

Avondale Primary School Philosophy

The philosophy of Avondale Primary School is based upon the premise that every student can attain high levels of academic achievement and be a responsible community member.

We aspire for students:

To have an enthusiasm for learning

To develop a broad and strong base of knowledge and skills

To think and act with competence, objectivity and creativity

Through their experience in living in a learning community, show respect and sensitivity to others

Show a capacity to lead, to share and cooperate with others

To accept responsibility and discipline

To find reward in participating and doing one's best

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thursday 22nd March, 2018

Dear Parents,

School Council News

I am pleased to announce that four nominations were received for the four parent vacancies and therefore declare the following parents elected to the 2018 – 2020 council: Andrew Barker, Ajay Bhargava, Carla Soul and Karena Wojcicki. Joseph Scarfo was the only DET nomination and is also elected to the new council.

I wish to thank retiring members: Jaelyn Coleman, Vivienne Darrington, Maria Giordmaina, Nicole Mina and Tony Baldwin for their contribution. I thank Nicole Mina for her leadership in presiding with an active council for two years where members made many significant improvements:

- Building and resourcing a Music Room
- Introduction of Flexibuzz parent communication system
- Introduction of Bpay
- Participated in a Peer Review
- Introduction of the Prep parent welcome barbeque

Construction of a pergola over the sandpit

Planning Week

This week teachers are being released from teaching duties for a day, to plan their grade's Term Two curriculum. The team planning identifies the learning goals, activities and assessments that students will undertake throughout the term. Teachers have also used the day to find online resources that can enhance students' learning experiences. I wish to acknowledge the collective effort that each team is making to ensure that our high expectations of students are implemented.

Art Works

Ms Portelli teaches Art to most grades. She bases her curriculum upon the unit being studied by students. This term the grade 5/6 students have been investigating various types of natural disasters, including: bush fires, tornados, tsunami and cyclones. The bush fire picture by James M is made with water colour paint upon



which black paint has been blown, with a straw, into the shape of a burnt tree.



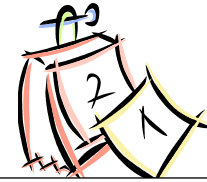
The tornado image by Jason is made from cotton-wool and paper. It depicts a destructive wind wreaking havoc in a city and affecting passenger planes. In these pictures, students creatively apply the knowledge they have learnt in class.

I hope you have a great week.

Paul Mulroy

DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)



March

Fri 23 Grade 5/6 Interschool sport - away - Moonee Ponds West
Tue 27 2nd hand uniform Shop 8:30-9am
School Council Meeting and AGM 7:30pm
Thurs 29 Last Day Term 1 – *Students finish at 2:15*

April

Mon 16 First day term 2
Mon 16 Dental van to visit this week
Tue 17 2nd hand uniform Shop 8:30-9am
Tue 24 2nd hand uniform Shop 8:30-9am
Wed 25 ANZAC day public holiday
Fri 27 District cross country run (selected students after try outs)

May

Fri 4 Fun Run fundraiser - (forms will go home the last week of this term)
Thurs 10 Mothers Day stall

Pupils of the week last week

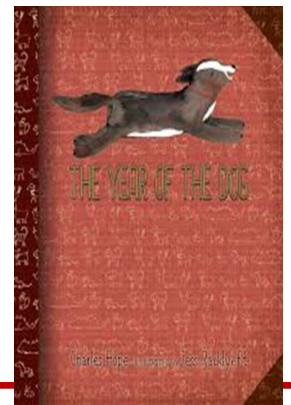
were:

Prep A - Salina M
Prep B - Adam M
Prep C - Luna S
Prep D - Evan P
1/2 A - Ava V
1/2 B - Cooper B
1/2 C - Adriano P
1/2 D - James B
1/2 E - Srisowrya V
3/4 A - Iggy M
3/4 B - Huy N
3/4 C - Benjamin M
3/4 D - Munji M
4/5 A - Jelena N
5/6 A - Maedeh G
5/6 B - Lily H
5/6 C - Sophie D

Book Reviews –Treasured and Tried

The Year of the Dog by Charles Hope

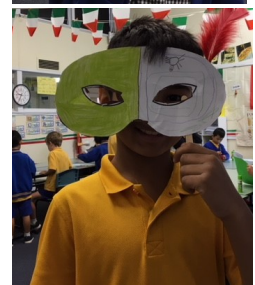
Dog lives at 'The Home for Lost and Unloved Animals'. All the animal residents of the home just happen to be the 12 animals of the Chinese calendar. As time goes by each animal is chosen by a family and goes to their forever home. When the second last resident Rooster leaves he tells Dog to not give up hope and a family will find him and gifts him a red collar. A lucky colour in Chinese mythology, and yes this works, and he finally finds his family and forever home. This story identifies on many different levels and especially for children in various situations, empathy and hope are always there.



Lost property

We have many pieces of school uniform in the lost property boxes. If your child has lost their jumper or jacket please make time to come in and check the boxes that are in both buildings. Property that is not claimed by the end of the term will be placed in the 2nd hand uniform shop. Items that are not school uniform will be donated to charity.

Students in Year 1 and 2 made traditional Il Carnevale style masks during Term 1. The great effort shown by all the students is clearly visible in the colourful and creative designs.



Notice to Parents

The school yard is supervised by a teacher on duty until 3:30pm. Students are expected to be picked up by this time.

School Office Hours

8:30am to 9:30am
2:30pm to 3:15pm
Please limit visits to office to these times only.

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