

Auburn Parent's Association Newsletter



President's Report

Dear Auburn Families,

The main item we are focusing our energies on this term is the Circus Skills Performance. No doubt your child/ren have been busy at home practicing for their performance. Whilst the children are busy with their activities, the APA will be busy too, putting together a great package of refreshments and items for purchase on the night. Shortly you will see a request for help from all parents and carers and we ask for your usual great support in assisting with the night.

There have been many social and other activities occurring within the APA, and details of these appear in the reports that follow. These events provide our school community with the opportunity to socialise, meet the families of our children's friends, as well as raise funds for the School. For some time we have been considering establishing one major fundraiser event; an event that Auburn Primary School (APS) can build over time and become recognized for in the wider community. We are therefore pleased to announce that the APA will host a new event – The Family Fun Day at Rathmines Reserve (Egg Park) on Sunday 25th October. The day will be filled with APS students, families, friends and the extended community. The objective of the event is to raise funds for the School in a fun, unique and family-friendly atmosphere. There will be a Walk-A-Thon, a Class Team On-Land Dragon Boat Race (think Birdman, but on land!), food and drink stalls as well as some festival side shows.

At this point in the year I would like to acknowledge our appreciation for the work that Class Reps have contributed to ensure the Hoops & Loops Circus Skills Performance is a success. The door knocking, scheduling and rostering is often a thankless task, but without the support and engagement of Class Reps we would not be able to deliver our many successful events.

Finally, I would like to thank Nikki Harkin and Melissa Johnson for their extremely efficient development and delivery of the Holiday Raffle. The Raffle will be drawn at Hoops & Loops, remember you have to be in to win, sell as many as you can to friends, family, neighbours and strangers!

Amy Kelly

Social Report

During Term 2 the parents/carers of APS have participated in a range of social events. More than 100 joined in the fun at either the Grade 1/2 Cocktail Party in April or Senior School Cocktail Party in June, or both! Emma Wilson and I thoroughly enjoyed arranging these delightful events.

The Mothers Day Mystery Dinner at DiPalma's in Kew is a distant, yet unforgettable memory of a "female-only" night of nights. Fi Rogers and Ros Wenzel were our fabulous hosts and we thank a range of local sponsors immensely for their support.

Our Cafe Auburn by Day morning teas have once again provided a casual place to "catch up" or "meet someone new" and remain very popular. Thanks as always to Alison Hilton who arranges each Cafe Auburn with such ease. We have also had lucky winners take home Movie Tickets and a \$100 Canvas Dinner Voucher!

What's Ahead?

Communications Report

Two processes were designed last term for parents and carers co-ordinating or assisting with APA events. The first of these, the APA Expense Claim form, can be used where you need to purchase items for an APA event, and be reimbursed for that purchase. An example of this would be buying the milk, tea and coffee for a Cafe Auburn event.

If you do need to be reimbursed for purchases, you will also need to complete a Direct Deposit Application form. Both the Claim form and Direct Deposit form are available from Lisa Ewan, School Business Manager.

The second process (also to assist parents and carers organising APA events) applies when communication to the whole school is required. An example of this might be a social event you are organising, or a one-off fundraising activity. The template and accompanying guidelines (which include Oracle publication deadlines) have been forwarded to all Class Reps and are also available directly from me.

Lisa Williams

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Special points of interest:

- Coming up: Café Auburn by Night—inaugural evening get together for parents and carers. All welcome.
- Not to be missed—Circus Skills Performance by the School in early September. See Fundraising Report.
- Social! What else is in store for 2009? See this page for more details.
- New! Reimbursement Claims Form. See below.

APA has a range of programmes coming up in the next few months. Please take note of the dates and mark them in your calendar. They are:

Cafe Auburn by Night, Wednesday 19 August

Social Co-ordinators—Bec Shultz and Nikki Harkin



This new event will welcome all parents/carers and staff. No cost. BYO Drinks. Music provided. Four presenters will provide five minute overviews on topics of interest to parents and carers. Supper provided by senior school families.

Fathers Day Bowling, Friday 4 September

Social Co-ordinator—Georgina Nelson



Details will issue to families during August.

Nikki Harkin

Community Report

Term two finished on a high with the Grandparents and Special Friends afternoon, held in the last week of term. The 300 or so visitors indulged in a sumptuous afternoon tea, whilst enjoying musical entertainment, and then took part in classroom activities. Simone Martin and Claire Ewart-Kennedy co-ordinated this afternoon which involved a roster of over 60 parent volunteers, plus senior students. The success of this event was due to their drive and the support they received from within the community. As well, the teachers' efforts in sending out invitations, collecting responses and providing interesting classroom activities was crucial. Thanks to

Kate Mitchell for her part with this.

Throughout the term the Walking School Buses continued on. Gaggles of children could be seen around the streets of Hawthorn making their way to school ably supervised by dedicated parents.

Delicious meals continued to be delivered to families needing a little help through the Tuckerbox service. If you would like to provide a meal or know someone who would benefit from receiving a meal, please contact Lili Walton or Melanie McCullough.

On a similar note, the Sick Bay linen continues to be regularly cleaned by families via a roster system. If this is something you are able to help with, please contact Alida Mitchell.

During term three the planning for the prep orientation programme 2010 and the buddy family programme commences. These programmes are important in welcoming new families into our community and we appreciate all offers of assistance with both events. If you would like to assist with these programmes, please contact Liz Chard, Fiona Griffiths or me.

Sally Cain

Fundraising Report

Fundraising! And what fun it has been.

May was the month where five fundraising programs were run. The major item was the School Disco which was a huge success and culminated in a huge amount of fun, fitness and funds—a winner on all levels! Anne Corcoran and her team are to be congratulated; the proceeds (over \$5000) are to be used for the School's netball and basketball hoops.

The other May fundraising activities were Entertainment Books (provided by Fi Rogers), Village Movie Tickets (arranged by Di Barnett) and ID Wine Drive (co-ordinated by Sue Power). Many, many thanks to Fi, Diana and Sue.

The very important Mothers Day Gifts provided all mums with their cherub's "special drawing" fridge magnet and the APA with a small fundraising pool. Tracey McCabe, Sam Carroll and Mandy Leech you have done it again! A superb job, thank you, and also to all Class Reps who assisted with the assembly.

Term Two's Meal Deal Day in June had an Italian theme and the school came alive in red, white and green as the children enjoyed the pizza. Approximately \$1000 was raised. Thanks to Tracey McCabe and her team for their hard work each and every Meal Deal Day.

Fundraising—What's Ahead in 2009!

We have some exciting fundraising news—a Holiday Raffle, Circus Skills Performance, plus our major fundraiser for 2009; the Auburn Primary School Family and Fun Day. We aim to raise approximately \$35,000 which will enable the school to purchase garden program equipment and additional shading (window protection, shade sails, etc.). Details of our fundraising activities from July to October are:



The APS Holiday Raffle was launched in July and we are asking all families to sell at least 30 tickets. We have fantastic prizes on offer including a \$2000 holiday voucher. Melissa Johnston is doing a fabulous job co-ordinating the raffle. The winners will be drawn at the Circus Skills Performance at 7pm. Please sell at least 30 tickets, or more if you can!



A small fundraising component attached to this year's Circus Skills Performance will allow the APA to provide dinner and refreshments for all attendees. Amy Kelly is co-ordinating the fundraising programme and we will need all families to participate by helping with food and drink stall activities to ensure the evening is a great success. Please mark the date in your diary; tickets will be available for purchase in the next week or so.



Excitement is brewing about the Auburn Family and Fun Day to be held on Sunday 28th October. We will officially launch into the fun with a Walk-a-thon, followed by lunch and many other ways for the children to be active and enjoying a day of fun with their school friends. The day will conclude with an early BBQ dinner at 4.30pm. We will keep you fully informed of our plans over the coming weeks.



Please encourage your children to support their favourite footy team by wearing their footy gear or team colours on the Footy Meal Deal Day on Friday August 28th. Yummy footy food will be available for lunch. Tracey McCabe is the Meal Deal Day Co-ordinator.



A Second-hand Uniform Sale to be held on Wednesday 12th August will help us raise funds, but also provides parents/carers with the opportunity to purchase additional uniform items at discounted prices. The Sale will be co-ordinated by Karen Bartram and Sally Cain.



The Bunnings (Hawthorn) Sausage Sizzle will be held on Sunday September 13th with Sue Boxer co-ordinating (again) superbly.



A Wine Drive will be run by Sue Power in early September.

Nikki Harkin