

## 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 May 03, 2018

#### **Fun Run tomorrow**

Students will participate in a Fun Run/Walk tomorrow. This fund raiser will support the purchase of play and construction equipment for students during recess times. We want to encourage cooperative, hands-on activities as an alternative to small screen devices.

#### **District Cross Country**

Last Friday, 30 students participated in the district cross country races at Aberfeldie Park. The standard of the races was very high and while our students raced as well as they could following one month of regular practice, most finished their race mid-field. I wish to thank parents for taking students to the races and teachers: John Cleary, Dani McLaren, Bettina Handley and Dean Barkell for supporting the training sessions before and after school hours.

#### **Students sing national anthem**

The Monday assembly starts with an acknowledgement of country and national anthem. This year each grade, in turn, will sing in front of the school. This week, grade 3/4C accompanied by Mr Lumby on guitar sang the anthem. I am pleased to see more students singing proudly during the anthem.

#### **School oval to be top dressed**

On Monday, the school oval will be top-dressed with a sand-turf mix. This will provide an even playing surface for students and encourage the winter grasses to flourish. Our school council has invested many thousands of dollars improving the oval and we are at the stage where competitive sports can be played safely here.

#### **Mobile Dentist report**

North Star mobile dental services carried out examinations and treatment for 92 children. The treatment provided by Doctor Swati Sharma was mainly preventative; it included cleaning, fluoride application and fissure seals. Oral hygiene instructions and proper brushing technique were demonstrated. About 10 children needed fillings, several received a referral for further dental services. Doctor Sharma also discussed healthy eating habits with students who visited. I would like to thank North Star dental services for their work here.

#### **Moonee Valley Draft Strategy – feedback sought.**

Moonee Valley Council has finalised the Draft MV2040 Strategy which is their long-term plan to guide how they will make Moonee Valley a great place to live for current and future generations. The plan focuses on a network of 13, 20-minute neighbourhoods, planned so people can access most of their everyday needs within a 20 minute walk, cycle or public transport trip from their home. This is to help ensure the Moonee Valley of 2040 is healthy, vibrant and resilient.

Consultation for Draft MV2040 Strategy is open until Friday 18 May. You can access a copy of the MV2040 Draft Strategy [here](#).

You can provide feedback the following ways: Email:

[mv2040@mvlc.vic.gov.au](mailto:mv2040@mvlc.vic.gov.au), phone: 9243 8888 or post to: MV2040, Moonee Valley City Council, PO Box 126, Moonee Ponds. VIC. 3039.



#### **Preps celebrate Mother's day**

Preps will have their annual mother's day afternoon tea in their classrooms on Wednesday the 9th of May from 2:30pm. Invitations were sent yesterday; our youngest students are excited about this event.

Have a good week

## DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)

### May

Fri 4	Walk/Run 4 Fun fundraiser
Tues 8	Grade 1/2 B,C & E Yarrabee Excursion 2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
Wed 9	Grade 1/2 A & D Yarrabee Excursion Prep Mothers Day afternoon tea 2:30
Thurs 10	Mothers Day stall
Fri 11	Second chance Mothers Day stall
Tues 15	NAPLAN Testing 2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
Wed 16	NAPLAN Testing
Thurs 17	NAPLAN Testing 123 Magic Program (9:30 in the BER)
Fri 18	Curriculum Day - <b>No Students to come to school</b>
21-25	Education Week Book Fair this week
Tues 22	2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00 School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Wed 23	Open Day
Thurs 24	123 Magic Program (9:30 in the BER) Grade 5/6 Science Incursion
Tues 29	Selected music to visit ron conn Centre
Thurs 31	123 Magic Program (9:30 in the BER) 5/6 Rosehill Sec College Performance Exc



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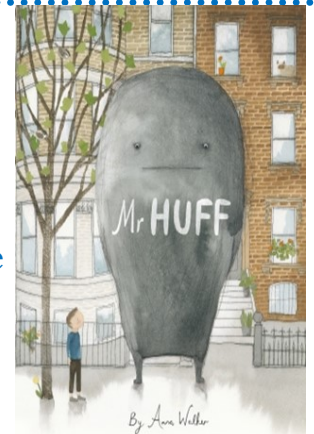
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Prep B - Zain R  
Prep C - Dee Jay L  
Prep D - Ruby S  
1/2 A - Alyssia K  
1/2 B - Mason B  
1/2 C - Maneli Z  
1/2 D - Daniel S  
1/2 E - Lua K  
3/4 A - Hiyab T  
3/4 B - Jaycob B  
3/4 C - Ethan C  
3/4 D - Ava S  
4/5 A - Sylvia L  
5/6 A - Jessica T  
5/6 B - Jayden N  
5/6 C - Sunny L

## Book Reviews - Treasured and Tried

### Mr Huff by Anna Walker

Do you know Mr Huff? I bet you do. Everyone has spent a day with Mr Huff. He's a bad day that just gets worse. Just like when Bill wakes up and he loses his socks and the cereal is soggy, but the unhappiness grows and follows him to school like the grey cloud above his head. He tries to talk about his emotions but the words don't come out. Then he sees himself reflected in Mr Huff's tears and he realizes he has power over his emotions. The dark clouds give way to rays of sunshine. This is a comforting book meaningful to both children and adults which offers readers a sense of hope. Great for 3 to 7 year olds.

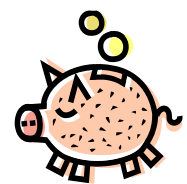
By Liz Oruba



## Classroom Parent Helpers

If you want to assist as a classroom helper, you need to get a Working With Children check. Induction courses for interested parents will be held in the week beginning 14 May.

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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