Dear Parents,

I believe a school can be classified as either a stationary school or a MOVING school. When I reflect on our community's outstanding 2015 achievements I think that it's obvious that we have MOVED FORWARD significantly since February this year.

As you know, our 2015 saying has been:

'In 2014, We Did Succeed.
Now the '6Cs' Are What We Need'.

Our multi-award-winning Auburn North Public School Learning Community has expected success and exceeded our expectations in all areas this year, including:

- Leadership;
- Teaching;
- Learning; and
- Parent Participation.

Importantly, our students have started to develop their six 21st Century learning skills of critical thinking, character, collaboration, creativity, communication and citizenship.

I believe that it has been the combination of moving forward in the areas of leadership, teaching, learning, and parent participation, with all community members working together as one united team this year, that explains why all of our 650 K-6 students have achieved outstanding performances in the academic, emotional, social, physical, and creative areas this year and actually exceeded their potential in each one of these areas. Each one of our students deserves to be congratulated on their effort and achievements in 2015.
I believe that anything and everything is possible, including exceeding potential and expectations, when students love THEIR school and love learning, and when teachers are passionate about their profession and are totally dedicated to the welfare and education of their students. I believe in 2015 we have had students who love their school and who love their learning, and we certainly have had teachers who are dedicated to assisting our students exceed their full potential in all areas and becoming well-rounded young people.

NAPLAN data and school-based data demonstrate that our students have exceeded their potential academically. As well as academically, I believe our students have exceeded their full potential emotionally and socially. Our students are the happiest, most respectful and appreciative students I’ve ever met. They embody our school values of honesty, kindness, respect, fairness, friendship, and responsibility and are a joy to be with every single school day. I’m very pleased to inform you that more students this year have received Gold Badges than ever before and more students than ever before have received 60 commendations and attended this week’s Principal’s Morning Tea with their proud parents. Their achievements reflect so positively on the emotional and social development of our students.

**SEMESTER 2 REPORTS - A ‘CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS’**

Semester 2 student’s reports have gone home with children today. I have read and signed each of the 650 reports and each one is a ‘CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS’. The reports reflect your children’s progress over the past six months and demonstrate how effectively and successfully our students, teachers, and parents have worked together collaboratively and cooperatively all year to facilitate student success.

When you sit down this afternoon with your children to read the reports, can I ask you to focus on the back page which includes ‘Values’, ‘Social Development’ and ‘Attitudes and Work Habits’ because these areas indicate your children’s development in the very important emotional and social areas.

**STAFFING INFORMATION and FAREWELLS**

Two of our teachers are leaving our school this week after many years of outstanding teaching at Auburn North. Mrs Moodley began teaching at Auburn North in 2005. During her time she has taught year 1 and year 3 classes and has been a specialist support teacher for K-6 students, and trained as a Reading Recovery teacher this year.

Ms Li began teaching in our school in 2008. She also taught year 1 and year 3 classes, was a specialist support teacher, and became a qualified Reading Recovery teacher.

Both teachers have had a profound positive impact on the learning and well-being of hundreds of our students and we wish them all the best as they continue their careers in schools closer to their homes.
THANK YOU STAFF

The teaching profession has been called ‘the knowing and caring profession.’ This is certainly the case at Auburn North where our teachers are so knowledgeable and skilled and so very caring.

Our boys and girls are so fortunate to have world-class teachers who have assisted them love their school and love their learning this year. Our teachers are very talented people who are passionate about their profession and are totally devoted to assisting each student exceed their full potential.

Our teachers are committed to providing our students with the widest range of programs and opportunities to develop their interests and talents both inside the classroom and outside the classroom and they have assisted our students achieve outstanding success in all areas this year. I would like to thank our wonderful teachers for their extraordinary work this year.

I would also like to thank our office staff, Mrs Daujotis and the members of our dynamic leadership team who are:

- Mrs Southgate
- Ms Camp
- Mrs French
- Ms Ireland
- Mrs Irrgang
- Ms Harrouk
- Mrs McBriarty
- Ms Mirzai
- Mrs Strong
- Ms Zammit
- Mrs Varley
- Mrs Kalic

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

After our school family’s exceptionally successful year it is now time for students, staff and parents to enjoy a well-earned holiday. On behalf of my staff, I wish you a safe and peaceful holiday.

Tomorrow is the last school day of the year. Students return to school on Thursday 28th January, 2016 (Year 1 to Year 6), while our new 2016 Kindergarten students commence on Tuesday 2nd February, 2016.

CLASS REPORTS: YEAR 6 FAREWELL

I would like to thank Year 6, and their teachers, Mrs Lee, Mrs Sullivan, Ms Mirzai and Ms Cortejas for their farewell report.

Mr M. Harris
Principal
2015 has been a year of outstanding student achievements. I would like to congratulate all students on their 2015 achievements, and in particular I would like to congratulate all 549 students who achieved a Gold Badge this year. Each of these students consistently met each of the 14 Gold Badge criteria and were able to enjoy a variety of special rewards, including:

* Term 1 - The Book Café
* Term 2 - Pizza Lunch
* Term 3 - K-2 and 3-6 Dance Parties
* Term 4 - Movie Reward

I would also like to thank all teachers and parents for their ongoing support of the Gold Badge program.

I encourage all students and families to reflect on the Gold Badge criteria during the school holidays and set a goal to achieve a Gold Badge as early as possible in 2016.

It would be wonderful if 2016 could be the first year where ALL students receive a Gold Badge!

Mrs Southgate
IMPORTANT DATES 2015

Wednesday 16th December 2015 Last Day for Students

IMPORTANT DATES 2016

Thursday 28th January 2016 First day back for students years 1-6
Tuesday 2nd February 2016 First day back for Kindergarten students

HEALTHY TIPS

Ideas to get your family moving:

- Go outside and play chasing, ride bikes or throw a ball or a Frisbee.
- Encourage children to make their own obstacle course at home. You could use garden hoses as tight-ropes, chairs to crawl under, and the clothes line to run around. Include a skipping rope and some jumping. For variety ask them to walk backwards, hop or skip through the obstacle course. Time them to see how they are improving.
- Encourage your child to play outside whenever possible. Play along whenever you can.
- Be a good role model - be active when you're with children. What gets children moving is what parents do, not what they say. Children learn by example!
- Include games and walks in family outings.
- Negotiate a time limit on sedentary activities such as watching TV and playing computer games.
- Walking together is a good time to talk to children about their lives and yours.
- Be prepared, think about activities your family can do in and around your home. Have some plans for wet days.
KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our 2015 Kindergarten Orientation Program was an outstanding success for our 2016 Kindy Students and their parents.

Our new students were able to spend a good deal of time in their 2016 classrooms getting to know their new friends while they learned and played with them.

Our parents were provided with invaluable informing and learning experiences so that they became well-informed about school procedures expectations and Kindergarten programs. 'Parents:

- Received 9 literacy and numeracy resources to take home and keep (flashcards, games, counters and a book) and were shown HOW to use the resources at home.
- Were shown how to introduce sight words and play sight word games at home, introduce the alphabet games on the computer at home, how to teach their child to write their name and how to teach their child to point to words when reading books at home.
- Information about how to create opportunities at home for children to count forwards backwards, how to introduce numbers and how to play games to practice reading numbers

Thanks to the hard work of Mrs French, Mrs Valotta, all 2015 Kindy teachers and many specialist Support teachers, our 2016 Kindy students are very well prepared to succeed net year and are excited about starting 'big school'. As well, our parents are well-equipped to support their children at home and are very keen to use the resources that were provided to them. Some parents have even tweeted about the wonderful experiences they enjoyed during the orientation program.
Year 6 Graduation
Class of 2015

On Wednesday 9th December, 2015, Years 3-5, parents, families and teachers joined together to celebrate our Year 6 Graduating Class of 2015! We enjoyed a wonderful graduation ceremony that included a performance by the Year 6 band, speeches, special slideshows, our Year 6 graduation song and our celebratory version of ‘Together in Harmony’. Each Year 6 student received their very special graduation certificate. We are so very proud of the graduating class of 2015!

Oh, the Places You’ll Go!

Congratulations!
Today is your day!
You’re off to great places!
You’re off and away!
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
any direction you choose.
Year 6 Farewell
Class of 2015

We continued celebrating into the night with our Hawaiian themed Year 6 Farewell. A very special thank you to ALL the teachers who assisted with and attended this very special event. It was certainly a night to remember!

Pizza Dinner  Photo Booth  Lolly bar
Games and Dancing  Fruit Buffet  Fun-loving teachers

Congratulations Year 6! All the very best for a bright and brilliant future!

DREAM BIG!!!
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ANPS Website

View our up to date website

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2016.

If your child turns 5 before the 31st July 2016, please fill out the form below or request an enrolment form at the school office. The form can be filled out at home then returned to school with an Australian Birth Certificate or Passport/Visa if born overseas. If either parent was also born overseas, we require evidence of Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency for either parent. We will also require your child's Immunisation Record and proof of your current residential address.

If you know of any neighbours, friends or relatives who do not have any children at Auburn North Public School, but they have a child who should start Kindergarten next year at Auburn North, please pass on this information to them.

Our office hours are 8:30am - 3:00pm during school days.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2016

Please send an enrolment form home with my son/daughter ___________________ ___________________

(First Name) (Surname)

of class __________

2016 Student's Name: ___________________ ___________________

(First name) (Last name)

2016 Student's Date of Birth: _________ _________ _________

(Day) (Month) (Year)
NOT RETURNING - TRANSFERRING TO ANOTHER SCHOOL

My child / children: ______________________  ______________________ of class _________

____________________  ______________________ of class _________

____________________  ______________________ of class _________

WILL NOT be returning to Auburn North Public School in 2016.

Last Day at Auburn North Public School: _______ / _______ / 2015

Name of New School: ______________________  ______________________

Parent/Guardian print name: ______________________  ______________________

Parents/Guardian signature: ______________________

Date: ______________________

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HOLIDAYS - RETURNING LATE (AFTER 28-01-2016)

My child / children: ______________________  ______________________ of class _________

____________________  ______________________ of class _________

____________________  ______________________ of class _________

____________________  ______________________ of class _________

Will be on holidays and will return late to Auburn North Public School in 2016.

Returning to school on _______ / _______ / 2016

Parent/Guardian print name: ______________________  ______________________

Parents/Guardian signature: ______________________

Date: ______________________