

AVONDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #20 Friday December 20, 2024

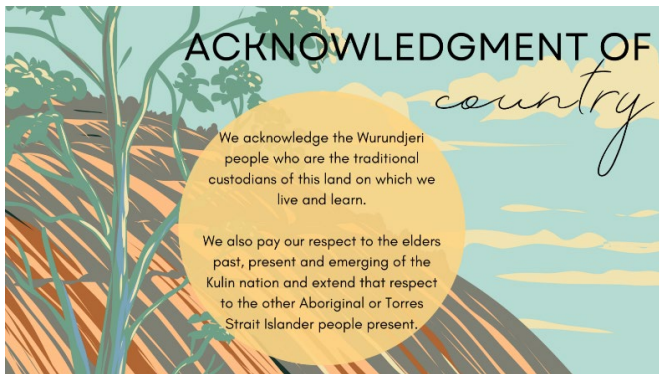


VISION STATEMENT: Avondale Primary School; a community that strives for excellence through high quality learning, engagement and wellbeing for all.

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,

THANK YOU to our school community for your ongoing support throughout 2024. Our 2024 Celebration evening was a resounding success, with many families in attendance, our students performing and showcasing their artwork, the Canteen selling many cold items to our families and our Fundraising team coordinating a fantastic raffle, raising an outstanding amount of \$6258. We have had an amazing year, with our students living our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning. It was a fantastic opportunity last Wednesday for us to stay a HUGE thankyou to our parent helpers and volunteer with our staff providing a special morning tea celebration and our students sharing certificates of appreciation. At our special Friday morning assembly last week, we were super excited to announce our 2025 Student Leaders. It was quite a sight, watching our current Grade 6 Student Leaders pass the baton to our 2025 Student Leaders.

IMPORTANT DATES

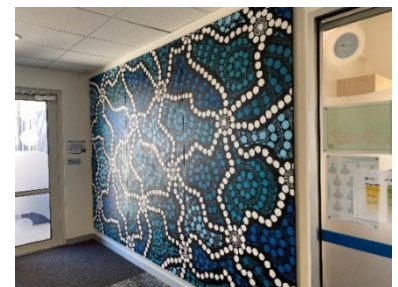
TERM 1 2025

Tuesday 28 January & Wednesday 29 January	CURRICULUM DAYS – Student Free Days
Thursday 30 January	First day of Term 1 2025 for Foundation – Grade 6 students
Friday 21 February	MEET AND GREET Open Classroom 2.45pm - 3:30pm
Wednesday 12 – Monday 24 March	NAPLAN – Grades 3 and 5 students



School Captain:	Layla C	School Captain:	Noah T
Vice Captain:	Taylor W	Vice Captain:	Elijah H
COMET			
Yellow House Captain:	Ashley V	Yellow House Captain:	Riya B
ELECTRA			
Blue House Captain:	Harry H	Blue House Captain:	Aleyna D
VISCOUNT			
Red House Captain:	Kayla D	Red House Captain:	Levi K
BOEING			
Green House Captain:	Luca S	Green House Captain:	Santiago B
Gate Monitor:	Mikey R	Gate monitor:	Odessa E
Sandpit Monitor:	Cara S	Sandpit Monitor:	Raniya T
Flag monitor:	Donovan L	Flag monitor:	Natasha A
Flag monitor:	Quinn P		

We are proud to have relocated our NAIDOC Week mural to our administration building last week. This mural was painted by visiting indigenous artist Zachary-Bennet-Brooke from Saltwater Dreamtime using themes voted for by students, including the Maribyrnong River, community and journey.



We would like to thank and acknowledge staff who have worked with us this year at Avondale Primary and are leaving us at the end of 2024 - Rachel McGibbon, Angela Nadjarian, Kaye Raimondo and Chris Greco. Joseph Scarfo and Lisa Needham extend their Long Service Leave into 2025. We would also like to congratulate Elle Kimpton on the safe arrival of her baby girl Daisy. We welcome back from leave in 2025, Chris Stewart and Mel Carroll. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Peter Gagliardi, who has done an amazing job of maintaining our school buildings and grounds over many years. We wish Pete all the best for the next stage of his career.

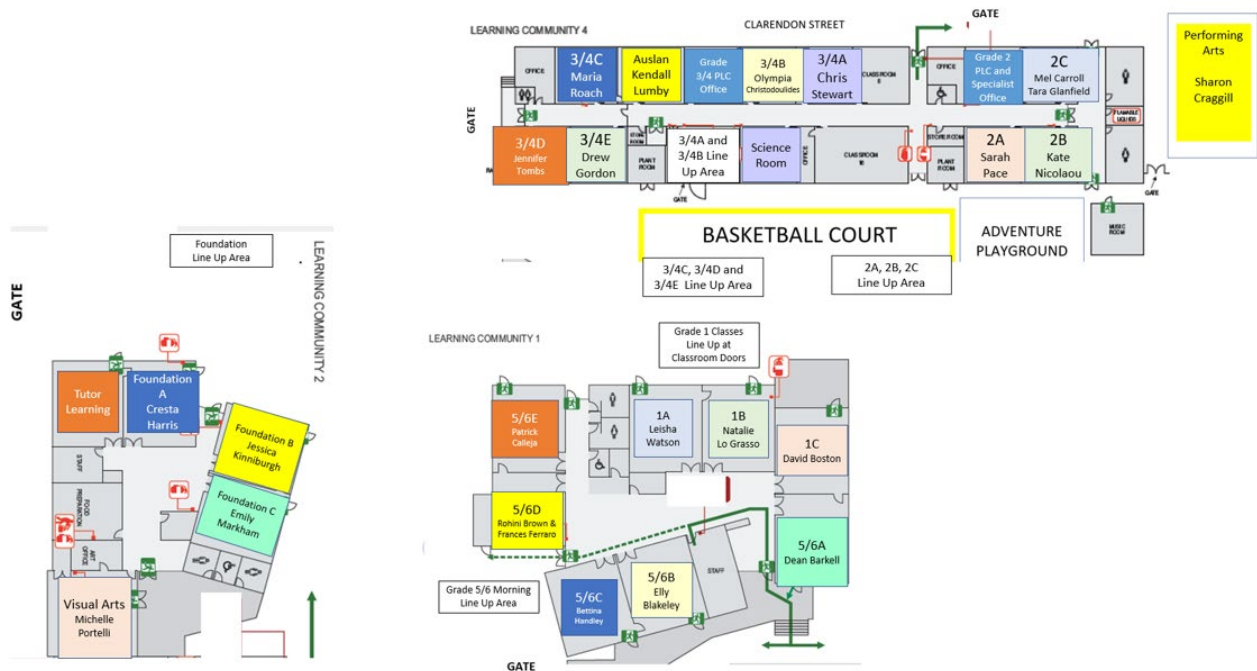
Keilor East RSL would like to thank families and staff for their generous donations towards the 2024 Poppy Appeal. We have shared their thank you letter and certificate below.



At Avondale Primary School our grades across each year level represent a range of student academic, social, emotional, psychological and physical wellbeing elements. Factors considered when allocating students to classes are academic performance, social and emotional development, gender balance, adjustments and support required for engagement, medical conditions, recommendations from Allied Health services and previous class placements. Grade lists are reviewed on multiple occasions across Term 4 by classroom teachers, specialist teachers, education support staff and the School Improvement Team prior to grades being finalised for the following year.

Yesterday there was a buzz of excitement throughout our 2025 transition session, with our students meeting their teachers, engaging with learning, building relationships with new classmates and visiting their new learning spaces for 2025. This information was shared with families via a letter that went home with students yesterday. We look forward to 2025 and encourage families to support their child/ren, promoting resilience and modelling a positive mindset in preparation for a successful and engaging start to 2025.

2025 Grades	Teacher/s	Location
Foundation A	Cresta Harris	Learning Community 2 – Room 2
Foundation B	Jessica Kinniburgh	Learning Community 2 – Room 3
Foundation C	Emily Markham	Learning Community 2 – Room 4
1A	Leisha Watson (M, Tu, Th, F) and Teriann Bryers (W)	Learning Community 1– Room 7
1B	Natalie Lo Grasso	Learning Community 1– Room 8
1C	David Boston	Learning Community 1– Room 9
2A	Sarah Pace	Learning Community 4 – Room 15
2B	Kate Nicolaou	Learning Community 4 – Room 14
2C	Mel Carroll (M, F) and Tara Glanfield (Tu, W, Th)	Learning Community 4 – Room 7a
3/4A	Chris Stewart	Learning Community 4 - Room 9
3/4B	Olympia Christodoulides	Learning Community 4 - Room 10
3/4C	Maria Roach	Learning Community 4 - Room 12b
3/4D	Jennifer Tombs	Learning Community 4, Room 18b
3/4E	Drew Gordon	Learning Community 4, Room 18a
5/6A	Dean Barkell	Learning Community 1– Room 10
5/6B	Elly Blakely	Learning Community 1– Room 11
5/6C	Bettina Handley	Learning Community 1– Room 12
5/6D	Rohini Brown (M, T, W, Th) and Frances Ferraro (F)	Learning Community 1 – Room 6
5/6E	Patrick Calleja	Learning Community 1 – Room 5
LOTE - AUSLAN	Kendall Lumby	Learning Community 4 – Room 12
Science	Ebony Matthews (M, T) and Krystal Dion (W, Th, F)	Learning Community 4 – Room 17
Physical Education	Tricia Devine	
Visual Arts	Michelle Portelli (M, Tu, W)	Learning Community 2 – Art Room
Performing Arts	Sharon Craggill (W, Th, F)	Performing Arts Portable
Intervention	Billie Jean Fitcher (M, Tu, W, Th)	Learning Community 2 – Room 1
Tutor Learning	Amy Lane (W, Th, F)	Learning Community 2 – Room 1
Principal	Jill Benham	
Assistant Principal	Jenna Heywood	
Learning Specialist	Frances Ferraro (M, Tu, W, Th)	Leading Disability and Inclusion
Learning Specialist	Sarah Carroll (M, W, F)	Leading Curriculum and Pedagogy
Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader	Teriann Bryers (M, Tu, Th, F)	Leading Mental Health and Wellbeing
Administration Staff	Maria Zerowsky and Naomi Reeves	Business Managers
	Naomi Reeves and Sharon Di Pastena	Office Administration
	Sharon Di Pastena	Library
	Canteen Manager	Dianne Cunningham
Education Support Staff	Evangelin Navin, Sandra Gulmen, Frances Cacopardo, Christine Ho, Christina Bonnici, Seth Catania, Narelle Sharman, Silvana Fedele, Sam Volling, Jenny Cutri, Melissa Lawry, Scarlett Besiroglou, Joseph Adams, Alycia Camilleri, Shania Trimboli	



We wish all our Grade 6 students the most amazing time at Secondary School in 2025 and look forward to you coming back to visit and share your experiences.

Stay safe and healthy, have a lovely holiday break, enjoying time with family and friends. See you in 2025.



Avondale PS School Improvement Team

Jill, Jenna, Sarah, Teriann and Frances

2024/2025 TERM DATES

Term 4 2024	
<i>Monday 7th October- Friday 20th December (Early dismissal 1.15pm)</i>	
TeamKids Summer Vacation Care Program	
Monday, December 23, 2024	
Monday, January 6, 2025 - Wednesday, January 29, 2025	
Term 1 2025	<i>Wednesday 29 January - Friday 4 April</i> CURRICULUM DAY: Wednesday 29 January FIRST DAY FOR FOUNDATION – GRADE 6 STUDENTS: Thursday 30 January
Term 2 2025	<i>Tuesday 22 April - Friday 4 July</i> STUDENT FREE DAY (Staff Professional Practice Day): Wednesday 28 May
Term 3 2025	<i>Monday 21 July - Friday 19 September</i> CURRICULUM DAY: Friday 8 August
Term 4 2025	<i>Monday 6 October - Friday 19 December</i> CURRICULUM DAY: Monday 3 November

NAPLAN 2025 Test window

Grade 3 and Grade 5 students

Wednesday 12 March – Monday 24 March 2025

2025 School Camp Dates

Grade 3/4 Camp (Lady Northcote) – Wednesday 17 September – Friday 19 September

Grade 5/6 Camp (Phillip Island) – Wednesday 13 August – Friday 15 August

Please see the Notice of Construction information below from Moonee Valley City Council re: Road Closures in Avondale Heights beginning January 15 2025 – April 2025.



Enquiries: Steven Friebe tel: 9243-8845

File: TDR/100047

13 December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

**INTERSECTION UPGRADE AND TRAFFIC SIGNALISATION WORKS
MILITARY ROAD AND CLARENDON STREET, AVONDALE HEIGHTS
(15 January 2025 to April 2025)**

I wish to inform you that Council has appointed Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd to upgrade the intersection and installation of traffic signals at Military Road and Clarendon Street, Avondale Heights. This includes the construction of a new separate left turn lane in Clarendon Street at Military Road. Please refer plan on other side of this notice.

It is proposed that work will commence Wednesday 15 January and be completed by April 2025, weather permitting.

Clarendon Street will be fully closed from 15 January to early March between Military Road and Raglan Street, then reopen for two-way traffic.

Due to the nature of the proposed works, some noise, dust and inconvenience may occur during this time, however Fulton Hogan will endeavour to minimise disruptions to residents and traders.

We apologise for the inconvenience that may be caused by these works and thank you for your understanding and patience while this important work is completed.

Should you require further information on this project, please contact the undersigned on tel: 9243-8845.

When the project has commenced on-site, please contact the Project Manager – Civil Projects, Mr Yash Sachar on tel: 9243-1455 for any further enquires.

Yours sincerely,

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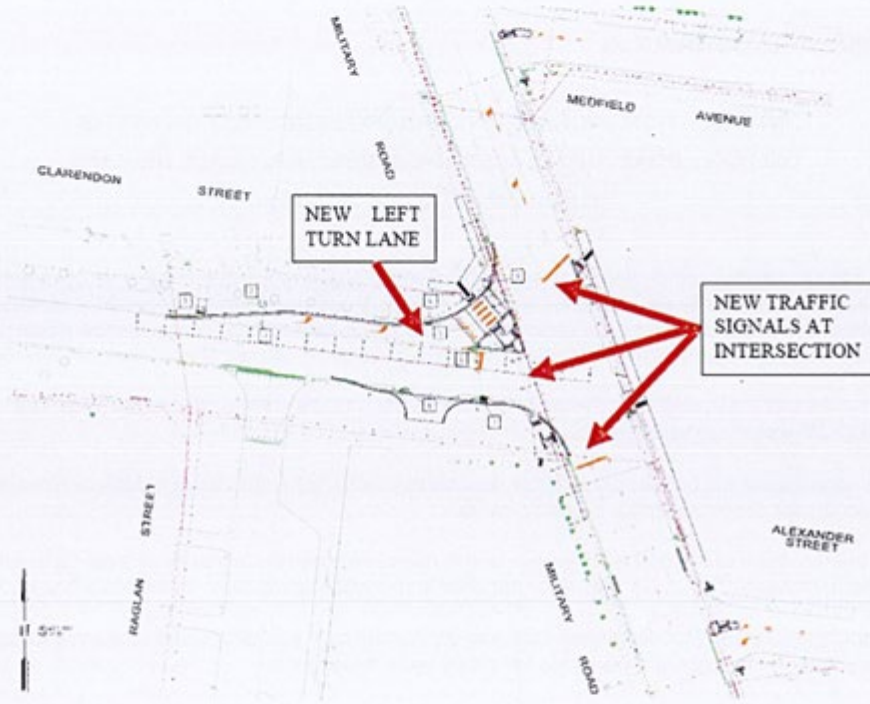
STEVEN FRIEBE

Coordinator Civil Construction

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