Principal’s Message

We are now well into term 2 and teachers are busy writing reports. Each report will include comments and some areas of future focus for your child. On the week beginning the 22nd of June reports will be given out at parent teacher interviews. This gives parents/carers the opportunity to discuss the content of the report with teachers. The report will be made available for parents to read before they go into their interview.

We had a wonderful cross country event last Friday and it was pleasing to see so many parents/carers coming along to support their child. The weather was on our side and I was very proud of our students as they did their best and had a go regardless of their ability. We have some fantastic athletes at our school and also many students who never give up whether they are coming first or last! Well done everyone.

Just a reminder to families about our attendance procedures. Can you please let the school know if your child is sick or has an appointment?

If students have unexplained absences these are recorded and I get alerts when these absences accumulate beyond 4 days. These do not need to be consecutive days. It is important that students attend every day unless there is a valid explanation. Continuity is vital to assist them to make progress and reach their potential. Also it is important for students to be on time to school as they can miss vital information required to start their learning for the day. We all run late at times with the busy lives we lead and this is understandable however please make an effort to be as ‘on time’ as possible.

Thank you to our new members of our School Association and Fundraising Group. It is great to have new ideas and input into these groups. There is still room for more of course!!

We would like to welcome Allison Petts who is doing relief for Deb Moores who is on leave till the end of the term. Allison is doing 2 days and Leigh Nichols is doing 3 days.

Keep Warm!!!

Anne Douglas
Principal
Nut Aware School

Just a reminder that Austins Ferry Primary is a Nut Aware School.
A number of our students have a severe allergy to nuts and products containing nuts. Please do not send nuts or nut related products to school in your child’s lunchbox.

Levy Payments

We would like to thank those parents who have taken up the option of part payments of their school levies, using BPay or Service Tas.
It is so much easier to pay small amounts rather than struggle to pay the full amount all at once.
Once again, thank you for your actions.

Kiss and Drop

Parents are reminded that the Kiss and Drop area is for dropping off children only. Cars are not to be left unattended or with the driver of the vehicle missing.
It is very difficult for parents to drop off students when that area is parked out. If you need to walk your child to class the best option is to park your vehicle in the top car park. Disabled parking is provided in the school car park.
Parents are also asked to follow the turn left sign when exiting school grounds.

Spring Festival

Make a note in your diary.

Austins Ferry Primary is having a SPRING FESTIVAL on Friday 11 September.
There will be lots of activities happening.
A representative from the Claremont Fire Station will also be in attendance and accepting donations of lollies for the Santa Lolly Run
This run is conducted through the suburbs of Chigwell, Claremont, Austins Ferry and Granton just before Christmas day.

Boom Gate Reminder

Boom gate closes at 2.20pm and reopens at 3.15pm, even on Assembly days.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club is changing to better reflect our values.
There is going to be toast, hot cross buns, pancakes and cheese and bacon rolls.
With the toast there will be jam, vegemite, honey and plain butter.
Breakfast club is held in the blue pod discovery room and access is through the back door.

REMINDER

The Reading/Spelling workshop for Prep/Yr 1

parents will be in the Red Pod Discovery Room at 2.00pm on Tuesday 2nd June

The Claremont Girl Guides are having a CAR BOOT SALE at their hall from 9 until 1 and in their car park opposite Claremont Village on 23rd May.
Help Wanted
Help is needed with the distribution of the Scholastic Bookclub catalogues. If you are able to help could you please leave your name at the office.

Amount raised from the Bunnings bar-b-que was 442.65

Scholastic Book Club
The amount of rewards earned for the school from issue 3 was $343.00

Mothers Day Raffle
Thank you to all who participated in the Mothers Day raffle. The amount raised was $1034.30. Congratulations to the four winners: Teresa Wise, Charlotte Hall, Jenna Delaney and Renee Hansen

Give Me 5 for kids
Event 26th June
Give me 5 coins for give me 5
Any coin eg 5c, 10c, 20c, 50, $1, $2 multiplied by 5

Give Me Five for Kids is a fundraising initiative supported by over 40 radio & TV stations across regional Australia. For almost 20 years, the month of June has been dedicated to raising much needed funds for local community hospitals as well as sick children and their families when they need it most.

Over the years millions of dollars have been raised to pay for invaluable medical equipment

Free dress on that day is for every student
(donation is not compulsory for free dress)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
Orders for Issue 4 of Scholastic Book Club are due back on 3 June. Please remember to write student’s name and class on order.

AFTERNOON MESSAGES TO STUDENTS
Frequently the office receives phone calls after 2.30pm. The office has a system for messages for students which involves the notes being attached to the blue bags that are collected from the office by student monitors at 2.30pm. It would be appreciated if all phone calls for students could be received before 2.30pm.

Messages that are received after that time are often quite difficult to relay to a student’s class.

There is no guarantee that a message received after 2.45pm will reach a student.

Congratulations to Chris Dand on receiving the Glenorchy Volunteer Award for 500+ hours volunteer work in a year.
ANZAC
On Thursday the 23\textsuperscript{rd} of April, four grade 6 students, Chey-Anne, Aiden, Kelsey and Aron, went with Mrs Riewoldt to the Claremont War Memorial for the 100 year anniversary of the ANZAC landing. We marched up from the oval near the river, the news crew were filming the schools that attended.

When we got to the top of the hill we listened to the mayor of Glenorchy, Andrew Dixon and some other important people’s speeches. After the speeches our school laid down a wreath followed by Windermere and Holy Rosary. We got handed a certificate for participating in this event.

It was a wonderful opportunity to be chosen to represent our school in an ANZAC centenary. It was a great day and lots of people participated, even though it was only 3 schools that attended. We were given a red poppy to wear on our chest in respect of the fallen soldiers.

Aron said: “I had a great time participating in this special event.”
Kelsey said:” I was glad so many people are still going to these wonderful events.”

Aiden said: “It was magnificent I really enjoyed myself, what an awesome day.”
Chey-Anne said: “It was a great day, I really enjoyed myself! It’s great to know that people still go to these amazing events to show respect to our fallen soldiers who fought for our country and got us to where we are today.”

Written by Kelsey, Chey-Anne, Aiden & Aron.

2014 Naplan Awards
Congratulations to Cooper Woolley who received top 1%/Top of School Award for Austins Ferry Primary in 2014.

BEDWETTING
A DVD based program, Bedwetting Cured, has been developed by Dr Mark Condon, and Physiotherapist, Margaret O’Donovan. It outlines a successful program for parents to implement at home with their children. For more information and a free Bedwetting Fact Sheet please visit the website: www.bedwettinginstitute.com.au
Or phone 1300 135 796—12 noon to 6pm

The Student Assistance Scheme provides assistance for low income families towards the cost of levies. STAS is provided through school and college resourcing rather than payment direct to families. To be eligible you and your partner’s gross taxable income must be no more than the figures shown in the income test table below.

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* For more than 8 children, add $132 per week or $6,856 per annum for each additional dependent.
# Gross Taxable Income
LOST PROPERTY

The articles shown above have been in our lost property baskets for a while now. All are non school issue articles. If you own any of these articles could you please call into the office to collect. All articles will be disposed of a week after the issue of this newsletter.

Mother’s Day Sale  Enterprise Group

On Thursday the 7th of May and Friday the 8th of May, Luke Bosworth, Thomas Sarne, Jesse Willmott and Zac Smith went around the school selling Mother’s day flowers and rocks that the Enterprise group had made.

We hope we made all the mums and nans that received them loved them. The Enterprise group thanks everyone that purchased a flower or rock and we raised $93.30 for the school.

By Luke Bosworth and Thomas Sarne.

Laptops for Sale

Laptops are now available for $80.00. These laptops are perfect for Internet browsing, word processing. The battery runs the laptop for around 2 hours without requiring charging.

The laptop is sold as is, where is with no returns to the school. All were in a working condition in classrooms.

If repairs are required, IRIS Computing are the Acer service agent for Tasmania.

- Acer Extensa 5742 laptop
- Intel i3 2.5GHz CPU
- 320 gigabyte hard drive
- 2 gigabytes of RAM
- 15 inch LCD screen
- DVD drive
- Wireless network card
- Ethernet network card
- 3x USB ports
- 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
- 1xSD card slot
- 1xpower adapter
- 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 purchase via Microsoft to use it)
  - MalwareBytes Anti-Malware software

Here is the direct download link to VLC Media Player. It is 24 megabytes to download.

http://download.videolan.org/pub/videolan/vlc/last/win64/

2015 RBF Department of Education Awards for Excellence

Nominations Now Open!

The RBF Department of Education Awards for Excellence formally acknowledge the dedication and commitment of staff and volunteers who have demonstrated outstanding excellence, innovation and have put Learners First in everything they do.

This year’s RBF Awards includes fourteen award categories, which have been designed to ensure all staff and volunteers have the opportunity to be nominated for an award. So, if you’d like to acknowledge a member of your school community, nominate them for an RBF Award and show them that their work and commitment is truly appreciated.

The online nomination form is easy to use, and can be completed and submitted at http://edu.formstack.com/forms/rbf_awards_2015

Nominations close on Sunday 14 June.

Finalists in all award categories will be invited to a state-wide awards ceremony, where the winners will be announced on 16 October.
From the Support Teacher – Corinne Dorsett-Dand

Processing Disorders

Sometimes children have processing disorders. There are 3 main types of processing disorder that a child may have. These are:

- auditory processing disorder
- visual processing disorder
- sensory processing disorder

These disorders are caused the way a child’s brain uses the information gathered by the senses. Today I am going to talk about:

Auditory Processing Disorder (APD)

APD is sometimes called Central Auditory Processing Disorder or (CAPD). Children with this condition can’t effectively process what they hear in the same way other children do because their ears and brain don’t fully coordinate with each other.

- These children do not usually have a hearing problem and a normal hearing test will not pick up APD. A special audiologist assessment is needed to identify APD.
- Sometimes APD affects a child’s reading skills because of the way sounds are processed and interpreted. They might also mix up similar speech sounds.
- A child with APD may struggle to understand speech in noisy environments.
- Children often misunderstand verbal directions and then fail to follow directions. They will have difficulty remembering more than one instructions at a time.
- They may be disorganised and seem forgetful.

All of these things may lead to difficulty in task completion both at home and at school. So how can we help?

- Break down instructions into simple steps. Give the next instruction when the child has done the first one. Write things down for them.
- Reduce noise in the environment as much as possible, particularly when giving instructions.
- In a noisy place make sure the child is close to you so that your voice is loud compared to the noises around you.
- Get the child to look at you and repeat what you have said to them as a way of checking their understanding.
- If they have not understood, encourage the child to ask others to repeat what they have said.
- Have quiet study places at home.
- Recognise that the child may be having difficulty and is not just ignoring you or being oppositional. Remember, depending on their age, they may not be able to identify their difficulties yet.
- Please talk to the child’s school if you have any concerns. We can support you.

WANTED

If you have any Agapanthus bulbs (not miniature) they would be greatly appreciated.

They will be planted in the school garden beds.
**NEW COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR PARENTS**

The school is looking at introducing a new mode of communication of events along with our current systems of newsletters, flyers and website. This new system is a mobile phone app called Skoolbag.

This app provides schools with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it provides parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications.

Schoolbag is a school Mobile App that communicates directly with iPhone, iPad, Android and Windows Phones devices. The test app initially will be available on iPhones and iPads. The Skoolbag app will be free from the App Store. Skoolbag is made primarily for iPhones so when searching the App Store on an iPad make sure you search for iPhone apps. It will still run on your iPad.

Skoolbag offers:
- Alerts
- Events
- News
- Newsletters
- Free Skoolbag Website which syncs seamlessly with the app!
- Parent eForms for Sick Note/Absent and Change of details.
- Information pages
- And much more

Skoolbag is published school by school, and is branded for the school. Parents and carers can find the school app in the App Store by searching for Austins Ferry Primary Skoolbag once we have registered.

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