



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday, 4th April 2019

Dear Parents,

Tomorrow is the final day of first term. It has been a wonderfully busy and productive term with students demonstrating solid progress in their studies. We already have Prep students writing readable sentences on their own and Grade One students writing well-constructed stories over two pages in length.

Alex shares his love of bees...

I wish to thank **Alex Van Harmelen**, beekeeper and father of students Jenna and Kaia, who shared his interest in bees with grade one and two students. The information was very well received. It is part of the junior school science curriculum where insect life is investigated. Students comments included:

Walied: *'Thanks for teaching our grades, I learnt that bees do a waggle dance if they find good nectar.'*

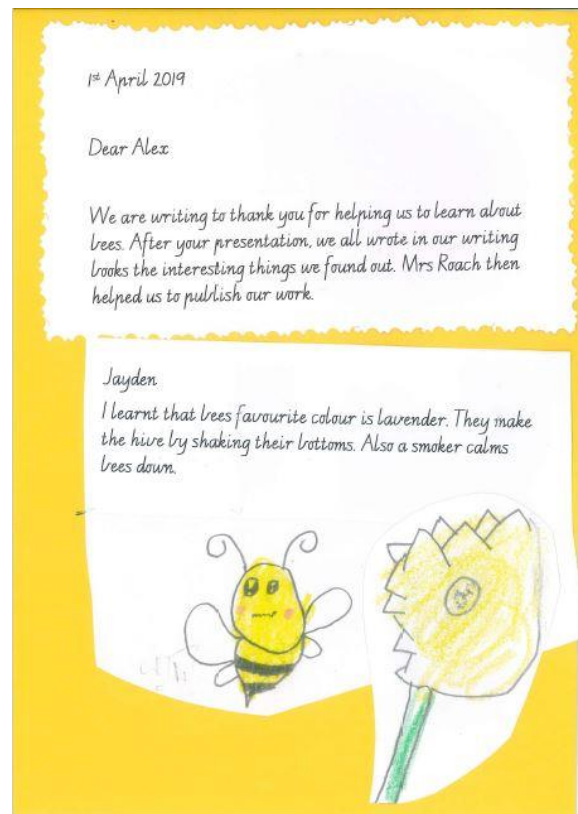
Catherine: *'I learnt that the queen bee lays lots and lots of eggs, the drones are lazy and the worker bees do all the work.'*

Jacob recalled *'When you get stung by a worker bee, don't pick it up or the poison will come out, you swipe it away and the poison won't come out.'*

Srisowrya shared his observation *'I really liked feeling and smelling the honeycomb.'*

The Grade One and Two teachers were impressed with the effort involved in preparation and quality of Alex's presentation. It included a PowerPoint presentation with props including protective clothing, beekeeping tools and plants.

Thankyou Alex





School uniforms clarification

The gold polo tops are still part of the school uniform, some parents seem to think that they have been replaced. Lowes will receive a new order of gold polo tops shortly which will be sold along with the new tops. If you have purchased a school uniform article from *Lowes* and are dissatisfied with it, we encourage you to return it and request a replacement at no cost.

Enrolments for 2020 now being accepted

The school is accepting enrolments for the 2020 school year. Avondale Primary School is a zoned school; families must live within the school zone for their child to be enrolled.

I encourage parents with a younger child who will attend school next year to enrol your child as early as possible.

If you have neighbours whose eldest child will start school next year, please inform them that enrolments are being accepted.

You can check whether you are in this school's zone by visiting

<http://melbourneschoolzones.com/schools/avondale-primary-school/>.

Easter Raffle / Fundraising

Thankyou to Nelson Alexander, Keilor East, for their donation of 10 passes for Bounce and a \$100 Funtopia voucher for our Easter raffle. Thank you also to all the families that contributed to the raffle prizes, the eight winners were delighted. In total the raffle raised **\$ 2690** – a wonderful result.

The school will be installing extra playground equipment which is due to arrive in early June paid for from our fundraising budget.

Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

The 2019 Junior and Senior SRC (Student Representative Council) have organised their first fundraising event to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

*Students are able to wear casual clothes to school **tomorrow** and bring a gold coin donation. Please remember to bring your school hat and wear sensible shoes.*

Reminder: OHSC holiday program to be run at Avondale primary School

The holiday program, usually run out of St Martin de Porres Primary School, will be run at Avondale Primary from the BER from 8 to 19 April. **To book your child into the program, call Sonya on 0405 529 972**



Attendance at School: Every day Counts

Research shows that frequent absences affect children’s learning, skill development and social skills. Regular daily attendance is essential for students to have successful educational experiences. Irregular attendance can interfere with a child’s progress and confidence. We understand that there may be some occasions when a student absence is unavoidable but regular absences can impact on your child’s progress.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/principals/participation/everydaycountsprimparent.pdf>

School Attendance: Term 1		
Classes	Family Holidays	Total number of absences
Prep	54	144
Grade 1/2	179	378
Grade 3/4 & 4/5	99	334
Grade 5/6	45	161
		TOTAL: 1,017

Term 2 commences on Tuesday, 23rd of April at 8.50am

Notice to Parents

The school yard is supervised by teacher/s on duty every school day during the following times:

8:40 – 8:50

11:00 to 11:30

1:30 to 2:15

3:15 to 3:30.

Students are expected to be picked up by parents by 3:30pm.

OSHC students remain in the BER until 8.40am in the morning and are supervised by OSHC staff afterschool until 6.00pm.



New Baby

We would like to congratulate former Prep teacher, Jess Todio, on the safe arrival of baby Sophia Martins Da Silva born Monday 18th March. Both mum and baby are doing well. We wish them all the best.

Pupils of the week on Friday 29th March

Prep A – Hayley C
Prep B – Billy H
Prep C – Lillian L
Prep D – Natasha A

One A – Evan P
One B – Lachlan H
One C – Julia N
Two A – Jemma F
Two B – Lucas N
1/2 A – Jed K

3/4 A – Charlotte E
3/4 B – Gunwoo N
3/4 C – Seth R
3/4 D – Lachlan L

4/5A – Chalee L
5/6 A – Eloise L

5/6 B – Jamie S
5/6 C – Luke V

5/6 D – Novelle L
LOTE – Jed 1/2A



APRIL/MAY SCHOOL DIARY

April

- Monday 22 Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tuesday 23 Term 2 starts at 8:50am
Thurs. 25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday

May

- Mon 6 Camp Quality presentation to students
Thurs 9 Mother's Day Stall
Mother's Day Afternoon Tea (Preps only)
Fri 17 District Cross Country
Mon 20-Fri 24 Education Week
Wed 22 Open Day – Tours for prospective 2020 Prep Students
Fri 24 Curriculum Day – ***No Students to come to school***

School Office Hours

8:30am to 9:30am

2:30pm to 3:15pm

Please limit visits to office to these times only.