We did very well with the Senior Cross Country last Friday. Mr Taylor just managed to scrape in the last of the races prior to another drizzle of rain. This Friday Mrs Foster will try to do the same with the Junior School at Glastonbury Gardens, so keep your fingers crossed and see the home page of the school website to check that we go ahead if the weather looks inclement.

During the upcoming break, our school website will undergo some changes as we come into line with a new DEC service. Personally I will miss the site we have been using, (it has a great amount of history in the short six years we have been using it) but as the new website comes online, it will start small and eventually it too will grow and develop into an exciting new entity.

So with the holidays almost upon us, I trust that you have some lovely family time planned. I too hope for fine weather and am looking forward to slowing down a bit and enjoying time, recharging the batteries and connections with my own kids.

Teachers will all be back at work on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April, but please note that students do not return to school until Wednesday, 1st May.

**Notes You Should Have Noticed**

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School News
We have so many Artistic Parents
The talent within our community never ceases to impress me. Many of you would have seen the decorated poles created by Kim Cleaven and Michael VanderLaak. Many of our students had input into their design and they look fantastic.
At the extreme other end, Louise Manner has digitised our SERFie crab that was originally drawn by Lahni Phillipson. SERFie looks like he has had a facelift and has moved into the 21st Century.
All these parents have spent many professional hours of hard work, which if we paid for at commercial rates, would amount to thousands of dollars. Thank you for your continuing support of our school and public education - we certainly could not have completed these projects without your help.

Voluntary Contributions
Most schools, including ours, rely heavily on the generosity of their community through the Voluntary Contribution scheme. Our contributions for 2012 are $50 for a single child and $85 for a family. If you would like to support the school in this way, it would be greatly appreciated.

Library News
Libraries should be the beating heart of the school, not mausoleums for dusty books.
Rachel Naomi Remen

Sport News
School Cross Country 2013
At a rather damp Glastonbury Gardens Stage 2 and 3 students ran in our annual Cross Country for 2013.

House Results
Cook 1st 244 points
Flinders 2nd 222 points
Bass 3rd 156 points

Age Results
12 Years Boys
1st Riley
2nd James
3rd Guy
11 Years Boys
1st Logan
2nd Jett
3rd Isaac
10 Years Boys
1st Daniel
2nd Harrison
3rd Maca
8/9 Years Boys
1st Ryan
2nd Callum
3rd Marley

Athletes who filled the first six places in their age division will now go on to the NWPSSA District Cross Country carnival at Bulli Park on Friday 10th May 2013.
Young Leaders Day

The National Young Leaders Day was a great opportunity for the 11 students who attended from Austinmer Public School. The atmosphere at the Sydney Entertainment Centre was awesome and we were given notebooks to write down our points and questions about what we heard. There were talks from many inspirational speakers who were people who had been successful in their careers and in leadership. We learnt that you should not be overly influenced by others opinions and that you should believe in yourself. Young people should set personal goals based on their dreams and pursue them by working hard, for this will ensure great achievement!

Luca

I speaker I found truly inspiring was Creel Price. Creel is an entrepreneur and had launched 8 businesses before he left school. He spoke about how to find the leader in you. He said that by coming to this leadership conference you won’t turn into a leader, everyone has the choice to be a leader. Since selling his business, Creel has focused on teaching and becoming an author. You can be involved with Creel Price as he has set up a club called Kidpreneur. I thank Austinmer Public School who gave me the opportunity to attend the day.

Damon

Jess Fox spoke to us on the day. She is an Olympian and competed in White Water Kayaking at the 2012 Olympics Games in London as the youngest competitor. She also did really well at school and got 99.1 in her HSC whilst training for the Olympics. She told us that if you have a goal, do everything in your power to achieve it. Persevere when in doubt and always believe you can do it.

Raine

Brett Lee was a Police Officer for 22 years. He also worked as a detective for 16 years. Brett Lee worked in Iraq training Iraqi men to become Police Officers. His message was to not to discourage people. I loved listening to Brett and I am sure most young leaders did to. He was a very inspiring man.

Honey

My favourite speaker was Nathan Hindmarsh. He told us the key to success was to take advice from the people around you and never give up. I really enjoyed the Young Leaders Day and hope to be able to be involved in it again.

Lachlan
CHESS 2013

On Wednesday 3rd April, a group of children from our school attended the Inter School Chess Challenge at Edmund Rice College. This group had a wonderful time competing against other children from local schools. We would certainly have been very happy with just competing and having fun. To our surprise, after each player had completed seven games, Austinmer was announced as coming in 2nd place! This now means that we will compete again in a Term 3 Semi Final Chess Challenge.

Congratulations to Keaton, Moss, Slater, Daly, Taylah and Callan. These boys showed excellent behaviour during the day. A special mention needs to go to Callan who came 3rd when the individual results were tallied.

Other Chess News!
Chess club will be starting Term 2 Week 2 Thursdays at lunchtime. If you like to play Chess or have never played and would like to learn how please come along to Mrs Reid’s Room.
Juniors- Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 - First half lunch
Seniors- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Second half lunch
Karen Currey

Thank You
I would like to thank Mrs Currey and Mr Duckworth for transporting and supervising our chess team on Wednesday. Your support is greatly appreciated.
Mrs Julie Reid

Recorder News
Thank you to all the recorder students and their loyal families who braved the variable weather conditions and participated in a recorder segment at the Sea Side Festival. At the performance time the skies opened up and down came the rain. Our group of recorder players from Thirroul and Austinmer schools gathered together at the top of the Thirroul Community Centre stairs and the parents huddled opposite them and enjoyed their item. We finished the segment with a rousing “Lion Sleeps tonight” loudly sung by the onlookers. It was a fun way of bonding with the community.
Thanks to recorder players Grace, Keelah, Ben, Kiri, Kate, Elijah, Kieren, Joy, Grace, Rani, Sam for the fun performance.
Maija Upenieks. Ph.42673689 or mobile 0458365184.
Canteen Coordinator Needed

Help!

We are looking for a canteen coordinator to run the canteen next term.

If you can help please contact Tanya on 0422 178 007 or email here on thecoledalecrew@sbusiness.com.au

This is a really important function of the P&C and service to the school.

Thanks

Canteen Roster

Week 11
Mon 08/04  Sam Soster, Kate Kors, Feona Cowlin
Tue 09/04  Alison Johnstone, Kara Malss
Wed 10/04  Imogen Ross, Helen Tasses
Thu 11/04  Margie McPhee, Michelle Summerhayes
Fri 12/04  Samantha Fuller, Rhiannon Morgan, Heather McIntosh

Term 2 Week 1
Mon 29/04  CLOSED
Tue 30/04  CLOSED
Wed 01/05  Lisa Vezgoff, Helen Donovan, Annette Turney
Thu 02/05  Lindsay Fisher, Kym Shaw, Stephanie Roth
Fri 03/05  Maree Jordan, Karen Hardie, Alison Attenborough

Mothers Day and Grandmothers Day stall
Friday the 10th of May

Send in a present for your Mum or Grandmother before Wednesday the 8th of May – valued between $3 and $5 and then you can buy a present for your Mum or Grandmother for $3, $4 or $5 on Friday the 10th May.

Please wrap each present in clear cellophane before you bring it in.

And don’t forget you have to bring in a present to be able to buy a present or we won’t have enough!

Also anyone who would like to help with the stall we would love helpers on Thursday 9th May from 9:30am to 11am in the Hall to help sort gifts and set up the stall.

Then again on Friday the 10th May from 9:30am to 11:30am in the Hall to help run the stall.

Please email Kara Mals on karamals@hotmail.com or text Kara on 0410772660. If you are interested in helping out – even for an hour would be fantastic.

Thanks,

Austinmer P&C
Hi to all the families who have registered and use the canteens School 24 online ordering or who are planning to do so.

Thank you on behalf of the canteen subcommittee for helping make our jobs easier.

But...did you know this free service is run entirely by computer savvy volunteer Dad’s in Sydney.

However with more and more schools in Australia and beyond (Singapore) using the service the “free” side of it is/was really to good to be true...

As of Term 2 2013 fees will apply to all families using the service.

These fees are affordable and flexible still giving families the convenience of ordering 24/7 from anywhere.

Families have 2 options to choose from –

1. **Plan 1 – PAY AS YOU GO**
   $0.25c per order, this plan is ideal for families who use the service less frequently.
   Charged at time of order to parent

2. **Plan 2 – UNLIMITED**
   $8.00/family per year, this plan is ideal for families with more than 1 child or who use the service frequently ie more than 32 orders in total per year or more than 8 orders per term ($8/.25c = 32/4 terms = 8).
   $2 per quarter or part thereof for the remainder of the year. Purchased by the parent in advance via credit card or PayPal, there is no handling fee for this.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**When will the changes take effect?**
As of 30th April 2013. This is the first student day of Term 2 2013.

**Can families upgrade from Plan 1 – “Pay as you Go” to Plan 2 “Unlimited” plan?**
This can be done at any time. Families need to advise the online administrators and they will change the plan for them. Click on the green contacts button on the [http://www.school24.com.au](http://www.school24.com.au) home page.

Austinmer Public School Canteen Committee thanks you for supporting online ordering. We welcome any feedback please email austinmercanteen@gmail.com
Woolworths Earn & Learn

We are excited to be again taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for more awesome educational resources for our school.

For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

In 2012 we collected 17,360 points with which many new resources were purchased including - Metric weighing sets, Volume Class Kits, Litre sets, Lego community mini figure set, Lego systems basic set, Maths mirrors, Digital kitchen scales, A3 coloured cardboard and a school art book.

Already throughout Term1 of 2013 these resources are being enjoyed and used in learning for your children.

Very exciting!!!!

So please remind friends, family, neighbours that Austinmer Public School is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn and to save all those points again.

Many, many thanks and happy collecting
Austinmer P&C Business Fundraising Subcommittee

Focus Pocus: a training program to improve behaviour and learning.

The ability to control impulses, focus attention, and keep information in memory are essential for good behaviour and successful learning. Our research shows that we can enhance these abilities, and also behaviour, by playing specially-designed computer games for 15-20 minutes/day for 5-6 weeks.

We are looking for children in stages 2 and 3 to participate in an improved training program. Children with ADHD (professionally diagnosed) are required, as are children who do not have ADHD. The training and before- and after-training assessment sessions will be carried out at your home, or at the University ( whichever is most convenient). We will supply the software and hardware, and install it on your Windows or Mac computer. At the end of training, a report is provided on training outcomes.

The study is conducted by the School of Psychology at the University of Wollongong.

To view an information pack and register your interest, please visit:
http://tinyurl.com/focuspocus13

If you have any questions, please contact A/Prof Stuart Johnstone via email sjohnsto@uow.edu.au

ST GEORGE ILLAWARRA DRAGONS APRIL HOLIDAY CLINICS

LOOKING FOR A FUN DAY OUT THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS? WHY NOT EXPERIENCE RUGBY LEAGUE FIRST HAND AND MEET SOME DRAGONS AT THE SAME TIME.

THE DRAGONS AND NRL ARE CONDUCTING THREE CLINICS THIS APRIL; HEAD TO DRAGONS.COM.AU/CLINICS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

APRIL 16 – BOMADERREY SPORTING COMPLEX
APRIL 17 – WIN STADIUM, WOLLONGONG
APRIL 18 - WIN JUBILEE OVAL, KOGARAH
The Artspace school holiday program is back from Tuesday 16 April 2013. We have some inspiring sessions for kids aged 3 to 16 years as well as some great guest artists.

We’ve got: theatre, film making, animation, graphic and fashion design, painting, printmaking, installation work, cartooning, sculpture, zine creations, mixed media and more!

Artspace places are limited so get in quick. To book, complete the enrolment form on our website, or call Artspace on 4283 9967.

Follow this link to see the Artspace School Holidays Program - Artspace School

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Uniform News
I will be placing an order for Winter Tunics at the end of the term. If you need to order a Winter Tunic please email me at uniformsolutions@y7mail.com before the end of the term. Thanks, Emma Uniform Solutions

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Yes, that’s Iluka & Denim’s dad in that recent photo of Classic Australian Band, Mental AS Anything......... Zoltan performs and tours with the band and the tour stops in at Thirroul, Saturday 13th April. Here’s your chance to see one of Australia’s truly legendary bands.

Please note: This event is predominantly an adult event. Please check Beaches policy regarding under 18’s attendance. This advertisement is meant in goodwill as information to fellow parents at Austi Public. Get in quick to get an Early Bird ticket discount.
WOLLONGONG TERM 2, 2013

TEENS AND PARENTS
BUILDING BRIDGES
This 4 session workshop will explore ways a family can handle present issues. Parents can attend the entire workshop or individual sessions.

Session 1: Connecting with Teens - 2 May
Session 2: Managing Conflict - 16 May
Session 3: Responsibility and your Tool - 22 May
Session 4: Big Issues and your Teen - 29 May

CatholicCare, 25-27 Autumn St, Wollongong
4 Workshops -ival $60 - $80 per student

WORKSHOP FEE: $10 per session

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND
A post-repartition parenting workshop. Learn how to best motivate and communicate with your teen. 6 week course

CatholicCare, 25-27 Autumn St, Wollongong
5 Thursday Evenings 6-9pm

WORKSHOP FEE: $60

GRASSROOTS PARENTING
This program for parents of children 6-12 aims to help parents understand their children and develop strategies to effectively discipline, encourage positive behaviour and build resilience and self-belief in families. Each of the 6 sessions is a 2 hour interactive session with a light lunch included. Participants will receive a manual and resources

1st June - 1st May
Session 1 - 11 May
Session 2 - 18 May
Session 3 - 25 May
Session 4 - 1 June
Session 5 - 8 June
Session 6 - 15 June

CatholicCare, 25-27 Autumn St, Wollongong

ROLLEROASTERS
A 6 week program developed to assist children who are experiencing physical separation, divorce, or parents who have to travel. Rolleroasters helps children to understand change, and develop strategies for anger management and problem solving, and to understand a range of feelings and emotions.

CatholicCare, 25-27 Autumn St, Wollongong

WORKSHOP FEE: $100

123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING
A 6 week program that teaches parents how to help their children understand and communicate with each other. Participants will learn practical strategies for managing negative emotions and behaviour.

CatholicCare, 25-27 Autumn St, Wollongong

WORKSHOP FEE: $20
WIN WITH IMB ZOO

For your chance to win, simply colour in the Zoo picture, fill in your details & return to IMB Thirroul by 06th May 2013.

Shop 6, Anita Theatre, King Street Thirroul
02 42 674 100

1ST PRIZE - $30
2ND PRIZE - $20
3RD PRIZE - $10

SAFETY - EFFORT - RESPECT - FRIENDSHIP

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL PERMISSION NOTE AND MONEY ARE OVERDUE