



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

NEWSLETTER #09 – Friday, March 26, 2021

Hello to our Avondale Community.

We have had another great week of learning at Avondale Primary.

Our students from Foundation to Grade 6 have been establishing their classroom libraries, borrowing a range of fiction and non-fiction texts from the Library to sort, categorise and promote engagement in reading.

Just six more sleeps until our **Colour Explosion School Fun Run**.

Our community have really thrown themselves behind our first fundraiser of 2021. Collectively our students have raised over \$14,000 - WOW!!! All permission slips must be returned to classroom teachers by Wednesday March 31, so everyone has the opportunity to participate in this event.

STUDENT INITIATIVE IN ACTION

Two of our Avondale students, demonstrated their initiative and creativity last weekend, to raise over \$300 to contribute to the Colour Explosion School Fun Run. Read and see more about this initiative later in the newsletter, directly from Portia and Pearl.

AVONDALE PRIMARY PHOTO DAY

Our 2021 photo day is in Week One of Term Two, on Thursday April 22nd. Individual forms were sent out this week for students, each with a unique order code. SchoolPix is no longer accepting

cash. They accept Visa, MasterCard, Debit cards and PayPal. If you have any queries, please contact SchoolPix on 1300 766 055, which is on your student order form.

Avondale Primary School turned up in force to celebrate **National Ride2School Day** last Friday March 19, 2021. It was fabulous to be at the gate and see so many of our students enthusiastically and actively participate in this event. . .



AND THE WINNING GRADE IS 3/4E with 17 students riding, skating or walking to school. Congratulations 3/4E. We will now be able to schedule some time next week to celebrate this achievement with 3/4E.

LET'SGOKIDS

All families at Avondale Primary School will receive a copy of the 2021 Let'sGoKids magazine. This is filled with lots of information about what's on, games and vouchers.

- HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF EVERYDAY :
1. WAKE UP EARLY
 2. VISUALIZE YOUR DAY
 3. PLAN YOUR MEALS
 4. FIND THE GOOD
 5. DO THINGS YOU LOVE
 6. MAKE TIME FOR REST
 7. PRACTICE GRATITUDE
 8. SET DAILY TASKS
 9. BE PRESENT
 10. GET DAILY MOVEMENT
 11. LET GO OF THE NEGATIVE
 12. SPREAD KINDNESS

— Sanjay Pareek

Mrs Jill Benham
Mr Joseph Scarfo

Principal
Assistant Principal

Avondale Colour Run

Thursday, 1st April

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Thank you for your great support for the Avondale Colour Run fundraiser. The students are truly excited about the colour run on the last day of this term.

Funds raised by this event will provide a great boost to the classroom libraries being set up in each class. Along with our school library, the classroom libraries will support our reading program by ensuring that students at our school have access to quality reading material in every class.



The colour run course will be set out on the oval. Classes will start their runs from different locations around the oval according to the timetable. Students will be lightly sprayed with water on their first lap and then colour, on the following laps. It will be interesting to see if any teachers are going to participate!

COVID-19 restrictions have eased sufficiently for parents to be allowed on site to view the colour run. Designated viewing areas will be marked with bunting and parents will be expected to respect social distancing protocols.

Parents can collect their children following the assembly at 2.15.

Be prepared! Your child/ren will be covered in coloured powder if they participate so have something ready to cover your car seats!!

Kind Regards
Joe Scarfo

Colour Run Timetable

Time	Cohort
1.00pm - 1.15pm	Grade 5/6
1.15pm - 1.30pm	Grade 3/4
1.30pm - 1.40pm	Grade 2
1.40pm - 1.50pm	Grade 1
1.50pm - 2.00pm	Grade Prep
2.00pm – 2.15pm	Final Assembly

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

On Tuesday we held our School Council AGM and meeting. It was great to all meet in person again after so many months meeting virtually. We acknowledged our retiring members, Sally Stevens, Jaclyn Coleman and Jenna Heywood and welcomed our new members, Kerry Gribbin, Carli Chamberlain and Dina Carranza and elected 2021 office bearers:

- *President: Isabelle Sawtell*
- *Vice President: Annerley Juhlin-Beeck*
- *Secretary: Joseph Scarfo*
- *Treasurer: Ajay Bhargava*

We ratified the following curriculum days:

- Friday 21st May
- Monday 9th August

and approved the following school camps for 2021:

- 1-3 September Grade 5/6 Phillip Island
- 13-15 September Grade 3/4 Lady Northcote

as well as the Colour Run on 1 April.

A number of policies were also ratified by the Council:

Refund Policy, Electronic Funds Management Policy, Avondale Primary School Purchase Policy, Cash Handling Policy, Refund Policy, School Credit Card Purchasing Policy.

School Council Subcommittees

We are seeking expressions of interest for parent involvement in our subcommittees. These are a great way to learn more about the school and contribute your ideas/skills/expertise. The subcommittees do not require any former experience, just an interest and enthusiasm to be involved.

- Finance
- Education
- Canteen
- Fundraising
- Facilities

Your canteen needs you!!!!

Di is seeking volunteers for next term. If you are able to volunteer to assist in the canteen on a Monday, Thursday or Friday, even if it is just for half a day, please contact the school office. You can make some amazing friends working here, it's a great way to get experience and your children will love having you there!

Please contact avondale.ps@education.vic.gov.au to express your interest in joining a subcommittee or volunteering in the canteen.

Isabelle Sawtell,

School Council President

Middle Years Art News

This term the grade 3/4s read a picture story book called 'The Pros and Cons of Being a Frog' by Sue deGennaro. This story is about a little boy who tells the story of himself and his friend Camille, who are different and have different interests. He loves dressing up like a 'frog' while Camille loves numbers. Despite their differences he likes her. This is a beautiful story of friendship and negotiation.

Wearing a mask can make us feel brave. If you were to dress up as a character what would it be, an animal, another person, or maybe an alien? Here is a sample of some of the many very different, imaginative and beautiful masks that were produced by our young artists in Grades 3/4.



EARTH HOUR – DID YOU KNOW?

Earth Hour is the world's biggest movement to protect our planet.

Every year hundreds of millions of people around the world in more than 7,000 cities in over 190 countries take part by switching off their electricity for 60 minutes as a symbolic gesture of solidarity to show they care about our planet's future.

What can your Family do?

This year, **Earth Hour is at 8.30pm local time Saturday 27 March**. We wonder how many Avondale Primary families can just #SwitchOff your lights for Earth Hour to show your support for Australia becoming a renewables powerhouse. Go to <https://www.earthhour.org.au/> for register your support or to find out more ways that you can protect our planet.

Maria Roach

Grade 3/4 teacher



Avondale Students showing initiative and creativity Portia & Pearl's fundraising stall

"Last Saturday we decided to make a fundraiser to raise money for school supplies. We planned what we would make and how much to sell them for. We set up a stall at a small reserve near the school and sold cupcakes, bunny crayons, Easter cards, pencil toppers, book marks, hopping bunnies, crochet bracelets, zooper doopers and even made a raffle with Easter related prizes. We raised \$311.35. Originally we wanted to raise money for new bikes racks but once we found out the school already had money for new bike racks we decided on doing it for something else, school resources!"

Portia and Pearl



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 9 - 26/03/2021



Foundation A	Lucas for an outstanding effort in his reading!
Foundation B	Anika Improving her sounding out skills.
Foundation C	Melorin Always showing excellent whole body listening.
Foundation/1A	Olivia for her fantastic effort at saying the sounds & reading 3 letter words.
1A	Sebastian for growing in confidence and sharing his brilliant ideas with our class.
1B	Josephine Willingly sharing her knowledge of minibeasts with others.
1C	Oscar for independently writing a procedural text about how to build a sandcastle.
2A	Kayla Amazing story writing.
2B	Riya Producing some creative and original responses during our probability lesson.
2C	Odessa Reading aloud with fluency & expression.
3/4A	Cooper for always putting 100% in his school work, keep it up!
3/4B	Tessa for applying her personal best in all her learning especially when learning challenging work in Maths.
3/4C	Emma Excellent use of narrative structure in 'Bear in the snow'.
3/4D	Lachlan for being a role model, your classmates can look to as you consistently demonstrate what maximum effort looks like.
3/4E	Youanna for working cooperatively with a partner to research and write a convincing and persuasive speech.
3/4F	Lucas for his excellent work during our persuasive & narrative writing units. Well done!
5/6A	Connor for engaging fully in literacy discussions and offering his insights into texts.
5/6B	Axel Embracing the classroom library to explore genres.
5/6C	Jamie Assisting with technology in the classroom
5/6D	Mikayla Displaying maturity and respect towards her classmates and teachers.
ART Ms Farrell	Tiffany & Astara (34D) Their incredible support cleaning the art room in their personal time.
ART Ms Portelli	Munji (56A) Sketching an impressive portrait of 'Sir John Quick'
LOTE Ms D'Amico	Tanishka 34C Great work on her Italian project and showing kindness to other students.
LOTE Mrs Oliveri	Kaan (56D) A fantastic published project on a 'Cocodrillo' written & labelled in Italian. Bravo!
PE	Jacob (PA) great kicking in P.E.



Why choose PRACE?

- + WE OFFER AN INDUSTRY DRIVEN, DYNAMIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WITH GUEST SPEAKERS, WORKSHOPS AND EXCURSIONS RELEVANT TO THE CURRENT EDUCATION SUPPORT SECTOR.
- + OUR COURSE INCLUDES SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT ELECTIVES DESIRED IN THIS SECTOR, EG. "PROVIDE SUPPORT TO STUDENTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER". THIS UNIT COULD BE THE POINT OF DIFFERENCE IN SECURING EMPLOYMENT.
- + IT TAKES MORE THAN A QUALIFICATION TO SECURE A JOB. SPEAK TO US ABOUT REAL EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES ACHIEVED BY PRACE GRADUATES.
- + "FREE" TAFE COURSES ARE NOT FREE; THEY COME WITH SERVICE & MATERIALS FEES. COMPARE OUR FEES & GREAT VALUE FOR CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS.

CHC30213 CERTIFICATE III IN EDUCATION SUPPORT

This qualification will give you the skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and students in a range of educational settings. This includes Primary, Secondary & Special Development Schools & areas of early childhood education.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Education assistants/teacher aides
- Support workers (working with children with disabilities)

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.

Certificate III in Education Support: April 2021

Course Code:	CHC30213												
Entry Requirements & Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate Computer and Internet and Email Skills • English LLN skills at an industry entry standard 												
Course Description:	This qualification will give you the skills and knowledge to provide assistance and support to teachers and students in a range of educational settings. This includes Primary, Secondary & Special Development Schools & areas of early childhood education.												
Pathway:	Graduates work as : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • education assistants/teacher aides • support workers (working with children with disabilities) 												
Mode of Study:	Classroom & Remote/Mixed Mode Classes, off-site tasks/research, Practical Placement + Industry/Assessment Workshops												
Location:	Deer Park Nth Primary School Community Hub 18-36 Mawson Avenue, Deer Park												
#Days:	THURSDAY weekly sessions: Starting 29/4/21												
Times:	9.15am to 3.15pm												
#Dates:	Thursday: 29th Apr. to 11th Nov. 2021 + Industry Workshop on Tuesday 9/11/21 (TBC) Prac. Placement: Flexible options available												
Duration:	24 sessions, 2 workshops + 100 hr placement. (Excl. Public & School Holidays)												
Statement of Fees:	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Concession:</td> <td>Full: \$900</td> <td>Fee For Service (not eligible for VSEP):</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$180</td> <td></td> <td>Conc: \$3,541.50 (limited Place)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Full: \$4,722</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>+ Service & Amenities Fee: \$10 Conc., \$25 Full</td> </tr> </table>	Concession:	Full: \$900	Fee For Service (not eligible for VSEP):	\$180		Conc: \$3,541.50 (limited Place)			Full: \$4,722			+ Service & Amenities Fee: \$10 Conc., \$25 Full
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Enrolment:	Please ring early to arrange a pre-enrolment interview. Ph: 9462 6077.												
Amenities:	Tea & coffee provided. BYO lunch/snacks. (Variations due to Covid19 rulings may apply)												

*Course commencement is subject to variation, sufficient enrolments and eligibility requirements.

†Venue is wheelchair accessible. PRACE encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities.

This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth government funding.



Testimonials

"Just thought I'd let you know that I got the job!!! Yay!!!!"

"Thankyou for inspiring me to be the best possible me to achieve a career that I am truly passionate about."

Ariana

"What a brilliant course, one of the most challenging, inspiring and rewarding courses I have done. Mary truly is a fantastic teacher, the help and support she gave me over the course was above and beyond my expectations. If you love children and want to make a difference then this course is for you."

Joanne

"I feel so honoured and privileged to have been a student in your class. I think now, I know, it is with your high quality standards, and professional approach to teaching, that I was able to study as effectively as I did. ...I cannot thank you enough!"

Dianne C

"Very positive experience and feel very equipped for my new career. I have a job as a result. Needs met."

Kylie

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

