

# AVONDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Dear Parents

### **Our students in DANGER...**

***Parking on the opposite side of the road when dropping off or collecting children is extremely dangerous.*** I have asked teachers on yard duty to speak with parents who do this. This practice endangers children.

When children emerge onto the road from between parked cars, the driver of an approaching vehicle does not have sufficient time to avoid a collision. Young children do not have the ability to judge speed. As adults we must make child safety paramount.

Please consider:

- Slowing down – *being a little late is better than a lifetime of regret*
- Parking safely – if the convenient spaces are unavailable – don't park illegally
- Plan ahead – older students happily play in the grounds for 10 minutes after school, why not aim to be here at 3.25pm when most of the traffic has gone?

### **Hemiplegia Study...**

Hemiplegia is a motor impairment that restricts movement. The Murdoch Children's Research Institute is inviting families of students in grades 3-6 at Avondale Primary School to be part of a research project.

The study will compare the ability of children with hemiplegia to *imagine movements* and then compare the results with to a control group of (non- hemiplegic ) Avondale students.

Families of students in senior grades will be given an explanation of the project and an invitation to take part. *If you agree to your child participating please fill in and return the forms to the school in the envelope provided.*

### **NAPLAN testing this week**

Students in Years Three and Five sat the *National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy* this week. Students completed tests in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Mathematics; these four tests were completed over three days. All student responses will be assessed centrally and reports are expected in Term 3.

### **Education Week & Book Fair**

Next week is Education Week. Victoria celebrates the great work being undertaken in schools by students and staff alike. I invite parents and friends to pop into the school and spend some time in class so you can experience learning from the perspective of a student.

Wednesday 20th May is Open Day. Traditionally we have many prospective parents visit on this day. We will run tours on the half hour during the day. Parents and friends are welcome at any time convenient to you. ***Book Fair will be running all week in the Library.***

### **Enrolments for 2010 now open...**

Last Monday I mentioned that Prep enrolments for 2010 are open. I have been amazed at the number of parents seeking to enrol their child here next year. Please inform any neighbours that have young children and may be interested in enrolling their child here that they need to move quickly.



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
Tues. 19th to Fri. 22nd:	8.30 - 8.50
	1.30 - 1.45
	3.15 - 3.30

# 3/4D and City West Water

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 3/4D went to the art room to learn about water. Chiara from City West Water talked to us and shared information about water.



We made our own water cycle.  
You can also do this at home.

#### Procedure

You will need:

1. a container
2. a plant
3. a bottle cap
4. a lid
5. sand
6. rocks
7. soil
8. gloves

Instructions:

Step 1: Cover the bottom of the jar with rocks

Step 2: Place enough sand to fill in the gaps between the layer of rocks

Step 3: Add 4 handfuls of soil, Make sure you are wearing gloves

Step 4: Make a hole in the soil for your plant

Step 5: Place your plant in the hole

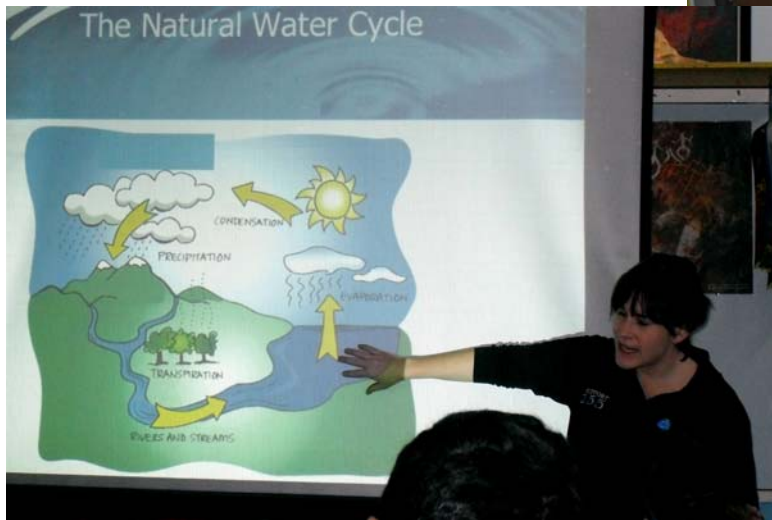
Step 6: Place a small cap of water in the soil

Step 7: Place your lid over the container

Step 8 : Put the container in a sunny spot

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**Interesting things we learnt about water:**

I learnt that if you have a shower or go to the toilet etc. The dirty water goes down the drain all the way to a big factory (Treatment Plant) it then goes back to the ocean.

Earth is 70% made of water.

Hot water is lighter than cold water. That is why a swimming pool feels warm on top and cold underneath.

Our world has always had the same amount of water.

There is much more salty water on our planet than ice and fresh water.

Water can be found in 3 different forms: solid, liquid or gas.

People waste more water showering than any other water use. We need to have shorter showers to save water.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

(Subject to change please check regularly)

### May

Friday 15th	Interschool sport—Milleara (Home)
Monday 18th-22nd	Education Week and Book Fair in Library
Monday 18th	*Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm *New Time
Monday 18th	School Council Meeting 7:30pm
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
Wednesday 27th	5/6s to visit Rosehill Sec College Open day
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: <b>Values for Life 7pm-8pm</b>
Friday 5th	Interschool Sport: Calder Rise (Home)
Monday 8th	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday 11th	Education Committee Meeting
Thursday 11th	Pie Orders due back at school
Friday 12th	Curriculum day ( <i>No students to come to school</i> )
Friday 12th	Facilities Committee Meeting

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*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?

### **WIRE Information Seminar.**

#### **Returning to Work: A Practical Workshop for Parents and Carers**

A free practical workshop for women returning to work.

Topics include:

- The hidden job market.
- Dos and don'ts of sourcing opportunities, job applications and interviews.
- Confidence and selling yourself.
- Identifying your skills.
- Developing your skills: accessing programs and training.
- Strategies to cope with returning to work.

The workshop will be facilitated by Susan Turner who has worked in Employment Services since 1994. She has had many roles in the community, education and corporate sectors. Susan has worked for Sarina Russo Job Access for the last seven years and is currently Community Liaison and Parenting coordinator.

**FREE**

**Tuesday 7 July**

**1-4pm**

The Victoria Room

Level 4

Queen Victoria Women's Centre 210 Lonsdale Street Melbourne 3000

Bookings:

<http://www.trybooking.com/WY>

ph. 9921 0878

### **GENERATION NEXT**

#### **beyond blue**

Have organised an event that will focus on providing essential and up to date information for parents, teachers and carers about problems relating to **bullying, drugs and alcohol, cybersafety, mental health** and related issues that affect young people and on constructive solutions to these problems.

The seminar will be held in Melbourne on June 13th at the Melbourne Convention Centre. Tickets are \$45 and are available through Ticketek.

For further information about the seminar's content, contact Healthed's Dr Ramesh Manocha, ph: **0418 270 786**

Or

For updates and more detailed information visit [www.gennextseminars.com](http://www.gennextseminars.com)

### **DANCING UP A STORM AT FOOTSCRAY YMCA"**

Dance classes will be in full swing on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of May** with a FREE trial being offered to all new students!

Junior Girls (5yrs and under) 4:00-4:30

Intermediate (5-8yrs) 4:30-5:30

Senior (8+) 5:30-6:30

### **Advertisements**

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