



# Achievement, Confidence & Pride

NEWSLETTER #06 – Friday, March 5, 2021

Hello to our Avondale Community.

We hope you have had a fabulous week and enjoy the long weekend. A reminder there is no school on Monday, March 8.

Our Foundation students have all now completed the School Entry Assessments. They are demonstrating great independence and are now full time at Avondale Primary.

This year our Grade 5/6 students have the opportunity to participate in the Summer Sports Gala Days on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March. Our students have been training for cricket, soccer and tennis and are ready to join in the fun and demonstrate the values of Avondale Primary at this event.

A big thank you to all of those families who are contributing positively to making Avondale Primary a safe place to be. To those families who are following all the road rules as pedestrians, on their bikes or in their cars, THANKYOU! A reminder that parents need to park their car before a child gets out – stopping on the road creates an unsafe environment for other pedestrians and road users. We continue to work closely with the Moonee Valley Council and the Avondale Heights Police to ensure safety for all.



## SAVE THE DATE!

The Avondale Primary Fundraising Committee presents the first fundraiser of 2021, our **Colour Explosion School Fun Run on the last day of Term One!**

We are excited to host our Colour Explosion School Fun Run on Thursday, April 1. On this day, please ensure your child brings a white shirt for the Fun Run! They will be transformed with non-toxic, high quality colour powder from head to toe! They will also need a water bottle, sunscreen and their hat.

More information will be sent home in next week's newsletter and pamphlets will also be sent home with each child providing further details for obtaining sponsorship.



Mrs Jill Benham  
Mr Joseph Scarfo

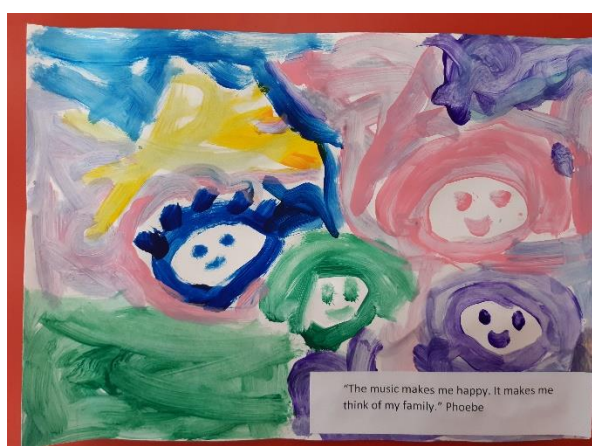
Principal  
Assistant Principal

## News from the Junior Art Room

We have had a wonderful week in art. The classroom was alive with creative energy and the artworks produced are spectacular!

The preps honed their painting technique and learnt to treat the brush like a ballet dancer, brushing/dancing on its tippy toes. They learnt not to do the 'bum bum boot scoot' dance with their brush... Get your child to explain what this means! They listened to music and painted what the music made them think or what the music made them feel. We noticed that no one painted the same thing – we were all inspired by the music in different ways because we are individuals.

- Prep A listened to "Mother Africa" from the movie, "The Power of One"
- Prep B listened to "In the Hall of the Mountain King," Edvard Grieg
- Prep C listened to "Ob-la-di Ob-la-da," The Beatles
- Prep/1 A listened to "The Sounds of Silence," Simon and Garfunkel.



The Grade 1's have just finished some beautiful mixed media collages of a Beach Landscape. They carefully chose their colours to reflect the warm summer weather. They thought about how to show the texture of the object (sky, water, sand, rocks...). They also used as many different materials and techniques as they could.





Grade 1's have now moved on and are creating another landscape, this time of their homes. They are creating this landscape by threading. It is so tricky and the Grade 1's are persisting beautifully. This week we reflected on whether it is getting easier and the overwhelming majority rated themselves as feeling more confident with the skill of threading. Well done!

Grade 2's have finished their self-portraits. These are stunning! They feature a focus on proportion (drawing features in the right shape and size and placing them in the right place). The Grade 2 artists also explored colour, shape and pattern when decorating their self-portraits and had to decide how they would like to decorate their pieces. We looked at some famous portraiture artists (Frieda Kahlo, Van Gogh and Picasso) and then experimented to find the style of decorating that felt right for each of us.

Congratulations everyone. You inspire me daily with your openness to trying new things. What a precious quality!

If anyone has spare newspapers at home (without staples), please send them to school with your child/ren. Many thanks.

Mrs Farrell

## Book Reviews – Tried and Treasured

### Iceberg.

Written by Claire Saxby. Illustrated by Jess Racklyeft.

A beautifully crafted book about the life of an iceberg, including the landscape, the animal life, the seasons, the change and eventually the death of the iceberg and ultimately a fresh iceberg resurgence.

Visually stunning with subtle water colours that nurture the story.

Layers of blues, greens and feathering whites. With a postscript attached that pleads for climate change respect. Encouraging us to respect and protect this landscape or face dire consequences.

Children especially from 7 to 12 will enjoy this book.

Reviewed by Liz Oruba



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 6 - 05/03/2021



Prep A	Maison P	Putting in extra effort to all of his work & always being organised.
Prep B	Jaya T	Having a go at writing, well done.
Prep C	Viola S	Showing persistence with her work just like Pete Persistence.
Prep/1A	Chloe D	For being a bucket filler by being a kind friend
1A	Anthony T	For doing an amazing job at completing the letter Qq handwriting page.
1B	Arya S	Always impressing his teacher with his big efforts and great 'can do' attitude.
1C	Steven V	Showing great listening skills and being a kind caring classmate. Well done
2A	Quinn P	Showing persistence in her learning even when it was challenging.
2B	Kristina G	Trying your best during our greater than or less than maths lesson.
2C	Natasha A	For fantastic work completing o'clock and half past time.
3/4A	Layla T	For always trying her best when completing tasks.
3/4B	Mason G	His brilliant work in reading, providing full sentence answers with examples. Well done
3/4C	Emma D	Your successful gardening club application.
3/4D	Willow M	Your wonderful food diary, showing pride and effort in your work.
3/4E	Mina H	Your wonderful efforts in experimenting with the 6 senses in your writing.
3/4F		
5/6A	Natasha G	For showing resilience and patience when dealing with others.
5/6B	Nikolina P	For showing persistence when completing tasks in all subjects.
5/6C	Angelo E	For achieving 100% on his Place Value Test.
5/6D	Lexi K	For being so organised and displaying excellent time management skills.
ART JNR	Kayla D 2A	Brilliant self-portrait with stunning hair texture.
ART SNR	Ethan H 34F	Creating a terrific paper collage mask.
LOTE JNR	Eloise R 1A	Being an active & enthusiastic participant in Italian each week.
LOTE SNR	Venecia H 34F	Accurately answering comprehension questions about the 'Leaning Tower of Pisa'.
PE	Donovan L 2A	An excellent attitude in PE!



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**COURSE DETAILS:**

**DATES:** Thurs 29 Apr. — 11 Nov. 2021  
**DURATION:** 24 sessions, 2 workshops + 100 hr placement  
**TIME:** 9.15am to 3.15pm  
**VENUE:** Deer Park North Primary School Community Hub.

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## 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.

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