



# Aurora School

## School Based Program Newsletter

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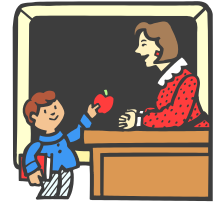
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### Dates for your Diary

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> July

Beginners Student Support Group Meetings  
Prep Student Support Group Meetings  
Kinder Student Support Group Meetings  
Parent Coffee Morning



### *Principal and Assistant Principal's Message*

We hope that everyone has had a restful holiday over the term break, we are looking forward to an exciting Term 3 with some new staff and new families joining us.

There has been a lot of publicity around the Federal Government's decision to invest in schools in order to stimulate the workforce economy. Every school has had the opportunity to select a building project from a range of templates with the aim of completing the buildings by the end of 2010. After lots of negotiation and consultation with the staff and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, we have reached an agreed plan and the Aurora School building project is about to start. This new building will be sited on the land next to the taxi entrance.

We will be sharing the progress of this building with you as it unfolds.

*Sue Izard & Berni Coleman*

### *From the Student Wellbeing – Head of Program*

#### **Welcome to the new term**

We hope that all our families had a very restful and relaxing holiday time. All the children have come back very settled and it has been lovely to see them playing and working so well. We're looking forward to a very productive and happy term.

#### **Term 3 Calendar**

The parent calendar for Term 3 is being finalized and will be sent home next week. Stick the calendar on your fridge so you know when different events are happening.

#### **Staff**

We extend a big welcome to one new staff member and two returning staff. Cynthia Rice, a highly experienced teacher is working in our CHAT program.

Ashley Newberry returns after 6 months teaching in Queensland and has joined the Beginner's team and Denise Gillman has returned from overseas and will be working in the deafblind program.

#### **New children**

A very big welcome to Torin Connell and his family. Torin has started in our Beginner's program.

## Student Support Group Meetings (SSG's)

SSG's are an important time to discuss your child's progress and their goals for the next half of the year and we look forward to the discussions with you. SSG's are being held on the following afternoon/evenings.

Beginner's on Monday, Preps on Wednesday and Kindergarten classes on Thursday.

## Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning is on Wednesday 29th July at 9.30am. Fiona Bell, our school psychologist will share ideas and strategies on 'Positive Behaviour Management'. There is the opportunity to ask questions and to share ideas with other parents.

Morning tea will consist of a delicious 'taste test' of pies from the local shop 'Rolf's Pies'. Kaisha Gurry, one of our School Council parent representatives is organizing the morning tea and a future pie fundraising drive. We look forward to seeing you all.

## Auslan Coffee Shops

Deaf Children Australia (DCA) has unfortunately run out of grants to run their Auslan Coffee Shop program. Regular attendees will be advised by DCA of the discontinuation of this event.

## Battery Tips

The latest Australian Hearing Outcomes Project Update magazine had a couple of good ideas regarding looking after batteries, and they are as follows:

1. Do you sometimes forget when it is time to replace the batteries in your child's hearing aids/cochlear implants? When you change the batteries, put the sticky tab from the back of the battery on the calendar to indicate the day the batteries were last changed.
2. Maximize the life of hearing aid batteries by ensuring the hearing aids are switched off overnight.

*Liz Grover*

## *Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)*

### **Instalment Two.**

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who have chosen the EFT payment option on their application form at the start of the year. Parents and guardians who lodged and EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment. Any parent/guardian wishing to change from a cheque payment to an EFT payment will need to submit a new application form to the school for processing.

Applications close on 7th August 2009. Parents/guardians who have chosen the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August to early September.

Further information can be obtained from:

[www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm)

Contact: School Office for application forms and further information.

### **KEY DATES:**

Eligibility day – 13th July 2009

Parent applications close – 7th August 2009

EFT payments – Mid August 2009 onwards

Cheque payment – Late August/Early September 2009

## *Towels & Face Washers Needed*

If you have any towels or face washers at home that are no longer needed but in good condition, we would greatly appreciate them.

Please send any items in with your child or they can be left at the office.

*Andi Juhasz*