



# Achievement, Confidence & Pride

NEWSLETTER #10 – Thursday, April 1, 2021

Hello to our Avondale Community.

A huge thank you for your support through the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 throughout this term.

**The Colour Explosion School Fun Run** was a huge success today. Colour explosion was a very apt term as all those white t-shirts that entered through the school gate this morning are no longer white. It was great to see the community come together and encourage our students in this event.

Collectively our community have raised more than \$20,000, of which a large percentage comes back to school. That really is a huge commitment you have all made to support our Fundraising committee to build our Classroom Library resources to further engage all students in reading.

A SPECIAL THANKYOU to our Avondale Fundraising Committee, parent volunteers and staff for making this event such a success.

## AVONDALE PRIMARY PHOTO DAY

Avondale Primary School  
SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:  
**Thursday, 22 April 2021**  
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Stay safe, stay healthy and enjoy family time over the holidays.  
We look forward to seeing you on Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> to start Term Two.

**Mrs Jill Benham**

**Principal**

**Mr Joseph Scarfo**

**Assistant Principal**

# CLASSROOM LIBRARIES

In recent weeks, all classes, including specialist classes, have been creating classroom libraries. In Year One, students have read and selected a range of texts during their weekly library sessions. Many additional texts were selected by students and borrowed out by their teachers; these have become part of our classrooms libraries. Students also brainstormed non-fiction topics that they would like to learn about and teachers selected some non-fiction library books about these topics to include in their classroom libraries. Students helped to sort selected books into categories and created labels for these tubs. The books in our classroom libraries are read by students during our reading lessons – we refer to this as independent reading.



I love independent reading because our classroom library helps our reading. My favourite books are Billie B Brown books, fairy books and Don't Open This Book.  
Elena (1A)

I love independent reading because it helps me read. I like reading. Our classroom library helps our learning because it helps our focus. My favourite books are planet books.  
Isaac (1A)

I like independent reading because you choose a book and look inside to see if it is a just right book for you.  
Eia (1C)

I like independent reading because I get to find a comfortable spot and read a book I like.  
Samuel (1C)

I love independent reading because I get to read books every day. Our classroom library helps our learning. My favourite book in our classroom library is Hot Dog.  
Pearl (1A)



I like independent reading because I can read books without pictures and imagine it in my head.  
Ryan (1C)

#### *Classroom Library*

I enjoyed choosing books and making labels, so we know where the books go.

Nevea (P/1A)

I enjoy independent reading because I get to learn new words and practise sounding out words I don't know.

George (P/1A)

I like the classroom library because the books give me information.

Dante (1B)



I love independent reading because I focus. Our classroom library helps our learning because we have lots to read. My favourite books are non-fiction books because they have facts.

Indigo (1A)



I like the classroom library because it makes me feel calm and relaxed.

Krishiv (1B)

I like to read books so I can see close up pictures.

Hayley (1B)

I like the classroom library because I like reading.

Kishore (1B)

# **SPORTS GALA DAYS – Grade 5/6 Reflections of their experiences to make us all proud!**

## **Sports Gala Days**

These were the first sports gala days that Avondale Primary have ever experienced. They were played on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March. There were three sports for the 5/6 students to choose from: Soccer, Tennis and Cricket. We played other schools from the Ascot Vale District over two full days of action packed competition! Deanna and Hiyab

## **Cricket Team Gold**

The gold team in cricket played some excellent games during the two gala days. On the first Friday, we won 1 game, lost 2 games and drew against the other Avondale Primary team. Last Friday, we played even better! We lost 2 and won 2 games, playing amazingly. Almost everyone got 4 runs! Some highlights included Arrav S with his beautiful bowling, Mason B with his great batting, Nishab R with his crazy good catching, Kaan with his great support and Lexi with her sportsmanship. Overall everyone played so well and we all had fun. Thanks to Mr Barkell for his great coaching.

## **Cricket Team Blue**

The two Gala Days were great! Cricket Blue did an awesome job. It looked like everyone was trying their best and we were having fun. It was a pleasure to meet kids from all kinds of schools. Even though we didn't win some of the games, there was a lot of great batting and fielding. In general it was a great day for all of us. Andy B

## **Boys Soccer Team Gold**

Throughout the Gala Days we played extraordinary matches against Ascot Vale District schools. We had a lot of fun running around playing and working together with our teammates. Our team showed excellent sportsmanship towards other schools and even made some new friends! Overall we had a great time! Well done Avondale. Xavier D

## **Boys Soccer Team Silver**

Overall team B played well, had a good experience and showed talent and sportsmanship. Along with the other schools we showed resilience and respect!

## **Girls Soccer**

The girls team played 5 matches over two action packed days. Each game was very competitive and scores were close! A big thanks to Miss Davies for her awesome coaching! Overall it was a great team effort and we learned and grew so much throughout the Gala Days! Sophia K and Nikolina P

## **Tennis**

Avondale Hot Shots tennis team faced multiple challenges throughout the two gala days, hoping that all their hard work would pay off. A variety of schools from the Ascot Vale district came to compete over the two days. We didn't make the finals but we had a lot of fun trying! We had the time of our lives on court hitting the ball perfectly and communicating with our partners and treating all teams with respect. Job well done to all the hot shots tennis players and all the other students. Deanna and Hiyab



# Give for the Kids

**DONATE TODAY**

## Tomorrow is the 90th Good Friday Appeal

With your help, we can do something incredible to help sick kids as we celebrate the 90th Good Friday Appeal. We look forward to coming together across Victoria and beyond to raise much needed funds for the Hospital so kids can continue to receive world-class care.

<https://donation.goodfridayappeal.com.au/>

### A personal experience shared by Poppy 3/4A

*Earlier this month, we were part of a photo shoot for Seed Heritage. This came about because of the experiences I have had with treatment at the Royal Children's*

*Hospital. I was also selected because of my bubbly personality and caring and kind attitude I have for other people. Odessa was also included in the photoshoot as she is my sister.*

*The theme was based on highlighting denim clothing and black, white and pink accessories for Christmas, which we know is still ages away! We also helped make wrapping paper for Christmas. The photographer took lots of interesting photo snaps.*

*The photo shoot gave me lots of opportunities to share my ideas and also gave the whole group a voice.*

*We can't wait to see what the finished product looks like.*



## School Holidays Tennis Program

Monday 12th April, Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th April 2021

9.30am to 11am \$35 per day or \$90 for the 3 days

9.30am to 12.30pm \$60 per day or \$180 for the 3 days at:

**North Park Tennis Club, Flemington Road Parkville.**

For further information contact Gabriel 0418178328

## 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](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)