my first year, I wish you a happy and safe holiday with lots of feel good reading!

Mrs Ch'ng
I've put together a new website. It's a "One Stop Shop" for everything you need with Career Planning and help.

CHECK IT OUT NOW!

Mrs Janelle Hingmann
Careers Practitioner

THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT
Instrumental Music Lessons

Individual Guitar and Bass Guitar lessons, with Martin Campbell, are available for students. Lessons will occur on Thursdays, beginning Thursday 5th February, 2015.
Lesson fees: $160 for eight half hour individual lessons for Term 1.
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.

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Instrumental Music Lessons

Student’s name: ________________________________
Year level: ___
Instrument (guitar or bass guitar): ________________
Lesson day: Thursdays, commencing 5th February
Fees enclosed: $160 for lessons during Term 1
Individual Vocal lessons, with Marley Warren, will be available for students. Lessons will occur on Thursdays beginning 5th February, 2015. Lesson fees: $160 for eight half hour individual lessons for Term 1. Interested students should complete the form below and return it, with payment, to the school office.

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Vocal Lessons

Student’s name: ________________________________
Year level: ___
Lesson day: Thursdays, commencing 5th February
Fees enclosed: $160 for lessons during Term 1
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For ages 10 to 18

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Bookings essential • Spaces limited

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Bookings essential • Spaces limited

Centre Hours
Monday - Friday
10am - 6pm
X-Box One, Wii, Wifi, Games, Pool table, Foosball table

Skate + Sizzle
Wed 14 Jan & Wed 21 Jan
Free • 12pm – 3pm
Junction Skate Park •

To book a place or for more information, please call Boroondara Youth Services on 9835 7825. Level 1, 360 Burwood Road, Hawthorn.

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