Avondale Primary School Philosophy
The philosophy of Avondale Primary School is based upon 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
Through their experience in living in a learning community, show respect and sensitivity to others
Show a capacity to lead, to share and cooperate with others
To accept responsibility and discipline
To find reward in participating and doing one’s best

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT  Thursday November 13th, 2014

Dear Parents,

Athletics Sports
Congratulations to all involved with the house athletics Sports last Friday. I wish to thank parents who came along to support and assist the running of events. The weather was quite warm, however with regular breaks to rehydrate and apply sun-screen, students were able to enjoy the day.

House Result:

Age Group Champions:

Open Champions
This year we concluded the house sports with Boys and Girls Open 100 metre races, open to the schools fastest runners. Congratulations to Shirley Lieu and James Le for being this year’s champions. (Sports photos will be in next week’s Newsletter.)

Triple Room to be converted to senior classroom for 2015
I estimate our school’s 2015 enrolment will increase to around 340 which will require the establishment of an additional class. There will be 15 grades with a school wide average of 23 students per grade. We will operate with three classes of Preps, five classes of Grade 1/2, four classes of Grade 3/4 and three classes of Grade 5/6.
To accommodate the additional class, I am converting the Triple Room into a classroom. Playgroup, which has used this room in the past, will use the BER’s Multipurpose room for their Friday sessions.

BER to be a polling station on 29 November
The BER will be used by the Victorian Electoral Commission. It will be open to voters for the state election from 8am to 6pm. Our Fundraising committee plans to operate a sausage sizzle on the day; if you would like to assist please see Toni Raynes or another member of the Fundraising Committee.

Prep Transition
On Wednesday we hosted next year’s Preps for a morning session in the Prep classroom. They all arrived and confidently took part in the activities prepared for them by the Prep teachers. The teachers were very pleased with their confidence, manners and willingness to participate in the activities. If this first visit was any indication these students will have a great start to Preps next year.

Enrolments
Next year we will be having 3 straight Prep Classes. Positions in these classes are still available but if you know of anyone who has not yet enrolled their child, please let them know that they should do so as soon as possible.

Have a great week.

[Signature]
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

(Subject to change please check regularly)

**November**
- Friday 14th: Interschool Sports - Avondale vs Ascot Vale West (Home)
- Monday 17th: School Council Meeting 7:30pm
- Tuesday 18th: 2nd Hand Uniform Sales 8:50-9:10am
- Wednesday 19th: 2015 Prep Transition Afternoon 2-3pm
- Friday 21st: Interschool Sport
  - Student Discos
- Monday 24th: CoHealth Dental Checks
- Tuesday 25th: 2nd Hand Uniform Sales 8:50-9:10am
  - Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
- Wednesday 26th: Instrumental Music Concerts
- Friday 28th: Interschool Sport

**December**
- Tuesday 2nd: Grade 1/2 Fairy Park Excursion
- Thursday 4th: Christmas Carols at School - more information to be sent home soon
- Friday 5th: Interschool Sport
- Tuesday 9th: 2nd Hand Uniform Sales 8:50-9:10am
- Thursday 11th: Parent Helpers Morning Tea
- Friday 12th: Student Reports sent home
- Wednesday 17th: Grade 6 Graduation
- Thursday 18th: Last Day for students 1:30 dismissal

A colour version of this newsletter can also be found on our website at www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au

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**Book Reviews – Treasured and Tried**

*Glory Be* by Augusta Scattergood

In Hanging Moss Mississippi, summer is very hot. So, trying to stay cool with visits to the local pool and relaxing at the library are an important part of life. But for Glory, the summer of 1964, when she turns 12, is very different. Now her older sister Jesslyn is more interested in boys than playing games with Glory and her friendship with Frankie is strained. Glory does have a new friend from up North whose mother is helping set up a clinic where everyone is welcome. Desegregation has come to Hanging Moss, and the pool is closed rather stop it being segregated, tempers are high and neighbours and families are torn. Recommended for ages 11+.

By Liz Oruba

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**Cohealth**

One in two children are affected by tooth decay

Cohealth are providing limited dental checkups at your child’s school

This limited examination for your child is **free**

Due to some programming issues we have rescheduled our visit to 24th November 2014

Please return all consent forms to the school office as soon as possible

We provide a full range of general dental care **free** at our clinics below if required

Niddrie 8378 3566       Kensington 8378 1670
Footscray 8398 4100

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**Emergency exercise at Avondale Heights Library and Learning Centre Thursday, 20 November 2014**

This exercise will test Council’s ability to open an operate an Emergency Relief Centre to provide adequate relief services for our community.

Year 5 and 6 students have been invited to act as injured people. Permission notes were distributed on Tuesday November 11th.

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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.

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**School Office Hours**

8:45am to 9:30am
2:30pm to 3:15pm

Please limit visits to office to these times

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**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.