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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back Ms Gribbin

Students in Grade 1/2 C were delighted to have their class teacher back after a month recovering from a medical procedure. We are pleased to have Kerry back on board and well on the way to full health. Wendy Shen, our Chinese speaking multicultural aide will be absent for a while; a member of her family has become quite ill and Wendy has flown home to be with them.

Values for Life On Thursday 4th June

Values for Life will present students with important messages in an engaging and entertaining manner about dealing with bullies and, for older students, strategies for managing cyber-bullying. The cost of this presentation performance is \$4 per student. Notes and money are due tomorrow.

A free presentation for parents will run from 7pm to 8pm. free baby-sitting is available for children aged between 4 and 13 years on the evening.

Working Bee – Saturday

As Sunday morning is Auskick time, we have decided to hold *our next working bee on Saturday morning* (30th May) between 9am and 1pm. The goals of the bee are to establish new gardens immediately in front of the main building, raking the soft-fall beneath the play equipment and weeding other garden beds. ***Please bring along gloves and gardening tools.***

Cross Country Champions

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the District Cross Country race on Wednesday. Boys 10 and under: Liam Starzer 3rd, James Debrincat 7th, Darcy Roach 8th, Billy Koziaris 10th, Perry Deliopoulos 11th and Max Baldwin 15th. Boys 11 years old: William Elliott 2nd and Scott Russell 8th. Boys 12 and 13: mark Johns 2nd and Bill Ross 8th.

Mr Barkell reports that all students ran well planned runs and persisted with their strategies. I wish to thank Dean for the after hours work he has put into training students for this event.

Reading Time in class and at school

If you are interested in research about the importance of reading in classrooms, please see Kim Metelmann or myself for a copy of an article summarising findings over the last decade. It is evident that a student's ability to read text for sustained periods is one of the most effective ways of improving their achievement levels and understand. We aim to have every student from Year One upwards reading for *at least* 30 minutes per day.

Books for classrooms

With increased reading comes greater demand for books. I sincerely thank families who are supporting grades through the donation of suitable books. We are on the lookout for more. If your friends or relatives have children's books that they no longer want, please suggest this school as a place where the books can continue to be read and appreciated.

Cat Food requested

'Ginger' the school cat is running low on food again. If you are a cat lover and would like to drop in a can or two of cat food, please leave it at the Office with Maria or Ros.

Have a good week

Shrine of Remembrance

By Sarah Schembri

On a tour to the Shrine you can see the light shine at the 11th hour, 11th day of the 11th month. You can see fossils in the poles of crabs and crocodile teeth. With your tour guide you can go up to the top of the shrine and you see great views of Melbourne. When you look down you see patches of grass and many memorials for the wars Australians have participated in. When you go deep into the Shrine to a room called the crypt you see a statue of a man and his son and the man had to go to WWI and then had to send his son to WWII. When the Shrine opened three hundred thousand people were on the lawn to watch the event. The public, particularly school children helped raise the money to build the Shrine of Remembrance.



M.C.G TOUR

BY SCOTT RUSSELL

On a tour of the M.C.G. you can go to the change rooms which are also the Australian Cricket team clubrooms. You can go on the ground itself! You can go into the stands. You can go to the pavilion used by the Australian cricket team. The M.C.G. can seat about ninety-two thousand people but it can fit over one hundred thousand people. The M.C.G. has hosted many sports such as footy, cricket, rugby, soccer, Commonwealth Games and the Olympic Games and much more. The M.C.G. tour is a great place to go if you're a sports fan because it's one of the world's greatest sporting arenas.

M.C.G. and The Shrine

by 5/6B



National Sports Museum

By Mark Johns

The National Sports Museum was a fantastic exhibit, opened in early term two. It had information on historic records, how the MCG was built, displays and diagrams, quizzes, and a section called Game On where you can experience games such as archery, cycling, reaction lights, soccer, football, netball, and a quiz about the AFL, it's statistics and players. One of the great exhibits was the hologram of Shane Warne, and where it showed the mascots of the Olympic Games from the start until the Athens Olympics in 2004. It was well worth the visit.



DATES TO REMEMBER

(Subject to change please check regularly)

May

Friday 29th Fundraising Meeting 9:15am
Friday 29th Interschool Sport-St Augustine (Away)
Saturday 30th *Working Bee 9am-1pm*

June

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 (*No students to come to school*)
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 \$14.00
Friday 19th Mid-year reports to be sent home
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



*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?

CHESS CLUB!!! CHESSCLUB!!! **CHESS CLUB!!!**

Chess club startsnext Tuesday 2nd June, in the Library. From 1:30 pm to 2 pm. So come in and sign -up.

And....., remember EVERY Tuesday until the end of term, The Chess club will meeting (and playing) until the end of term. See you there!



**For further enquires please contact.
Liz Oruba, Library Technician**

Thank-You

To parents for supporting our reading program- Amelia Pavlovic, Donna Melican, Effie Theophanous for sewing chair bags and Melissa and Anthony Pizzinga for donating books to classroom libraries.
Kim Metelmann

What's happening in OSHC

We are well underway on our trip around the world. In the upcoming weeks we will be visiting Europe, Antarctica and exploring Australia. We will be having an experienced Italian cook coming in to teach us to make our own pasta next week, in our adventure through Europe.

I would also like to ask if any parents have donations of blankets pillows/cushions or bean bags which they no longer want to bring them in for the After school Care Service. Any other donations that you feel would be of use are more than welcome.

Thank-you
Sharee Smith
OSHSC Co-ordinator

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