



AVONDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thursday 19th March 2009

Dear Parents,

School Photos

School photographs will be taken on Monday 23rd March. I ask that all students be here on the day wearing a clean school uniform. Each student will have an individual and class photo taken; there will also be a 'family' photo for brothers and sisters currently attending the school.

Please take time to read the relevant information on the envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other.
- Every student must present their envelope to Photographer on photo day, even if money is included in brother or sister's envelope.
- Please include correct money, as **no change** is available on Photo day.
- If paying by cheque, please make payable to "Southern Cross MSP"

Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request, please collect prior to Photo Day.

Early notice: *Farewell Morning Tea for Mrs Trewin*

Ann-Maree Trewin will retire from teaching at the end of this term; she has made an outstanding contribution to education and in particular the teaching of students at Avondale Primary School since commencing here in the mid-1970s. I will write further on this in future newsletters, but for now I would like to inform parents that we will have a morning tea in Ann-Maree's honour on Friday 3rd April. Please let families of former students know about this. More details next week.

Maribyrnong Community Centre - Survey

Cheryl Neenan is the new Centre Facilitator at Maribyrnong Community Centre. She wishes to offer a range of programs for local children outside school hours. The programs would be conducted at the Centre and would be taken by suitable qualified or experienced leaders. Programs could be as diverse as dance, chess, fishing rod making, macramé, computer games, knitting or weaving.

Cheryl would like to know what programs children would like and attend if they were to be organised by the Centre. Attached is a survey which seeks your family's view. Please return the survey to school by Monday 23rd March.

Library News

The school is purchasing many new books to support the *Reading Matters* initiative. Volunteers are sought to cover books and prepare them for distribution. Why not bring a friend for a couple of hours? Liz our Library Technician will instruct volunteers on how to cover books with a professional touch.

Reading Matters

Students have made splendid posters explaining why *reading matters*. Prizes (books) will be awarded to students at Monday's assembly. There is a prize for a girl and boy at each grade level. Their posters will be laminated and displayed in the school.

The aims of the *Reading Matters* initiative are:

1. To have every student read **in class** for 30 minutes every day
2. To have every student read **at home** (alone or with family) for 30 minutes every day
3. To **establish a library area in each class** with a wide selection of reading material
4. To further develop a culture where **reading and learning is valued and rewarded at home** and at school.

Footscray City Open Day

Footscray City Secondary College is holding an Open Day on Sunday 22nd March, 1pm until 4 pm. Parents and students are welcome to inspect the Kinnear Street campus.

My favourite books — Mrs Wilkinson

My very favourite book when I was in Preps was *The Three Little Pigs*; I loved to hear my teacher read the story over and over because I knew the words and what was going to happen. When I was a little older I loved *Charlotte's Web*—*I still love it today*.

Have a great week

DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)

March

Monday 23rd School Photos—students are asked to wear clean uniform today
Tuesday 24th Auskick Footy Clinic
Friday 27th Fundraising— Sort & Box chocolates
Monday 30th Chocolates distributed

April

Friday 3rd Farewell Morning Tea Mrs Trewin
Last Day Term One
Monday 10th First Day Term Two, Chocolate \$ due back to school

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



Advertisements

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

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?

Year 6 Windcheaters

Orders will be made for autographed Year 6 windcheaters. This has been a tradition at the school for the last dozen years.

The School Council has agreed to subsidise the cost of each windcheater by \$15. Order forms will be sent home this week, I ask that orders are returned by Friday 27th March.

UPDATING YOUR DETAILS

Please ensure that you have all contact numbers for yourself and emergency contacts up to date. There are times when we may need to contact you urgently - ie: if your child is unwell at school.

Should you have a new home address or workplace please notify us on these details too.

If you are unsure if the numbers are all correct please call at the office and ask me to check these details.

Thank-you
Admin Staff

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Read Aloud Tips, Hints and Suggestions: ... a note for parents:

- It's never too early to start reading to your child - the sooner the better.
- Read aloud every day for at least ten minutes. Make it part of the daily routine and try to make it at the same time: 'story time'. Before bed is okay, but don't encourage children to go to sleep when you read.
- Read aloud three or four short stories **every day**. If your child loves a book then read it again and again and again.
- Read all types of stories including picture books, beginning readers and especially those with repetition and rhyme.
- Read with **expression, feeling and animation**. Make it soft and make it loud, but not too scary. Try using different voices for different characters.
- Read the story with your face as well as your voice.
- **Share** the reading with your child, maybe page by page, or even book by book. Let children play with, touch and handle the book. Let them help you turn the pages and learn how books work.
- Let them **laugh** and **giggle** and **sing** the words you read. They will learn to read it just like you.
- Talk about the pictures and the words as you read but make it a game ... not work or 'learning'. **Reading is FUN!**
- Let your child have opportunities to **choose** a book to read.
- During reading time turn off any possible sources of distraction, like the television and radio so that you and your child can be absorbed by the story!
- **Let your child see that you value and enjoy reading, and that it is a worthwhile and pleasurable activity. Children are great copiers.**
- Make reading a **family** activity – brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, and grandparents can do the reading too. Remember, both mums and dads can read!

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