



# Achievement, Confidence & Pride

**NEWSLETTER #12 – Friday, April 30, 2021**

Hello to our Avondale Community.

I would like to congratulate our School and Vice Captains for the very thoughtful and respectful way they led the ANZAC Day Assembly last Friday afternoon. The learning our students from Foundation to Grade 6 engaged in represented a great understanding of ANZAC Day and students were so proud of sharing this learning with me throughout the week.

I felt very privileged on Sunday morning to deliver our ANZAC Day wreath to the Cenotaph at Heinze Reserve (East Keilor RSL).



It was a very respectful way to represent Avondale Primary School, with the wreath created by Helen, a parent member of our school community.



## Attendance

My challenge to all families for Week 3 is for all students to be at school, on time, every day. We have made a great start to reducing late arrivals in the first two weeks of this term. We also have high expectations that we will achieve this goal over the coming weeks, to ensure all students have the opportunity to engage in every learning experience at school. **WE CAN DO THIS AVONDALE PRIMARY!**

Last Friday, our Cross Country team represented Avondale PS in the district cross country event. A big thank you to Mr Cleary and Ms Handley for training our students at school. Let's hear about this event and the actions of a grade 5 student who demonstrated a great deal of compassion towards another student. Emma D (3/4C) and Tessa S (3/4B) have shared their experience of the day.



*On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 11 students from Avondale PS, India, Emma, Tessa, Jimmy, Jed, Henry, Cooper, Jack, Ewan, Jarrod and Clarrie participated in cross country running at Aberfeldie Park. Everyone ran really well. Stand out results included Jarrod and Clarrie's hard work in the 11 year old boys 3k race (14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> place overall). Amazing job India for being the first girl from the Avondale team 9/10 girls to finish and Jimmy, Jed and Henry who came equal first from the Avondale team 9/10 boys. Abigail K and Layla T qualified but were unable to attend on the day.*

*A special mention goes to Ewan J, who sacrificed his own result to assist a fellow competitor and still managed to finish strongly.*

*Well done everyone for all your hard work.*



Mr Cleary and Ms Handley, congratulate the team and all students who arrived

I was extremely proud of our team and to hear about Ewan's efforts, being proactive in ensuring the health and safety of another competitor.



**Mrs Jill Benham**  
**Mr Joseph Scarfo**

**Principal**  
**Assistant Principal**

<b>WHAT'S COMING UP AT AVONDALE PRIMARY THIS TERM?</b>	
<b>Term Two: Save the Date</b>	
<b>Thursday 6th May</b>	Mothers' and Special Person Day Stall
<b>Friday 7th May @ 2.30pm</b>	Foundation Mothers and Special person celebration Invitation only through Compass
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	NAPLAN – Grades 3 and 5 students
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Grades 3-6 Athletics Day @ Aberfeldie Athletics Track
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Curriculum Day for teachers – no students at school
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Attitudes to School Survey – Grades 4,5 and 6 students
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Grade 5/6 Gala Days

### Victorian Chief Health Officer message to Victorian schools and their communities

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, teachers, parents and carers for ensuring a safe and successful start to the 2021 school year and to thank you for your cooperation during the short period of remote learning in February during the circuit breaker restrictions.

As Term 2 commences, schools continue to be able to operate with a largely normal program of activity, enabling important on-site activities to return, such as school open days and working bees, with appropriate health and safety measures in place.

Throughout the pandemic, Victorian schools have rapidly and successfully adapted to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, embedding COVIDSafe principles by reinforcing good behaviours, creating safe spaces, adapting activities, and responding quickly to COVID-19 risk.

While we have seen outbreaks emerge in Victoria, we have also witnessed our capacity to respond quickly to limit the impact of these outbreaks.

Given the current very low risk of COVID-19 transmission in the community, continued high rates of testing and wastewater monitoring, and continued observance of health and safety measures in schools; those with medical vulnerabilities or their carers can feel reassured to continue to safely work and learn on school sites, and enjoy the benefits of doing so.

It is crucial, however, for everyone to remain vigilant by staying home when unwell, performing regular hand hygiene, wearing a mask when required and maintaining physical distancing from others when practical.

Should cases of COVID-19 increase again in the community, I am confident that with COVIDSafe plans in place, alongside our ability to quickly identify and respond to cases, schools remain safe places for all staff and students. I also continue to be reassured by evidence that children are less impacted by the virus and are less likely to develop severe illness.

The school community continues to have an important role to promote COVID-19 testing when a student or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild, and ensuring they remain home until they are well. Getting tested and staying home until results are known is critical to limiting community transmission.

Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton  
Victorian Chief Health Officer

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 2 - 30/04/2021



<b>Foundation A</b>	Christian for a wonderful show and tell presentation on healthy eating!
<b>Foundation B</b>	Tanner for his confident show and tell about his favourite everyday food. Keep it up superstar!
<b>Foundation C</b>	Leila for sharing her everyday foods drawing in show and tell.
<b>Foundation/1A</b>	Brittany for her fantastic effort at writing a story about a spider.
<b>1A</b>	Eloise demonstrating an excellent understanding of time. Being able to describe features of an analogue clock and read time correctly.
<b>1B</b>	Mark for working hard to improve his reading skills.
<b>1C</b>	Ryan for being a responsible class member and hardworking student. Well done Ryan.
<b>2A</b>	Cara Her excellent narrative writing and working hard to take on feedback.
<b>2B</b>	Dean His huge improvement and efforts in maths.
<b>2C</b>	James His improved focus and effort he puts into completing learning tasks. Well done!
<b>3/4A</b>	Poppy Always persisting when completing learning tasks. Well done!
<b>3/4B</b>	Dylan for displaying an improved effort & attitude towards his work.
<b>3/4C</b>	Aren Producing a well-structured persuasive text.
<b>3/4D</b>	Ollie for demonstrating an excellent attitude towards his reading and staying focussed and giving his best effort.
<b>3/4E</b>	Jax for displaying focus and effort at independently completing work tasks.
<b>3/4F</b>	Alessandra Excellent class contributions and writing samples during our persuasive writing unit.
<b>56A</b>	Kaden for settling in well to his new school and working well with others.
<b>5/6B</b>	Khadijah for settling into Avondale and 56B with such confidence.
<b>5/6C</b>	Oscar Working hard to improve his addition skills.
<b>5/6D</b>	Mia Her excellent narrative writing and the tremendous way she goes about her learning tasks.
<b>ART Ms Farrell</b>	Kevin PC for her exceptional collage technique!
<b>ART Ms Portelli</b>	Dean 2B for creating a lovely collage of his house.
<b>ITALIAN Ms D'Amico</b>	Quinn 2A for fantastic effort in learning how to count to 20 in Italian.
<b>ITALIAN Mrs Oliveri</b>	Aarav PB Remembering that rosso means red when revising the colours in Italian. Bravo!
<b>PE</b>	Ben 2A for outstanding skills in Phys. Ed



# MINIROOS & WESTERN UNITED FC

On behalf of Sunshine Plaza, Football Australia and Football Victoria will deliver a MiniRoos Kick-Off Program on Saturday the 1st of May with the assistance of Western United FC!

Come along and enjoy the MiniRoos Activation Zone! Shoot goals, learn new skills and play with your friends at the shopping centre!



**JOIN OUR FREE EVENT AT SUNSHINE PLAZA SHOPPING CENTRE!**

11:00am to 2:00pm 1st of May 2021  
For any enquires please contact Michael La Riccia at  
(03) 9474 1846



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## KIDS CLASSES

*Free Trial Lesson!*

Smaller courts, lighter racquets and low-compression balls that don't bounce too high make learning tennis fun and easy for primary school-aged children. This means that kids are able to start rallying and having fun right from their first lesson!

Cost: **\$9.00** a session



## CARDIO TENNIS

*Free Trial Lesson!*

- High energy workout and burn 300 to 1000 calories
- Drill-based and play-based activities
- Lose weight, get fit and have fun
- Participants wear heart monitors, exercise to music and use low compression balls and a variety of equipment such as agility ladders

Cost: **\$12.50** a session.

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Gladstone Park TC 18 Elmhurst Rd • St Matthews TC 95 William Rd

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