Dear Parents,

School Self Evaluation – Parent Meeting

I wish to thank the small but highly interested group of parents who braved cold, mid-winter weather to attend this meeting. Parents were provided with official department data on student achievement, parent opinion and student absences. Parents were then divided into groups and identified the strengths of Avondale Primary and areas for further improvement. They

**Strengths:**
- Teachers
- Core education
- Teachers are given ample opportunities for development-esp through coaches
- Community
  - Reaching out / interacting
  - Developing a sense of..
  - Caring for community.
- Moving forward (not resting on laurels)
- Students are happy - not much trouble
- Pleased with what teachers are doing across the curriculum
- The variety of programs that we offer at the school
- Students seem to be achieving at a very good level compared to our SFO
- The way technology has become integrated into the curriculum
- The emphasis on reading has been great -Keep it up

**Improvement though:**
- Continuity and value adding of thematic work from P-6. E.g. overarching theme could be sustainability (aiming towards the future)
- ‘Hands on’ Learning e.g. Worm form, Veggie garden, Creative play equipment, Maze and Large chess board etc.
- Greater parent involvement-would be nice
- Continuing to improve surrounds: Vegetation, seating, Shade areas etc.
- Suggestion Box for parents
- We should ensue that creativity is continued to be seen as important
- Can parents have access to term planners so that they know what is happening at school?
- Would like to see music as having a higher priority in our curriculum
- Ensure that we maintain the learning environment-focus on what we get right rather than what we get wrong-Teachers and students.

Bunnings barbeque raises $1,338.20…

$1,338 will be spent on more books for our students. I wish to thank Dianne Carrington for doing the lion’s share of preparation for this fundraiser and special thanks to Nick and Donna Melican and Beau Butcher for spending the day working at the barbeque. I also wish to thank Kelly Stewart, Annie Carr, Renske Burrows, Dianne Cunningham and Vicki Curran for working at the barbeque.

Generous support was received, with grateful thanks from the following companies:
- Master Cut Food Industries, 25 Assembly Drive
- Rainbow Fresh, Millara mall and
- Safeway Stores at High Point and Millara Mall.

I ask parents to consider these stores when next shopping.

Cricket Club News…

Avondale Heights Cricket Club will be hosting a MiloIn2Cricket training; program for young students from October. Pamphlets will be distributed soon. You might like to discuss this program with your child. You can find out more information at: [http://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/page/milo_in2cricket.html](http://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/page/milo_in2cricket.html)

Footy Day – News…

There are only 12 prizes in the Footy day raffle this year. Each is well worthwhile and they are on display in the school’s foyer. I wish to thank families who have already sold their raffle tickets and ordered their child’s lunch on the day.

Have a great week

Paul Mulroyan
Avondale Primary School will be celebrating ‘Children’s Book Week’ this year with a few special events. The theme for Children’s Book Week is ‘Book Safari’. There will be a thematic display in the library with all the award winning, and short listed children’s books on display.

Special events:
**Mon. 24th to Fri. 28th Aug.**
A Book fair will be held in the library where children will be able to browse and buy a selection of scholastic books. From 8.30-3.30, Monday to Friday.

**Friday 28th Aug.**
*‘Dress as a Book Character’ for the day.* The ‘Book Character’ parade will be held in the morning at 9am. Prizes will be awarded to one character at each grade level. Parents are encouraged to attend.

All children and teachers are encouraged to come in costume and have a great day.
**Footy Day Raffle Prizes**

1st - Prize – Framed Signed Bulldogs Jumper

2nd - Signed Football, $20 Highpoint Voucher and a Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre Voucher

3rd - Lenoxx DVD Player, Sports Bag, Sovereign Hill family pass valued at $96 and a $10 Bakers Delight Voucher

4th - Royal Melbourne Show Family pass Value $76, Games World voucher $30, Janet Ireland Voucher $45, Souvlaki Hut Family Platter $50, Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre Voucher, Jigsaw Puzzle, Sports Bag.

5th - Make-up Pack Value $200(approx), McDonalds Voucher $20, Tote Bag

6th - 12th Hampers with various gifts and vouchers ranging in value from $130 - $80
### Dates to Remember

(Subject to change please check regularly)

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**Last chance for swimming**

**Grades Prep-2**

We have a few places left, if you would like to send your child please make payment to the office tomorrow (Friday)

**Newsletters can be found every Friday on our website - www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au. You can also check this site for the term Calendar.**

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**Rebel Sport Fundraiser**

When you purchase goods at Rebel Sport Highpoint and mention Avondale Primary School in the MVP program, the school receives 5% of the purchase price and you receive a 5% discount. Why not mention this next time you’re there?

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**Congratulations Dean Barkell**

The NEiTA (National Excellence in Teaching Awards) Foundation has congratulated our school on having a teacher nominated for the ASG Inspirational Teaching Award.
Dean Barkell was nominated by members of our community and this week will be presented with a NEiTA Certificate of Nomination at Friday’s Assembly.
The purpose of these prestigious awards is to honour and recognise inspirational teachers, highlight the work, not only of individual teachers throughout Australia and New Zealand, but also the team contribution of all teachers in every school.
Dean Barkell is now eligible for consideration for a National ASG Inspirational Teaching Award and grant. Congratulations Dean, thank you to the nominator and ‘well done’ to all our teachers for doing a great job.
More information about NEiTA can be found at: www.neita.com.au

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**Message regarding the Ron Conn Nursing Home**

Dear Parents,
The administration of Wintringham’s Ron Conn Nursing Unit has contacted us requesting that parents do not enter their car park.
They are concerned that children and parents are using their car park as a thoroughfare or using their car park when waiting for dismissal.
Please do not enter the Ron Conn facility. They have many deliveries and drivers are not expecting to see young children in this area.

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