



AVONDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thursday June 11, 2009

Reminder : Tomorrow is a Curriculum Day– No students are to come to school

Dear Parents

Enrolments for 2010

Avondale Primary School is taking Preparatory Grade enrolments for 2010. Many families who have children attending kindergarten have completed the enrolment process, however I am concerned that families who have youngsters who don't attend kinder may not be aware that it is timely to enrol their child now. If you have a neighbour in this position, please let them know that this is the right time to gain enrolment at this school.

Student Absences and attendance certificates

I am very pleased to report that student absences for reasons other than illness are low. I congratulate Pam Harvey on her continuing campaign to increase attendance rates. However we are becoming a victim of our own success; apparently there are several students who are so keen to receive their 100% attendance certificate each term that they make life difficult for parents when they should be at home!

To help alleviate this, we will be awarding a certificate that recognises a student who attended for 100% of the time when not ill, i.e. a doctor's visit was necessary.

School Council News

Council meets on the third Monday of the month – which this month is Monday 15th June. Council meets in the staff room from 7.30pm for about 90 minutes. At the meetings reports are tabled from the Council's subcommittees: Finance, Facilities, Fundraising, Education and Canteen. A report is usually provided from the Playgroup organiser as well.

If you have questions or concerns about school policy or operations, you can contact Council members to raise issues on your behalf.

Science Visit from EKC to Grade 5/6 students – a report by Gobind Gill (Year 6)

On Wednesday 10th June, Ms Nugent spoke to us about the human body. She asked us what we knew about the body then explained parts from the head to the stomach. We then did an experiment to find out which foods (bread, chips cheese and sugar) had starch, protein or glucose in them. We found bread and chips had starch; bread and cheese had protein, bread and sugar had glucose. We all had a great time and thank Essendon Keilor College and Ms Nugent for the lesson.

Congratulations John Tetradis – another high achieving Avondale student

Congratulations to John Tetradis a Year 6 student who recently sat the Buckley Park Secondary School's *High Achievers Selection Test*. John scored well on all measures against other high achieving students and topped scored in written expression. I warmly congratulate his parents and teachers on the support and encouragement they have provided to John.

Next week is planning week

We will suspend the usual specialist programs next week to allow teacher teams to plan their Term Three curriculum. Specialist teachers will take classes to release teacher teams in turn throughout the week.

Mid Year Reports home on Friday 19 June

Your child will bring home their midyear written report on Friday 19 June. I invite you to read this report and encourage you to take advantage of the Parent-Teacher interviews on Wednesday 24th June.

Have a great week,



DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)

June

Friday 12th	Curriculum Day (<i>No students to come to school</i>)
Friday 12th	Facilities Committee Meeting 5:30pm
Monday 15th	Finance Committee Meeting 7pm
Monday 15th	School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Tuesday 16th	3/4s Science Show
Wednesday 17th	Music students to visit Ron Conn Centre
Thursday 18th	Preps Zoo Excursion \$21.90
Friday 19th	Mid-year reports to be sent home
Friday 19th	Pies to be sent home /picked up by parents.
Monday 22nd	3/4 Western Treatment Plant Excursion
Tuesday 23rd	Aust Schools Writing Test
Wednesday 24th	Parent Teacher Interviews (<i>students to attend school on this day</i>)
Friday 26th	Last Day Term 2 - 2:15pm finish for students



July

Monday 13th	First Day Term 3
Monday 13th	Canteen Committee Meeting 2:30pm
Thursday 16th	Education Committee Meeting 8am
Friday 17th	Fundraising Committee Meeting 9:15am
Monday 20th	School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Newsletters can be found every Friday on our website - www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au.

You can also check this site for the term Calendar.

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?

Canteen Reminder

The Canteen is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Please make sure that your child brings a order for the Canteen on these days only.

If your child should happen to bring a lunch order on a

Monday or Tuesday you will be contacted to bring them some lunch.



Important Notice to Parents

Procedure for sending money to school:

As per department regulations we would appreciate that when all families make payments to school for excursions, camps and other activities, please place money in envelopes clearly marked with your child's name, grade and what the money is for. (School envelopes are always available at the office please feel free to ask for some.) These envelopes are then handed to the class teacher by the student first thing in the morning. Should you need to pay a large amount and wish to pay directly to the office please do so before 9.30 am or between 3-3.30pm .

We thank-you for your support in this matter it will help with management of office procedures.

Many thanks Maria and Ros

Lost Property

Please check that your child's jumpers and jackets are their own. We have students who are missing a few garments that are labelled with their names but are not in lost property. Lost Property Box is located in Block A inside glass doors leading to Building.

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