Dear Parents and Carers

As the weather warms up we all need to think about being sun smart. As a school we expect everyone to wear a hat outside at all times after show day. There will be ongoing education for students from their teachers and other staff in regard to sun smart behaviour and the dangers of UV rays. Children may not be permitted to participate in some outside activities requiring long periods in the sun if they are not protected from the sun. Parents/carers can assist your child and support the school by discussing the risks that are created by inadequate sun protection.

Since I have been at AFPS I have received comments from people outside of the school praising our students for their behaviour. For example, recently a group working with Colony 47, were praised by members of the general public for their good manners. Students who were part of the Poetry Slam were also praised for their great attitude and the mature way they conducted themselves. It makes us very proud to be involved with a school that has such positive feedback from people outside of our school community.

We were very excited to have two students, Liam Nicholls and Curtis Thorpe, perform at the Writers Festival at Montrose Bay High. They both did extremely well with Curtis taking home one of the main prizes!!!! Congratulations to those boys.

Our Aboriginal week is on the week beginning the 27th of October. There will be a whole school assembly on the Wednesday of that week where the choir will sing a song written by students with Dewayne Everett-Smith a member of the Aboriginal community. We also have Arthur Conlan visiting our school to work with students on the 22nd of October. This will be a great start to the work being done in our Aboriginal week.

This term will fly by so please keep an eye on dates for our special end of year events!

Anne Douglas,
Information received from Education Department regarding enrolling in a new school

“It is the responsibility of parents to notify the school in writing when their child is leaving to attend another school. Once the school has received this notification in writing they are able to end the enrolment”.

Previously we have accepted this information verbally but are now not able to.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

There has been a change in the date for the information session for the Water Safety Program to TUESDAY 28th OCTOBER.

The information session will be held in RED POD at 9.00am

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Silver ring with diamantes

Please contact the office

Kasey Gandy at the Longford Show as part of the sheep handling team from the Jordan River Learning Federation School Farm.

The school was successful in winning 1st place in Shorn Ram Class as well as winning Reserve Champion Interbreed Champion. They were also successful at winning a Heritage Breed Ram Award ribbon and medallion. Kasey also received a junior handlers ribbon for participation.
When there are special events (Assemblies, Special Persons days etc) parents are reminded to park in the upper car park or on the road as the boom gate closes at 2.20pm and does not re-open for traffic until 3.15pm.

If cars are parked inside and need to get out at the close of the school day (eg 2.50pm) the boom gate will not be open.

Parents are advised that in the case of an emergency situation (eg the arrival of emergency services) the boom gate will be open in time for their arrival.

KISS AND DROP

There have been instances lately of cars being left unattended in the parking bays of the Kiss and Drop area of a morning. This is causing problems with parents wanting to drop their children off as they have to double park causing another safety issue.
**Uniform Shop Notice**

Uniform Shop will be closed from 14 Nov onwards for stocktaking and processing of orders for 2015.

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**Enrolment for Phase 5 is closing**

Join Saver Plus before 31st December to match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500.

You may be eligible if you have:
- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- some regular income from work (you or your partner)
- a child at school or study yourself

Contact Nicole Hacker, your local Saver Plus Worker:

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Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Southern Tasmania and surrounding districts by the Brotherhood of St Laurence. Saver Plus is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

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**SALE OF SCHOOL LAPTOPS**

There are a number of Laptops for sale at $100.00 each. The laptops are perfect for Internet browsing and word processing. The battery runs the laptop for around 2 hours without requiring charging.

**Specifications:**

- **Acer Extensa 5742 laptop**
  - Intel i3 2.5GHz CPU
  - 2 gigabytes of RAM
  - Wireless network card
  - 1x HDMI display port (to connect to TV’s)
  - 1x VGA display port (to connect to a projector or a computer monitor)
  - 1x headphone and microphone port
  - 1x SD card slot
  - 1x power adapter

- **320 gigabyte hard drive**
- **DVD drive**
- **3x USB ports**

**Software:**

- Windows 7 Home Premium (no recovery disc is provided)
- Microsoft Anti-virus software
- Microsoft Office 2010 is pre-loaded (but you will need to be purchase via Microsoft to use it)
- MalwareBytes Anti-Malware software

The laptops are sold on an ‘as is where is’ basis with no returns to the school. All are in a working condition and previously used in Blue Pod.

If future repairs are required, IRIS Computing are the Acer service agent for Tasmania.
We're holding a *Garage Sale at MONA* on the 25th October, curated and run by staff. Funds raised will be donated to the 24 Carrot Gardens Project. We hoped that 24CG schools might want to hold their own garage sale at their school site or even just to encourage members of the school community to come along to our garage sale.

**SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER**

**CAR BOOT SALE AND BAR-B-QUE at BUNNINGS**

Friday 26th September raised $550.

**CAR BOOT SALE AND BAR-B-QUE**

**DATE:** 8th NOVEMBER  
**TIME:** FROM 9AM TO 3PM  
**WHERE:** SCHOOL CAR PARK  
(BYO tables and chairs) Site booking $10  
Bookings are essential  
Please leave details and payment at office

**JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER**

Austins Ferry Primary is supporting National Bandanna Day. Money raised by the sale of bandannas and pens goes towards supporting young people living with cancer.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Some students have collected 10 tokens but have not redeemed their reward.  
If you are not sure, bring your bank book on Thursday and the banking ladies will be able to check for you.

**ALLERGIES: WE ARE A “NUT AWARE SCHOOL”**

A number of students in our school have severe allergies to nuts, eggs, jack jumpers etc. For some of these students these allergies can be life-threatening.

There are some things that we can all do to keep all our children safe.

- Please do not put nuts or nut-based food products in your child’s lunchbox.
- Please check food labels as it is not always obvious which products contain nuts.
- Please have a chat to your child about not sharing food with others at school, as this will be discouraged in the classroom.
- If you wish to bring along a cake or other foods for special occasions for your child’s birthday, please check with your child’s teacher because special arrangements can be made.

**Scholastic Book Club**

Due back date for the Book Club is Wednesday 29th October.
IMPORTANT DATES:

Aboriginal Week whole school Assembly—
Wednesday  29th October commencing at 1.30pm

Show Holiday—Thursday 23rd October

Student Free Day—Friday 24th October

Assembly Wednesday 12th November @ 1.45pm
Blue Pod – GLA 2 JC, GLA 3 RS, GLA 5 RQ
Red Pod – GLA 3 VNB, GLA 5 KB, GLA 6 PK
Green Pod – GLA 2 RH, GLA 3 GCG, GLA 6 DW

ECE Swimming Program:  3rd to 7th November

Assembly Wednesday 26th November @ 1.45pm
Blue Pod – GLA 1 EF/GM, GLA 4 HW, GLA 6 JO
Red Pod – GLA 1 EL, GLA 2 DM, GLA 4 LM
Green Pod – GLA 1 AC/SF, GLA 4 AP, GLA 5 BF

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

Christmas Assembly
Thursday 11th December
Commencing at 12.45pm

Leavers Assembly
Thursday 18th December
Commencing at 12.45pm

Leavers Dinner
Tuesday 16th December
RSL Club
Bilton Street, Claremont

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Any information regarding events that are happening at the school is available for viewing in various ways—by Newsletters, Pod Newsletters, on the internet via the school web page (education.tas.edu.au/austinsferryprimary) and by individual flyers.

If you feel that you may have missed something there is always additional newsletters etc available at the office.