Dear Parents,

Mothers Day Stall tomorrow morning…
There will be a Mother’s Day stall tomorrow morning for students to purchase a small present for mum. The stall will be in the Art Room and classes will be lead in one at a time following the morning assembly. Prices start at $1.50; we will allow brothers and sisters to make combined purchases.

Education Week, Open Day & Book Fair…
We celebrate Education Week in a fortnight; you and your family are most welcome to visit classes on 20th May. We will be operating as normal; this is a chance to see the daily learning experiences of your children.

Chair-bags for classrooms…
We seek parent helpers to make ‘Chair-bags’ for students. These are bags that can be suspended from the back of a student’s chair. They allow students to store their books in a safe and convenient manner. If you can assist please contact Kim Metelmann, Reading Recovery Coordinator.

Police band Code One play for students…
“Fantastic”, “10 out of 10”, “They were really cool.” were some of the reactions excited students expressed as they left the ECA centre yesterday. Code One were brilliant; even better, they have their own web site that students can visit: http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?Document_ID=8083
Pictured is Officer Brian Carbery presenting one of our students with a police medal for showing depth of character through resilience, doing homework and getting along with others.

Canteen News…
Dianne reports that trade on Wednesday and Thursday is increasing with the cooler weather. “Students love toast at recess time, toast and cheese, vegemite on toast or just plain toast – they are all very popular. Muffins and fruit in jelly are also very popular, I have to prepare lots of these the day before (sale). It’s great to see students buying rock melon and watermelon; they can but a slice from 10 cents.” Dianne and I thank our volunteers for their continuing support.

New library plans…
The Facilities Committee met on Friday evening to discuss the use of the $2,000,000 notionally allocated to Avondale Primary for the construction of a new facility. Our options are either a gymnasium/multipurpose hall or library.
The ECA Centre is about to be refurbished and the school has received assurances that students will be able to access the facility during school hours; therefore the library option was the obvious choice. Parents can view the library design template at: http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/govrel/ber/band1option1pdf.pdf

Have a good week,

[Signature]

Paul Mulroyan
DATES TO REMEMBER
(subject to change check regularly)

May
Friday 8th Mothers Day Stall
Friday 8th Interschool Sport—Resurrection (Away)
13, 14 & 15 NAPLAN Testing
Friday 15th Finance Committee Meeting
Friday 15th Interschool sport—Milleara (Home)
Monday 18th-22nd Education Week and Book Fair in Library
Monday 18th School Council Meeting
Tuesday 19th Grade 5/6 Excursion to The Shrine and MCG
Wednesday 20th Open Day - Tours of the School every half hour
Wednesday 20th Music students to visit Ron Con Nursing Home
Friday 22nd Interschool Sport—St John Bosco (Away)
Wednesday 27th Cross Country Run
Friday 29th Fundraising Meeting 9:15am
Friday 29th Interschool Sport-St Augustine (Away)

June
Monday 1st Fundraising Pie Order forms distributed
Thursday 4th Parent Evening: *Values for Life* 7pm-8pm
Friday 5th Interschool Sport: Calder Rise (Home)

Newsletters can be found every Friday on our website - www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au.
You can also check this site for the term Calendar.

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**When Kids Get Bullied**
*(focuses on children 5-13)*

It’s a bad feeling when your comes home and tells you they have been picked-on. This free seminar and discussion group is for parents who want more information about why this happens and what to do about it. The first hour is an information seminar presenting the latest research and useful strategies for parents, the second hour is a discussion group.

*Tuesday May 19, 6:30-8:30pm*

*At the Drummond street Relationship Centre*  
195 Drummond Street, Carlton

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**GIRL GUIDES VICTORIA**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP-JUNE/JULY HOLIDAYS**

Girl guides Victoria is pleased to announce that is will be holding a School Holiday camp in the June/July holiday period this year.

WHERE: Sunday 28 June to Saturday 4 July
WHERE: Iluka Girl Guide campsite, Shoreham
WHO: For girls aged between 10 and 14 years old
COST: $550 for Girl Guides Victoria Members $700 for non-members

Applications close Friday 29 may 2009
Questions? Call girl Guides Victoria 8606 3500
Email: camps@guidesvic.org.au
Website: www.guidesvic.org.au

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**COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR**

**JURASSIC BOOK FAIR**

In celebration of ‘EDUCATION WEEK’
Monday, 18th May to Friday 22nd May
Avondale Primary School would like to invite you to the Jurassic Park Book Fair
in the school library
The Book Fair will be open:
Mon. 18th 3.15 - 3.30
Tue. 19th to Fri. 22nd:
8.30 - 8.50
1.30 - 1.45
3.15 - 3.30

Looking forward to seeing you there!!!

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