

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 May 10, 2018

Dear Parents,

Mother's Day Celebrations

Yesterday afternoon, mothers of Prep students arrived carrying a plate of treats to share for the annual Prep mother's afternoon tea. It was a very festive gathering, the students were delighted to have mum in their grade while mothers enjoyed the occasion to see their children in class and talk with others present. I wish to thank the teachers: Natalie, Annette, Jessica and Leisha for organising the event.



Brisk trading was held in the BER earlier today as students collected their siblings and decided on a present for their mum. Many thanks to the fund raising committee for organising the preparation and staffing of the stalls.

NAPLAN Tests next week

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy. There will be four tests over three days: on Tuesday students will sit the language conventions and writing tests, on Wednesday the reading test will be held with the final test, numeracy held on Thursday morning.

If your child is feeling anxious about the tests, you can reassure them in several ways:

Remind him/her it is just one of many assessments carried out in the school

Discuss the strategies teachers have suggested e.g. read the whole question first, take time to understand what the question is asking, eliminate the obviously wrong options before making your decision

Discuss how they felt at the end of the first day and provide supportive advice.

School Oval top dressed

There was 120m³ of sand-turf spread over the oval on Tuesday. This has reduced tripping hazards and made the playing area much safer for competitive games. Students will not be able to play on the oval until next Wednesday to allow the top dressing to settle in.

Attendance at School: Every Day Counts

Regular attendance at school is very important for your child's learning and social development. Acceptable attendance is 95% and above. We understand that sometimes children are sick and need to stay home to get well. But other than that, children need to be at school as much as possible to ensure that they have the best opportunities for learning.

Regular daily attendance helps ensure students have a successful educational experience. Irregular attendance can interfere with your child's progress and learning.

The table below gives you an indication of how attendance impacts on your child's learning. A day here or there does not seem like much but:

<u>When your child misses just</u>	<u>that equals</u>	<u>which is</u>	<u>Accumulated effect P-12</u>
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	nearly 1.5 years of learning.
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	nearly 2.5 years of learning.
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	over 5 years of learning.
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	over 8 years of learning

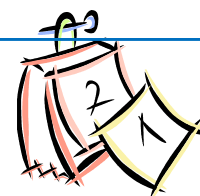
Moonee Valley library – A biggest morning tea will take place on 24th May at 10:30-11:30 to raise funds for cancer research. Community members are most welcome to attend bookings are necessary, please call 8325 1940 to book.

Have a great week

Paul Mulvey

DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)



May

- Fri 11 Second chance Mothers Day stall
Interschool Sport-at home against Moonee Ponds West
- 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 - *No Students to come to school*
- 21-25 Book Fair this week
- Mon 21 Prep Open Morning 9-11am
- Tues 22 2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
Grade 4/5 & 5/6 Open morning 9-11am
School Council Meeting 7:30pm
- Wed 23 Open Morning for Prep 2019 Enrolments-Tours from 9am
- Thurs 24 123 Magic Program (9:30 in the BER)
Grade 5/6 Science Incursion
Grade 3/4 Open Morning 9-11am
- Fri 25 Interschool Sport-at home against Kensington
Run/Walk 4 Fun
Grade 1/2 Open Morning 9-11am
- Tues 29 Selected music students to visit Ron Conn Centre
2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
- Thurs 31 123 Magic Program (9:30 in the BER)
5/6 Rosehill Sec College Performance Excursion

June

- Fri 1 House Sports (Aberfeldie)
- Fri 8 Interschool Sport-away against Holy Rosary
- Mon 11 Queens Birthday Public holiday
- Fri 15 Interschool Sport-against St Margarets

Pupils of the week last week were:

Prep A - Betelhem B
Prep B - Sannus N
Prep C - Olivia B
Prep D - Taleekah A
1/2 A - Arad P
1/2 B - Maci K
1/2 C - N/A
1/2 D - Chantelle D
1/2 E - Setayesh E
3/4 A - Taylan C
3/4 B - Kevin J
3/4 C - Alexandria G
3/4D - Alexia V
4/5A - Dakota T
5/6 A - Marley S
5/6 B - Charlotte L
5/6 C - Lauren H

Education week is 21-25 May
Open times in calendar above



Avondale Primary School is having a **Book Fair** in the **Library** to Celebrate 'Education Week'
DATE: 21st to 25th May
TIME: 8.30 TO 9.00 1.30 TO 1.45. 3.00 TO 3.45

Lost property

We have many pieces of school uniform in the lost property boxes. If your child has lost their jumper or jacket please make time to come in and check the boxes that are in both buildings. Property that is not claimed will be placed in the 2nd hand uniform shop. Items that are not school uniform will be donated to charity.

2nd HAND UNIFORMS FOR SALE

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



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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