



AVONDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

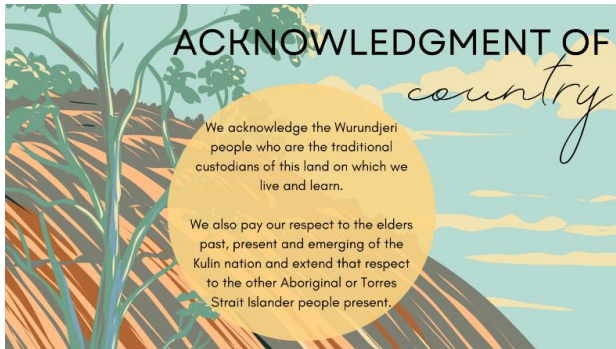
NEWSLETTER #5 Thursday April 2, 2026

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 are pleased to welcome our incoming School Council members: **Jess McGinnis, Hayley Harrison, Michelle Baji and Lana van Raay**, with Lana returning for a second term. We also welcome **Ruth Weymouth**, who joins us to fill a one-year casual vacancy. We thank our parent representatives for taking on these roles and acknowledge **Sarah Carroll**, continuing in the Department member category for a second term. We look forward to working together to further strengthen our school community. We also extend our thanks to outgoing members **Isabelle Sawtell**, our retiring President, along with **Trevor Harrison** and **Sharon McDonough**, for their commitment and contributions over the past two years. Their leadership has been greatly appreciated.

Our school community once again showed incredible spirit and generosity during Crazy Hair and Crazy Sock Day. Thanks to the wonderful support of our students and families, we raised **\$456** through gold coin donations for the **Good Friday Appeal**. It was a joy to see everyone getting into the fun of the day, with colourful hairstyles, creative socks and plenty of smiles across the school. Your enthusiasm helped make the event memorable and your contributions will support a cause that makes a real difference for children and families in need. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated. What a brilliant effort from our school community.

Supporting with Reading at Home (Foundation – Grade 2) We are excited to share a short video/slide deck designed to help families support their child’s reading at home. It includes examples of what our take home decodable books look like, along with simple, practical tips for reading together in Foundation, Grade One, and Grade Two.

We encourage parents and carers to view this resource so you know what will be coming home and how you can best support your child as they learn to read. [View the video/slide deck](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1 2026	
Thursday 2 April	Last day Term 1 - Early dismissal 2.15pm
TERM 2 2026	
Monday 20 April	First day Term 2
Tuesday 21 April	Webex Volunteer Induction Session- Child Safety & OHS 9.15am Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition Information Session 3.30pm
Wednesday 22 April	Grade 5/6 Essendon Keilor College Open Day Excursion Term 2 Special Lunch order closes
Friday 24 April	Grade 5/6 Summer Gala Day #2 No Whole School Assembly
Monday 27 April	9:00am ANZAC Day Webex Assembly Term 2 Special Lunch Order- Canteen closed for all other orders
Tuesday 28 April	Grade 5/6 Rosehill Secondary College Open Day Excursion
Wednesday 29 April	Parent/Carer/Guardian Teacher Conferences 3.20pm-7.00pm
Thursday 7 May	Mother’s and Special Person’s Day Stall <i>Please email the school if you are able to volunteer on the day</i>

Student Representative Council – Badge Presentation

At our Webex assembly last Friday we proudly presented our 2026 Student Representative Council members with their official badges and certificates. This moment marks the beginning of the leadership journey for our students. We congratulate all SRC members on their appointment.

Student Representative Council 2026

Class	Student Name	Student Name	Class	Student Name	Student Name
Foundation A	Zylar D	Noctis M	3/4A	Luke V	Dilara D
Foundation B	Zoe S	Cyrus C	3/4B	Erin C	Alicia P
Foundation C	Lir F	Ivanka D	3/4C	Lily T	Josie B
1A	Rupert K	Eliana D	3/4D	Leila W	Amarey B
1B	Zoe T	Isaac K	3/4E	Natsu K	Charlotte H
1C	Tiara S.S.	Ismail B	5/6A	Jaya T	Zoe W
2A	Abigail M	Rahyl B	5/6B	Ishi G	Connor O
2B	Amelia A	Leon P	5/6C	Eloise R	Jenson A
2C	Aliyah M	Louis D	5/6D	Inaya A	Steven V
			5/6E	Aryan S	Elke G

Bike and Scooter Storage

We are pleased to share that our school has recently relocated the gates near the playground to create a dedicated, secure space for students to store their bikes and scooters. This space supports the many students who choose active travel to and from school each day, giving them a safe and convenient area to park their bikes and scooters.



Our **Parent/Carer/Guardian–Teacher Conferences** will be held on **Wednesday, April 29**, in **Week 2 of Term 2**. This is a valuable opportunity to connect with your child’s teacher and discuss their progress, goals and learning journey. Please remember to book your time slot through the **Compass portal**. Our specialist teachers will also be available throughout the afternoon/evening, so feel free to drop in and explore what your child has been learning in their specialist subjects. It’s a great way to gain a fuller picture of their school experience and celebrate their achievements.

Our **Under the Stars School Movie Night** featuring *Luca* was held last night and it was a wonderful success. Families gathered with picnics, enjoyed the food trucks, and watched the movie together under the stars. A big thank you to our amazing community for coming out and supporting this event.



As we approach ANZAC Day, our school is proud to support the annual **ANZAC Day Appeal**, honouring the service and sacrifice of veterans and their families. Students and families are welcome to purchase a range of ANZAC Appeal items from the **front office between 1.15pm and 1.30pm**, with all proceeds going directly to support veteran welfare programs. Your contribution helps make a meaningful difference and keeps the spirit of remembrance alive within our school community. Thank you to our students leaders who are coordinating the selling of these items into Term 2. Please note the RSL is only able to accept cash for these purchases.

With the beginning of our school holidays, this is just a friendly reminder that you must be 16 years of age to ride an e-scooter, and that e-bikes must be pedal assisted and follow the same rules as a non-powered bicycle. Children of primary school age and the adult accompanying them can ride their bikes or regular unpowered scooters on the footpath. Anyone over the age of 12 (not including an adult accompanying a child) must ride on the side of the road or on a bike path. Helmets must be worn at all times while riding a bike or scooter.

We wish Teriann Bryers all the very best as she begins her family leave. Teriann has made an outstanding contribution to Avondale Primary School in her role as Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader and Grade 1 teacher this year, supporting students, staff, and families with care and dedication. We are incredibly grateful for the positive impact she has had across our school community. We extend our warmest wishes to Teriann and her family in the weeks ahead as they prepare to welcome their new arrival.

Wishing all our families and school community a fantastic school holiday.



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

2026 TERM DATES & CURRICULUM DAYS

Term 1 2026	Wednesday 28 January -Thursday 2 April Curriculum Day: Wednesday 28 January ALL students start school Thursday 29 January
Term 2 2026	Monday 20 April - Friday 26 June Student Free Day: Friday 22 May
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

SMILE SQUAD

The Smile Squad team from **Cohealth** are coming back to Avondale Primary School soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program. Any student enrolled in a Victorian Government primary school are eligible and do not need a healthcare card, Medicare card or the CDBS. This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school annually.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> OR use the QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form by 10 April.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages. You can also find more information about Smile Squad at: www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au.

The **Cohealth** Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

CANTEEN & TERM 2 SPECIAL LUNCH ORDER

We're excited to announce our first **special Sushi Canteen Lunch** for 2026, on **Monday, April 27**. This delicious lunch option was chosen by our **Student Representative Council**, following consultation with their grades. It's great to see our student leaders shaping school experiences and representing the voices of their peers.

Orders opened on FlexiSchools on Monday, March 16 and will remain available until **Wednesday, April 22**.



The order (which is able to be halal and vegetarian friendly) consists of:

- 2 Sushi handrolls (Chicken Teriyaki, Tuna, Avocado, Vegetarian or Mix of Sushi Flavours)

- Water or Juice
- Quelch Stick

Total cost - \$12.00

Please note that our special lunch orders replace our regular canteen menu for this day and no other canteen food will be available on this day. **All orders must be placed by Wednesday, April 22 on the Flexischools App.** Please contact Di if you are able to assist in the canteen on this day.

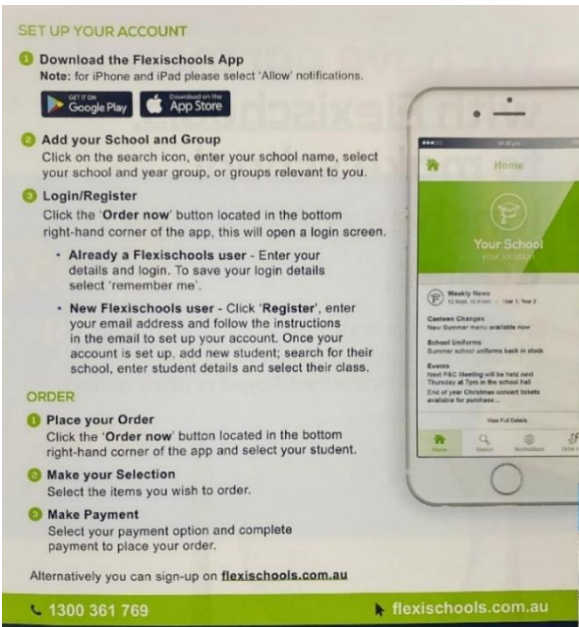
Lunch orders are available **online through the Flexischools App** on each **Monday, Thursday and Friday.**

Our canteen operates on these days and relies on the generous support of our volunteers. If we are unable to secure enough help, the canteen may need to close for the day. If you are able to volunteer an hour or two, please contact Di, our canteen manager or the school office—your support makes a big difference.

All students can order recess and snacks on any day the canteen is open. Please note that **there are no over-the-counter sales (no cash).**

All recess and lunch orders must be placed **online via Flexischools.**

The special lunch take place on **Monday 27 April**, giving students something delicious to look forward to.



HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to all students who were awarded house points last week for showing our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning. Below is the total house points awarded for each house during Week 9, Term 1.

	Week 9
Green House	2260 points
Blue House	2300 points
Red House	1260 points
Yellow House	1720 points
House with the highest number of points.	Blue House



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7:00 AM START
6:00 PM END

PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9AM ON
EXCURSION DAYS



INHOUSE



INCURSION



EXCURSION

MON · 6TH APR	TUE · 7TH APR	WED · 8TH APR	THU · 9TH APR	FRI · 10TH APR
CLOSED				
	Dodgeball Mania	The Magic Faraway Tree	Active Warriors	Kazoo Workshop
	You can dodge it, you can catch it, just don't let it hit you! Get ready for Dodgeball Mania, a fast-paced day of fun where we'll build our teamwork, boost our athletic skills, and show off our resilience. No underdogs here!	Today you're off to the movies to follow a family who move to the countryside and discover a magical tree with quirky residents. When the children are whisked away to fantastical lands, their adventures help bring the family closer together.*PG Rated, Allergy Alert	Get ready for high-energy action as kids dive into Boot Camp challenges, Nerf Zones and epic Team Building games! They'll run, dodge, climb and conquer obstacle courses while building confidence, resilience and teamwork skills. It's fast-paced, action-packed fun!	TeamKids is set to try something new & make a hullabaloo with an amazing Kazoo Workshop! We'll learn to play the unique musical instrument, explore all the different sounds & finish off with a kazoo choir.
	Daily Fee \$98.41	Daily Fee \$116.41	Daily Fee \$92.41	Daily Fee \$98.41
	After Max CCS* \$9.84	After Max CCS* \$11.64	After Max CCS* \$9.24	After Max CCS* \$9.84

MON · 13TH APR	TUE · 14TH APR	WED · 15TH APR	THU · 16TH APR	FRI · 17TH APR
Wild West Wanderers	The Amazing Race	Hoppers	AiroWorld	Beyond The Branches
Saddle up, partners! Wild West Wanderers are galloping into TeamKids for a day of adventure, imagination, and big-time fun. Step into your own mini outback town to round up challenges, craft cowboy creations, and dive into high-energy games.	Get ready, set, go! In The Amazing Race, you'll dash, solve, and strategise your way through crazy challenges, tricky puzzles, and wild obstacles. It's fast, frantic, and totally amaze-ing! The ultimate adventure for little explorers and big imaginations!	Today you're off to the movies to see what happens when an animal loving 19 year old uses technology to place her consciousness into a robotic beaver to uncover mysteries within the animal world beyond her imagination.*PG Rated, Allergy Alert	We're jumping for joy because TeamKids is going to AiroWorld, Melbourne's best trampoline park! We'll be taking flight, bouncing on trampolines and inflatables. The sky's the limit! *Socks required.	Adventure awaits at the top of the tree! Inspired by the Magic Faraway Tree, children will explore new lands, conquer challenges, play creatively, and make an enchanted keepsake. A perfect mix of teamwork, imagination, action and calm.
Daily Fee \$78.41	Daily Fee \$92.41	Daily Fee \$116.41	Daily Fee \$122.41	Daily Fee \$101.41
After Max CCS* \$7.84	After Max CCS* \$9.24	After Max CCS* \$11.64	After Max CCS* \$12.24	After Max CCS* \$10.14

*Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$5 Admin Fee per family. Late Fees apply within 7 days per child. Payment plans available. **Experience/Activity Fee. Programs may be subject to change. Third Party Payment Fees apply. See Terms and Conditions for cancellation policy



FIND A VENUE
TEAMKIDS.COM.AU/VENUES



CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE
BOOK TODAY!



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Term One: Week Eight

STUDENT NAME	GRADE	VALUE Respect Responsibility Learning	DEMONSTRATED WHEN
Yuriko I	Foundation A	Respect Responsibility Learning	For always listening carefully and using your sounds to read new words. Great job Yurko!
Raon	Foundation B	Respect Responsibility Learning	Raon has been working very hard during our writing sessions. She has been trying her best to sound out words , form her letters correctly, and write simple sentences. Keep it up Raon!!!
Amber L	Foundation C	Learning	For working hard to remake a sentence and showing her knowledge of letters, words, and sentences. Well done! 😊
Celeste R	1B	Respect Responsibility Learning	For being a focused learner and consistently showing kindness to your friends!
Evaria	1C	Respect Responsibility Learning	For showing a love of learning by always trying her best and always seeking feedback on her work. Keep it up Evaria!
Nawal S	2A	Respect Responsibility Learning	For her positive attitude towards learning and always trying her best. Well Done!
Antonella	2B	Learning	For showing improvement in reading by carefully sounding out rather than guessing. Well done!
Emily R	2C	Respect Responsibility Learning	For her focused and responsible efforts to always try her best. A student who is consistently ready for learning.
Charlie T	3/4B	Learning	For a fantastic role play retell! You worked collaboratively and brought the mentor text to life with confidence, creativity and expression. Well done!
Ayden B	3/4C	Learning	For showing creativity in our language transformation session. You produced an inspired new sentence which changed the picture that the reader sees in their mind. Well done!
Callum V	3/4D	Learning	For your excellent work during our maths lessons on telling time to the minute. Thank you for sharing your great strategy of using 5s multiplication facts with the class. Keep it up Callum!
Kira S	3/4E	Respect Responsibility Learning	For having a go at an area in maths you weren't so confident in. You didn't let your doubts get in the way and now you're reading the clock like a star! Keep it up.
Kaydence C	5/6A	Respect Responsibility Learning	For your careful listening skills, your responsible attitude to learning and the respectful way you interact with your peers and teachers. Well done Kaydence!
Samuel D	5/6B	Respect Responsibility Learning	For showing persistence when competing in the 400m race during our athletics day. Well done for not giving up Samuel!

Jenson A	5/6C	Respect Responsibility Learning	For your fantastic effort editing your narrative for punctuation, vocabulary and audience.
Hayden J	5/6D	Respect Responsibility Learning	For showing determination and persistence with maths tasks that feel challenging and trying different strategies to figure them out.
Seb B	5/6E	Respect Responsibility Learning	For your positive contribution to group tasks and for encouraging others to stay focused and on task.

SPECIALIST AWARDS – Term One: Week Eight

STUDENT NAME	GRADE	VALUE Respect Responsibility Learning	DEMONSTRATED WHEN
Ismail B 1C	Performing Arts	Respect Responsibility Learning	Thank you for performing at your best and demonstrating all levels of kindness.
Elijah W 5/6B	Visual Arts	Respect Responsibility Learning	For his creative artistic interpretation of Sir Henry Parkes. Awesome work!
Tilly D	Science F-2	Respect Responsibility Learning	For being an enthusiastic little scientist and demonstrating your knowledge about the seasons.
Olivia P 5/6C	Science 3-6	Respect Responsibility Learning	For all her efforts in researching natural disasters. You have worked well each week. Keep it up!
Eliana D 1A	PE F-2	Respect Responsibility Learning	For always being an enthusiastic learner whilst demonstrating great skill during our gymnastics practice.
Zoe W 5/6A	PE 3-6	Respect Responsibility Learning	For persisting during our Tag Rugby practice and showing great growth in your learning. Well Done.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Term One: Week Nine

STUDENT NAME	GRADE	VALUE Respect Responsibility Learning	DEMONSTRATED WHEN
Tyler B	Foundation A	Respect Responsibility Learning	For working very hard in class to sound out and blend letters together to read new words.

Ayla	Foundation B	Respect Responsibility Learning	Ayla for being a Super Speller! You are doing a great job sounding out words and trying your best in writing. Keep it up Ayla!
Allie Q	Foundation C	Learning	Great work on our sentence writing for the book 'Our Island'. 
Zayn J	1A	Respect Responsibility Learning	For his amazing decoding skills when reading!
Matteo L	1B	Respect Responsibility Learning	For demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning by always having a go during class activities!
Mara	1C	Respect Responsibility Learning	For working well as a teammate during our Gruffalo performances this week. Keep it up Mara!
Sebastian B	2A	Respect Responsibility Learning	For his bright and positive attitude towards learning and showing our class expectations. Well Done!
Jared W	2B	Respect Responsibility Learning	For excellent contributions to class discussions. Keep it up Jared.
Musfira B	2C	Respect Responsibility Learning	For building confidence in asking questions and always trying their best to learn more. hardworking and determined student— Well Done!
Amna B	3/4A	Respect Responsibility Learning	For being a role model to her peers on what being respectful looks, sounds and feels like. You are a shining light in our classroom Amna. Thank you.
Chloe F	3/4B	Learning	For her wonderful engagement in writing her narrative and being on task! Well done Chloe!
Chelsea T	3/4C	Learning	For her engagement and participation during our Zones of Regulation Lesson. Well done on maintaining focus and trying your best with the set task! Keep it up!
Jacob L	3/4D	Respect Responsibility Learning	For your wonderful effort at our Grade 3/4 Athletics Day! It was amazing to see your enthusiasm and the encouragement you gave to your peers. Great job Jacob!
Mihi S	3/4E	Respect Responsibility Learning	For showing so much enthusiasm on Athletics Day and putting in so much effort for each event. Your passion was fantastic to see!
Max P	5/6A	Respect Responsibility Learning	For your careful listening skills and excellent responses during our class novel. You are setting a great example to your classmates. Well done Max!
Jasmine H	5/6B	Respect	For showing respect, kindness and understanding to every member of our grade. You are a positive role model to each student in the class. Keep up the great work Jasmine!
Alysha T	5/6C	Respect Responsibility Learning	For your excellent work this week in mathematics, describing growing patterns using words, tables and rules.

Emily	5/6D	Respect Responsibility Learning	For your ability to cooperate with others and work in a team in such a positive way during our inquiry lessons.
Ava	5/6E	Respect Responsibility Learning	For your strong work ethic and your commitment to always striving for improvement in both effort and achievement.

SPECIALIST AWARDS – Term One: Week Nine

STUDENT NAME	GRADE	VALUE Respect Responsibility Learning	DEMONSTRATED WHEN
Ivy L 5/6A	Visual Arts	Respect Responsibility Learning	Showing the values of learning and responsibility in visual arts and being respectful to everyone. Thank you, Ivy!
Finn G	Science F-2	Respect Responsibility Learning	For being curious and sharing his ideas and knowledge on how we can be Water Wise.
Ann 3/4D	Science 3-6	Respect Responsibility Learning	For her wonderful hypothesis and explanation of 'How to make Salt Crystals'. Keep up the wonderful work.
Mara K 1C	AUSLAN F-2	Respect Responsibility Learning	For being a super focused learner and confidently signing all of the 'size signs' to her peers. Mara has been participating very well during our Auslan lessons and is always keen to share her signing knowledge!
Leila W 3/4D	AUSLAN 3-6	Respect Responsibility Learning	For her enthusiasm and group connection throughout our Auslan warm-up activity this week. Leila always focuses on her tasks and enjoys learning new topics every week!
Eliana D 1A	PE F-2	Respect Responsibility Learning	For always being an enthusiastic learner whilst demonstrating great skill during our gymnastics practice.
Zoe W 5/6A	PE 3-6	Respect Responsibility Learning	For persisting during our Rugby Tag practice and showing great growth in your learning. Well Done