

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 June 7, 2018

Dear Parents,

Avondale website translates the newsletters.

This newsletter can be automatically translated into more than 80 languages at the click of a mouse button. Simply visit <http://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au/page/11> select the **CLICK HERE TO TRANSLATE THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** then select your preferred language. This is a great way for non-English speaking relatives both here and abroad, to keep in touch with your child's education.

Bunnings Barbecue

Many thanks to families who visited the barbecue on Sunday to buy a snag or two. Special thanks to the following parents supporters and staff who donated several hours to prepare, cook and serve: Marwa Al Kadhmi, Andrew Barker, Annerley Beeck, Mona Lisa Bhargava, Sarah Bowler, Adam Duggan, Drita Fazlija, Lance Ferguson, Jenna Heywood, Deb Hicks, Philip Huynh, Vy Huynh, Ben Kearon, Joe Kersh, Karl Kerton, Angelo and Haroula Koucoulis, Kevin Lac, Yeeman Lui, Nicole Mina, Minh Nghiem, Dani Parisi, Liaden Phan, Mathew Sawtell, Joe Scarfo, Willem Spam, Karena Wojcicki and Elizabeth Medina Zapata.



I would also like to express my thanks to families who made generous donations to the barbecue in lieu of time. This event was very successful and raised \$1,479.00. The list of donors and helpers is published on our school's website.

War on Waste

Bridget Watson, a student who is studying sustainability as part of her Business degree, worked with a Grade 3/4 class last year to examine the contents of one of our classroom bins. Students classified the waste after watching the ABC's *War on Waste* series last year. Bridget has provided a report on the results of the students' investigation, which accompanies this week's newsletter. It is very instructive reading and I am pleased to see that students are starting to do their bit to care for our environment.

Names on lunch containers

Many families are transitioning away from plastic wrap, plastic and paper bags to reusable containers. This is commendable and can certainly reduce the amount of 'one use' waste. However it is imperative that the family name be written on the container and its lid so they can be easily identified. Students frequently take the containers into the yard to finish their snacks and are not permitted into the school buildings at break times.

New student absence automated SMS messages start Term 3

The department is implementing a state wide initiative from the beginning of Term 3 whereby an SMS message will be automatically sent to parents of students who are absent without an explanation on any particular day. If your child is too ill to attend school, we request that you inform the office by phone or using the Flexibuzz app by 9.30am. Where an explanation has been received and recorded by the school, a message will not be sent, e.g. a stay in hospital or overseas travel. Further information will be attached to next week's newsletter.

People booked for parking in school driveway

I have received a report about a person who was booked while his car was parked in a school driveway. The fine was just over \$90. This is a timely reminder that police and local government parking inspectors are visiting schools and are issuing fines. Many thanks to those who are parking in Wood Street (south of the school) to ease congestion.

Parent Helpers Training Sessions

During 2018 the school will gradually introduce Working With Children Checks (WWC) and OHS induction sessions for all volunteers/parent helpers. There will be 2 sessions held on Thursday 21st June for parents wanting to assist in the canteen and/or classroom. Session 1: 9-9.30am and Session 2: 2.30-3pm. Volunteers will only need to attend one session. Anyone who already holds a current WWC is asked to bring this along to the session. RSVP slips are available from the office or you can RSVP online by clicking on the calendar event on our website.

Have a good week



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS



June

- Fri 8 Interschool Sport-away against Holy Rosary
- Mon 11 Queens Birthday public holiday
- Tue 12 2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
- Thurs 14 Canteen CLOSED today
- Fri 15 Interschool Sport- home against St Margarets
- Tue 19 School Council Meeting 7:30
- Thurs 21 Parent helper induction session 9.00-9.30 & 2.30-3
- Fri 22 Mid year reports sent home
- Tue 26 2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
Selected music students to visit Ron Conn Centre
- Wed 27 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Fri 29 NAIDOC week colours day
Last day term 2 *Students finish at 2:15pm*

July

- Mon 16 First day term 3
2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
- Thurs 19 Cookie dough fundraiser order forms sent home
- Tue 24 2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
School Council Meeting 7:30
- Thurs 26 Winter sport round robin
- Mon 30 Curriculum Day-*No students to come to school*

Lost car keys at the office.

We have a set of car keys that were found in the school grounds on Monday.

Please contact the office if you think they may be yours.



Pupils of the week last week were:

- Prep A - Zachariya A
- Prep B - Poppy E
- Prep C - Aren C
- Prep D - Aiden P
- 1/2 A - Danny T
- 1/2 B - Adrian Z
- 1/2 C - Maitham R
- 1/2 D - Edward N
- 1/2 E - Derek L
- 3/4 A - Justin N
- 3/4 B - Norvelle L
- 3/4 C - Yuana O
- 3/4D - Peta L
- 4/5A - Justin N
- 5/6 A - Arden S
- 5/6 B - Daniel T
- 5/6 C - Kristy L

Book Review

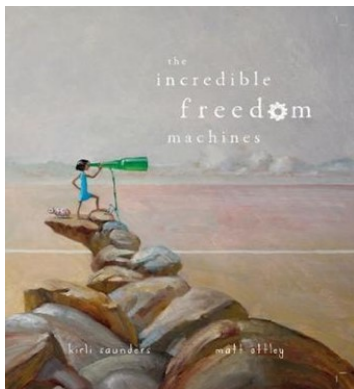
The Incredible Freedom Machines. By Kirli Saunders and Matt Ottley

A beautiful and empowering picture story book for dreamers and adventurers.

This picture story book examines the idea of being free to travel anywhere.

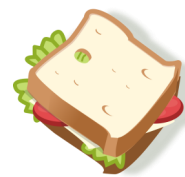
It looks at the obstacles that get in the way of exploration and encourages readers to break through these boundaries.

Recommended for children 4 years and above. By Liz Oruba



Important information regarding the canteen next week.

Please note the Canteen will be closed on Thursday June 14. Please ensure your child/children bring lunch from home on this day.



Don't forget to make your bookings for Parent Teacher Interview Day

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>

School code: esz7v

Bookings close Friday June 22nd.

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

8:30am to 9:30am

2:30pm to 3:15pm

Please limit visits to office to these times only.

Advertisements

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