



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday 10 October 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a very smooth start to the term with students settling into their studies well. I would like to thank all staff for the way they have encouraged students to focus upon improving their learning. The themes for this term are:

Prep students are investigating living things. How do you know that something is alive?

Students in Grades One and Two also have a STEM unit by examining Forces. In particular they are investigating the way toys move e.g. gravity, stored energy via batteries or clockwork.

Middle school students are investigating Australian landmarks and symbols. They are investigating the power of symbols such as the Qantas flying kangaroo in Australia and around the world.

Senior school students are investigating the media. Each student will select eight specific investigations that utilise a different type of intelligence (<https://www.verywellmind.com/gardners-theory-of-multiple-intelligences-2795161>) cross-referenced with an issue about media e.g. How does advertising seek to change people's behaviour?

The curriculum being presented this term integrates inquiry learning with the science areas of biology and physics, as well as studies of society in Australia and in the ever expanding area of multimedia.

Student holiday adventures

Many students had interesting adventures over the recent holidays:

Poppy told others about her birthday celebration at a play centre. She was accompanied by Luna and Lucas where they enjoyed hot chips (yum). **Luna** went to see a performance at Highpoint where she had her face painted with the images of a unicorn and princess. **Henry** watched the



grand final at his friend, Sullivan's place where they enjoyed pizza, fruit and a lollypop. **Cohen** went on a 10 day cruise from Sydney visiting the Whitsunday Islands, Cairns and Port Douglas. He saw a turtle swimming by the Great Barrier Reef and dolphins playing by the ship.

New classrooms being installed

As mentioned in Flexischool messages, the front of the school is temporarily out of bounds to students, parents and staff while a new relocatable building is being made ready. A temporary fence has been erected and the workers are the only people permitted in this area for OHS reasons.

The shell of the building was set on site last weekend. Since then workers have connected electricity and data cables, installed steps and porch for each classroom and will soon lay carpet. The building contains two classrooms with air-conditioning and a separate office area for teachers.

I anticipate the 'hand-over' to occur in early November.



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School Concert Tickets on sale

Tickets are on sale at the Trybooking website: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEUMX>

Families can purchase a maximum of 4 tickets. Ticket prices are \$22.00 each. *Please note that children performing do not need a ticket.*

Trybooking accepts Visa, Mastercard and Amex debit or credit cards. In addition to this, users can on most instances pay with PayPal.

Families who do not have access to a computer will be able to **log on to the website at the school**. A computer will be made available each day from **3.00 to 3.30pm**.

Steps painted over holidays

I wish to thank Peter Gagliardi, our maintenance person for coming to school over the break to repaint the steps, poles and edging that are a potential tripping hazard. There is now a high contrast colour where the risk of tripping is elevated. Peter will paint the surrounds of the playground area this term to complete this safety project.

Swimming Program – vacancies now filled. The selection process explained:

The 2019 swimming program will be held in the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre from 18th to 29th November. There are places for 96 students only. The pool supplies eight instructors, each of whom will lead a group of 12 students of similar ability.

The government provides a grant towards the swimming program that will be used to offset the cost of instruction.

As there are limited places, an Expression of Interest (EOI) was distributed to parents on Monday. The first 96 EOIs received will be invited to participate in the program. Today the number of EOIs received exceeded the places available. Our selection process is:

1. Accept all EOIs on the day it is received
2. On the day the number of EOIs exceed the number of places available, the EOIs received on that day will be collected and some randomly selected to fill the places available are filled
3. Other EOIs will constitute a waiting list should selected students withdraw.

Parents of selected students will be contacted early next week. Payment is due by 11th November, a day to remember!

Canteen Reminder

Online ordering: The canteen will only accept online lunch orders from now on. The traditional cash and order on a paper bag are no longer accepted.

To assist you become familiar with the *Flexischools app*, free information and training sessions will be held immediately after Friday and Monday assemblies. You are welcome to attend to learn how to use the app.

Compass to roll out on 21 October

We will be migrating to the *Compass Learning Management System* from 21 October for recording student attendance. Parents will receive information on how to use this simple app to report student absences next week. I ask that you read the brochure when it is distributed.

A copy of the brochure is available on the school's web site: <https://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au/>.



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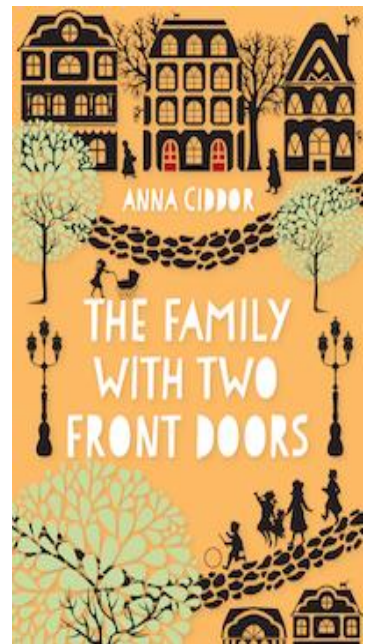
GUITAR LESSONS

Is your child interested in learning guitar? Our guitar teacher is taking new enrolments for guitar lessons in Term 4. Lessons are taught in small groups (usually 3 - 4 students), and cost \$10 a lesson. For details, please email Gary Butler hearhere2002@yahoo.com.au

Book Reviews –Treasured and Tried
 The Family with Two Front Doors.

Written by Anna Ciddor

Set in 1920’s Poland, this story describes the life of the Jewish Rabonowitz family with nine children. The family live across 2 apartments (hence the title) and their father is the local Rabbi. We are given an insight into the day to day household activities. The plot centres on the preparation and celebrations of the arranged marriage between 15 year old Adina, the eldest, and Mordechai, a boy she has never met. The quirky aspects include the day to day rituals and children’s diverse personalities. Charming and delightful. Recommended for 8 to 12 year olds.



By Liz Oruba

Book Fairs

Check-out these
**DINO-MITE
 NEW BOOKS**

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNs LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Date Mon. 14th to Fri. 18th October Place Avondale Primary School Library
 Time 8.30 to 8.50, 1.30 to 1.45, 3.15 to 3.45

CHOOSE FROM A HUGE SELECTION OF BOOKS AT THE FAIR!



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October - November Diary

October

Fri 11	Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
14-18	Book fair in Library
Fri 18	Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
	Grade 3/4 Cricket Excursion \$9.00
Tue 22	School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Fri 25	Crazy Hair Day / Greatest Shave
Mon 28	Concert Dress Rehearsal
Thurs 30	School Concert –Moonee Valley Racecourse

November

Tue 5	Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
Wed 6	Prep 2020 Parent Information Evening – BER – 7:30-8:30pm
Thurs 7	Selected Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
Fri 8	Junior School Athletics Day – At School
13-15	Grade 3/4 Lady Northcote Camp
Fri 15	Grade 2 Stay Late Night

The school's web site has a text only copy of this newsletter (published on a Friday) and a *translation facility* into 100+ languages.

Link: <https://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au/page/45/Newsletter->

Pupils of the week on Friday September 20th

Prep A – Hannah D
Prep B – Luca S
Prep C – Toby V
Prep D – Layla C

One A – Poppy E
One B – N/A
One C – Shaylee B
Two A – Chase R
Two B – N/A
1/2 A – Audrey M

3/4 A – Julie N
3/4 B – Jye S
3/4 C – Jorja V
3/4 D – Claudia S

4/5A – N/A
5/6 C – Angus D

5/6 A - Matthew H
5/6D – Olivia E

5/6 B N/A
LOTE – Maika 2B