



Newsletter 2019 #1

Thursday 31 January 2019

Dear Parents,



Welcome

Welcome to the 2019 school year. I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful summer break. We had a very smooth start to the year with our Prep and new students settling into class quickly. Yesterday we declared an inclement weather timetable because the temperature at Essendon airport exceeded 35C. Students remained in their air-conditioned classroom until dismissal time.

Welcome new and returning staff

In addition to the staff that were teaching here last year, I welcome **Laura Farrell** (Junior Art) and **Kerry Gribbin** (grade 2B) who are returning from family leave. I also welcome new staff: **Sarah Carroll** who is sharing grade 1C with Tara Glanfield, **Sarah Chaouk** in grade 3A and **Kate Nicolaou** starting here career in Prep C.

Roll call of 2019 Prep students

Prep A: Melek B, Dviveda B, Santiago B, Antonio C, Hayley C, Hannah D, Darien D, Kayla D, Chloe D, Odessa E, Levi K, Amirili K, Noah N, Anton Q, Sevin R, Allanah S, Adrian T, Nicholas T, & Dean T.

Prep B: Ethan E, Riya B, Johnny G, Summer G, Billy H, Amir J, Jessica K, Anastasia P, Quinn P, Jackson P, Cara S, Olivia S, Luca S, Libona T, Rani T, Piper T, Sri V, Ramiro V, & William W.

Prep C: Mehr B, Katrina B, Amreen C, Navya C, Chanel C, Ella D, Aarush E, Sophie F, Bradley F, Eijah H, Deliah K, Katherine L, Lillian L, Liam N, Marcus N, Michael S, Hanyang T, Tiyaam T, & Ashley V.

Prep D: Natasha A, Layla C, Aleyna D, Saam G, Avneet G, Harry H, Nicola K, Khadija K, Ben L, Donovan L, Anabella L, Simon N, James N, Lucas N, Violet P, Dante Q, Shanaya S, & Taylor W.



Physical education lessons and Moonee Valley library visits.

We are very fortunate to maintain regular access to the Moonee Valley gymnasium/basketball stadium opposite the school. Mr Cleary takes classes to the stadium for physical education lessons weekly. This has been part of the school's program for several decades. If you have any questions regarding this practice, please contact the office.



New newsletter format - survey

Our communication channels include: Flexibuzz messages, Emailed reports, Information notices from class teachers, Permission notes, Website and web calendar, a weekly newsletter which includes diary of future events.

The newsletter format was designed to fit onto A3 or A4 paper. Now that we email newsletters to parents, we are no longer constrained by paper dimensions. I therefore invite you to offer comments on the newsletter's contents and format. The following is a link to an online survey seeking your views about the newsletter format. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7BRY3TN>
The survey closes Wednesday 6 February 2019.

Please make sure that you have joined the appropriate Flexibuzz box for 2019 e.g. 4/5 group for parents of students in grade 4/5.



Canteen starts Monday

Di is looking for volunteers to assist in the canteen next week. Parents who assisted last year are asked help out again especially over the next two weeks while we are waiting for others to be trained. Please fill out the canteen note that will be going home with your eldest child today.

New volunteers will need to have a Working with Children (WWC) check. There will be an induction session and opportunity to apply for the WWC in the staff room on Wednesday 13th February at 9 am. Di and Ms Heywood will be there to answer any questions you may have.

10 minutes to capture your child's day

If you are collecting your child after school, the first 10 minutes is your best opportunity to find out about his/her day. Young children usually like to share their classroom experiences and feelings, however the window of opportunity is quite small. Several parents park their car behind the supermarket and talk with their child while walking back to the parking bay. If you leave this too long, children's interest becomes focussed upon the future rather than what happened and your opportunity is lost.

Safety around schools.

Attached to today's newsletter are flyers from Moonee Valley City Council reminding drivers about safety around schools and recommended walking/cycling routes to Avondale Primary School. One contains advice on how to keep your child safe near schools and on the second page is a table of offences and their associated penalties (surprisingly expensive!).

Health Care Card holders – Important News

Parents/Guardians of students at Avondale Primary who hold a Health Care Card are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). The card must be current on the first day of school—January 30th 2019.

If you did not fill out a yellow application form at the time you picked up your child's book pack, please



come to the office with your card and fill one out as soon as possible. If you are unsure if you are eligible or whether you filled out the form please contact Ros Blake (General Office).

Insurance

I remind parents that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

I encourage parents who do not currently have ambulance insurance to consider getting cover. The cost of ambulance insurance is \$22.45 per quarter or \$89.90 per year for a family. This covers ambulance transport throughout Australia. Recently a member of our school community was charged \$1,250 for ambulance transport from this school to Footscray hospital.

Name your child's uniform

Please ensure you print your child's name on their school uniforms with a permanent marker – especially windcheaters which are often forgotten at the end of recess periods. There is a lost property box located in each corridor – lost, unnamed articles are placed here awaiting retrieval. I encourage parents to check these boxes regularly for lost articles.

Yard Duty reminder

Teachers are on yard duty the following times:

- 8:40 – 8:50 Play area and oval
- 11am – 11:30 Recess – All areas
- 1:30 – 2:15 Lunch – All areas
- 3:15 – 3:30 Students not accompanied by a parent should report to the office after 3:30

School diary for February

Tue 5	Second hand uniform shop open 8:30-9am
Thurs 7	Student Banking starts today
Fri 8	Second hand uniform shop open 8:30-9am
Wed 13	Prep Parent BBQ 5-7pm
Tue 19	School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Wed 20	Grade 3/4 Healthy Eating Presentation Prep Parent Information Session 7pm BER
Thurs 21	Grade 1A, 1B, 1C and grade 1 parents of 1/2A Parent Information Session 7pm BER
Tue 26	Grade 2A, 2B and grade 2 parents of 1/2A Parent Information Session 7pm BER
Wed 27	Grade 3/4A, B, C, D and grade 4 parents of 4/5A Parent Information Session 7pm BER
Thurs 28	Grade 5/6A, B, C, D and grade 5 parents of 4/5A Parent Information Session 7pm BER

Many thanks to all staff and students for a great start to our 2019 school year.

Paul Mulroyan
Principal.