

## 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,

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Thursday March 15, 2018

#### **Council election**

Congratulations to Carla Soul, Andrew Barker and Joe Scarfo on their election to Council. As there were two parent vacancies at the end of the initial nomination period, the nomination period is extended till 4pm Friday 16 March. *Note: Two additional nominations were received Wednesday 15 March.* The AGM and March Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 March.

#### **Raising resilient children**

Building resilience is a challenge for parents and educators. In former times the word referred to manufactured goods and institutions; it meant strong or rigid, that definition is now expanded to include being able to adapt to new situations, such as a tree swaying in the wind.

The challenge for parents and teachers is to assist children work out when and how to be resilient. This is not a quick process; it requires discussions where, options, decisions and consequences are examined. To assist you in this matter, I recommend reading the following online article: <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/mar/07/how-do-you-raise-resilient-kids-accept-them-how-they-are>.

#### **School security**

The pedestrian gates are closed between 9am and 3pm while students attend school. The only pedestrian entrance open during school hours is the Clarendon Street gate immediately in front of the main entrance. The staff car park gates remain open during school hours; the car park is strictly out of bounds for students on all occasions.

After school hours, the pedestrian gates are open to allow community access to the school's play equipment, basketball court and oval. I am pleased to report that the Avondale Heights Netball Club utilizes the basketball court on most weekday afternoons.

#### **Garden Improvements – by Nick Boffa**

The Avondale PS gardeners have been busy preparing the garden for planting our upcoming crop. The gardeners set up a new compost tumbler and began the process by exploring suitable ingredients for composting. Gardeners also performed their weekly watering duties and the essential task of pruning back remaining plants such as the rosemary. In the coming weeks, students will turn the garden and add nutrients to give our next crop a great start at planting time!



#### **Sausage Sizzle – a big hit.**

Students were excited about yesterday's sausage sizzle. One child, who had been waiting for a week, exclaimed as she held and smelt her sausage 'At last!' I wish to acknowledge the assistance of parents on the day and Ms Heywood for organising this event. We raised \$830 from this barbeque and coupled with the \$459 raised from the Junior School Council's 'Out of Uniform Day' last year, we have raised \$1,289

for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday appeal. Thank you and well done everyone.

#### **Crossing Supervisor Award**

Every two years, *School Crossings Victoria* holds an awards night to honour the dedication and hard work of school crossing supervisors. School communities can nominate the supervisor they feel is worthy of being recognised. Nick Bance is the crossing supervisor of the Clarendon Street crossing. I have attached a nomination form if you are interested. Nominations close on May 25, 2018.

*Paul Mulroy*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)



### March

Fri 16 Grade 5/6 Interschool sport- away - Nth Melb  
Wed 21 School Photos  
Fri 23 Grade 5/6 Interschool sport - away - Moonee Ponds West  
Tue 27 2nd hand uniform Shop 8:30-9am  
School Council Meeting and AGM 7:30pm  
Thurs 29 Last Day Term 1– **Students finish at 2:15**

### April

Mon 16 First day term 2  
Mon 16 Dental van to visit this week  
Tue 17 2nd hand uniform Shop 8:30-9am  
Tue 24 2nd hand uniform Shop 8:30-9am  
Wed 25 ANZAC day public holiday  
Fri 27 District cross country run (selected students after tryouts)

### May

Fri 4 Fun Run fundraiser - (forms will go home the last week of this term )  
Thurs 10 Mothers Day stall

#### Pupils of the week last week

##### were:

Prep A - Jackie W  
Prep B - Isabel S  
Prep C - Viva P  
Prep D - Vivian L  
1/2 A - Jayden L  
1/2 B - Jaiden N  
1/2 C - James V  
1/2 D - Olivia V  
1/2 E - Maika H  
3/4 A - Alexander T  
3/4 B - Margaret T  
3/4 C - Lana Balfour  
3/4D - Jared M  
4/5A - Taha T  
5/6 A - An N  
5/6 B - Jason L  
5/6 C - Albie S

**DON'T FORGET!**

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
orders are due:  
**8 pm, Sunday 18th March 2018**

### Canteen Reminder

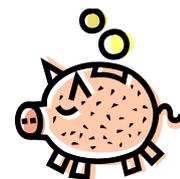
The Canteen is open on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Please make sure that your child brings a order for the Canteen on these days **only**.

If your child should happen to bring a lunch order on a Tuesday or Wednesday you will be contacted and asked to bring them lunch.



Every Thursday is Student Banking day, don't forget to bring along your bank book to deposit to your account



#### 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.

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