Dear Parents

Avondale Primary School’s Review…
On Monday Dr Libby Tudball of Monash University visited the school for the day and lead its Review. This is an important assessment mandated by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and is used for the identification of goals, strategies, targets and actions that guide our school’s further development for the next four years. Over the course of the day most staff members were consulted to identify the current areas of strength and where further improvement could be made. The main goal for the school in its initial draft is: **Avondale Primary School continues to improve performance in all areas of the curriculum, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy.**

Footy Day – great success…
For the 15th time in a row we were extremely lucky with the weather. Inside this newsletter are pictures showing some of the fantastic activities students enjoyed on the school oval yesterday. “It was a great Footy day for Grade Six students” said Jacob; “I liked being able to help younger students in our group” said Jonathan. Many of the students in Grade 5/6B agreed with these comments.

Kevin Donovan Manager of Milleara Mall donated a $300 cheque to our fundraiser. Many thanks Kevin. Raffle Winners are: 1st - Ben Chan, 2nd - Tiana So, 3rd - B Mondido, 4th - Lou c/- Tyler Garth, 5th - Briannon Duffin, 6th - Nyomi Stowers, 7th - Lucas Liantara, 8th - Ronda c/- Lina, 9th - Kaleb Crowe, 10th - Blake Roach, 11th - David Thomson, 12th - Antonio Coluccio. Most Raffle tickets sold winners: Jason Chan, Nicholas Vadnjal and Isaac Brezni. Yr 6 Marking competition winners: Scott Russell and Sarah Shembri; Parent Kick-off winner: Jenny Cutri. Many thanks to: Christa Nicolaou, Kathryn Vadnjal, Emilia Pavlovic, Dianne Carrington, Christie, Lynne Cicala, Mim Di Simone and Dianne Cunningham. I would also like to thank the many parents who helped on the day preparing lunches, assisting with activities and helping teachers and students when incidents arose. I am pleased to report that we raised $3000 on the day.

Book Week – celebrations & Parade…
I congratulate Liz Oruba, our library technician on the wonderful display she has created in the library. It enriches the experience of students as they enter the wilds of literature and imagination. Upon entering the library our students encounter exotic and dangerous (toy) animals. A large Snow Leopard greets visitors.

Fathers Day Stall…
As 5/6 students will be at camp on the Friday immediately before father’s Day, we will hold Fathers day stall on Monday 31st of September. There is a wide range of small gifts on sale starting at $2 to $6.

School Gardens to be judged 11th September…
I have entered the school into the Victorian Schools’ Garden Awards (VSGA) this year. Although we are still in the early stages of improving the gardens around the school, we have made great improvements to the front of the school. A judge from VSGA will inspect our school gardens on Friday 11th September. You can read more about the Victorian School Garden Awards at: [http://www.ngiv.com.au/schools-garden-awards](http://www.ngiv.com.au/schools-garden-awards)
**DATES TO REMEMBER**
(Subject to change please check regularly)

**August**
- Friday 28th: Book Parade
- Monday 31st: Father’s Day Stall

**September**
- Wed 2nd-Fri 4th: 5/6 Phillip Island Camp
- Friday 4th: Fathers Day Breakfast—Prep /Ones
- Monday 7th: 5/6 Instrumental Concert 2:15
- Wednesday 9th: Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
- 3/4 Instrumental Concert 2:15
- Mon 14th-Wed16th: 3/4 Lady Northcote Camp Bacchus Marsh
- Monday 14th: Junior School Instrumental Concert 2:15
- Friday 18th: Last day Term 3 - 2:15pm finish for students

**October**
- Monday 5th: Term 4 begins
- Tuesday 6th: Interschool Athletics Carnival
- Friday 9th: Fundraising Committee 9:15am, Facilities Committee 5:30pm
- Thursday 15th: Education Committee 3:30pm
- Monday 19th: Finance Committee 7pm, School Council 7:30pm
- Thursday 22nd: Multicultural Day

**November**
- Thursday 26th: School Concert

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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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**Aberfeldie Little Athletics Team**
**Registration Days:-**
- Returning Registrations: Sat 19th Sept 9-11am
- New Members: Sat 26th Sept 9-11am

**Aberfeldie athletics track (Melways Map 28D6)**
Under 6 to Under 16.
Children must be 5yo to register
Email: tmchugh@bigpond.net.au

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**Victoria University Sports Camps**
**28th of September to 2nd of October**
**Multi Spot Camps ages 6-8, 9-11 and 12-14**
**Cost:** Early Bird special of $105 (paid before 14th Sept)
Regular price $115 per student per week (Child care rebates available)
Daily registrations cost $30 per day
More information and bookings: 9919 4370 or 9919 4358 or Email: caroline.leach@live.vuedu.au

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**East Keilor Cricket Club**
**Junior Registration Day for Season 2009/10**
If you like cricket, are keen to improve your skills and enjoy being a part of a team/family environment, then the EKCC may be the place for you and your family this summer.

**When:** Sunday August 30th
**Time:** 11am to 1pm
**Where:** At the EKCC Club Rooms – Overland Reserve, Parkside avenue, Keilor East.

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**After School Care News**
Wow and what a term it has been so far. Firstly I would like to thank Amanda for coming in on the 29th of July and helping us make some amazing Jewellery. I would also like to thank Lisa Brown for contributing to our recycled materials.
Coming up this next week we will be working with clay, harma beads as well as extending our cooking skills and making apple pastries.
Of you have a special skill that you can share with the after care group and are willing to donate some time. Please call Sharee on 9327 8077. This can be anything from cooking to dance to a specific sport.
Thanks Sharee

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