Dear Parents,

State School’s Relief
Congratulations to our Junior School Council on raising $303 for State Schools Relief Committee. Students of the council organised a treasure hunt on the oval and a free dress day, for a gold coin donation.

Honour Boards
There are three honour boards in the school’s foyer. They celebrate achievement and leadership. There is a board recording the names of school captains, the winner of the School Council prize and another board recording the winning house.

The School Council prize is awarded to the student who we believe most fully demonstrates the qualities identified in the school’s philosophy.

The philosophy of Avondale Primary School is based on the premise that every student can attain high levels of academic achievement and be a responsible community member.

We aspire for students:
- to have an enthusiasm for learning
- to develop a broad and strong base of knowledge and skills
- to think and act with competence, objectivity and creativity
- to, through their experience of living in a learning community, show respect and sensitivity to others
- to show a capacity to lead, to share and to co-operate with others
- to accept responsibility and discipline
- to find reward in participating, doing our best.

Farewell to Mr Hatzikides
After 45 years in education of which 20 have been at Avondale Primary, Tass has decided that it is time to retire. Parents and community members who wish to farewell Tass are welcome to attend our parent helpers morning tea at 11am on Wednesday 11th December. There will be a brief ceremony at 11.20am to celebrate Tass’ contribution to education in Victoria.

Parent Contributions and book packs for 2014
School Council set parent contributions for the 2014 school year. The fees are $180 per student plus $20 per family for the school year. The following table shows the fees and the EMA offset (including multiple students from the same family).

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<td>1 Child $200.00 Includes Grounds Payment</td>
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Please note that the Garden & Grounds Payment is a per family payment, not per student.

Movie Night
Wreck It Ralph
Movie starts 8:15pm sharp.
Arrival from 7:50
Teaching Staff will not be present.
Parents are responsible for their own children and are expected to attend with them.

Have a great week.
Salty water
Big strong waves on the periwinkle
Sand crabs crawling
Hot, sunny day
Pretty patterns
Soaking wet
Cold ice-cream
Cool breeze
The beautiful red starfish
Carefully built sandcastles
By Julian

Salty air
Air of magic
Natural paradise
Damp seaweed
By Sage

I walk in the hot sand
The seagulls land
I start swimming madly
The sharks eat badly
The fish hide
The sharks lied
By Marcus

I went to the beach
I could smell sand
Then I saw the ice-cream truck
I bought one
I love the beach!
By Lachlan

Starfish on sand
Sharks eating fish
Puffer fish eating fish
Eels zapping octopi
Ten turtles fighting
By Nathan

The Sea
Was cold and sandy
It was time
For ice-cream
The ice-cream
Was cold
And small.
By Jeremy
I felt the cold breeze
And stepped in the water
I felt like I was going to freeze
I used my hands
To play in the sand
Sea gulls land
On the sand
I get mad
And punch a shark bad
People kill fish
And put them on a dish
Sea slugs
Crawl into mugs
By Eric

The hot shiny day I saw a shining dolphin
I ate cold ice-cream
And splashed
Big, strong waves on salty water
Cold ice-cream
I’m licking while I’m splashing in the waves
Diving and swimming
Are favourites to do at the beach
Then a shining, shimmery dolphin leaps
In the deep ocean
With a floppy tail
I love seeing the shimmery dolphin
Then scary sharks look at me.
I love the warm, sunny beach.
By Samiksha

Tuna on the sand
Hot sand on my feet
Eels are dangerous

Sailors in the sea
Eaters in the sea
Anemone in the sea
By Mark

I’m at the beach
I can smell salty waters
I’m on hot, hot sand.
Wow! I’m watching
Shimmering dolphins play
I can see a red, hot starfish

By Kiara

Tuna in the sea
Hot sand under my feet
Electric eel
Swimming in the sea
Eel is swimming
Anemone sitting
By Chris
DATES TO REMEMBER
(Subject to change please check regularly)

December
Friday 6th  Movie Night Fundraiser
Tuesday 10th Grade 6 students Orientation Day at Sec. Schools
Wednesday 11th Parent Helper Morning Tea &
Mr H’s retirement function
Thursday 12th Library Books are due back at school
  Last day for Student Banking
Friday 13th Student Reports go home
  2nd Hand Uniform Sale-all stock 1/2 price
Monday 16th Christmas Raffle Drawn
  Canteen Open for Normal Trading
Tues 17th–Thurs 19th No lunch orders-window sales for ice creams & drinks only
Wednesday 18th Grade 6 Graduation
**Thursday 19th** Last Day for Students 1:30pm Finish

January 2014
Friday 24th  Book Pack Day 8am-2pm
Wednesday 29th  Grade 1-6 Students return 8:50am
Thursday 30th  Preps first day 8:50am

Pupils of the week last week were:
Prep A - Katerina K
Prep B - Arden S
1/2 A - Jeremy C
1/2 B - Ken T & Tyra T
1/2 C - Pritihi P
1/2D - Austin N
3/4 A - Kiara B & Annabelle N
3/4 B - Ellen H
3/4 C - Sofia G
5/6 A - Jason C & Benjamin V
5/6 B - Alex P
5/6 C - Jennifer T

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Christmas Celebration
Essendon Symphony Orchestra
2:30pm Sunday 15th December
Classical Favourites & Christmas Carol singalong
Featuring: The Essendon Choral Society
Soloist: Michelle Nicille
Conductor: Jenny Going
Clocktower Centre
750 Mt. Alexander Rod. Moonee Ponds
Tickets: Adults $15, Concession $10, Groups 4+ $10 each
Bookings 9243 9191 or www.clocktowercentre.com.au

Christmas Raffle
Raffle tickets went home on Monday to win our annual Wheelbarrow full of Christmas Goodies. Donations can be left in the wheelbarrow near the front office, no perishable items please. Thank-you from the fundraising team.

Improve your fitness
Thursdays, 10.30am-11.30am
Avondale Heights Library and Learning Centre $6 per class.
Please contact Gabrielle on 0409 397 244
Participants of all fitness levels are welcome.

Does your child love performing?
Our performing arts classes offer a supportive environment for students to develop their communication skills, creativity, and confidence. We have a variety of classes to suit your little performer’s passion. Our industry trained tutoring staff are actively engaged in the entertainment industry and have extensive experience working with children and teens. Places are limited for Term 1, 2014 - call 1300 658 016 to secure your spot!
www.aspireentertainment.com.au

It’s TIME TO RETURN ALL YOUR LIBRARY BOOKS
All Library Books, Posters, Audio-visual materials and Kits need to be returned to the school library by Thursday 12th of December. This will enable us to complete all the end of year Library procedures. Please, please, please ensure that all library items are returned by this date.

Notice to Parents
The school yard is supervised by a teacher on duty until 3:30pm. Students are expected to be picked up by this time.

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

School Office Hours
8:45am to 9:30am
2:30pm to 3:15pm
Please limit visits to office to these times only

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