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 20, 2014

Dear Parents,

School’s Peer Review
On Monday the school will undertake a Peer Review on its performance over the last four years. Student achievement, engagement and wellbeing will be examined by the review panel. The panel will include: Win Warren (certified reviewer), Tony Baldwin (council president), David Adamson (secondary school principal), Randall Shields (primary school principal), Joe Scarfo (assistant principal), Carol Broadhurst (leading teacher), Kerry Gribbin (welfare coordinator), Paul Mulroyan (principal) and interested council members. Class teachers and selected students will join the panel during the day long deliberations.

One of the documents being examined is the school’s self evaluation which took into account the contributions made by parents, students and staff last term. A copy of the self-evaluation document is available from the school’s web site.

Antibiotic Awareness Week
Antibiotic Awareness week runs from 17-23 November. It aims to reduce behaviour that lead to antibiotic resistance – the World Health Organization has flagged antibiotic resistance as one of the greatest threats to human health.

I invite parents to visit the web site: www.nps.org.au/schools-join-the-fight, to view the two minute video: Preserve the Miracle and talk about its message with your children. There is a slide-show and a range of other resources available for parents and teachers.

Peter, our new maintenance person starts
I welcome Peter Gagliardi to Avondale Primary School as our Maintenance Person. Peter will work at the school on Monday, Thursday and Friday attending to our gardens and making minor repairs for staff as requested.

School Choir sings national anthem
Ms Muiznieks and Ms Ferraro have been training our choir throughout this semester. The choir now sings the national anthem each Monday to start the assembly. They will also be the opening and closing acts of our Christmas Carols on 4th December.

Konnective Survey
Konnective is a mobile phone messaging service for parents to receive updates from schools each week. There will be a survey for current users sent out next week, I encourage users to complete this survey. Parents who would like to be included in this service can contact Ros in the Office.

Student Insurance – a reminder
The Education Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers. Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

I hope you have a great week.

Paul Mulroyan
November
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 - in the BER Building
       9am - Grade 1/2 A &B  10am - Grade 3/4 A,B,C
       11:30 pm - 5/6 A,B,C & 4/5A  2:15pm - 1/2C &D P/1
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  Grade 6 Transition at Secondary Schools
       Last Day for Tuesday group music lessons
Wednesday 10th  Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Thursday 11th  Last Day for Thursday group music lessons
Friday 12th  Student Reports sent home
Wednesday 17th  Grade 6 Graduation
Thursday 18th  Last Day for students 1:30 dismissal

Pupils of the week 7th and 14th November were:
Prep A - Xavier P & Zane B
Prep B - Aidan L & Mariana P
Prep/1 A - Sofia T & Jai C
1/2 A - Nicole C & Samiksha S
1/2 B - Katerina K & Tereza Q
1/2 C - Georgia W & Rhyce M
1/2 D - Daniel T & River S
3/4 A - Sarah S & Alannah A
3/4 B -
3/4 C - Leah T & Noor E
4/5 A - Omar S & Darcy C
5/6 A - Steven L
5/6 B - Sarah C
5/6 C - Vanessa L & Alexander P

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

Book Reviews - Treasured and Tried
One night. Written by Penny Mathews and Illustrated by Stephen Michael King

One night is the story of the birth of Christ and how each creature played their own important part. Each animal reminisces their role with pride and in doing so, they retell the story of Christmas. Beautifully illustrated and told in simple language. Best suited for ages 4+. By Liz Oruba.
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Dear Parents and Students,
Scholastic Book Club order forms have been handed out. They are due back to school by Monday 24th November. No late orders will be accepted.

Lost Property
Please check that your child’s jumpers and jackets are their own. We have students who are missing a few garments that are labelled with their names but are not in lost property. Lost Property Boxes are located in both buildings.

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

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.