Dear Parents,

School Self Evaluation
Would you like to know how well this school is doing in meeting our academic and other goals? Would you like to comment upon our performance? Would you like to assist set new three year goals for the school?
If so, the you are most welcome to attend a meeting for parents on Tuesday 4th August from 7pm to 8pm. You will be provided with Department information which tracks our performance over the last few years and be able to discuss ways to improve our school with other interested parents. Please complete the flyer attached and return to school by Monday.

Reminder to parents visiting students at school
I remind parents who need to see their child or child’s teacher during the school day that it is our policy that you visit the Office before seeing your child. The reasons are:
- We note your visit in case of emergency
- You will directed to where your child is being taught if they are at specialist classes and
- An office staff member can collect your child to minimise interruption to student learning.

Footy Day Raffle Prizes
This year there will be 12 great prizes for the raffle. Prize winners will be able to select from the prizes on offer. This year there is a signed Bulldogs jumper, an autographed Bulldogs football and a series of hampers ranging in value from $150 to $60.
Families who sell the most raffle tickets will be able to select from vouchers worth around $80 each: Puffing Billy Family Pass, Hedgend Maze Family Pass and two tickets to Adventure Park.

Maths Online
I wish to congratulate students who participate in their Maths On-line activities regularly. It is not uncommon to hear students discussing their results or reporting on their latest race with students from around the world.
If you would like to know more about this program, please speak to your child’s teacher and ask for a demonstration.

Year 3/4s in National Tree Planting Day
Tomorrow is Schools National Tree Day. This year I have selected Year 3/4 students to participate in this activity. Students will be planting a number of drought tolerant, indigenous species in the school’s gardens. Interested parents are most welcome to assist on the day.

Thank you thoughtful parents…
I wish to thank the increasing number of parents who are thoughtful and considerate of others when picking up their children after school. These parents park near the supermarket or in the further car parks and enjoy the short walk back to the car finding out what their child did at school that day. They start their evening without rushing or being preoccupied with their next task, and frequently make the most of their limited and wondrous time as a parent of a primary school child.

Have a great week

Paul Mulroyan
The Grade 1 and 2 students went to Scienceworks on Tuesday the 28th of July. The students were very excited about the excursion and enjoyed the 'hands on' approach to learning about science. They went to the House of Secrets and learnt about science in the home. They learnt about what lives in our bed mattress, what is collected in vacuum cleaners, how food is cooked in microwaves and what the inside of our drain pipes look like. The students were keen to get a close up look at backyard creatures under the microscope. Nitty Gritty Super City was popular with students. They were able to use pulleys and levers to lift bricks and containers, understanding the importance of how tools and machines help us with our work. The Blast Off show in the auditorium had students on the edge of their seats. They were really interested in learning about how rockets take off and other facts about space life. Overall, the day was interesting, engaging, lots of fun and exhausting!
### July
- **Friday 31st**: Preps—Fire Brigade visit  
  Grade 3/4s Tree Planting Day

### August
- **Sunday 2nd**: Fundraiser: Bunnings Maribyrnong Barbeque
- **Tuesday 4th**: Australian Schools Competition—English Test  
  Parent Evening—School Self Evaluation 7pm
- **Wednesday 5th**: Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
- **Friday 7th**: Fundraising Committee Meeting 9:15 am  
  Facilities Committee Meeting 5:30pm
- **Mon 10th—Fri 21st**: Junior Swimming Program
- **Tuesday 4th**: Australian Schools Competition—Maths Test
- **Wednesday 5th**: Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
- **Friday 7th**: Book Parade
- **Monday 31st**: Father’s Day Stall

### September
- **Wed 2nd—Fri 4th**: 5/6 Phillip Island Camp
- **Friday 4th**: Father’s Day Breakfast—Prep Ones

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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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**OHSC NEWS**

Welcome back to Term 3. What a time we had in term 2. Exploring different cultures from around the world, learning new games skills and knowledge. This term the focus is on 'Building things for me!' This is building or making things that can be taken home as well as giving each child opportunities to do what they want to with 'Kids choice activities'.

I would also like to encourage all parents to collect bottles, lid caps, cereal boxes or any other material which could be used for crafts.

Thank-you,  
Sharee Smith OSHC Co-Ordinator

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