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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Dear Parents

Education Week & Book Fair

We are celebrating Education Week this week. Every class has discussed ways in which education improves lives and how we really are life-long learners. Yesterday our Year 3/4 students went for another river-walk where they conducted water quality experiments under the supervision of their teacher and Sam Harrison from City West Water. I would like to thank Sam for his generous and enthusiastic contribution to our curriculum. Book Fair is attracting many students during recess times and after school. Pictured are some of our senior students enjoying the books for sale. Book Fair closes at 4pm tomorrow.



Miss Corrigan is getting married...

I am pleased to share the wonderful news that Tara, one of our Prep teachers, will marry Daniel Glanfield on Saturday. On behalf of the whole Avondale Primary School community, I wish Tara and Daniel a wonderful life together full of happiness, good fortune and healthy children. Tara will commence her leave tomorrow and return to teaching on Monday 8th June; Ms Debbie Colling will replace Tara for the duration of her absence.

Are You a Cyber-smart Parent?

How You And Your Family Can Make The Most Of The Internet, While Protecting Your Children From The Worst?

The internet offers a fantastic new world of experience for your children. It can be fun, educational and rewarding. But, like the real world, the internet also has its dangers.

Just as we encourage children to behave in certain ways when dealing with strangers, watching television, or buying magazines in the real world, we also need to guide them how to act appropriately online.

Cyber-smart Kids Online offers a host of tips to help you and your family get the most out of the net safely: (from the Website <http://www.cybersmarkids.com.au> – an information resource for children, parents and teachers developed by the Australian Communications Authority. (Australian Education Digest, <http://www.acsso.org.au/AED090519.htm>)

Working Bee Saturday 30th May 9am – 1pm

I invite families along to assist establishing a native plant garden in front of Admin area; weeding gardens between buildings, raking under the play equipment and straightening the protective covers around trees on the oval edge.

Generation Next – a public health seminar

A flyer accompanies this newsletter for students in Years 4-6 promoting a public seminar about: bullying; internet and cyber-safety; depression and mental health; sex, the media and young people; parenting information and advice.

You can also access the flyer at our web site: <http://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au/home/newsletters/>

School Uniforms

You can order new articles online at <http://www.psw.com.au/primary/ordering/>. The site has detailed instructions to assist with options for payment and delivery. If you have any concerns, please see Ros in the school office.

Lost Property Box

There are presently two, very full boxes of lost school uniform articles. One is located near the Prep rooms and the other is outside the sick bay. I ask that parents and students look for missing uniforms here. Many are quite new and most do not have a students' name on them.

Rebel Sports card

A *Rebel Sports* card is being given to the eldest child in every family attending this school. If this card is presented at a store when a purchase is made, the school will receive 5% of the purchase price towards our fundraising efforts. Please consider using this card when shopping at this store.

Have a good week

DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)

May

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	Pie Order forms distributed
Thursday 4th	Parent Evening: Values for Life 7pm-8pm
Friday 5th	Interschool Sport: Calder Rise (Home)
Monday 8th	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday 11th	Education Committee Meeting
Friday 12th	Curriculum Day (<i>No students to come to school</i>)
Friday 12th	Facilities Committee Meeting
Monday 15th	School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday 17th	Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
Thursday 18th	Preps Zoo Excursion
Friday 19th	Mid-year reports to be sent home
Friday 19th	Pie Orders distributed
Monday 22nd	3/4 Western Treatment Plant Excursion
Tuesday 23rd	Aust Schools Writing Test
Friday 26th	Last day Term 2 - 2:15pm finish for students

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?

MS READATHON

The MS Readathon is celebrating it's 30th year in 2009 and is calling for students to join in the fun of raising money and winning some great prizes, while at the same time helping people with multiple sclerosis (MS) You can register on-line at www.msreadathon.org.au or speak to Mr Barkell and collect a registration form. Reading begins on June 1 and continues until June 30.

For more information, check out the website or speak to Mr. Barkell.

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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 work-place 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
Ros Blake Admin Officer

Ben Cousins and Nathan Brown

Will be at REBEL SPORT Highpoint

Thursday 21 May, 6-7pm

Shop 2076, Highpoint shopping Centre,
120-200 Rosamond Rd, Maribyrnong

Advertisements

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