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 6, 2014

Dear Parents

Athletics House Sports at Aberfeldie Athletics Track - Tomorrow

House Sports day is one of the most enjoyable days of the year for students. They can dress in their team’s colour, compete against classmates, win ribbons and barrack loudly for other team members during the races. Parents are most welcome to attend for all or part of the day. You may even assist teachers with running some of the events, should you wish.

Parents may take photographs and videotape their children during events. I ask that these not be uploaded onto social media (Facebook, YouTube etc.).

Students will be taken to and from the track by bus. We will not be dismissing students from the athletics track.

The program will begin at 9.30am and should be completed around 2.30pm.

Students should bring the following items with their name written on it: playlunch, lunch and drink/s, a hat and sunscreen. They should wear a t-shirt in their team’s colour, shorts and runners.

2015 Prep Parent Information Evening

Around 50 current and prospective parents attended the information evening yesterday to gain more information about transitioning their child into our 2015 Prep classes. We plan to have three Prep grades next year: Prep A, B and C; the letter for each class is for administrative purposes only – it does not indicate proficiency or achievement levels of students.

Next Year Prep students will attend all day from 8.50am to 3.15pm Monday and Tuesday then Thursday and Friday. The first school day for all students next year is Thursday 29 January.

Student assessment period

Teachers are assessing students for their end of year report. The assessments involve students completing a range of activities including:

- Teacher developed tests
- Writing challenges where teacher assessments are moderated by other staff in that area
- Online diagnostic testing such as On Demand Maths, PAT reading
- Comprehension, spelling, and oral presentations
- Reading conferences between each student and the class teacher

Work started on mural

Melissa Pizzinga has started painting the wall next to the vegetable garden with a mural that will depict school scenes during the four seasons of the year. The theme is ‘Every face has a place’. You can see that a great start has been made. Many thanks Melissa for your great work.

Congratulations campers

Students in grade 3 and 4 spent three days in Ballarat visiting Sovereign Hill last week, the lolly shop was very popular as was gold panning. No one ‘struck it rich’ however I suspect local dentists may soon be smiling!

Have a great week.
Music is Fun

On the 21st of October Renee, Christina, Caroline, Kiara and I went to the Ron Conn Centre. When we were there, I played ‘She’ll be Coming Round the Mountsain’ and ‘Auld Lang Syne’. When we all finished playing we sang our anthem, I thinkk we did a really good job and the residents liked it.

By Ryan 3/4
On the 21st of October I went to the Ron Conn Centre. I played ‘Money Can’t buy Everything’ and ‘Grandpas Clock’. At the centre there were two dog, one a golden retreaver called Tess and the other a terriror called cookie. I had lots of fun, I hope I can go again.

By Renee 3/4
DATES TO REMEMBER
(Subject to change please check regularly)

November
Friday 7th  School House Sports
Monday 10th  Co Health Dental Check-ups
Fundraising Meeting 2:45pm
Tuesday 11th  2nd Hand Uniform Sales 8:50-9:10am
Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
Wednesday 12th  2015 Prep Transition Morning 9:30-10:30am
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  Student Discos
Tuesday 25th  2nd Hand Uniform Sales 8:50-9:10am
Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
Wednesday 26th  Instrumental Music Concerts

December
Tuesday 2nd  Grade 1/2 Fairy Park Excursion

Pupils of the week last week were:
Prep A - Isabella H
Prep B - George T
Prep/1 A - Chrissie K
1/2 A - Stephanie A
1/2 B - Lakshmi P
1/2 C - Imogen M
1/2 D - Jessica T
3/4 A, B & C– Ali N
5/6 A - Joana S
5/6 B - Daniyel M
5/6 C - Josh N

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Book Reviews – Treasured and Tried
Hello from Nowhere by Raewyn Caisley

Eve lives in a roadhouse with her Dad, far out in the middle of nowhere, beyond the black stump and she thinks it’s great. Eve is never bored, she plays with the animals chats to tourists, but she does miss her Nan. So she sends her a postcard inviting her to visit. Nan finally comes and Eve is able to show Nan what makes the Outback special. This is a joyful book that celebrates how much pleasure there can be in the simplest of lives, in the starkest surroundings. Recommended for ages 4+. By Liz Oruba

Term Dates 2015
Term 1—Thursday January 29th - Friday March 27th
Term 2—Monday April 13th - Friday June 26th
Term 3— Monday 13th July - Friday September 18th
Term 4—Monday October 5th - Friday December 18th

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

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.

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