

AVONDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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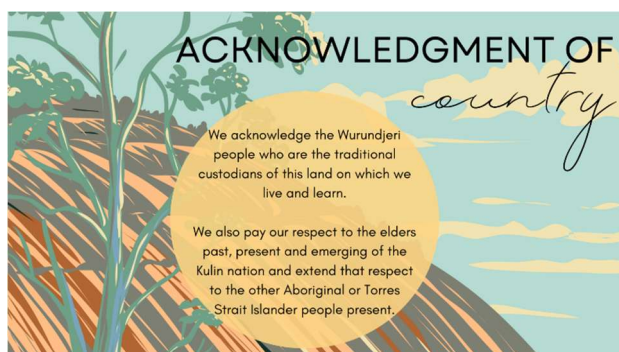


VISION STATEMENT: Avondale Primary School; a community that strives for excellence through high quality learning, engagement and wellbeing for all.

VALUES: Learning, Respect, Responsibility

Avondale Primary School is a Child Safe School. We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people and have zero tolerance for child abuse.

Acknowledgement of Country



Hello to our Avondale community,

We welcome our students and families back to Term 3, where we are proud to share the smooth transition our students have made after the holidays, settling back into school routines and demonstrating a positive attitude through our School Values of respect, responsibility and learning.

Today, our school community came together to support **National Pyjama Day**, raising funds and awareness for children living in foster care. It was fantastic to see students and staff dressed in their pyjamas while contributing to such an important cause. Thank you to all families for your generosity and support in raising **\$416.60**. We also thank our Student Representative Council for promoting this whole school event in their classrooms and at Assembly.

During Week 1 we recognised and celebrated **NAIDOC Week**, providing valuable opportunities for students to learn about and honour the histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We encourage families to read the **Teaching and Learning** section later in this newsletter to engage in the range of learning experiences that students have engaged in across our school.

We invite parents, carers and guardians of students in **Grades 2-4** to join our **Multiplicative Thinking Workshop**, facilitated by Sarah Carroll Learning Specialist and Margarita Breed Mathematics Consultant.

Focus: Developing Multiplicative Thinking

Date: Friday 13 August

Time: 2:30pm - 3:00pm

Location: Staff Room

Please RSVP your attendance via email to avondale.ps@education.vic.gov.au by Wednesday 12 August.

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3 2026

Monday 27 July	Canteen Closed Canteen Subcommittee Meeting 2.30pm
Wednesday 29 July	Parent/Carer/ Guardian Teacher Conferences 3.20pm-7.00pm
Friday 31 July	2027 Foundation Enrolments close Team Kids Lunchtime Legends Grade 6 1.30pm-2.15pm
Monday 3 August	Additional Parent/Carer Teacher Conferences (if required) 3.20pm - 4.00pm
Wednesday 5 August	Education Subcommittee Meeting 11.00am
Friday 13 August	Grade 2 – 4 Family Numeracy Workshop 2.30pm-3.00pm in staffroom
Tuesday 18 August	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 19 August	Curriculum Day- Student Free Day
Tuesday 25 August	Book Week Parade 9.20am-10.30am 2026 Theme: Symphony of Stories
Wednesday 26 August	Team Kids Lunchtime Legends Foundation & Grade 1 1.30pm-2.15pm
Monday 31 August- Friday 11 September	Grade 1-3 Swimming Program
Thursday 10 September	R U OK Day
Friday 18 September	Last Day Term 3 Early dismissal 2.15pm
Yard supervision times: 8.30am - 8.50am and 3.15pm-3.30pm	

We look forward to meeting our families at the Parent/Carer/Guardian conferences next Wednesday and are excited to learn together in Term 3. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

This week, we were excited to see the installation of two new bike racks which have been purchased using money raised through our fundraising events supported by our school community. The additional racks provide bicycle parking for our students to park their bikes in a secure space during the school day.

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment undertaken by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is the only national assessment that all Australian children undertake. Literacy and numeracy skills are the critical foundation for all learning and for the ability to participate effectively in society. NAPLAN questions assess content aligned with the Australian Curriculum in English and Mathematics. NAPLAN tests are only one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process. As they are held once every 2 years for each student, they cannot replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. Your child's teacher will have the best understanding of your child's educational progress. NAPLAN individual student reports have been provided for families of our Grades 3 and 5 students and can be used to discuss your child's progress with their teacher at our upcoming Parent/Carer/Guardian Teacher Conferences.



This year's Book Week celebrations are held between Saturday 22 to Saturday 28 August, with the theme, *Symphony of Stories!* Our annual Book Week Parade will be held on **Tuesday 25 August** from 9am in the Avondale Heights Gymnasium next to the Library (corner of Clarendon Street and Military Road). All families are invited to attend this event. A prize will be awarded to one student in each grade, for the costume that best demonstrates this year's theme, with an emphasis on creative, homemade costumes. See what you can create using bits and pieces around your home, with very little cost involved. Simple is often most effective.



Avondale PS School Improvement Team
Jill, Jenna, Sarah, Frances and Amy

2026 TERM DATES & CURRICULUM DAYS

Term 3 2026	Monday 13 July - Friday 18 September Student Free Day: Wednesday 19 August
Term 4 2026	Monday 5 October - Friday 18 December Student Free Day: Monday 2 November

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Hi, I'm Kathy Smith, and I'm pleased to serve as School Council President at Avondale Primary School. I'm a proud mum to Ada in grade 3 and twins Albert and Arthur in grade 2, so our family is very much part of the daily life of the school! Professionally, I'm the Director of Health, Safety and Wellbeing at a public mental health service, where I lead work focused on creating safe, healthy and supportive workplaces. Outside work and family life, I enjoy painting, reading and spending time with my family and friends.

I'm passionate about strong public education and creating an inclusive school community where every child feels safe, supported and able to thrive. As School Council President, I'm looking forward to working alongside Jill, Jenna, APS staff, fellow councillors and families to support Avondale's continued growth and help ensure the voices of our school community are heard. Please feel free to say hello if you see me around the school or at a school event, I'm usually accompanied by at least one child, several bags and a slightly forgotten train of thought!

Hello to all ☺ My name is Hayley and have been a parent at Avondale Primary since 2019. My eldest graduated last year, but I currently I have Zack in Year 6 and Louie in Year 3, so will continue to be a part of the Avondale community for several years yet! I have been a secondary school English teacher for over 20 years but currently work as a literacy consultant, presenter, author and tutor. This flexibility has given me the time to engage as part of the Education Committee for the last 3 years, but this is the first year I have joined the School Council more specifically. I am a passionate public education advocate, and my work focuses just as heavily on the ways to support students struggling with literacy as it does to find opportunities for extension for high performing students. Outside of everything literacy, I teach cycle classes at the gym, and my latest life achievement is being able to solve the Rubrik's Cube! I highly recommend being as involved in the school as your world allows and am always more than happy to share my experiences or answer any questions you may have at any stage.

AUSALERT

We've been advised that a national test of [AusAlert](#) will happen across Australia on Monday 27 July at 2 pm. AusAlert is a new, national emergency warning system. It sends warning messages to compatible mobile devices during emergencies, to keep people informed so they can act quickly. The Australian Government plans to launch AusAlert in October 2026.

On Monday 27 July at 2 pm, all [compatible mobile devices](#) will receive a [Critical Alert](#). Compatible mobile devices include phones, tablets, smart watches, safety watches and some vehicle devices. These will vibrate and make a loud, siren-like warning sound for about 10 seconds. This will happen even if they are on silent or do not disturb. The message will clearly state that it is a test. No action is required from the test.

To minimise disruption, student phones and smart devices should always be switched off and stored securely in lockers or bags during the school day. Students who use their mobile phone as part of a documented exception can continue to do so. If appropriate, they can turn their phone off during the test.

You may also wish to let your child know that if they see or hear the alert, school staff will support them. You can learn more at [AusAlert: children and teens](#). Information is also available in other [languages](#).

Safe phones

AusAlert may increase risk for people experiencing violence, especially if they live with someone who uses violence. Alerts may expose safety devices.

If you or someone you know has a hidden device, the best way to stay safe during the test is to:

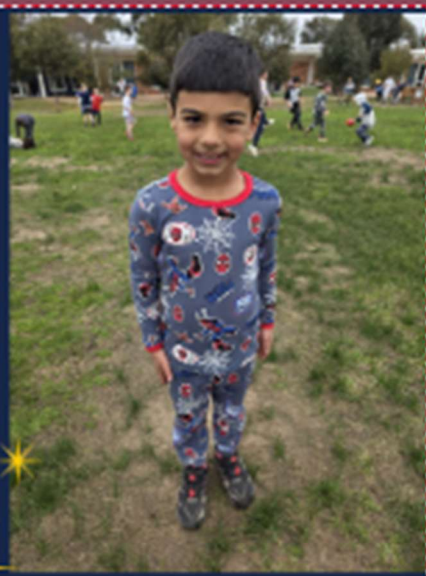
- turn off your mobile device or put it in aeroplane mode
- keep your device off or in aeroplane mode for 24 hours.

Silent mode and do not disturb will not stop the alert.

For more information, please refer to the [Staying safe with AusAlert page](#).

What a fantastic day! Everyone looked amazing in their cosy pyjamas! Thank you to our wonderful students for your donations which will go towards supporting children in foster care.





TEAM KIDS

☀ TeamKids Term 3 Epic Events are here!

From Friendship Day and Science Week to Book Week and Crazy Hair Day, there's something exciting happening all term long at TeamKids.

Book your spot at Before and After School Care today ➡ [CLICK HERE.](#)



CANTEEN



AVONDALE
Primary School

**Get a free
lunch for your
child!**

Our canteen needs you!

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Can you spare 2–3 hours on a
Monday/ Thursday or Friday
just once or twice per term?

-  Contribute to the school community
-  Meet other parents
-  Put the biggest smile on your child's face!
-  Have fun!

**No experience
required!**

**A “SHIFT” CAN BE AS
LITTLE AS 2–3 HOURS OR
LONGER IF YOU PREFER**

 **Email:** avondale.ps@education.vic.gov.au or visit the office to get involved.



Schools have helped us raise over \$330,000 in 2026. A Heartfelt Acknowledgment of Your Remarkable Contribution

We are delighted to announce the amazing success of the latest Good Friday Appeal, a collective achievement made possible by the incredible efforts of all the schools, their students, staff and extended supportive community fundraising in 2026.

Thank you for your support of the Good Friday Appeal in 2026. We were very proud to count **over 240 schools** fundraising for The Royal Children's Hospital and through your contribution, you helped raise **an incredible total of \$25,268,485**.

Each year, our wonderful community makes a difference to the lives of sick kids and their families through funding innovative and life-changing projects to ensure medical excellence both inside and outside of The Royal Children's Hospital.

The funds you help raise are channelled into vital areas, including:

- **Groundbreaking Research:** Supporting world-class research to discover new treatments and cures for childhood illnesses.
- **State-of-the-Art Equipment:** Purchasing essential, cutting-edge medical equipment that improves diagnosis and treatment outcomes,
- **Specialist Training:** Ensuring RCH staff have access to the latest training and development to maintain a global standard of paediatric care.
- **Family Support Services:** Funding critical programs that support the emotional and practical needs of children and families during their hospital journey.

As a small yet sincere token of our appreciation for your phenomenal contribution, we are pleased to **enclose your 2026 Thank You certificate**.

We hope these certificates will serve as a constant and tangible reminder of the profound difference your effort and generosity has made to the lives of countless children and families. We strongly encourage you to display it proudly and share it with your school community.

Together, we are not just raising money; we are making a real, lasting difference.

Warmest regards,

Rebecca
Rebecca Cowan,
Executive Director

Simone
Simone Dalla Riva
Head of Fundraising &
Communications

Claire
Claire O'Riordan
Community Fundraising
Manager - Projects

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PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE – 43 DAYS TO GO!



There are just **43 days remaining** to complete the **Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge**, and we are thrilled to share that **8 of our students have already completed the Challenge**.

This year's theme, "**Stories to discover. Stories to tell**", celebrates the power of reading to inspire, challenge and connect us with new ideas and experiences. We encourage all students to keep reading and logging their books before the Challenge closes.

Students can access their reading dashboard using the login details provided in their Home Reading Diary/Journal. Remember, once books have been read, they need to be marked as finished and then verified by a teacher.

[Log in to the Premiers' Reading Challenge](#).

Challenge requirements:

- **Prep to Year 2:** Read 30 books, with at least 20 from the Challenge book list.
- **Years 3-9:** Read 15 books, with at least 10 from the Challenge book list.

All students who successfully complete the Challenge will receive a **Certificate of Achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former premiers**.

Keep reading, everyone.

To learn more about the Challenge, visit [Premiers' Reading Challenge | vic.gov.au](#)

You can also contact our Challenge Coordinator – Sarah Carroll with any questions.

STAY WELL THIS WINTER

[Influenza \(flu\)](#) can be serious, especially for children. Choose to protect yourself and your loved ones with an [annual flu vaccine](#). The earlier you and your family get vaccinated, the better your protection heading into winter.

Keeping our school community well

We encourage parents and carers and students to:

- wash or sanitise your hands thoroughly and regularly, particularly before and after touching your face
- cough or sneeze into your elbow
- stay home if unwell and consult your GP or [Nurse-on-Call](#) as needed
- stay up to date with your flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and older. Some people are more at risk of severe illness from flu, especially babies and toddlers. They can get a [free vaccination](#) as part of the National Immunisation Program. You can book a flu vaccine through your GP or pharmacy, or [find a flu vaccine near you](#).

RSV vaccinations for mothers and babies

[RSV \(respiratory syncytial virus\)](#) is a common virus that causes colds and ear infections. In babies, it can cause severe illness like [bronchiolitis](#). The RSV vaccine is available for pregnant women as part of the National Immunisation Program. In Victoria, eligible babies can also get the RSV vaccine until Wednesday 30 September 2026. You can speak with your GP or midwife about the vaccine.

Find out more

For more information about staying well this winter, refer to:

- your GP, pharmacist or midwife
- the Better Health Channel – [Don't risk the flu](#) campaign, including information about flu and other vaccines. This information is available in different languages
- the Better Health Channel – [RSV vaccine for mothers and infants](#)

the Raising Children Network – [influenza](#), [COVID-19](#), [bronchiolitis](#) and [helping your child prepare for vaccination](#).

CYBER SAFETY PROJECT – ONLINE SAFETY WEBINARS FOR FAMILIES

We're thrilled to announce to our school community that our school is continuing to partner with [Cyber Safety Project](#) to offer parents access to the **Cyber Safe Parents 2026 Webinar Series**. These practical, easy-to-understand sessions, available live or on-demand, will provide simple strategies to help families manage online safety, screen time, AI and digital wellbeing. Pop these important dates into your calendars now:

Remaining 2026 Topics & Dates:

1. Balancing Life & Tech (Parent/Guardian session) – 3 August
2. Cyberbullying & Resilience (Parent/Guardian session) – 27 October

All sessions start at 7.30pm AEDT/AEST. **Can't attend live?** Register to receive the recording and resources to watch at a time that suits you. **Register here:** <https://cybersafetyproject.com/parents-2026> (do not share this link on social media)

Online safety book

Attached to the newsletter is a PDF document that covers some of the key online safety issues for young people and includes a range of practical tips and advice for parents and carers on what to do if things go wrong. You can also find a list of important services that can offer extra support.

[Online safety book | eSafety Commissioner](#)

LIVE ONLINE

CYBER SAFETY PROJECT

JOIN THE CYBER SAFETY PROJECT FOR EXPERT INSIGHTS

**Cyber Safe Parents
2026 Webinar Series**

DEVICE SET UP

ONLINE RISKS

APP SAFETY

CRITICAL THINKING

SCREEN TIME

CYBERBULLYING



RAISING SMART, SAFE & KIND DIGITAL KIDS

The Cyber Safe Parents Webinar Series gives parents practical guidance to confidently support children online. Across four sessions, we turn online safety into simple, realistic actions to raise responsible, resilient and empathetic digital kids.

Can't make it live?
Register anyway for the recording and resources.

REGISTER HERE

OR bit.ly/Parents-2026

**CYBER SAFETY AT HOME**

When: 10 March 2026
Time: 7.30pm AEDT (45 mins)
For: Family Workshop (Parents & Children)
Covers the basics of online safety at home in clear, easy-to-understand language.

**AI & CRITICAL THINKING**

When: 20 May 2026
Time: 7.30pm AEST (45 mins)
For: Parents only
Learn what AI really is (and isn't) and why it matters for your family.

**BALANCING LIFE & TECH**

When: 3 August 2026
Time: 7.30pm AEST (45 mins)
For: Parents only
Tips to reduce conflict and restore healthy balance between screens and real life.

**CYBERBULLYING & RESILIENCE**

When: 27 October 2026
Time: 7.30pm AEDT (45 mins)
For: Parents only
Simple strategies to help guide young people to manage their wellbeing online.

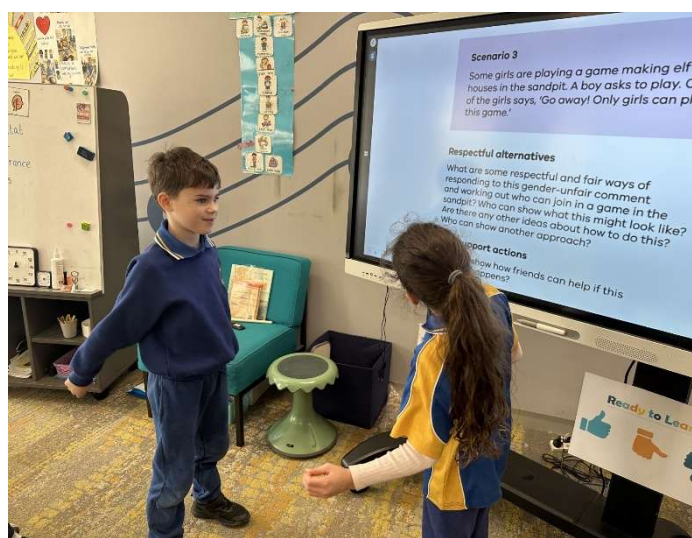
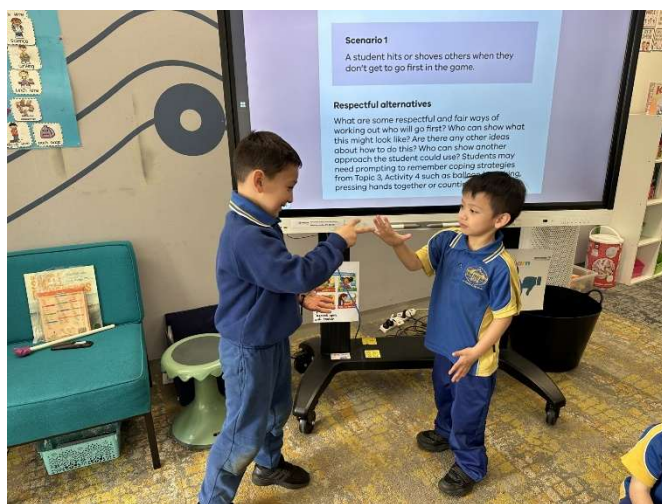
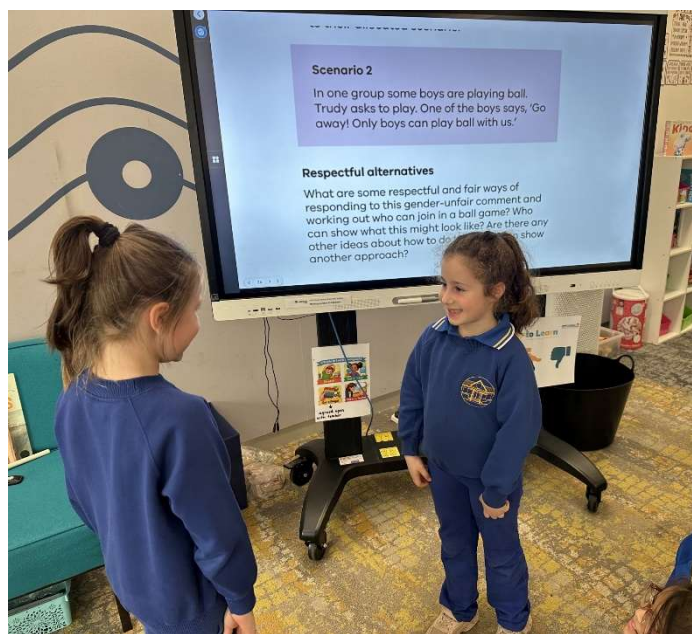
Celebration of Learning – Personal and Social Learning, NAIDOC Week Learning and Specialist Highlights

Foundation students have been learning about fair and friendly play. Through discussions, role-play and games, we explored how to include others, take turns, use kind words and show respect. Students also learnt how their actions can affect others' feelings and that everyone can play together in a fair, friendly and inclusive way.

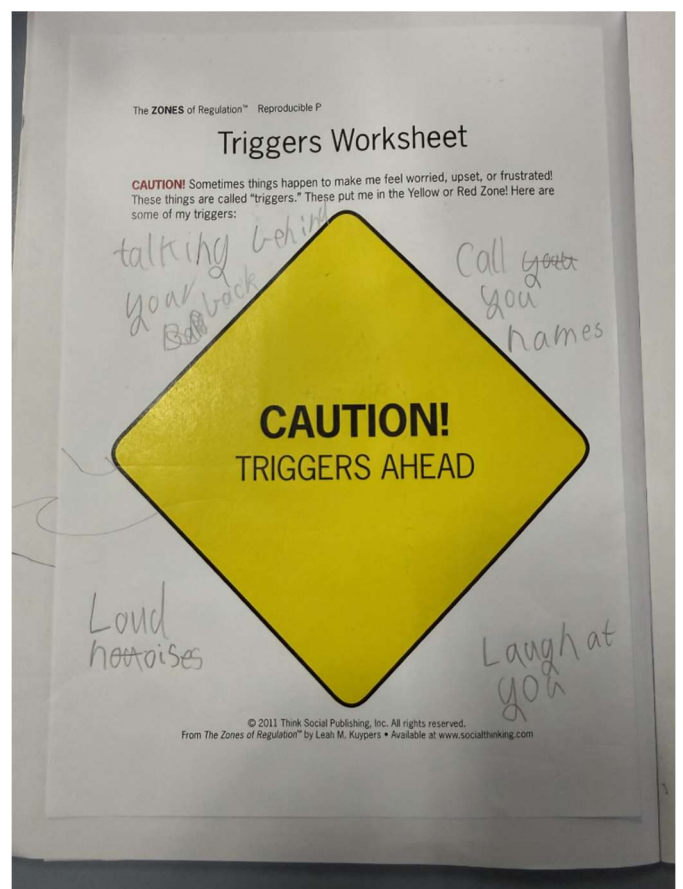
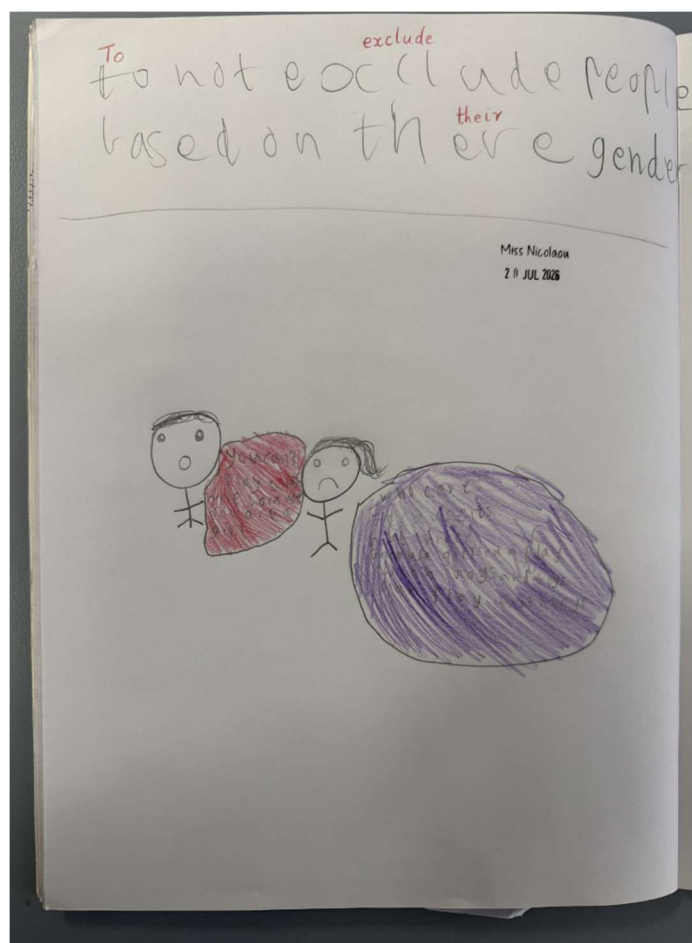


In **Grade One**, we have been learning about gender based violence that can occur at schools. We have explored scenarios such as when a boy might push a girl off a swing and say “no girls allowed” or a girl might exclude a boy saying “boys have germs”. Students have learnt how to stand up in these situations to help those who are being treated unfairly.

After discussing scenarios, students were then asked to role play them, so they can act out solving these scenarios in gender fair ways. The photos below illustrate the powerful learning that occurred this week through the enactment of these simple role plays.



In **Grade 2**, this term we have continued to focus on guiding our students to understand their emotions, moving towards knowing what strategies we can use to self regulate and be ready for learning. We have also expanded on our understanding of what is violence and how physical, verbal, emotional and gender based violence is the opposite of being respectful. Students have engaged in role plays where they problem solved set scenarios and then acted out respectful solutions.



5 STEPS TO SELF-REGULATION

Name: What am I feeling right now?

Goal: What do I need to feel to be ready to learn?

Input: What strategy am I going to use?

Action: Use your chosen strategy

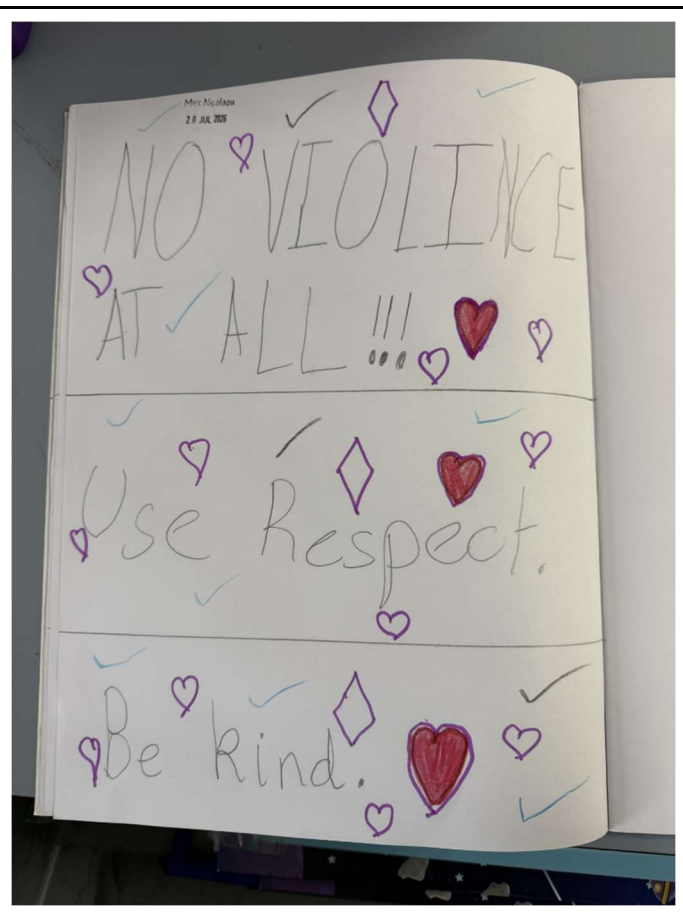
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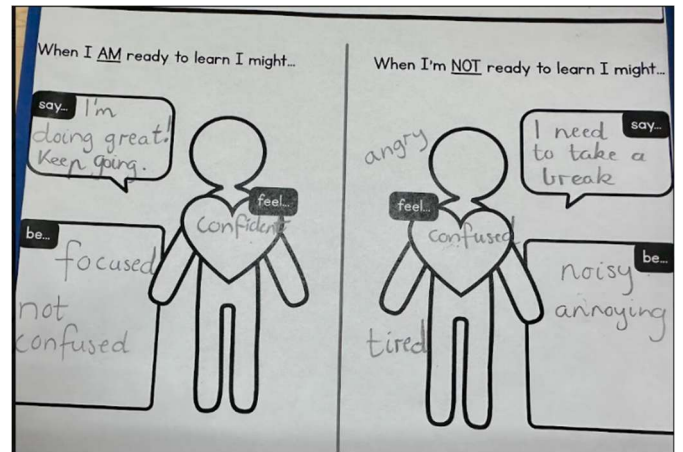
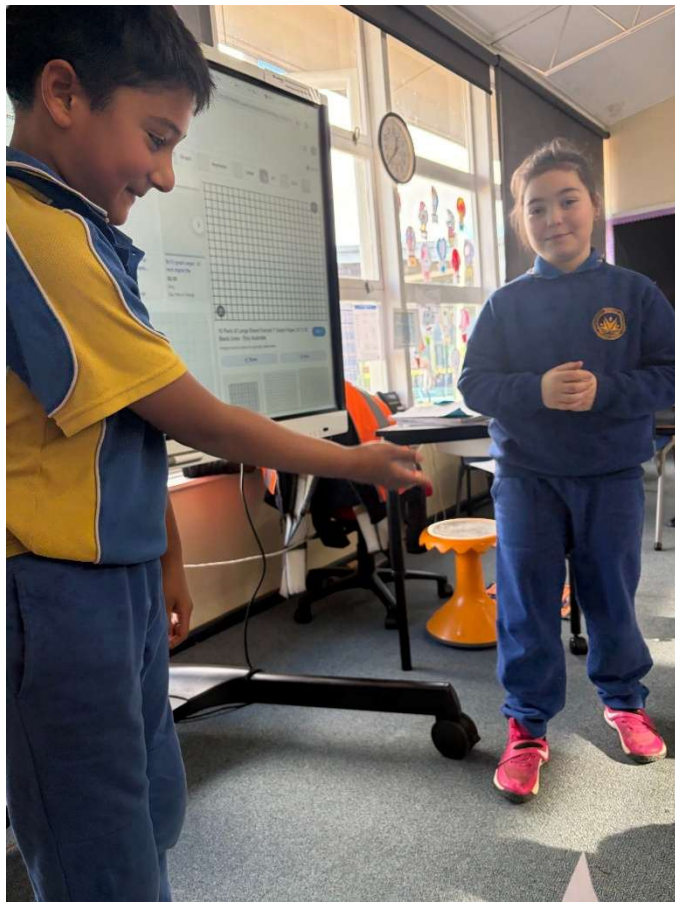
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GROUNDING TECHNIQUE

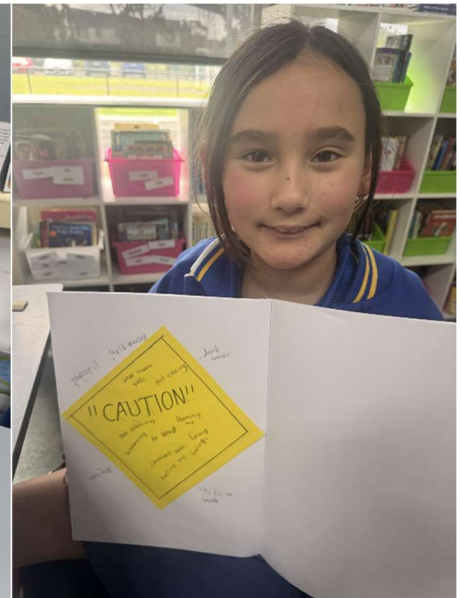
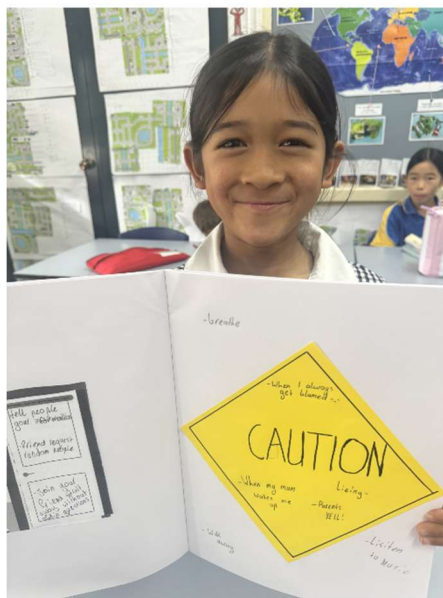
A grounding technique that connects you to the present by exploring the five senses.

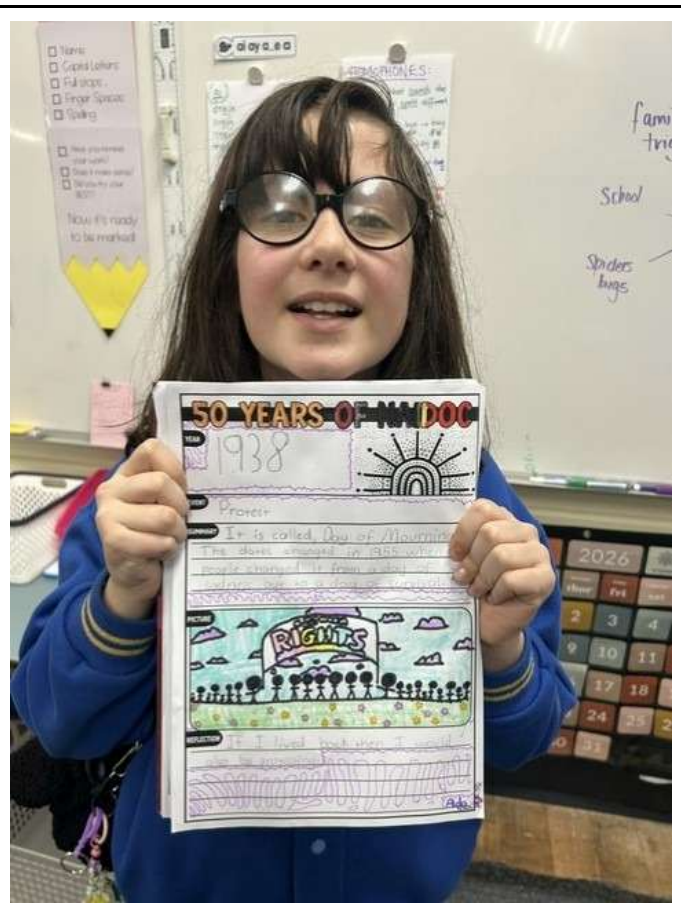
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Our **Grade 3/4** Personal and Social Learning focus this fortnight has been on recognising personal triggers and exploring how sensory support tools can help us regulate our emotions. Students also engaged in NAIDOC Week, unpacking this year's theme, *"50 Years Deadly"*, creating timelines and posters that highlight significant events and celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

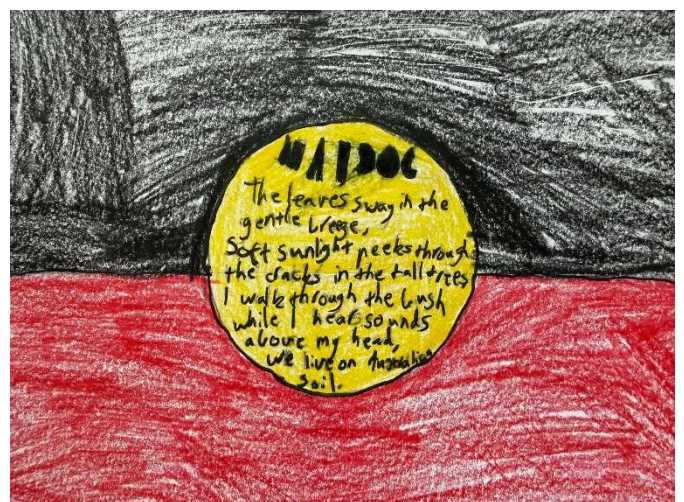
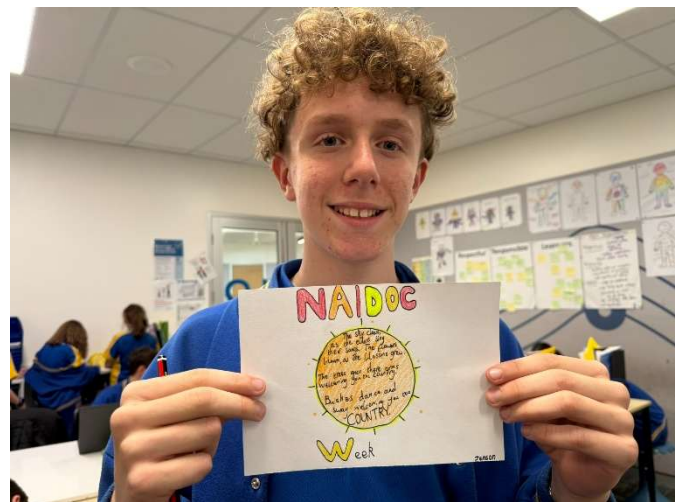
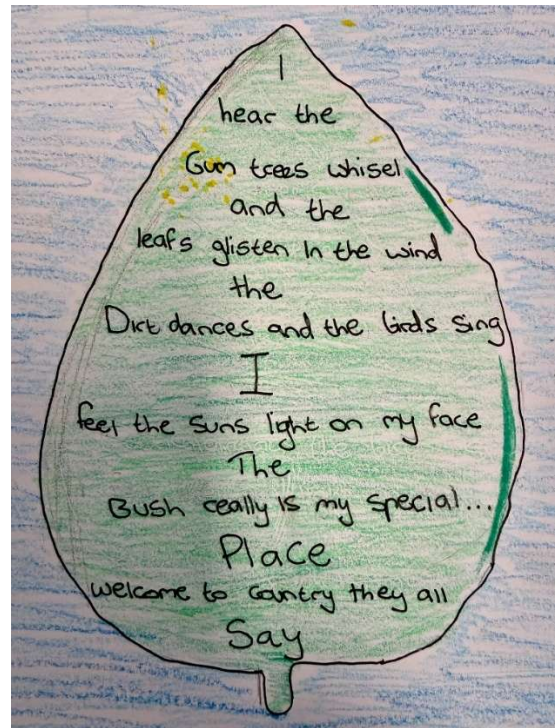




As part of our NAIDOC Week learning, **Grade 5/6** students read *Welcome to Country* by Joy Murphy to deepen their understanding of the purpose and significance of a Welcome to Country. Through class discussions and creative writing, students explored the themes of belonging, respect and connection to Country, reflected on the importance of NAIDOC Week and created shape poems using descriptive language inspired by the book.

This week, students also participated in our Respectful Relationships and body safety lessons, where they learnt about personal boundaries, consent and body safety. Through age-appropriate scenarios, students discussed when consent is asked for, given or refused, and developed an understanding of the current laws in place.





Visual Arts

There has been a wonderful buzz in the Art room this fortnight as Foundation to Grade 2 students began their Visual Arts learning for the term.

Foundation students have begun exploring fairytales. After reading *The Princess and the Pea*, students decorated each mattress with colourful patterns before drawing a prince or princess resting on top. To complete their artwork, they added a green sequin beneath the bottom mattress to represent the hidden pea, bringing the classic story to life in a creative and engaging way.

Grade 1 and Grade 2 students have started designing their own unique robots, which they will soon bring to life using acrylic and metallic paints.

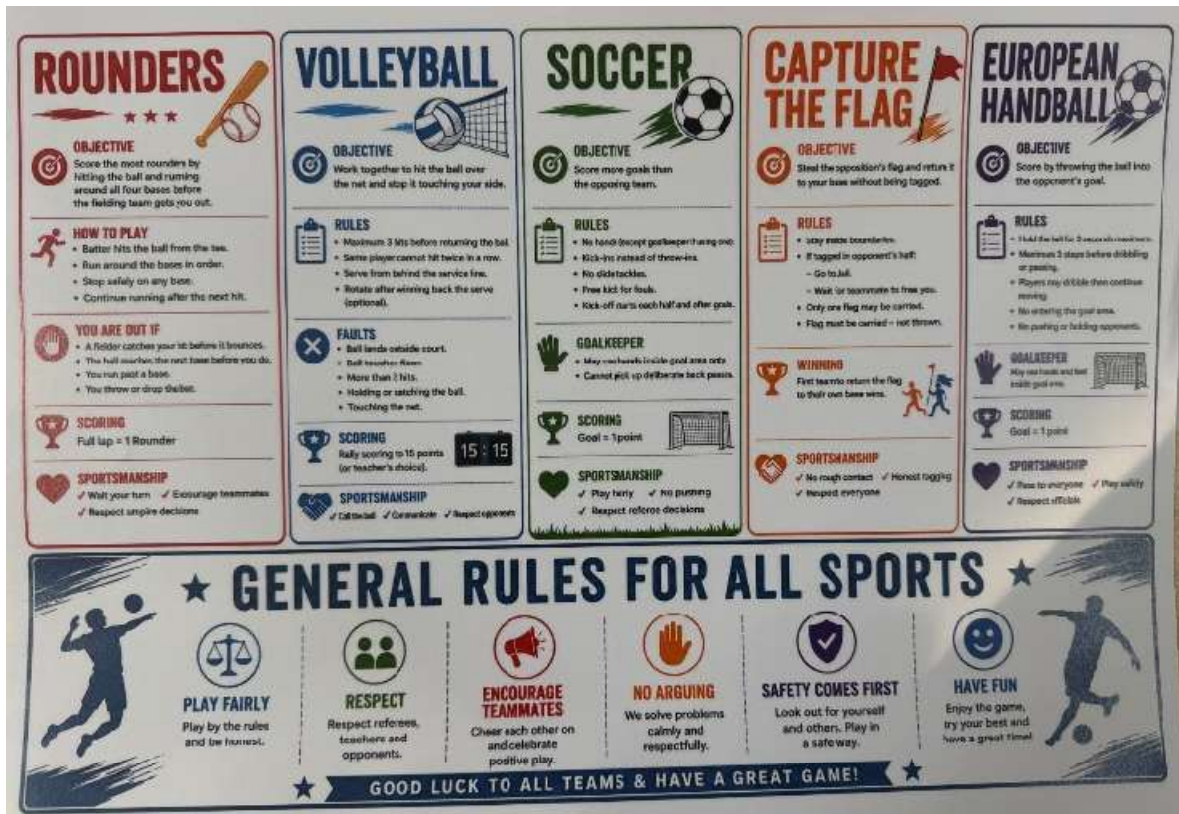


Physical Education

Students have enjoyed settling back into PE, beginning their new topics for the term. Our Grade 5 and Grade 6 students have started a Basketball unit and trials during PE in preparation for an upcoming gala day where selected students will attend a day at Keilor Basketball Stadium participating in a tournament against other schools in our district.

Our Grade 5 and Grade 6 students have been organised into teams for Friday sport. Students had the opportunity to create a team name and chant as they began to participate in Friday sport fixtures where they will compete against other teams in a variety of sports across 9 rounds including Rounders, Volleyball, Soccer, Capture the Flag and European Handball. Students have the opportunity to sing their chant at the completion of their game if they are the winning team whilst having the scores presented for students to look back on.

Students are eager to participate against different classes whilst improving their skills in a range of sports.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Term Three: Week 1

STUDENT NAME	GRADE	VALUE Respect Responsibility Learning	DEMONSTRATED WHEN
Leo L.W.	Foundation A	Respect Responsibility Learning	For staying on task, working independently and doing a fantastic job with your writing. Well done Leo!
Leo M	Foundation B	Respect Responsibility	For showing kindness and being a caring friend to others.
Sonny J	Foundation C	Responsibility Learning	Great work having a go at sounding out and writing by yourself!

Dylan Y	1A	Respect Responsibility Learning	Working hard to develop his reading skills and doing a great job!
Kiyaan A	1B	Respect Responsibility Learning	Fantastic effort in representing and making numbers using tens and ones.
Oliver N	1C	Respect Responsibility Learning	Well done for your fantastic effort in class this week Oliver! You worked hard in our place value lesson and in our descriptive writing lesson.
Eleni B	2A	Respect Responsibility Learning	For her fantastic effort in creating arrays to help her multiplication. Keep up the Great Work!
Paige B	2B	Respect Responsibility Learning	For doing a great job at writing 4 related multiplication/division facts when making an array. Keep it up Paige!
Charles T	2C	Respect Responsibility Learning	For being enthusiastic about learning and proud of his efforts.
Luca D	3/4A	Respect Responsibility Learning	Well done for your fantastic effort in class this week Luca! You worked hard all week and if something was challenging, you showed great resilience to keep trying and having success. Superstar!
Lina T	3/4B	Respect Responsibility Learning	For always being such a positive role model in our classroom. You consistently display our values throughout all learning tasks and put in great effort into all of your work. Keep it up!
Isaac P	3/4C	Respect Responsibility Learning	For being such a positive role model within the classroom. You always display our school values, being respectful, responsible and engaged in all learning activities. Keep it up Isaac!
Marcus R	3/4D	Learning	For your excellent collaboration and use of time connectives when working with your partner to write your procedural text "How to play Tag". Keep it up Marcus!
Sofia A	3/4E	Respect Responsibility Learning	For starting this term with enthusiasm and jumping right into your learning. Keep it up!
Zoe W	5/6A	Learning	For completing a great example of a shape poem, publishing with thought and care. Well done Zoe, keep up the fantastic effort.
Enrique S	5/6B	Learning	For his creative ideas during our poetry unit this week, particularly when creating a NAIDOC week poem. Love your ideas Enrique!
Poppy B	5/6C	Respect Responsibility Learning	For your impressive use of vivid imagery and alliteration in your poetry. Well done Poppy!
Anthony T	5/6D	Respect Responsibility Learning	For consistently showing progress in getting ready for your learning. Each day you have independently gathered your materials to set yourself up for a day of success!

Josiah	5/6E	Respect Responsibility Learning	For displaying a mature and reflective approach to your learning, taking responsibility for your progress.
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SPECIALIST AWARDS – Term Three: Week 1

STUDENT NAME	GRADE	VALUE Respect Responsibility Learning	DEMONSTRATED WHEN
Ivy L 5/6A	Performing Arts	Respect Responsibility Learning	Thank you for your beautiful singing and making us feel joy.
Foundation C	Visual Arts	Respect Responsibility Learning	For making an excellent start to Visual Arts by showing the school values. Keep up the great work!
Foundation A	Science F-2	Respect Responsibility Learning	For an amazing session where all students showed each other respect, kindness and followed the instructions for their task. Amazing work!
Mihi	Science 3-6	Learning	For being super focussed and engaged in the lesson on Forces, you completed all your work neatly and efficiently. Keep it up!
Danna G	PE F-2	Respect Responsibility Learning	For showing great persistence and skill during our soccer practice. Well Done!
Finnegan R	PE 3-6	Respect Responsibility Learning	For coming to the session ready to learn and take on feedback. Well Done!

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Term Three: Week 2

STUDENT NAME	GRADE	VALUE Respect Responsibility Learning	DEMONSTRATED WHEN
Bobby K	Foundation A	Respect Responsibility Learning	For showing great effort when practising writing your name. You have worked hard to form your letters and write your name clearly. Well done!
Ayla	Foundation B	Respect Responsibility Learning	For showing our school values consistently. Well done Ayla!
Arlo C	Foundation C	Responsibility Learning	Great work in our reading group activities this week, especially when reading Stage 3 books.
Eliana	1A	Respect Responsibility Learning	For her impressive writing skills when recording facts about the rhinoceros!

Zahra S	1B	Respect Responsibility Learning	For consistently being a focused and engaged learner and always trying your best!
Hunter B	1C	Respect Responsibility Learning	For practising your writing goal this week by trying your best to remember to use lowercase and uppercase letters correctly. Keep up the great effort Hunter!
Zoe S	2A	Respect Responsibility Learning	For her fantastic effort in independently using arrays to help her multiplication. Keep up the Great Work!
Sophia R	2B	Respect Responsibility Learning	For her improved spelling during our phonics sessions. Keep it up Sophia!
Aliyah M	2C	Respect Responsibility Learning	For her willingness to think hard and respectfully share. A student who listens to the contributions of others.
Hannah M	3/4A	Responsibility Learning	For being a fantastic leader in independent learning! I am incredibly proud of the effort you put into multiplication and procedural writing this week. By tackling the challenges head on, and then actively seeking feedback to grow, you showed the mindset of a true champion learner.
Alex S	3/4B	Learning	For listening to feedback and being on task this week. Well done Alex! Keep up the great work!
Ava K	3/4C	Responsibility Learning	For always trying her best. Great job being organised and completing tasks with your best efforts. You take such pride in the organisation and presentation of your work! Keep it up Ava!
Henry P	3/4D	Respect	For showing up for others in our class with kindness and support. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and the positive vibes you have added to our class this week. Amazing Henry!
Charlotte M	3/4E	Respect Responsibility Learning	For having proactive approach to your learning in maths and trying your best to improve your multiplicative thinking. Keep it up!
Vinci N	5/6A	Respect Responsibility Learning	For choosing to spend time keeping Avondale Primary clean by picking up rubbish during recesses and lunchtimes. Well done on showing excellent responsibility.
Chloe T	5/6B	Responsibility Learning	For her creative ideas and use of figurative language during poetry writing this week. I have enjoyed reading your poems Chloe!
Jacob F	5/6C	Respect Responsibility Learning	For working hard in reading to identify examples of similes and metaphors. Well done Jacob!
Angelo S	5/6D	Respect Responsibility Learning	For always being kind and caring towards others, especially our new students. Your positive attitude shines every day!!
Presley	5/6E	Respect Responsibility Learning	For always coming to school ready to learn. You consistently demonstrate the school values and are such a good friend to your peers.

SPECIALIST AWARDS – Term Three: Week 2

STUDENT NAME	GRADE	VALUE Respect Responsibility Learning	DEMONSTRATED WHEN
Jude S 1B	Visual Arts	Respect Responsibility Learning	For listening carefully to instructions and creating a neat, imaginative robot.
Leo M FB	Science F-2	Respect Responsibility Learning	For being respectful towards his peers and teacher, following instructions and asking for help when needed. Keep up the great work Leo.
Amelia M 3/4D	Science 3-6	Respect Responsibility Learning	For showing her understanding of Friction! Well done.
Darcy S FC	PE F-2	Respect Responsibility Learning	For having a great start to PE this term. Awesome work on trying your best.
Valentina N	PE 3-6	Respect Responsibility Learning	For always coming to the lesson with a positive attitude and willingness to try your best.



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LEVEL 2 (8-11 YRS)
TUESDAY 4:00PM - 4:45PM
THURSDAY 5:15PM - 6:00PM

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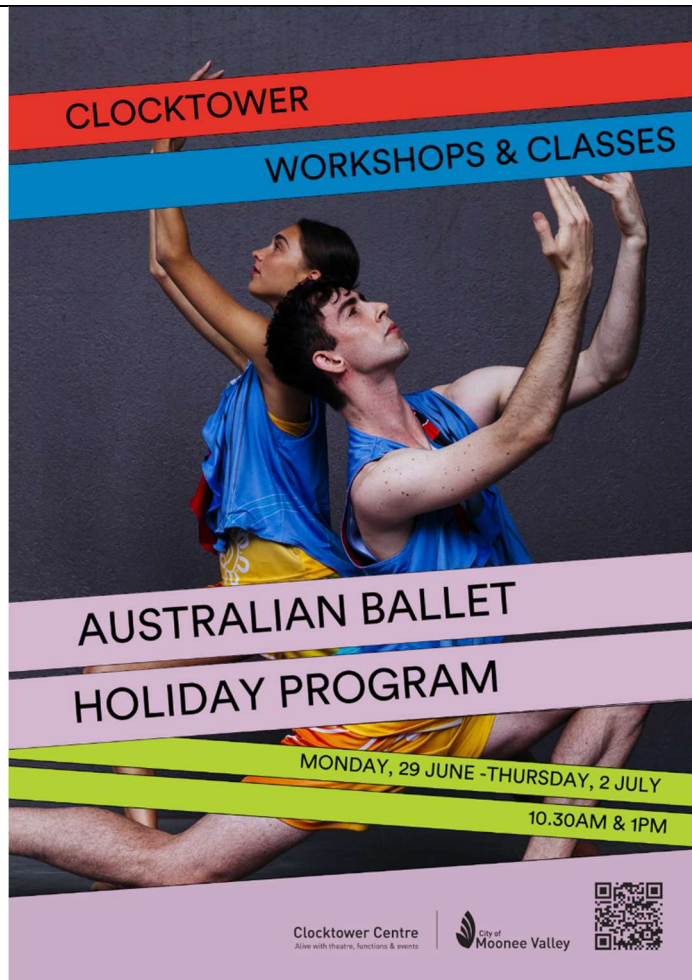
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Saturday mornings

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Sunday mornings

Tiny Comets (3-4Y)	9 am - 10 am & 10.15 am - 11.15 am	10 am - 11 am
Shooting Stars (5-6Y)	9 am - 10 am & 10.15 am - 11.15 am	10 am - 11 am
Bright Blasters (7-8Y)	9 am - 10 am & 10.15 am - 11.15 am	10 am - 11 am
Galactic Strikers (9-10Y)	9 am - 10 am & 10.15 am - 11.15 am	10 am - 11 am
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