Dear Parents,

**Grades 3 & 4 Camping Adventure**
Lady Northcote Camp located in the Rolsley Valley, South-West of Bacchus Marsh played host to our Year 3 and 4 students for their three day camp last week. It offered a range of low level adventure activities which included: damper cooking, the high swing (up to 20m), yabbying, archery, orienteering and hut building.

John Cleary led students on a night possum sighting expedition on the first night where students spotted three possums, including a baby possum, several rabbits and a tawny frog mouth owl.

Many thanks to staff for giving their personal time and ensuring students had a marvellous time.

**Year 2 Stay Late Program**
Many thanks to the Year 2 teachers for staying back until 9pm to give students ‘the best ever’ experience. Students returned to school at 5pm and played a series of tabloid games, this was followed by pizza and soft dinks then more tabloid games. As the sun set, students were taken inside to watch a video. All too soon, from the students’ perspective, mum and dad arrived to take them home. ‘It was great,’ commented Rohan as he was leaving.

**Paying for School Activities**
When the school seeks payment for excursions, camps, swimming or visiting artists there is usually cash involved in the payment. A payment envelope will be provided with the permission notice to facilitate easy payment. I ask that parents include the correct amount and that the envelope be given to the class teacher.

Eftpos payments can be made at the office, however when a cash transaction is started that needs change, the change will be returned at the end of the school day. The reason for the change is to allow office staff to process all payments at the same time and minimise opportunities for error.

**Konnective – A way to keep in touch**
We sent a message on Konnective at 8am this morning informing parents about the Sports Day transport times. Konnective is a free smart phone app, that allows parents to receive an email directly to your phone. Once you have downloaded the program, you can register and in the settings menu, allow push notifications which will prompt an alert once a school message is sent.

**Students practice Fire Drill**
Yesterday at 1pm, Prep students heard the siren for the first time as the fire drill began. All students moved to the back of the school oval where the rolls were checked again. Other staff completed their allotted inspection duties and a couple of visiting parents were inconvenienced when trying to deliver lunch, as the buildings were locked. I am pleased to report all grades were safely in line at the back of the oval in 3 and a half minutes. Well done all.

Have a good week

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Paul Mulroyan
Principal
Nerves were rolling in on me as I was slowly going on stage... The 23rd of October was an extraordinary experience, the night of Avondale’s school concert at Williamstown Town Hall. My afternoon kicked off with a call to my friend to break the news that she didn’t have to come and pick me up before she went there, I had decided to get a taxi with my mum.

A few seconds longer and I should be in the Supper Room, I had thought. Walking in there being away from my mother was easy, I just walked off. Just one step in was all it took me before I went into a complete shock, the noise was deafening and the movement was crazy! I had met up with my friends, I sat down and started talking. A few minutes later we got sent into the auditorium to take our seats.

The view was just as I remembered it to be last time, A-M-A-Z-I-N-G!!! Most of the performances went by pretty quickly, one after another, and then finally we had to start moving down to ground level to prepare for our turn. The next act was complete then 1/2A moved on stage. Nearing the end of their performance I started panicking, they were finished. This was where I started feeling slightly delusional... nerves were rolling in on me as I was slowly going on stage. The curtains opened, I froze, not physically, but mentally! Only slightly behind on the moves I sped up enough so I caught up. Being at the front of the stage it was a bit of a problem!
It felt like forever, first Jail House Rock, second standing on the side lines for Kung Fu Fighting (as I was away for the last week of choreography with the chicken pox), and then the final song, a fantastic finale for A Little Party Never Killed Nobody. Glitter poured down on the main dancers, and the spontaneous roar of cheering made me slightly less delusional. The rest of the night was just a bit of a blur. Avondale’s School Concert at Williamstown Town Hall was by far the best concert, EVER!!!

By,
Phillippa Johnson
DATES TO REMEMBER
(Subject to change please check regularly)

November
Friday 8th       Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport - Home - Flemington PS
Tuesday 12th     Multicultural Day
Wednesday 13th   Prep 2014 Transition Morning
                 Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
Monday 18th      Wine and Cheese Evening Fundraiser 7-9pm
Tuesday 19th     Grade 1/2 Queenscliff Discovery Centre Excursion
Wednesday 20th   Prep 2014 Transition Afternoon
Thursday 21st    Grade 5/6 Shrine and Art Gallery Excursion
Friday 22nd      Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport - Away - Kensington PS
Tuesday 26th     Treasure Hunt Dress in House Colours—Donation
Wednesday 27th   Music Concert

December
Wednesday 4th    Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
Tuesday 10th     Grade 6 students visit Secondary Schools
Friday 13th      Student Reports go home

Pupils of the week last week were:
Prep A - Imogen M
Prep B - Sofia T
1/2 A - Sage H
1/2 B - Alireza F
1/2 C - Nicholas M
1/2D - Patrick L
3/4 A - Camp
3/4 B - Camp
3/4 C - Camp
5/6 A - Stefanie P & Phillippa J
5/6 B - Ethan S
5/6 C - Zoe N

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

Remembrance Day
Poppies are for Sale from the Office
Prices from $1 to $5

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.

Avondale Primary School Wine Fundraiser!!
Forms are attached with this newsletter to purchase bottles of wine which will have the school label on them. Replica's of the bottle are available for viewing at the School Office along with spare order forms.
We will also be holding a Wine & Cheese evening free of charge on the 18th of November in the BER building between 7pm - 9pm where you will be able to sample the wines that are available to purchase.
Thank you, Fundraising Team

Guitar Lesson Day Change
Next week guitar lessons will be held on Wed 13th November, instead of Monday. Lessons will return to Mondays in the following week.

Piano/Keyboard Changes
Please note that Piano/Keyboard Lessons will be changed on these days:
Tuesday 12th Nov will now take place on Monday 11th Nov.
Tuesday 19th Nov will now take place on Mon 18th Nov. Thanks, Maxine Shell

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