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

Dear Parents,

Avondale Student Discos
Last Friday both the junior and senior school discos were an outstanding success and raised almost $1100.00. Congratulations to all of our fundraising team members for their organisation and hard work on the night, it was certainly a fantastic team effort. The students who attended had a wonderful time and really appreciated the great music, the smoke machine and the music video, as well as all the snacks and drinks that were available. The students were beautifully behaved which meant all the parents supervising the evening were able to enjoy themselves.
The fundraising committee would like to thank the following people for their contributions:
Di in the canteen, Ros & Pam in the office, Grant Slotboom – Albie’s Dad, for the smoke machine and backdrop, Anthony Vizzini – Jacob’s Dad, for the black plastic, Stephanie Hoang (Grade 6) and Chloe DeGille (ex-student) for their work serving in the canteen. Thank-you also to Dianne & Kelly for their guidance, Coles and McDonalds for their support.

Concert DVDs
A free copy of the 2013 concert DVD will be sent home to every family who had children performing in it. I would like to thank all the parents who contributed the footage that was used to compile the DVD. The location of the cameras in this instance is much closer than in past concerts and has provided some excellent close up vision of the children’s performances. Watching the DVD again after 12 months has been a brilliant reminder of what was a remarkable night’s entertainment.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea – Dec 10th
This morning tea is the staff’s way of thanking parents who have helped at school in the many and varied ways parents are involved. It will be held in the staff room on Wednesday 10th December from 11am to 11.45. Parents who have assisted the school during the year are most welcome to attend.

School’s Self Evaluation on Website
On Monday the school leadership team participated in our school’s peer review. Among the many documents that were presented was the school’s self-evaluation. I have posted a copy onto the school website. The review went very well and will be the first step towards producing a new School Strategic Plan.

2015 Grade Structure
At this stage it would seem that we will have one extra class next year. We are conducting the final staff selection interviews for two positions next week. These will need to be concluded before staff can be informed of their grades and roles for 2015.

Student Reports
Reports will be sent home on Friday, the 12th of December. Teachers have been preparing for, and writing reports for some weeks. A great deal of thought and effort goes into their preparation. Although parent / teacher interviews are not scheduled at this time of year, teachers or parents are able to initiate a meeting if there are any concerns.

Christmas Hamper Raffle
The traditional Christmas wheel barrow hamper will be set up in the school foyer from tomorrow. All contributions for the hamper are most welcome. The hamper raffle will be drawn on the last day. Good luck!

Student Banking
The last day for the student banking for the year will be Thursday 11th December. If students have enough tokens to order a reward it must be done by Thursday 4th December.

Have a great week
Joe Scarfo
DATES TO REMEMBER

November
Friday 28th  Interschool Sport – Nth Melbourne (Away)

December
Tuesday 2nd  Grade 1/2 Fairy Park Excursion
Thursday 4th  Christmas Carols at School 6:30pm start

Students to arrive at 6:20pm
Friday 5th  Interschool Sport (Home)
Tuesday 9th  Grade 6 Transition at Secondary Schools
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

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

Christmas Carols
Christmas Carols will be celebrated at the school from 6.30pm on Thursday, the 4th of December. Families are welcome to bring a picnic hamper on the night and Di will have the canteen open to serve hot food including hotdogs and or a sausage sizzle depending on the weather. Ice creams and drinks will also be sold from the canteen.

Book Reviews – Treasured and Tried

Love is in the Air  Written by Harry Vanda & George Young
Illustrated by Shane Devries
You’ll feel all warm and fuzzy as you read the lyrics of the classic song ‘Love is in the Air’ accompanying the illustrations that tell the story of a baby polar bear that leaves its mother, and sets off to see the world. Along the way he sees many animals sharing moments with their mothers, and you see that baby polar bear misses his mum. A beautiful book to share or to just listen to the accompanying cd ‘Love is in the Air’, sung by John Paul Young. A great book for any age. By Liz Oruba

It’s TIME TO RETURN ALL YOUR BOOKS
All school library books must be returned by Friday, 5th December. This will enable us to complete all the end of year Library procedures. Please, please, please ensure all library items are returned by this date..... Thank-you.

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

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

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.