



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

NEWSLETTER #07 – Friday, March 12, 2021

Hello to our Avondale Community,

Our Tutor Learning program has officially started and our Tutors and classroom teachers are working collaboratively. Students are focusing on building reading skills and comprehension strategies to achieve their SMART goals in the coming weeks.

I would like to welcome Ms Arnya Smith to our Tutor Learning Initiative, joining Mrs Billie-jean Fitcher and Mrs Mel Carroll.

Our FIRST fundraiser for 2021 is just around the corner. Our fundraising committee have organised a fabulous **Colour Explosion School Fun Run on Thursday April 1, the last day of Term One.**

Further details are included further in the newsletter. Let's see how much money we can raise Avondale Primary to build on the Classroom Library resources we have established this year.

and promote the many benefits of active travel. We encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go. Let's see how many of you can walk to school (or part of the way) on Friday March 19.

Rosehill Secondary College Open Days, Tours and Information Nights.

Rosehill Secondary College conducts guided tours on Thursdays at 9:30am. They will also be holding an information evening for parents of grade 6 students on Thursday 29th April, 2021 between 4:30pm and 7:30pm.

The Rosehill Secondary College STEP Program information night is to be held on Tuesday 23rd March, 2021 beginning at 6:30pm in the college library. You must RSVP by Friday 12th March, 2021 by calling the school on 9337 2488 or booking online through the website www.rosehillsc.vic.edu.au



Avondale Primary School are excited to be celebrating National Ride2School Day on Friday March 19, 2021. National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits



Mrs Jill Benham
Mr Joseph Scarfo

Principal
Assistant Principal

Gardening Club

We have a dedicated group of student gardeners in Grade 3/4 & 5/6 who attended their second lunchtime gardening session this week. So far we've planted marigolds, cabbages, cauliflowers, broccoli, brussel sprouts and broad beans and the great news is - all our plants have survived!

This week we also laid some mulch around all our plants and talked about the importance of maintaining the moisture in our soil.

Thank you to volunteers Janelle for her assistance and Mr Stewart for his help, guiding and supporting the students as they went about planting, mulching and watering. The whole team is looking forward to a fun year in the garden.

Mr Scarfo

PS Mrs Benham was very impressed with the way the garden is being transformed. The flowers look great and she can't wait to sample to veges. WELL DONE TO THE GARDEN CLUB!





Thank you so much to all our families for continuously supporting our school. This term, we are hosting a **Colour Explosion School Fun Run on Thursday April 1, the last day of Term One**, to raise money for Classroom Libraries in every classroom and specialist learning space at Avondale Primary School (this includes storage such as tubs and book boxes) This is also a fun way for students to bring Term 1 to a close, with the opportunity for all students to purchase a snack through the Canteen (cookie and juice box)

Start fundraising today. Did you know? Students raise 3x times more when they fundraise online! Visit myprofilepage.com.au to create your child's cybersafe fundraising profile. Instructions are in your child's sponsorship booklet. You have until April 1st to fundraise, so make sure you get cracking!

The big day is coming! We are so excited to host our Colour Explosion School Fun Run on Thursday, April 1. On the day, make sure your child brings a white shirt for the Fun Run! They will be covered in non-toxic, high quality colour powder from head to toe! They will also need a water bottle, sunscreen and their hat.

How do prizes work? Help your child fundraise more by setting a prize goal! It's okay if they change their mind – you order their exact prizes later. You can order your child's prizes online at myprofilepage.com.au by April 1st. Alternatively, complete the back page of your sponsorship booklet when you return your cash donations. Students can choose a prize based on the total amount of dollars raised, or mix and match smaller prizes.

Share in \$200,000 worth of extra prize credit! Achieve bigger prizes by helping your child earn bonus credit on their online profile. By reaching fundraising milestones online, you can share in \$200,000 of extra prize credit!

Become a Fundraising MonSTAR! Collect all virtual badges on your online profile page and receive your own Fundraising MonSTAR bag tag.

Class Reward Prize. Teamwork counts! If your class creates the most online profile pages each student will receive a Fundraising MonSTAR handball.

FundRazor of the Year Award. Do you think you can top the national leader board? Australia's highest fundraising student in Australia will win a Razor Prize Pack, worth \$4,900!

If you have any questions about the Colour Explosion School Fun Run please contact the office of [Australian Fundraising](http://AustralianFundraising.com.au) on 1300 133 022. Thanks for supporting our school and we hope to see you at the event.

Happy Fundraising
The Avondale Primary Fundraising Committee

Victorian Chief Health Officer message to schools, early childhood centres and their communities

Term 1 is now fully in swing for 2021, which makes it even more important for every Victorian to play their part to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We all want Victoria to continue to stay safe and stay open and we want our children to continue to learn at their school, kindergarten or other early childhood education centre.

Recently, we've seen some cases of COVID-19 emerge. The Department of Health is doing everything it can to prevent spreading in the community through locating close contacts, continued testing and wastewater monitoring.

Early childhood centres and schools have comprehensive COVIDSafe plans in place. This means that schools and centres have embedded the behaviours we learned in 2020 and are well placed to act quickly and respond to any identified risks.

I am confident this is reassuring to families, children and staff.

However, the importance of all Victorians remaining vigilant cannot be stressed enough.

It is vital that we all continue to stay home when unwell, get tested, perform regular hand hygiene, and cough into your elbow if you have to. I remind all staff, students, parents and families to wear a face mask when required and stay at least 1.5m apart from others when practical.

I also encourage you to promote and ensure testing whenever a child or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild. Getting tested and staying home until results are known remains critical to limiting the spread of COVID-19.

It is also important to get tested when it is recommended, for example, if you have visited an exposure site.

- The symptoms to watch out for are:
- loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose.

Continued vigilance to prevent the spread of COVID-19 ensures that schools and early childhood education centres remain safe for students and staff.

Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton
Victorian Chief Health Officer

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 7 - 12/03/2021



Foundation A	Roy N for working hard to say the sounds and read the words when reading.
Foundation B	Alysha T actively contributing to class discussions
Foundation C	Mira A For working hard to learn her letter sounds
Foundation/1A	Phoebe W For being persistent at saying the sounds & reading 3 letter words
1A	
1B	Abigail N For showing great focus during writing sessions
1C	Quinten L For showing persistence in all areas of his learning! Keep up the great work!
2A	Daniel G Making a huge improvement in writing!
2B	Allanah S Drafting a fabulous information Report about my family, with great facts and interesting details.
2C	Ethan A Having a go to solve our maths challenges using counting on
3/4A	Jayden L For writing an excellent introduction and backfill to his narrative
3/4B	Srisowrya V For being a good role model to others and always contributing
3/4C	Aren C Your determined approach to learning how to round numbers
3/4D	
3/4E	Felix N For his focus and effort in narrative writing. Well done Felix in realising YOU CAN DO IT!
3/4F	James P Excellent work in Maths, particularly with naming Large numbers in our place value unit!
5/6A	Scarlett R For her calm approach and conscientious efforts to complete all tasks to a high standard
5/6B	Zadok S For showing enthusiasm in writing
5/6C	Portia M For excellent narrative writing
5/6D	Tyler P For the enthusiasm he displays towards his learning
ART JNR	Elke G PrepA Using her initiative & completing her house sculpture in great detail
ART SNR	Emma D 34C Creating an impressive and well detailed lion paper collage mask
LOTE Ms D'Amico	Marchelle A PrepA Taking great pride in her Italian workbook & trying her best to use Italian greetings in class
LOTE Mrs Oliveri	Hano M 34A Demonstrating enthusiasm when making meaning of Italian music. BRAVO
PE	Inaya A 1C An outstanding effort in PE!



YOU'RE INVITED

OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 22ND APRIL 9.15AM - 2.15PM

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 29TH APRIL 4.30PM - 7.30PM

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS 6.00PM

GUIDED TOURS

TUESDAYS 9:30AM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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ACTIVE TRAVEL & THE ENVIRONMENT

Not only is active travel good for your health, it's good for the environment too! Riding, walking, scooting or skating to school means there are fewer cars on the road, which results in a:

 Reduction in noise pollution	 Reduction in energy use	 Reduction in carbon emissions
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For every kilometre you actively travel instead of driving, you save 243.8 grams of carbon emissions. But what does that actually mean?

On National Ride2School Day 2020, students across Australia saved 27 tonnes of CO₂ by actively travelling to school – the equivalent of planting 187 trees.

That's only one day of the year. Imagine if we did that every day. Over a year we'd save 5,400 tonnes of CO₂ – the equivalent of planting 37,800 trees!

Here are some other ways your school can get involved to make an environmental impact:

- Create a student environmental group or 'Green Team'
- Encourage 'nude' lunchboxes with zero waste
- Start a school veggie garden or compost bin
- Encourage 'Part Way is Okay' for families who live too far to actively travel the whole way



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
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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

