



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday, 2nd May 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term Two which is ten weeks long finishing on Friday 28 June. Students have settled into their studies well and are building on the learning made earlier in the year. I welcome new students: Hania Bilac, Venecia Ham, Katlyn and her brother Toby Villinger and their families to our school community.

This term staff will continue to work towards achieving our strategic goals. Listed below are some of the strategies being used to meet each goal?

1. To improve every student's achievement in Science, Information Communication Technology and Mathematics.
 - The STEM curriculum team that guides team planning in science, maths and ICT the following themes are or will be studied this year:
 - Peps
 - Healthy eating / where food comes from
 - Colours
 - Classifying living and nonliving things
 - Grade 1 & 2
 - Mini-beasts
 - Sea creatures
 - Dinosaurs
 - Grade 3 & 4
 - The Water cycle
 - Water treatment
 - States of matter
 - Grade 5 & 6
 - Earth and beyond / Our place in space
 - Energy sources
 - Simple circuits
 - Whole school professional development in numeracy on Friday 24 May
 - Installed additional smart- boards in junior classrooms
 - Ordered an additional 46 iPads to be used across the school
 - Introduced coding as part of the mathematics curriculum
 - Wipe out waste program
2. To increase student's capacity as active agents in shaping their learning.
 - Created a Learning Specialist position focussing upon increasing student voice and agency
 - Survey of student attitudes to school
 - Strengthening student self-assessment strategies and opportunities including the use of a multiple intelligence matrix to guide judgement



- Lessons focussed upon the development of a growth mind set **
 - Introduction of community circles to develop empathy, problem solving, understanding, listening, inclusiveness and understanding.
3. To enhance students' capacity as resilient, mindful, creative and resourceful learners.
- Student Voice Action Team meets each Tuesday
 - Development of a Student Voice magazine
 - You Can do it program
 - Gardening club
 - Whole school assemblies planned and led by students
 - Participation in the regional GRIP student leadership conference
 - Student Leaders take whole school assemblies on Friday and hand out *pupil of the week* certificates

This list is not a complete list and the initiatives are developing throughout the year. I invite parents to comment and suggest ways in which we can meet our aspirations.

I hope you have a great week.

Paul Mulroyan

Building a growth mindset

Building a positive growth mindset is a focus at Avondale Primary School. Students engage in a variety of You Can Do It lessons to learn about the importance of trying their personal best. The language teachers and students use with each other and the expectations teachers have can support our students to be the best they possibly can. 'Mistakes are proof that you are learning'

Attached to this newsletter is a parent-friendly guide on how you can use the growth mindset strategy at home with your students. This guide will continue to reinforce the message that positive thinking leads to all successes in life and that all children have the power to follow their dreams.

Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Good Friday Appeal

This year our school community raised **\$674.40** for the Good Friday appeal.

I wish to thank families who supported this worthy cause and recognise the importance of the world class facility we enjoy in Melbourne.





RCH Camp Quality – free presentation for students (and parents) 6th May

The RCH Camp Quality is a charity supporting children and their families who experience cancer. Their approach is based on positive psychology.

This year Camp Quality is providing a free presentation for Avondale students on Monday 6th May. Puppets Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. They will explain:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it's important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn't contagious, so it's ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

The presentation will be in the BER, *parents are welcome to attend the sessions*. Please see the flyer attached. Session times start: 10:15pm for grades prep - 2 and 11:30am for grades 3-6 students.

Arriving on time

Give your child the best start to their day by ensuring they arrive at school in time for their first lesson. We know how uncomfortable it is to enter a room after a presentation or meeting has started. Apart from knowing that we may have missed information, we are conscious of the fact that we are distracting others.

The same applies to your child when s/he arrives late.

For most parents this is usually not an issue, however for some students arriving late happens far too frequently. In this case some simple planning together can assist:

1. Discuss and agree upon a simple morning routine that suits your home
2. Publish the routine and display it in a prominent position e.g. fridge door
3. Discuss the routine after the first week – what do we need to improve?

Our morning routine

7am Rise and dress,

7:30 Breakfast,

8 am Television and other screens turned off

8:15 Tidy bedroom,

8:30 Leave for school.



Mother's Day stall - Thursday, 9th May BER building

Gifts available for students to buy, range from \$2 to \$10. Eldest siblings will collect younger ones from their grades if one family purchase is preferred.

We would like to make this a plastic bag free event. Please bring your own bag from home.

Fundraising committee

Report on dental services – Term One

The school engaged *North Star Dental Services* who carried out examinations and treatment for 72 students in Term One. Some students saw a dentist for the first time and had a very positive experience.

The treatment provided to every child was mainly preventative including a clean, fluoride and fissure seals and also oral hygiene instructions. Students were shown proper brushing technique to ensure a thorough clean. Dental staff reinforced the school's message regarding healthy eating habits.

Nine students required fillings. I have tentatively booked March 16 to March 20, 2020 for the next visit by *North Star Dental Services*.



**Shaping the future
for Autism.**

Workshops for parents to assist children with autism:

Attached to this newsletter are flyers from Amaze advertising workshops for parents who have a child on the autism spectrum disorder. The workshops focus on tips and ideas to help you ready your child for school:

- Understand the importance of working as a transition team
- Tips and ideas to help you ready your child for school

Contact and enrolment details are provided on these pdf files.

Preps students have fun in the sandpit lunchtime - Thursday 2nd May 2019





Physical Education News

SEDA College offers hands on courses for students in Years 11 and 12. It has a Sports Academy where students offer assistance to schools in coaching younger students. The SEDA students learn about various sports and coaching leadership.

Avondale Primary has been fortunate in organising SEDA support of r some PE lessons and on our special sports days. This term students in Years 5 and 6 are receiving coaching in netball every Tuesday. SEDA students assist by leading small group skill development sessions.

Interschool Sports

Our philosophy is that every students who wishes to participate in interschool sport will play in a competition before leaving the school. This term the sports are:

The days and location for this term are:

May 3 rd	St Margaret's, Maribyrnong	Away
May 10 th	St. Mary's dark blue	Home
May 17 th	District Cross Country	
May 24 th	Curriculum Day	
May 31 st	St. Mary's light blue	Away
June 7 th	Moonee Ponds	Home
June 14 th	Ascot Vale	Away

Mouth guards

Students who play footy must wear mouth guards this year. No mouth guard – no play. Mouth guards can be obtained from local chemists.

New School Fence

A new school fence has been installed by Robson Street East. It was erected on Wednesday 1st May and replaces the green loop-top fence that had been there for 18 years. The gate is in the same position as the previous fence although there is a new latch.

The fence panels are more secure as the cross bars are at the top and bottom.

Gates are locked at 9 am every school day and opened again at 3 pm for parents.

The gate at the front of the school is opened all day, visitors are required to report to the office on entry.





Motor bikes on oval

I received several reports of two motor cycles using our school oval. I was told recently that the driveway gate by the canteen was opened at the time. Visitors have been notified that all driveway gates must be locked on the weekend.

Families use the play equipment, basketball court and oval for recreation activities on non-school days. I would like to see this continue; however if our facilities are to be abused then the open gate policy will be reviewed.

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.



Autism and work: a film every employer should watch.
Click to watch Spectrospective 2019 now.

School Office Hours

8:30am to 9:30am

2:30pm to 3:15pm

Please limit visits to office to these times only.



MAY SCHOOL DIARY

May

- Fri 3 Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport – St Margaret’s School (away)
Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
- Mon 6 Camp Quality presentation to students
- Thurs 9 Mother’s Day Stall
Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea (Prep Grades only)
- Fri 10 Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport - St Mary’s School (home)
Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
- Tue 14 NAPLAN – Grades 3 and 5
- Wed 15 NAPLAN – Grades 3 and 5
- Thurs 16 NAPLAN – Grades 3 and 5
- Fri 17 Walk to school day
District Cross country
Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
- 20-23 Education Week and Book Fair
- Tue 21 School Council Meeting 7:30pm
- Wed 22 Open Day
- Fri 24 Curriculum Day – *No students to come to school*

Pupils of the week on Friday 26th April

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| <p>Prep A – Antonino C</p> <p>Prep B – Sandin</p> <p>Prep C – Katrina B</p> <p>Prep D – Shanaya S</p>
<p>4/5A – N /A</p> <p>5/6 A – Chrissie K</p> | <p>One A – Grace C</p> <p>One B – Thomas B</p> <p>One C – Sannus N</p> <p>Two A – Dylan L</p> <p>Two B – Derek L</p> <p>1/2 A – N /A</p>
<p>5/6 B – Taimur K</p> <p>5/6 C – N / A</p> | <p>3/4 A – Julie N</p> <p>3/4 B – Mason B</p> <p>3/4 C – Katlyn V</p> <p>3/4 D – Mia R</p>
<p>5/6 D – Kya C</p> |
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