



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

NEWSLETTER #13 – Friday May 7th, 2021

Hello to our Avondale Community,

It is with great excitement to share with you that work on our new build officially starts today.

The Victorian Government is investing in record funding to make Victoria the Education State and provide every student with access to a quality education at a great local school.

A sod turn with the Member for Niddrie, Ben Carroll, was held today, Friday May 7, to celebrate the start of works for our school's new single-storey building which will include an administration area, staff work spaces and a library for students, in addition to 2 single-storey flexible learning centres comprising 12 collaborative learning spaces, student amenities, staff work spaces, outdoor learning areas and landscaping, ready for Term 1, 2022.

Our School Leaders, Alvin and Hiyab, did a fantastic job of welcoming the Member for Niddrie, Ben Carroll along with our Builders, Architects, School Council President, VSBA and DET representatives.

This is the beginning of very exciting times ahead for our school community. I would like to acknowledge the work of our School Council and School Leaders that has led to the commencement of this project.

During construction there will be temporary fencing to ensure the safety of our community.

To see the designs and details for this project as they evolve, please visit <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/schools/Pages/Avondale-Primary-School.aspx>



NAPLAN 2021

Tuesday May 11 – Thursday May 13

Our Grades 3 and 5 students have the opportunity during NAPLAN next week to demonstrate what they know in Writing, Language Conventions, Reading and Numeracy. NAPLAN is not a test of content. It tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum and every day in the classroom.

Teachers have been working with our Grades 3 and 5 students to ensure that they are familiar with the test formats and have provided appropriate support and guidance.

NAPLAN tests provide our students with the opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

If your child appears anxious about NAPLAN, acknowledge their feelings, and ask them what specific worries they are experiencing. The [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#) is available for students and their parents to visit together. Exploring the look and feel of NAPLAN tests can help reduce anxiety.

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE – A HUGE SUCCESS WITH OUR STUDENTS

Students from Foundation through to Grade 6, were very thoughtful in the way they chose the 'just right' gift/s for their Mum or Special person at the Mother's Day and Special Person Day Stall over two days. Our students were very excited about their choices and can't wait for Sunday to share them with you.

They also put their numeracy skills to the test, working out what item/s they could afford (or not) and then working out the change they would receive.



Thank you to our families for supporting this event and to our Fundraising Committee for all the work behind the scenes and over the two days of sales. The smiles on the faces of our students really did show their appreciation of your hard work.



NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY Friday May 14

Now in its 22nd year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a Community Event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.



This event encourages parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour, promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age, help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians, reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults, reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles and reduce the level of traffic congestion.

Grades with the highest total of students who walk to school next Friday, will receive a tattoo to acknowledge their active and collective participation.



Mrs Jill Benham
Mr Joseph Scarfo

Principal
Assistant Principal

HEALTH ADVICE

Attached to this week's newsletter is a School exclusion table to support families to determine whether their child/ren should attend school or stay at home when unwell or showing COVID symptoms. This information helps to ensure the health and safety of all our students, staff and families and includes advice about Gastro, Conjunctivitis and other illnesses.

HAPPY MOTHER'S AND SPECIAL PERSON DAY

Wishing all our Mum's and Special people in our lives, a fabulous day on Sunday, celebrating the wonderful things our Mum's and Special people do for us.

We look forward to hearing all about the special things you do together on Sunday.



WHAT'S COMING UP AT AVONDALE PRIMARY THIS TERM?	
Tuesday 11th May Wednesday 12th May Thursday 13th May	NAPLAN – Grades 3 and 5 students
Wednesday 19th May	Grades 3-6 Athletics Day @ Aberfeldie Athletics Track
Friday 21st May	Curriculum Day for teachers – no students at school
Monday 24th May – Friday 28th May	Education Week
Monday 24th May – Friday 4th June	Attitudes to School Survey – Grades 4,5 and 6 students
Friday 11th June Friday 18th June	Grade 5/6 Gala Days
Monday 14th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 25th June	Last day of Term Two Early dismissal 2.15pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 3 - 07/05/2021



Foundation A	Brandon for independently writing a piece about his mum.
Foundation B	Arvin for independently sorting foods into categories based on where they come from (animal/plant)
Foundation C	Quinn for working hard to blend letter sounds together to write words.
Foundation/1A	Nikola for his fantastic effort when writing a procedure about how to make hot chocolate.
1A	Hendrix Confidently contributing to classroom discussions. Well done!
1B	Hayley Whole body listening and a great attitude to her learning.
1C	Tiffany for showing confidence and persistence when reading. Awesome work Tiffany.
2A	Hannah for using a range of reading strategies to help her read.
2B	Summer for her terrific non-fiction reading response.
2C	Sri His increased speed in completing his tasks.
3/4A	Derek Writing an excellent timed persuasive, well done.
3/4B	Shaylee for increasing your confidence and participation in small group work, keep it up Shaylee!
3/4C	Luna Your excellent persuasive text online versus at school learning!
3/4D	Jemma for giving valuable contributions in whole class discussion and sharing her thinking with her classmates.
3/4E	Sienna for improving at listening and reading with accuracy and understanding.
3/4F	Luca for his persistence towards completing his numeracy probability task to a great standard.
5/6A	Clarrie for continually striving to improve his results by working hard.
5/6B	Chalee Continuing to excel in her multiplication and division challenges.
5/6C	Deanna Writing an excellent exposition.
5/6D	Jared for displaying responsible behaviour and a willingness to assist his classmates.
ART Ms Farrell	Jasmine 1B Her delicately scrunched vase of flowers.
ART Ms Portelli	Angelina 56C Showing persistence and patience to complete a beautiful neat art piece.
ITALIAN Ms D'Amico	Isabel 34D Always putting in a fantastic effort when completing her Italian work.
ITALIAN Mrs Oliveri	Poppy PA Her amazing team work when collaborating on a poster all about the colour giallo (yellow)
PE	Audrey M 34B Outstanding effort in High Jump!



**2 DAY VIP EVENT – 6th & 7th MAY
ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS**

**20%^{*} OFF
SCHOOLWEAR
& EVERYTHING ELSE!**



**DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR
ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS**

*Offer available Instore & Online ends midnight (AEST) 7th May 2021. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount. Excludes Gift Cards and Schoolwear lay-bys. Savings of original prices. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, no rainchecks.



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.

LOCATIONS: Kensington Banks TC Smithfield Rd • North Park TC Flemington Rd
Gladstone Park TC 18 Elmhurst Rd • St Matthews TC 95 William Rd

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