Dear Parents

Midyear reports home tomorrow…
On Friday we will distribute students’ half year reports. The reports are mainly concerned with academic progress in English and mathematics. They contain a comment on progress so far, areas for targeted improvement methods for achieving the improvements and suggestions on how parents can help at home.

Literacy Block – Reading Model…
I wish to congratulate the teachers and ES (support) staff for the innovation of a Literacy Block Reading model. This model encapsulates the priorities and main teaching foci into an easily understood framework. It provides students with opportunities to see the teacher reading and vocalising their thoughts, reading along with the teacher, participating in small group shared reading and individual private reading. The model emphasises active reading by students and comprehension of what is read. I invite parents to talk with teachers about the model as we implement and refine it.

Homework Policy – Invitation for comment…
I wish to thank Joe Scarfo, our Curriculum Coordinator and Angelo Ranmac, School Council representative on the Education Committee for their work in developing a Homework Policy. Earlier this year parents were surveyed about their views, the Department’s guidelines were read and other policies examined. I believe that this policy is a balanced and comprehensive statement that reflects the views of our school community.

Avondale’s Top Performing Students…
Year 6 students, James Lam Keng Yee and John Tetradis recently sat a series of tests for Buckley Park Secondary College’s advanced program. They competed against other high performing students from many schools. James achieved top score in mathematics and John topped the Expressive Writing test. Both boys did very well overall and have been invited into the program.

Economic Stimulus Package – Location of library, comment invited…
The Commonwealth Government is providing all schools with money as part of its Economic Stimulus Package. This will come in two forms: the National Pride money which in our case is $125,000 and a notional allocation of $2 million to build a library. The national allocation means that the school does not retain any unspent money should the project be completed for less than the allocation.
School Council has been pondering the location of the new library facility. An important consideration has been ensuring that the sporting facilities such as the oval and netball court are retained. Council has engaged the local architect Jack Furci to oversee the project. He has suggested a way in which our sporting facilities can be kept, it would mean removing the CASES Centre and Triple Room and canteen and putting the library facility in that area (see map). In turn we would need to use the National Pride grant to relocate the netball court around 4 metres South of its current location, and use the remainder to build a car-port style structure over the court. School Council invite your thoughts on this proposal.

Have a great week

Paul Mulroyan
Please accept our apologies for the quality of this spread but it was scanned to drop into the newsletter for emailing. If you would like a clearer copy, hard copies are available from the office.
DATES TO REMEMBER

(Subject to change please check regularly)

**June**
- Friday 19th: Interschool Sport – St John Boscoe (Away)
- 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 (students to attend school on this day)
- 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
- Friday 17th: Facilities Committee 5:30pm
- Monday 20th: Finance Committee 7pm
- 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?

ROHAN SMITH FOOTBALL TRAINING

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Learn all aspects of football from a professional that has played over 300 games and has over 16 years experience at AFL level.

- Cost : 1 Day $95, 2 days $180
- Dates : Week 1—June 20, July 1 and 2
  - Week 2—July 7, 8 and 9
- Times : 9am to 4pm
- Group Size : Only 25 players per group
- Price includes : Training T.Shirt
  - Morning Tea
  - Lunch
  - Drink
  - Afternoon Tea
  - Football Training
- Location : Emmanuel College, St Paul’s Campus
  - Blackshaw’s Road—Altona North
- Bookings: 0438 17 29 31
- Email : rohansmith@bigpond.com
- Web : rohansmith.com.au

NO MORE NASTY HEADLICE

We remove them for you!

- Quick, easy, painless removal of headlice and eggs.
- In the privacy of your own home
- Chemical Free
- Friendly, reliable staff with current Police Checks.
- Fully insured.

HEAD LICE HUNTERS

0406 340 302

Stockdale & Leggo

FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS

26 Centreway, East Keilor, Vic. 3033
Phone: 9331 6244  Fax: 9331 6277
www.stockdaleleggo.com.au

SAM CARBONE

Advertisements

The advertisements in this newsletter are for community interest only. The school has no connection with, nor endorses, any particular business activity.