

From the Principal



Premier Daniel Andrews visit

We were very excited that Premier Daniel Andrews visited our school yesterday to check our facilities and see the great learning happening in our classes. We discussed the allocation of the \$5,500,000 to our school in the May State 2019-20 budget, with our priority being the upgrade of the main building. The funding will also include the maintenance and upgrade of our roof, the replacement of windows and improved heating. Thankfully, the highest priority will be the upgrade of our roof, which as recently as last week has caused issues for us over the years. As we are all aware, last Friday, we arrived at school to find major flooding across the three floors. What transpired throughout the day, made me feel very proud of our school community and how well we coped with a stressful situation. On the day, and during this week, our staff and students have brought a positive attitude and have worked as productively as they could under the circumstances. Parents and the outside community contacted us to offer assistance. I was so heartened by the kindness and concern shown and made me feel proud and privileged to be part of this wonderful and caring community. Thank you again to our wonderful staff and school community for your understanding and support.



The first stage of the Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA) process is for us to outline the vision and educational direction of our school, for the next few years.

Important Dates

Thu 27 Jun	Year 12 Formal
Fri 28 Jun	Colour Run
Fri 28 Jun	End of Term 2 School finishes at 1:15pm
Mon 15 Jul	Term 3 begins
Sat 27 Jul	Friends of AHS - Bunnings sausage sizzle
Tue 13 Aug NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	Curriculum Day - Instructional Practices (pupil-free day)
Tue 13 Aug	School Council 6:30pm
Wed 21 Aug	eLearning Day - No scheduled classes
Thu 27 Aug	2019 NASA STEM Trip Parent Information session 6pm
Thu 29 Aug	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences 12pm - 7:30pm Students required to attend conferences No classes for students
Fri 30 Aug	Athletics Carnival
Tue 10 Sep	School Council 6:30pm
Fri 20 Sep	End of Term 3 School finishes at 1:15pm
Mon 7 Oct	Term 4 begins
Tue 8 Oct	Year 7 vaccinations 9am



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The timing of this is ideal, as we are currently undertaking our school self-evaluation, reviewing our goals, and future aspirations. The timeline of the entire process is optimistic, as they aim to have completion within 18 - 20 months. We are very fortunate to have received this funding, which will see major improvements in our school building over the next 2 years.

DARE assemblies

Our end of term Year Level Assemblies have been a celebration of the fantastic work our students have achieved over this last term. Our student leaders did a marvellous job in putting together the presentations for their year levels and in conducting the assemblies. I explained to students that this year is a Strategic Review year and showed them our schools positive trend in achievement data over the past 4 years.

We achieved outstanding results in the Education Perfect competitions this semester for English, Humanities and Science for 2019.



Auburn High School came third in English and first in Humanities internationally for a school with 251 - 500 students and we finished first in Victoria in Science for schools of our size. Congratulations to all participants and to the large number of students who received awards. See details further on in the newsletter.

Thank you to Louisa Phillipson for overseeing this successful competition in our school.

The other highlight of the midyear assemblies was the recognition of students who have displayed our school values of Diversity, Aspiration, Respect and Excellence (DARE). As I often tell parents, we have established a positive learning culture where we value students striving for academic excellence. We equally value behaviours and attributes that help them become good learners and citizens. I am very impressed at the achievement our students have made this semester in their academic studies, their participation in extracurricular activities and the modelling of our school values.

Important Dates (continued)

Tue 15 Oct	School Council 6:30pm
Mon 4 Nov	eLearning Day - No scheduled classes
Tue 5 Nov	Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup Day
Tue 12 Nov	School Council 6:30pm
Tue 3 Dec	School Council 6:30pm
Fri 20 Dec	End of Term 4 School finishes at 1:15pm

House Music Competition



This term we held our inaugural House Music competition at our school. The House Music competition was introduced to develop a stronger House spirit and raise the profile of Performing Arts in our House system. Students selected the House song they wanted to perform at the competition, and have been practising at House assemblies throughout the term. The whole school was involved in the competition, where each house, including teachers, performed their song to the rest of the school. It was a fun and enjoyable event and students have now set a high benchmark. Congratulations to Murdoch, the winning house, with the song "Don't Stop Believing". A big thank you to all staff who assisted rehearsals this term and in particular, to Ella Price for overseeing this whole school event. We are looking forward to next year's event, which I am sure will be another great competition.

Finally, I would like to farewell and thank Courtney Meehan and Mark Christopoulos who will be leaving us at the end of this term.

Courtney was replacing Alex Clark, who will be returning from leave next term, and Mark has a one-year contract at another school. We wish them both all the best and thank them for their great work at our school.

With the cold weather upon us, we are looking forward to the upcoming holidays. I hope the weather will be kind to us during our Colour Run tomorrow. I wish all families and staff a safe and restful break. I look forward to seeing you again at the start of Term 3 on Monday 15th July.

Maria Karvouni

Principal



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

voice guitar keyboard drums
bass guitar brass woodwind

Rock Band, Concert Band, Soloists, Guitar Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble

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Uniform Shop

All uniform purchases are to be made from Dobsons.

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667 Glenferrie Road
Hawthorn Victoria 3122

Their opening hours are:

Monday to Friday 8:30am – 5:30pm
Saturday 8:30am – 5:00pm

Online purchases can be made at:

http://dobsons.com.au/school_uniform.php

Use the Login : Auburn High School
Password: AUB

Secondhand Uniforms

Secondhand uniforms are sold every Tuesday lunchtime from 1:15 pm - 1:45 pm. To check availability of stock you may email 2handuniform@auburnhs.vic.edu.au. Please sign in at reception and obtain a visitors' pass.

We are very happy to accept donations of uniforms as money raised will be put back into our school.

From the Assistant Principal

Flooding incident

Early on Friday morning, a water tank feeding our boiler system failed and burst, leading to major flooding of the central stairwell and surrounding areas. Our first priority is the safety of students and staff, so the precautionary decision was taken to close a number of classrooms adjacent to these areas. As we had access to a limited number of classrooms, it was necessary to cancel classes for Year 8, 9 and 10. Teachers acted quickly to make work available via Compass for the day, and did an exceptional job ensuring the smooth running of classes and programs for Year 7, 11 and 12. Students conducted themselves magnificently under the circumstances, cooperating with the necessary changes and focusing on their work. A number of parents and other community members contacted the school to offer their support and assistance, a wonderful show of the solidarity of our school community. We would like to extend our thanks to students, staff and parents for their flexibility and cooperation under some challenging circumstances – this was greatly appreciated.

We had a steady stream of tradespeople in attendance on Friday and throughout this week conducting make-safe works, cleaning and repairs, and the affected areas are rapidly being restored to normal. We were able to run all classes as usual on Monday, with a few minor inconveniences and room changes. The incident has unfortunately impacted on our heating and hot water system, which had to be shut down. We have been advised that the tank in question will be replaced this week and that ceiling tiles and carpets will be replaced as soon as possible.

Instrumental music concert

Congratulations to our Instrumental Music students and ensemble groups on an entertaining end of semester concert on Monday night. The Lecture Theatre was just about at capacity, with family, friends and staff coming along to enjoy performances from our rock bands, guitar ensemble, vocal ensemble and soloists. I was impressed by the confidence of all our performers and the effort they put into Monday's performances. Most importantly, they all seemed to enjoy themselves and have a great time on the night! A huge thank you to our Instrumental Music staff, Genaaron Diamante, Troy Rainbow and Tristan Webb.

We are delighted with the rapid growth of our Instrumental Music program, with approximately 10% of AHS students now participating in the program. We look forward to the addition of a concert band to our ensemble groups next semester.

If you are interested in taking up an instrument next semester, please make contact with the Office who will be able to assist. Lessons are available in brass, flute, saxophone, clarinet, drums, guitar, keyboard, bass guitar and voice.

Kristie Satilmis
Assistant Principal



Education Perfect Competitions

This semester Auburn High School students from Years 7 to 10 have had the opportunity to participate in three different Education Perfect Championships. These, along with two further events in term 3, form part of the Education Perfect World Series. In these events students earn points by accessing content available on Education Perfect in a particular subject and correctly answering questions on that topic. Points contribute to the school total and ranking as well as the student's personal total and students can earn certificates according to the number of points they are able to accumulate over the event.

Our first event of the year was the Education Perfect Humanities Championships held at the end of Term 1. As the first event of the year, this has traditionally not been our strongest event, however, this year our students achieved a huge 30,276 points by answering 57,358 questions. This is more than 20,000 points over our previous best for this event. Congratulations to our school winner Year 7 student **Louisa Evaux** (3,255 points), in second place was Year 8 student **Sabrina Shamsuri** (3,209 points) and our third place getter was **Bosco Lam** (2,634 points). In this event, Auburn High School was the winning school internationally in our size category and you can see our certificate on display at the front desk.

Over the course of the event our students also achieved 27 awards. Congratulations to all participants and to the large number of students who received awards.

At the start of term two the Education Perfect English Championships were held. This was a strong event for us in 2018 so there was a lot to live up to. This year our students answered 145,063 questions and earned 94,703 points, our highest points score in any of the Education Perfect events and almost 30,000 points more than our winning total in 2018. With this massive points total Auburn High School was placed third internationally for schools in our size category. Our school winner was Bosco Lam on 12,335 points, with Gurnoor Chahal coming in second place with 11,090 points and Hannah Jones finishing third with 10137 points - all three of these students also achieved their Elite Award which represents around 47 hours of work.

Our hard working students achieved 29 awards in this event, our second highest number of awards ever, including of the highest awards available – Elite Awards. Students who achieve this category receive an Education Perfect pin for that subject to wear proudly on their blazers.

ENGLISH			
ELITE Top 0.2%	EMERALD Top 1%	GOLD Top 2%	SILVER Top 5%
Bosco Lam Gurnoor Chahal Hannah Jones	Amelie Bourrat Jeongmin Yun Maria Bodrina	Jade Russell Anika Jaswal Khanh Nguyen Jade Russell	Trinity Gyesko Sabrina Shamsuri Darien Kan Harlan Kahans Pari Patel Leah R Charlotte J
HUMANITIES			
ELITE Top 0.2%	EMERALD Top 1%	GOLD Top 2%	SILVER Top 5%
	Louisa Evaux Sabrina Shamsuri Bosco Lam Gurnoor Chahal	Benjamin Tran	Jeongmin Yun Emmanuel Soepardi Daria Osipova Kazuhide Ogawa Javes Zak Russell Teesha Patel
SCIENCE			
ELITE Top 0.2%	EMERALD Top 1%	GOLD Top 2%	SILVER Top 5%
Amelie Bourrat	Gurnoor Chahal Eric Le	Teesha Patel Jeongmin Yun	

Our final event of this semester was the Education Perfect Science Championships held from the 28th May to 3rd June. Auburn High school was the top school in Victoria in our size category and finished seventh in the world in this event, answering 67,011 questions and achieving 43,908 points. Our school winner for this event was Amelie Bourrat who achieved a massive 10,052 points, scoring herself the elusive Elite Award along the way. Our second place runner-up was Gurnoor Chahal on 5,496 points and in third place was Eric Le on 5,005 points. Amelie's Elite Award was the fourth achieved by Auburn High School students this year, the most we have earned since 2016, this is also Gurnoor's third podium finish in Education Perfect events this year so far.

Our budding Einsteins and Curies earned 17 awards, our highest number of science awards ever.

There are two further events still to come in term 3, the Education Perfect Maths Championships will start at 4 pm on Tuesday 30th July, finishing at 4 pm on Tuesday 6th August, and finally, the largest Education Perfect event of the year, the Language Perfect Championships will be held from 4 pm Tuesday 27th August finishing at 4 pm Tuesday 3rd September.

Thank you to all our students who participate in and support these events.

Louisa Phillipson
Science Teacher



French News

Student performances

This week Year 7 and 8 students performed their plays in class *en français*! Year 7s worked on *Les trois petits cochons* (*The Three Little Pigs*) and Year 8s on a story of drama and dance set in a high school, *Veux-tu danser?* We all had lots of fun and seeing them perform a whole play in French is very impressive!

Bravo, tout le monde!

Miriam Saward
French teacher



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FIRST PRIZE: (VALUE \$8,847)
PARISIAN VACATION FOR 2

- 2 Premium Economy return flights from Melbourne to Paris flying Singapore Airlines
- Delsey Luxury luggage
- Philippe Fourier champagne tour and case of champagne

2ND PRIZE: (VALUE: \$3,500)
A WEEK IN PARADISE

- 2 return flights to New Caledonia with Aircalin
- 5 nights' accommodation in Noumea

3RD PRIZE: (VALUE \$578)
FRENCH CHIC IN MELBOURNE

- 4 tickets to So Frenchy So Chic Festival
- 2 chic haircuts by Franck Provost

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Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

Year 7s, a reminder of your challenges:

- Read 15 books
- Ten or more of your books must be from the Challenge Book List
- Take on the challenge within the challenge and read outside your usual genre

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15 books in our library that are on the Challenge Book List:

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| • Mallee Boys | Charlie Archbold |
| • City of the Beasts | Isabel Allende |
| • Wreck | Allan Baillie |
| • Painted Love Letters | Catherine Bateson |
| • Don't Call Me Ishmael | Michael Gerard Bauer |
| • The Wizard of Oz | Frank L. Baum |
| • Blood on the Microphone | Ian Bone |
| • Being Bindy | Alyssa Brugman |
| • All American Girl | Meg Cabot |
| • Living with Leanne | Margaret Clark |
| • Artemis Fowl | Eoin Colfer |
| • Boy: Tales of Childhood | Roald Dahl |
| • Shadow Master | Justin D'Ath |
| • Suffragette: The Diary of Dollie Baxter | Carol Drinkwater |

Win a pizza lunch for the class that reads the most books and a book voucher for the student that reads the most books. Find your favourite spot and start reading!

Participation by students in Years 8 to 10 is optional. You will earn points towards badges if you read the required number of books. Please see Ms Szokolik, in the library office, to be registered.

The closing date for the Challenge is Friday 6 September 2019. **You must complete your reading by Friday 23 August.**

Jane Szokolik
Librarian

IMPROVING OUR BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Family and Business Contribution Opportunities 2019

Auburn High School is committed to improving our school environment for all our students to enjoy.

This work is entirely funded by the school, with no government assistance. **We need your help!**

Families and businesses are invited to contribute to our Landscaping Masterplan Fund and tax-deductible Building Fund. The generosity of our benefactors is acknowledged with their name added to a gratitude plaque. Every dollar goes toward items such as those listed below.

To contribute, please refer to Course Confirmations/ Payments on your Compass Parent Portal or contact the office.

Buildings and indoor facilities

- ◇ Re-carpeting program
- ◇ Installation of new blinds in classrooms
- ◇ Air-conditioning upgrades
- ◇ 125 new chairs in VCE Centre and Science Common
- ◇ New Student Leadership, Agency and Voice (SVAL) room
- ◇ New projector in VCE Centre
- ◇ Re-painting
- ◇ Display boards to showcase student work

Outdoor areas and landscaping

- Stage 2: Redevelopment of Eastern courtyard (April 2019: Estimated total cost: \$60K)
- ◇ Shade tree and under-planting \$350 each
- ◇ Recycled plastic bench seat \$395 each
- ◇ Small garden bed \$1,200
- ◇ Large garden bed \$5,000
- ◇ Synthetic turf surface
- ◇ Irrigation system
- ◆ Makeover of lower asphalt area with garden beds, basketball rings and seating (+\$60K)

Completed Projects 2017/18

Stage 1 of our Landscaping Masterplan was completed in the summer of 2018, thanks entirely to the generous contributions of our parent community. Over the past year, we have been able to recarpet 80% of the school building and purchase new tables and chairs for most classrooms throughout the school through contributions to the tax-deductible Building Fund.



Homestay Hosts Wanted



Local cultural exchange opportunities

Auburn High School has a growing and well supported International Student Program. Currently, we are inviting families to express their interest in hosting our students who will be arriving in July 2019. Homestay hosts of all language backgrounds welcome!

The ideal hosts will be families who want to support our international students by helping them to improve their English, engage them with our Australian culture and treat them as part of their extended families. Hosting international students can bring a rich cross-cultural experience and opportunity for families. Many local families already on board with Auburn High School Homestay Program, over the years have enjoyed and benefited from the diverse cultural and language exchange experience.

If you have a spare room and are willing to take care of a young international student, please contact the International Office (03) 9804 6320 or email International Student Coordinator zhang.jinxin.j@edumail.vic.gov.au for details of tax-free remuneration and your role as homestay host.

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Do you need some extra assistance with
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A quiet place to do your homework?

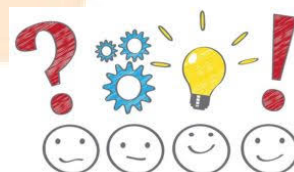
All year levels are encouraged to attend

EVERY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON



3:10 – 4:10 pm

IN THE LIBRARY



Greg Jacobs, owner of Stable Base Personal Training and Pilates, kindly volunteers his time to run our Wednesday morning boxing training sessions. These are hugely popular and we are very grateful for his support and leadership of this program.



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