On Wednesday 13th February at 10am, the first P&C meeting was held in the Staffroom. We had a good turn out, considering it was our first meeting, but would love to see more of you there next time.

Office bearers were elected and then a relaxed discussion was had over a cup of coffee/tea and biscuits.

It was decided that an Easter Raffle would be organised for the Easter Hat Parade, which will occur on Thursday 28th March, along with a sausage sizzle. More details will follow soon.

The P&C are asking for donations of chocolate eggs and baskets for the Raffle. Please bring your donations to the Office. Thank you.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th March, at 10:00am in the Staffroom. We hope to see some more of our community at the meeting—all welcome, from Preschool to Year 2 parents. Hope to see you there!

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**Meet our P&C 2013...**

L to R: (standing) Rana (Secretary) and Bubz, Heidi (P&C member), (sitting) Vanda (President), Sada (Treasurer), Marina (Vice President) and Alia (P&C member)

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**February ...**

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Healthy Habits @ AWIS ...

Every day at AWIS, we encourage ‘Crunch & Sip’ time, where children take a 5 minute mid-morning break from their schoolwork. Children are able to have a fresh piece of fruit or vegetable, as well as plain drinking water only. Please ensure something is packed in your child’s lunch box for ‘Crunch & Sip’.

We have noticed that some children are bringing in some snacks that are not as healthy as others. We ask that you do NOT pack snacks such as LCM’s, Tiny Teddies (or other sweet biscuits), lollies, chocolates, chocolate covered muesli bars, noodle packs (such as Mamees), nutella sandwiches etc.

Instead, perhaps you could try...carrot sticks, healthy muesli bars, sultanas, pretzels, rice crackers, le snaks, plain popcorn, fruit yoghurt etc.

‘Meet the Teacher’ @ AWIS...

REMINDER - 2013 ‘Meet the Teacher’
afternoon at Arncliffe West Infants School.

This is a very important session, as the teachers will discuss class routines, expectations and programs.

We hope to see you there!

When: Wednesday 20 February 2013 (TODAY)
Where: Under the COLA, then to classrooms
Time: 5:00-6:00pm
Thank You to Our P&C...

Thank you to the P&C for supplying each and every child with a pair of headsets for use at school. They will remain at school. The headsets will be used when children are working with their iPads, or when working in the Computer Lab.
Thanks so much—they are fantastic!!!

Parent Tips...

**Friendships to boost your child’s learning**
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.


**Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school**
A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.


**Speech problems**
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?


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**Value of the Week @ AWIS...**
At AWIS, as part of our Social Groups each Monday afternoon, one of our 7 values (which is featured on our giant pencils), will be taught in small, mixed K-2 groups.

This week’s value is: **I am respectful**.

Students in each group, who have displayed the value taught, are given an award at the end of the lesson. Overall, 3 students will be awarded a special ‘Value of the Week’ award at assembly.

Congratulations to Hussien E—KM, Jack S—1L and David V—2T, who are this week’s winners! They have shown exemplary respect in various situations. These awards count toward a Book Award.

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**Birthdays—January & February**

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**Jellybeans**
Khadija R being a helpful friend
Annabella B reminding her friends about the Preschool rules
Samuel M matching the letters on the interactive whiteboard
Trinity H showing us her great dance moves
Mariam S exploring the letters of the alphabet on the interactive whiteboard
Ali F helping his friends clean up the sandpit
Fatima H enthusiastic dancing
Sarah E engaging with her friends in the sandpit

**Rainbows**
Ray Z great work with puzzles
Amara C wonderful participation during music
Maya L writing her name very well
Hassan E great participation in all activities
Roukaya H writing her name very well
Joseph A measuring big and small dinosaurs
Myriam C always playing co-operatively with her friends
Mohammad I great participation in all activities

**K Mauve**
Ali O always willing to have a go
Hadia T displaying beautiful manners in and out of the classroom
Muhammed-Ali E always doing the right thing during class time
Rima K recognising numbers
Ali A being an enthusiastic reader during reading groups
Youssef S improving his cutting and pasting skills
Sarah Z always willing to have a go
Zaynab M always having fantastic manners

**1 Lemon (Lemon)**
Mohammed A displaying an excellent attitude towards learning
Willow A being a good listener and ready to learn
Rory H imaginative work during Investigative Learning
Dwayne N excellent participation in dance lessons
Michael E excellent number skills
Trisha S fabulous writing work
Jack S always being attentive in class
Abbas K being sensible and responsible

**Book Award: Soukayna H**

**2 Teal**
Zeinab F enthusiastic and happy singing
David V being a responsible class member
Elaria G excellent transition to the Year 2 class
Ahmad E courteous and respectful behaviour
Rami K being a mature, responsible leader during Week 3
Nour M wonderful work during Investigative Learning—painting
Ali D building a fabulous playground during Investigative Learning
Tarek M assembly leading during Week 3—showing responsibility and maturity

**Arabic**
Hassan H—KM tracing his name in Arabic
Zeinab E—KM tracing her name in Arabic
Soukayna H—1L spelling a word in Arabic
Tarek M—2T identifying a few animals in Arabic
Rima K—KM writing her name in Arabic
Mohammed E—KM identifying two colours in Arabic
Aozz A—1L starting to sound out simple Arabic words
Elaria G—2T writing a simple Arabic sentence