



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

NEWSLETTER #04 – Friday, February 19, 2021

Hello to our Avondale Community.

A big thank you for your support during the recent COVID-19 Circuit Breaker lockdown period. We really appreciate you working closely with your child/children at home over the first three days of the week and for following the lockdown restrictions.

I also wanted to acknowledge the efforts of our staff for the provision of learning for all students in a very limited time frame and to staff who supervised the children of our Essential Workers and vulnerable students on-site.

This was another great opportunity to work collaboratively with you all, to achieve great results for our students.

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.

Yesterday, we initiated a different process for pick up and drop off of students at the main gates. This reduces the number of adults in the school grounds as it is very challenging to maintain the physical distancing guidelines and helps ensure the

safety of the Avondale Community. It is highly recommended all adults wear a mask when picking up and dropping off children at the gates.

We appreciate families making every effort to be at school prior to 8.50am. If you arrive **after 8.50am**, please note you will need to come to the Office through the front Gate, GATE 2 on Clarendon Street. Parents/carers are required to sign their child/children in through the Compass Kiosk. **ALL ADULTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK INSIDE.** Children then collect a late pass to take to their classroom teacher.

It is also important to pick up your child/children promptly at the end of the day, from the main gates, as per the map that was sent out on Compass on Wednesday afternoon.

We appreciate your support in ensuring our Avondale Primary Community is safe. Together we can make a difference! Thank you for helping to support our school community.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in volunteering in the Canteen, please contact the school office for further information. All volunteers require a Working with Children (WWC) check. There are some vacancies to be filled, to ensure the smooth running of our Canteen and to support Di in her role of managing the canteen.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations close today at 4pm. Further information will follow

TERM 1 SUN SMART REMINDER

Continue to bring your hat to school every day this term. Term 1 is **No hat, No play**, so please name your school hat and put it in your school bag ready to wear each day.

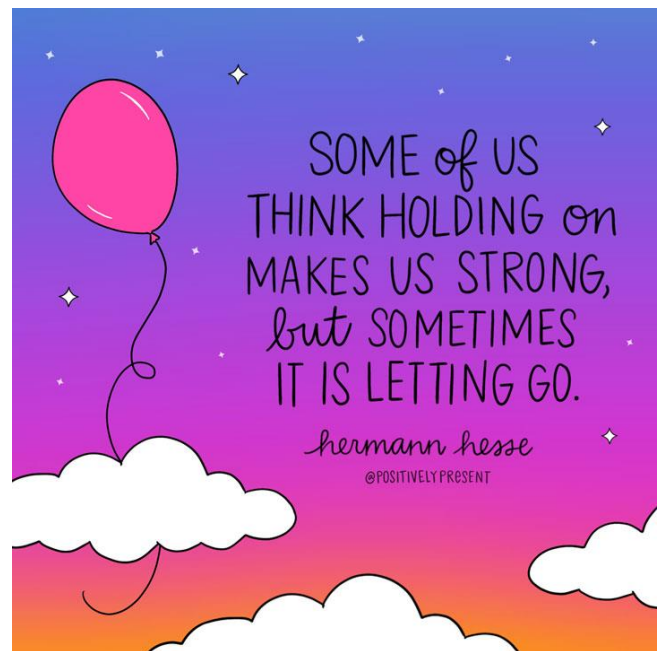
SUN PROTECTION and the UV INDEX										
Low		Moderate			High		Very High		Extreme	
UV INDEX 1	UV INDEX 2	UV INDEX 3	UV INDEX 4	UV INDEX 5	UV INDEX 6	UV INDEX 7	UV INDEX 8	UV INDEX 9	UV INDEX 10	UV INDEX 11+
SUN PROTECTION NOT REQUIRED		SUN PROTECTION REQUIRED								
Unless outdoors for extended periods, or near reflective surfaces such as snow or water.		Wear sun-protective clothing, a broad-brimmed hat and sunglasses. Apply SPF30+ sunscreen to any unprotected skin. Seek shade.								

ART NEWS – just received this week!

Last year, Moonee Valley Council invited local primary schools to submit entries to their Christmas Card Competition. Many schools throughout Moonee Valley participated in this initiative and entries were displayed at local libraries.

I am pleased to share with you that Olivia Emond (Grade 6 – 2020) was selected for FIRST PRIZE. Congratulations Olivia!

As part of Olivia's prize, Avondale Primary have received a \$250 voucher from ART HOUSE DIRECT in Essendon



to purchase art and craft supplies for the Art room. Olivia also received a voucher for her own personal use. We are all very excited and proud of you Olivia. Mrs Farrell and Mrs Portelli are so excited about this achievement and purchasing some Art supplies for the Art Room.

Mrs Jill Benham
Mr Joseph Scarfo

Principal
Assistant Principal

Book Reviews – Tried and Treasured

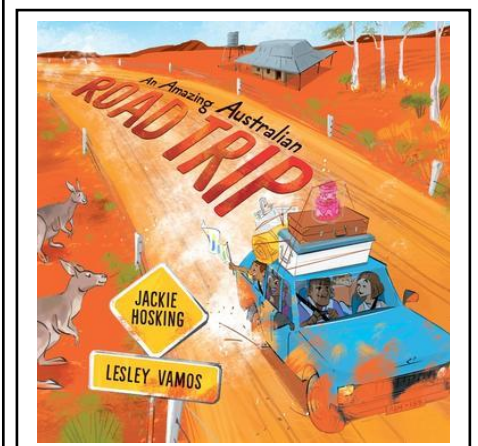
An Amazing Australian Road Trip

Written by Jackie Hosking & Illustrated by Lesley

Vamos

A rhyming picture book about a family, 2 parents, 2 children and Aunty that set off from Melbourne on a mega road trip around Australia to find the perfect picnic spot to celebrate Aunty's 60th birthday. With bags and a cake on the roof of the car you can guess it's going to be fun. Along the way they stop and take in sights of Australia from Cooper Pedy to The Great Barrier Reef and Sydney to Port Arthur, this adventurous family have a great time. In addition to this rhyming tale there are Factual inclusions such as, the Great Barrier Reef has 60 types of corals. This book runs non-fiction texts within a fictional tale, an interesting concept which will appeal to a wide range of children, from pre-school to middle primary.

Reviewed by Liz Oruba



PREP & PREP/1 ART: SELF-PORTRAITS

Prep and Prep/1 children have been learning about self-portraits. They know that self-portraits are pictures of themselves. We looked in the mirror and felt our faces to help us draw an accurate representation of what we look like. We looked at our bodies closely to decide whether to represent necks, arms and legs with one line or two. Check out these beautiful examples from Prep A, Prep B, Prep C and Prep/1A! The rest are hanging proudly in the hall way at school.

Mrs Farrell (Junior Art Teacher)



Miles For Happy Smiles

Mobile Dental Services

Dear Parent/Guardian

Mobile Dental Services will be visiting your child's school and scheduling a bulk billed dental clinic for eligible children under the COBS. To be eligible for dental treatment you need to be receiving a payment from the Australian Government.

Mobile Dental Services will check eligibility and advise parents who are unsure if they are able to have their child's treatment bulk billed through Medicare. If your child is not eligible, we are still happy to provide treatments in accordance to Medicare pricings.

Our dental team will provide access to the following dental services during school hours:

- Comprehensive Oral Examination with Treatment care plans.
- Scaling/cleaning and fluoride treatments.
- Fillings.
- Fissure sealants.
- Extractions.

Your child will be issued with a treatment plan after their initial visit to our mobile dental van which will outline all treatment required along with Medicare pricing.

In due course, the team will then proceed with the treatment that was outlined in the plan sent home.

Your child will receive quality dental treatment from our dental team, all of whom are working with children certified.

In order for your child to be seen by our oral health professionals, you must complete and return the consent and medical history forms to the school/centre signed by a parent or guardian. Mobile Dental Services cannot see your child if the consent forms have not been filled out correctly.

Checklist:

1. Carefully read the attached consent forms.
2. Complete all the relevant sections on the forms.
3. Return to the school by the due date.

For additional information about mobile dental services or your child's treatment please do not hesitate to contact us (03) 8401 3855.

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:



Reinforcing
COVIDSafe
behaviours



Creating
COVIDSafe
spaces



Promoting
COVIDSafe
activities



Responding
to
coronavirus
(COVID-19)
risk

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