



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

NEWSLETTER #02 – Friday, February 5, 2021

We were very excited to announce our Grade 6 positions of responsibility at our Assembly on Monday morning and congratulate the Student Leadership team for 2021.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS	VICE CAPTAINS
Alvin 5/6D Hiyab 5/6C	Seth 5/6C Ava 5/6B
COMET YELLOW	
House Captains	Vice Captains
Xavier 5/6C Mikayla 5/6D	Andy 5/6A Natasha 5/6A
ELECTRA BLUE	
House Captains	Vice Captains
Jared 5/6D Ephrata 5/6A	Kevin 5/6A Sophia 5/6B
VISCOUNT RED	
House Captains	Vice Captains
Ephram 5/6B Mia 5/6D	Chloe 5/6A Aiden 5/6A
BOEING GREEN	
House Captains	Vice Captains
Harvey 5/6A Jorja 5/6C	Noah 5/6C Tina 5/6A
FLAG MONITORS	
Alex 5/6B Rima 5/6B	

What a great photo of our Student Leadership team wearing big smiles and proudly wearing their badges.

On Wednesday, a number of our Foundation students met with their teacher and focused on Literacy and Numeracy, while others rested up, ready for the rest of the week.

Just a reminder that Foundation students do not attend school on Wednesday for the next four weeks, unless they have a School Entry Assessment (SEA) appointment with their classroom teacher. Letters were sent out to families at the end of 2020. If you are unsure of your child's time and date, please contact your classroom teacher.

Our Foundation students also took home a new Library bag yesterday filled with goodies supplied by the Department of Education. They will need to bring the bag

to school to borrow Library books in, in the coming weeks.

SAFETY @ AVONDALE PRIMARY

Current COVID restrictions require any teenager or adult visiting our school to wear a mask indoors. This applies to any person coming into the front office.

Attendance at school every day is essential for each student to access all learning experiences, however, **IF YOUR CHILD IS UNWELL, PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME.** This ensures the health and wellbeing of our entire school community.

Student Drop off & Pick Up

1. Morning drop off

Parents will be able to enter the school grounds from any gate with their children but will not be able to enter school buildings. If it is a wet day, students can enter their classrooms from 8.40am.

2. Student Pick up Arrangements

Parents will be able to enter the school grounds to collect their child/ren from their child's line up area/s. If you have more than one child at school, the older children will go to be collected at their younger sibling's line up area.

We ask that parents stand back from the line up areas to make it easier for teachers and children to see you. If you can not maintain physical distancing, please wear a mask.

Please note that yard duty teachers will be on duty from 8.40am in the morning and until 3.30pm in the afternoons. We appreciate families making every effort to:

- be at school prior to 8.50am. If children arrive after 8.50am they need to collect a late pass and sign in to Compass at the front office.
- pick up their children promptly at the end of the day.

Parking

Parking is available to parents in a number of locations around the school, particularly if you are prepared to walk a short distance:

- Sydney St

- Wood St
- the library car park and
- Coles car park are all available.

We want the students to arrive and be collected safely and we do not want to see parents fined for double parking or parking in No Standing areas. The extra time spent walking with your child/ren in the morning has a huge number of benefits, including mindfulness, exercise, fresh air and family time to chat. Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMUNITY OSHC (OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE) SERVICE

The Community OSHC team that operate out of Avondale Primary provide a fabulous before and after school care program. For more information, please log on to the new website and online enrolment portal, copying <https://www.communityoshcservices.com> into your web browser. Click on the enrolment tab, then the link for Avondale Primary and then click on ENROL NOW. This will direct you to the Kidsoft enrolment link.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATIONS

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 93181755 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

CANTEEN OPENING DAYS

Lunch orders are only available online for:

Monday – Prep – 2 students

Thursday – Grade 3/4 students

Friday – Grade 5/6 students

ALL students can order recess and snacks on each day the Canteen is open. No cash

is accepted at the canteen – ALL orders must be made online through Flexi schools. Any changes to these conditions will be shared with our families in a timely way.

Information and expression of interest for Canteen volunteers can be found on Compass. Volunteers will require a Working with Children (WWC) check.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Please read information that is included later in this newsletter. This information will also be posted on Compass.



Mrs Jill Benham
Mr Joseph Scarfo

Principal
Assistant Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 2 - 5/02/2021



Prep A	Lily R
Prep B	Cameron B
Prep C	William T
Prep1A	Anouk M

1A	Pearl B
1B	Zachary L
1C	Lily S

2A	Santiago B
2B	Taylor W
2C	Hayley C

34A	Lola D
34B	Abigail K
34C	Evan P
34D	Sophia G
34E	Vy L
34F	Ryan W

56A	
56B	Malachi H
56C	Sandra M
56D	Pietro P

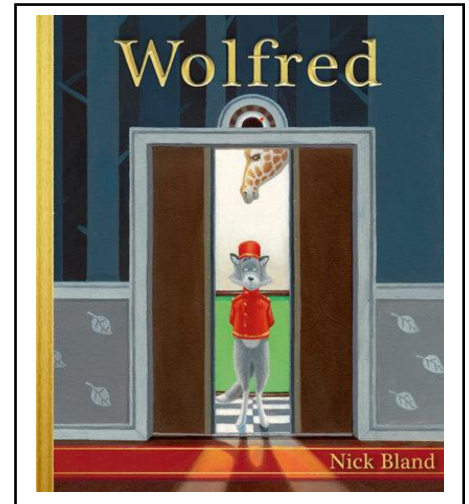
ART JNR	Michael S
ART SNR	Locy L
LOTE	Alex W
PE	

Book Reviews – Tried and Treasured

Wolfred by Nicholas Bland

Wolfred McFlea is an aspiring writer who needs a job. He is hired at Fancy Pants Towers by a very mean spirited Mr Pig as an elevator operator. As part of his job he observes many strange characters and after each shift he goes back to his 'broom closet' to write about his experiences, after which he climbs up to the roof and sends paper planes out into the world for people to read about his experiences. Unfortunately one finds its way to Mr Pig and Wolfred is fired. But when Wolfred foils a sneaky kidnap attempt, Mr Pig sees his worth and Wolfred gets to live ideally how he wishes. A book best suited for 4 to 7 year olds.

Review by Liz Oruba



CONNECTING WITH OUR LOCAL SECONDARY COLLEGES

What a fantastic opportunity for our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students to attend a range of Art and Technology workshops provided at Essendon Keilor College, East Keilor, a local secondary college, at no cost. Please read the information and decide whether this is an opportunity you would like to explore further with your child. Contact details are provided.

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2021 Essendon Keilor College East Keilor Workshops

A range of Art and Technology workshops workshop designed for Grade 4, 5 and 6 students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths, delivered by senior STEM teachers and EKC students.

Where: Essendon Keilor College: East Keilor Campus, STEM

When: Monday February 15th, 22nd
Monday March 1st, 22nd, 29th

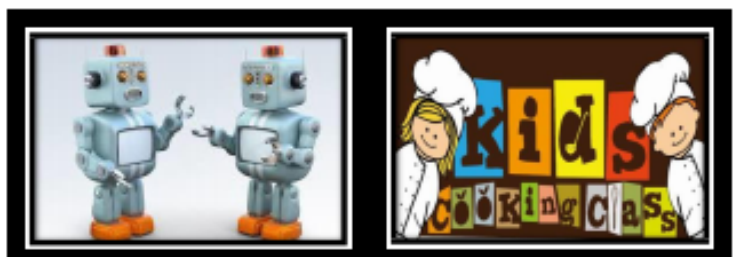
Time: 3:45pm – 5pm afternoon tea and workshops

Who: Grade 4, 5 and 6 students

This program is **free of charge** and subsidised by Essendon Keilor College.

Monday February 15 th	STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)
Monday February 22 nd	Wood technology
Monday March 1 st	Wood technology
Monday March 22 nd	Food technology
Monday March 29 th	Art

Book a spot by emailing: essendon.keilor.co@edumail.vic.gov.au or call 8331 0109.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected school employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be community members.

WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term one each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might consider:

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination. Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

REMEMBER

- Contact the school if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

FORM 2: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

(Formerly **Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nomination**)

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Avondale Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office on Monday, February 8 and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on:

15/02/2021

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on:

01/03/2021

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 2023	4
School employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of poll in 2023	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



Jill Benham
Principal

MOONEE VALLEY news

As the school year returns, Moonee Valley is celebrating the launch of new Online maps.

<https://mooneevalley.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=38c0ce34c31a47899a9608fe752bf945>

Many families have been walking and cycling around their local neighbourhood during the COVID restrictions, Moonee Valley is encouraging students to continue this habit and walk or cycle to and from school as often as possible to reduce the congestion around the school.

They have also developed online maps to help make the school run simple. The maps can also be used to get active around your neighbourhood and identify Active paths to school and easy drop off areas, where the students can walk from.



Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

JOIN US AT OPEN DAY
 SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13 OR 20



An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

We believe in growing girls through the hidden elements of our curriculum; your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime. Over 200 girls recently shared the stage with Hugh Jackman in *The Man, The Music, The Show* Arena Tour to sold-out audiences around the country. We're proud to have represented Qantas in the 'I Still Call Australia Home' advertisements and at five events for the past 20 years. Now accepting 2021 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Berwick, Burwood East, Caulfield North, Cheltenham, Essendon, Greensborough, Ivanhoe, Kew, Ringwood and Yarraville.



Join us at our free **OPEN DAY** on February 13 or 20
 Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/febopenday or phone 9859 6499



This is a COVIDSafe school

This school has a COVIDSafe Plan to maintain the safety of all staff and students during Term 4.

The four pillars of the COVIDSafe Plan are:



The available evidence suggests that the risk to staff and students remains low when recommended health and safety strategies are followed and that schools do not pose a greater risk of infection than other locations.

For detailed information visit:
www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

