

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 February 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome

Welcome to the 2018 school year. This year promises to be an exciting year with many fantastic activities planned to improve our students' social and academic skills. I welcome new families to our Avondale school community; we will hold a welcome barbecue from 5pm to 7pm on Thursday 15th February at the school.

Communication – Informing parents

This is the first newsletter for the year; a newsletter will be distributed each Thursday around lunchtime via the *FlexiBuzz* mobile phone app. The app will also broadcast reminders about events and late changes (e.g. postponement due to weather). Messages are usually sent at 4pm, 7:30pm and 8am.

Classes for 2018

Prep A	Annette Oliveri	3/4A	Dani McLaren
Prep B	Natalie Lo Grasso	3/4B	Laura Farrell
Prep C	Jessica Todio	3/4C	Lisa Needham
Prep D	Leisha Watson	3/4D	Amanda Salomone
1/2A	Frances Ferraro	4/5A	Bettina Handley
1/2B	Richelle Collins	5/6A	Kendall Lumby
1/2C	Tara Glanfield & Joanne Aranyi	5/6B	Dean Barkell
1/2D	Maria Roach	5/6C	Jenna Heywood & Kim Guthrie
1/2E	Lorraine Siebert		

Support and Specialist programs:

Art – Michelle Portelli & Nick Boffa; Italian – Nick Boffa; Physical Education/Sport – John Cleary
Student Wellbeing & Disadvantaged Student Program Coordinator – Carol Broadhurst.

Insurance

I remind parents that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians 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 or transport as well as any other transport costs.

Urge parents who do not currently have ambulance insurance to consider getting cover. The cost of ambulance insurance is \$22.45 per quarter or \$89.90 per year for a family. This covers ambulance transport throughout Australia. Recently a member of our school community was charged \$1,250 for ambulance transport from this school to Footscray hospital.

Canteen Volunteers

We seek parent volunteers to assist in the canteen on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 2pm. Please contact the office to note your preferred day/s.

Name your child's uniform

Please ensure you print your child's name on their school uniforms with a permanent marker – especially windcheaters which are often forgotten at the end of recess periods. There is a lost property box located in each corridor – lost, unnamed articles are placed here awaiting retrieval. I encourage parents to check these boxes regularly for lost articles.

Inexpensive School Uniforms

The school sells second-hand uniforms at a very reasonable price from the resource room (opposite staff room in Building A). Jodi opens the uniform shop each Tuesday morning from 8:30 – 9:30am. There is clean, good quality stock available in a range of sizes. New school hats can be purchased from the shop as well.

I hope you have a great 2018.

DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)

February

Thurs 8	Student Banking begins today
Thurs 15	Prep Welcome BBQ
Friday 16	Grade 5/6 Interschool sport - away - St Mary's
Mon 19	Grade 1/2 Parent Information Evening
Tues 20	Grade Prep Parent Information Evening
Wed 21	Grade 3/4 Parent Information Evening
Thurs 22	Grade 5/6 Parent Information Evening
Fri 23	Grade 5/6 Interschool sport - home against Kensington



March

Fri 9	Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport - home against Ascot Vale West
Mon 12	Labour day public holiday
Fri 16	Grade 5/6 Interschool sport- away - Nth Melb
Tues 20	School Council AGM
Wed 21	School Photos
Fri 23	Grade 5/6 Interschool sport - away - Moonee Ponds West

Delivery of Newsletters

This week's newsletter will be the only paper copy that you will be receiving via your child. Our newsletters are sent out on the FLEXIBUZZ app weekly on a Thursday. Please ensure you download the App on to your smart phone. Instructions on how to do this are attached to this newsletter. If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter they are available at the front office.

IMPORTANT NOTICE to Health Care Card Holders

Parents/Guardians of students at Avondale Primary who hold a Health Care Card are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). The card must be current on the first day of school—January 29th 2018.

If you did not fill out a pink application form at the time you picked up your child's book pack, please come to the office with your card and fill one out as soon as possible.

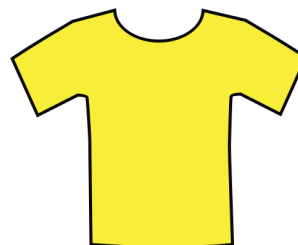
If you are unsure if you are eligible or whether you filled out the form please contact me.

Ros Blake General Office

2nd HAND UNIFORMS !!

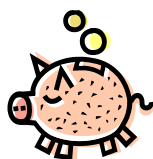
Call in on Tuesday mornings
8:30 - 9:00am to pick up a bargain!

Short Sleeve Polo shirts - \$3
Skirts - \$5 Jackets - \$6
Jumpers - \$5 Shorts - \$4
Track pants - \$5



STUDENT BANKING

Every Thursday is Student Banking day, don't forget to bring along your bank book to deposit to your account. Next Thursday (Feb 8) is the first banking day for 2018



School Office Hours

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

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.

Advertisements

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

Stage School Australia Inspiring young people through performing arts

For more information regarding these after school activities, brochures are available in our school foyer.