



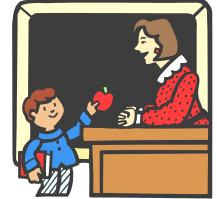
Aurora School

School Based Program Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 21st October
Tuesday 27th October
Tuesday 10th November

Parent Morning Coffee
CHAT Team Parent Information Session.
Strategic Plan (time to be confirmed)

Principal and Assistant Principal's Message

Welcome Back to Term 4!

I hope everyone has had a good break and if not a holiday, have had at least some time to catch up over the past two weeks.



Congratulations to Sue IZARD and Bernard who were married on October 4th at Lal Lal in the company of family and close friends.

We wish the new bride and groom all the very best for the future!

Mosaic wall

The Mosaic wall is now finished and it looks great. There are about 35 children's names dotted throughout the design. Thanks to Mariellen, Leanne, Andi and all the children and staff who were involved in creating such a fantastic work of art.



Chickens

Thank you to Cynthia who took the chickens home for the holidays and allowed them to roam around her backyard. They have come back looking very fit and happy from their holiday. All the children will have the opportunity to care for the chickens and will collect the eggs on a regular basis.

Veggies!

The green team is doing a great job of keeping things moving and encouraging us to grow a variety of edible plants. Many of the winter vegies have been harvested and made into delicious tasty treats for the children. This has included broccoli, broad beans, silverbeet, snow peas and cauliflower.



The seedlings which were planted by the class groups before the holidays are taking root and look great – we are looking forward to the summer crops early next year!

Staffing

In the break we said farewell to Jacqui Duffee and to Liz Garwoli.

We welcome Nicole McRae to the position of Speech Pathologist replacing Sue Steegstra who is Acting Head of Program Operations.



Nicole

National Schools Pride

We are looking forward to some significant changes in the north and western playgrounds this term with the installation of several shade sails. These have been funded through the Federal Government National Pride Program and will make our play areas Sun Safe for those hot summer days.

Strength Based Practices

Staff from the school based program and some EI staff have recently been involved in 3 sessions of Strength Based Training with Bernadette Glass. The opportunity to share perspectives on how we work with others, families, children and colleagues has been informative and at times just common sense and a chance to reflect on what we do.

Berni Coleman & Dianne Ritchie

From the Student Wellbeing – Head of Program

Start of term

Welcome back to the start of term and we hope everyone had a relaxing holiday time. Term 4 is always a busy one with lots of learning and exciting activities happening.

The first big event is the annual Primary Deaf Sports Day at the Doncaster Athletics Track for our Prep, Kindergarten and Deafblind children, which is always great fun. Parents are welcome to attend.

Please refer to the calendar of events included in this newsletter.

Welcome

This term we extend a warm welcome to Taneya Lee who has started in our Beginner's program. Taneya joins her big brother and sister, Eleisha

and Brayen who are very excited having their little sister here.

Transition

This term all our children who are leaving will be visiting their new schools. This is a busy time for everyone with children coming and going on different days. Many schools have scheduled their sessions for either the morning or afternoon and on these days parents may choose to keep their child at home. Please inform your child's teacher if you intend for your child to be at Aurora on those days.

Coffee Morning



The next coffee morning will be held on Wednesday 21st October at 9.30 am in Room 5. Heather Mills, Deaf Educator from Aurora Early Education will be sharing information and ideas on communication, including the importance of using body language, facial expression, gaining children's attention, and the use of touch and pointing. It's a great session for everyone on the importance of communication with your child.

Thank You

A big thank you to all the families who donated to the State Schools' Relief Committee (the organization who supports children in government schools with clothing). We raised a total of \$73.50.

CHAT Parent session

This term's parent session is titled 'Horton Hears a Who', a practical session about your child's listening devices. Please refer to the enclosed flyer for more information.

SunSmart

A reminder that all children are required to wear sunhats outside this term. If you have not already done so, please send in a broad brimmed or legionnaire style hat that can be kept at school.



Liz Grover

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club notices and orders forms for Issue 7 have been distributed to students today. If you would like to place an order please return them to the school, along with your payment, by Thursday 22nd October.



Share Your Thoughts on Parenting

Share your thoughts and ideas about parenting and programs to support parents, as part of a project conducted by the Parenting and Family Support Clinic (PFSC) at the University of Queensland. We are looking for parents of a 2-10 year old child to complete a survey and view some short videos about parenting programs. The study is available online at: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/engagement>.

Alternatively if you reside in the Brisbane metropolitan area, you can complete the study at the PFSC by contacting Faye Nitschke (Email: faye.nitschke@uqconnect.edu.au or Phone: 07 3365 7307).

Deaf Tennis Australia

This event is conducted by the Victorian Deaf Tennis Association Inc.

Come & Try Day – Sunday Oct 11th

Come and play where the stars play at our Come and Try Day!

All ages, all standards - for deaf & hard of hearing, family & friends.

Fun games, coaching & tennis activities, with a few prizes and giveaways.

Coaches are fluent in Auslan.

Please bring a racquet and wear non-marking footwear. There will be some modified equipment (racquets, nets and balls) available for younger kids.

If you would like to borrow a racquet let us know when you register.

Please register by Friday October 9th

Registration & Enquiries:

Kathy@deaftennisaustralia.org

Details:

Sunday 11th October

3pm – 5pm

Melbourne Park

Meet at the Player Café at 3pm

Car parking: Free parking in the Melbourne Park car park (Entrance D)

Cost: \$5 per person (pay on the day)

Newsletter Attachments:

- Term 4 Parent Calendar
- CHAT Team Parent Information Session
- Parent Morning Coffee
- Scholastic Book Club

