



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday, 13th June 2019

Dear Parents,

2018 NAPLAN

The results shows Avondale Primary is well on the way to achieving our goals

Last year Avondale Primary School performed very well in the NAPLAN testing. The results for

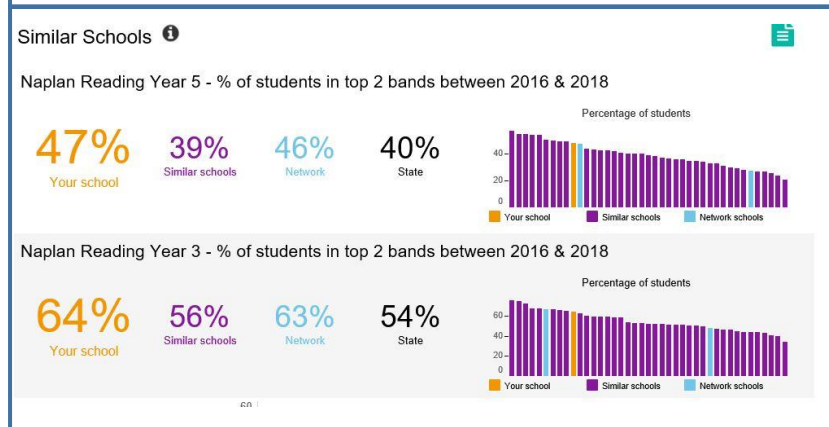
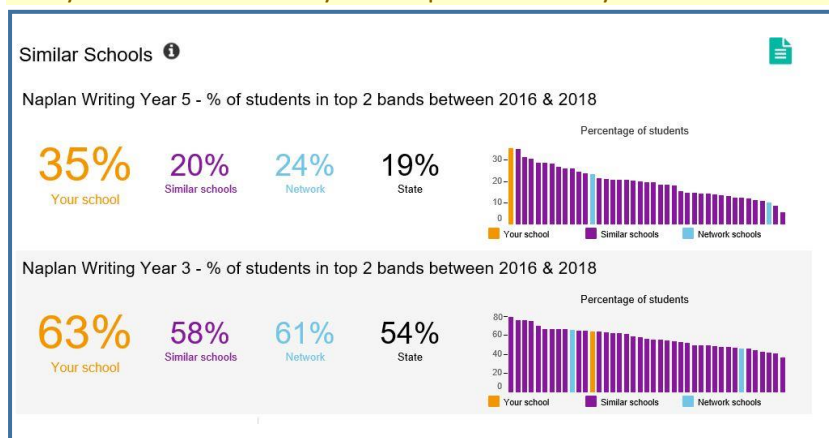
reading and writing were particularly strong.

These charts compare our school's performance with schools that are similar in terms of student disadvantage, enrolment size, cultural diversity and remoteness.

The amber coloured lines and numerals refer to Avondale Primary School, the light blue lines refer to other schools within the Moonee Valley network and the purple lines refer to other schools outside Moonee Valley in Victoria.

The top chart compares Year 5 writing with Year 3 writing; the lower chart shows the NAPLAN results for reading – Year 5 above and Year 3 below.

As you can see we are



particularly strong in writing and we are doing well in reading but there is room for improvement. Students in Year 4 and above who read for 30 minutes or more daily will improve their comprehension, vocabulary, fluency and knowledge.

Colour Parade

Grade 1 boys celebrate the recent colour parade in the BER with other Year One students – more pictures of Year One students in their colourful outfits can be viewed on page 4.





Winter and student safety

Now that winter has arrived, there are a couple of reminders that may assist keep your children safe and warm.

Rainy mornings:

Students who arrive before 8:40 am on a rainy morning are expected to remain under cover on the basketball court or in a breezeway.

An announcement will be made at 8:40 declaring a wet day timetable, then students will be allowed to enter the corridor and classroom. I advise parents to bring children to school between 8:40 and 8:50 on rainy mornings so that they can travel directly to their room.

Please check that your **child's name is on their windcheater**. The classrooms are warm and students take their tops off regularly; these are easily reunited with their owner when there is a name on the tag.

There are more students who take **medication** at school in this season. We require written permission for medication to be dispensed during school hours by office staff. [Attached to this newsletter is the latest medication authority form.](#) You may wish to save a copy for future use alternatively, you can fill in a hard copy when delivering the medication to the office.

Rainy afternoons

These present particular challenges as all students are dismissed at the same time. Obviously most people prefer to park as close as possible to the school gates. A little planning can help reduce frustration, here are a few ideas:

- Plan for the additional 5 minutes needed on rainy afternoons
- Store an umbrella and coats in the car on rainy days
- If you have older children, ask them to wait under cover until 3:25, when most of the parking spaces are empty
- Pack a raincoat in their bag so that they can meet you at the library carpark (Year 3 and above)

Good luck Annette Oliveri

Annette has been teaching at Avondale Primary School since January 2014. She currently is the class teacher in Prep A. Annette will start her confinement/family leave on Tuesday 18 June. On behalf of the whole Avondale Primary School community, I extend our best wishes to Annette and Luciano on the arrival of their first baby, expected in late July.

I welcome Ms Rachael Zappia to our staff, she will commence teaching Prep A on Tuesday 18 June.



Parent Teacher Interviews

On Monday 17 June, Annette Oliveri and Rachael Zappia will hold parent teacher interviews for Prep A. This is the only grade to have parent teacher interviews on this day. This is an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress with Annette and Rachael.

On Tuesday 25 June, Ms Farrell will be available to meet with parents of junior school students to discuss their progress in Art. Bookings to meet with Ms Farrell close Friday 21 June. To book: go to

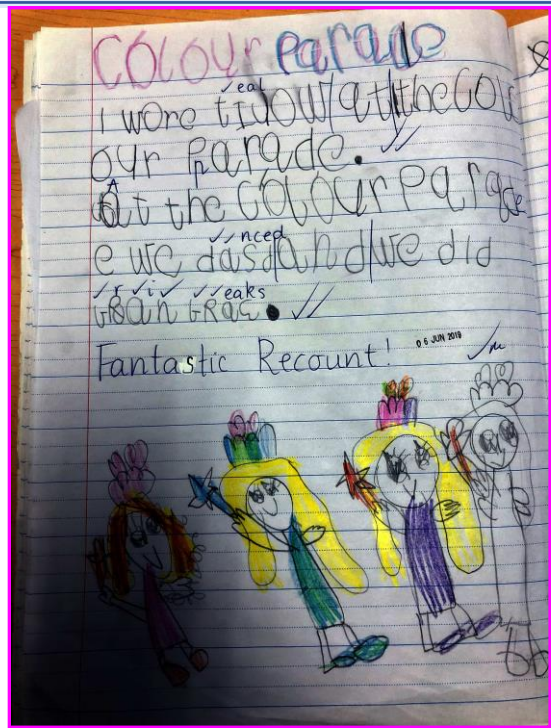


www.schoolinterviews.com.au, enter the code hpx6y select Go and enter your details. All other Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 27 June. If you have not yet made an appointment, you can follow the instructions above to secure a meeting with your child's teacher.

Parent Helpers Induction Course
 If you would like to assist at school we invite you to attend an induction course to be held on Thursday 20 June. There will be two presentations: 9 am to 9:30 am and 2:30 pm to 3 pm in the staff room. Coffee and biscuits will be available.
 You only need to do an induction course once, so if you attended last year, you do not have to attend again. However, if you would like a refresher, you are most welcome to attend.

Canteen to go online Term 3
 Following a meeting of the canteen subcommittee, arrangements are currently being made to facilitate online ordering of canteen lunches. The app, *Flexischools*, provides parents with a cashless ordering system from a smart phone. Parents will need to deposit money into an associated account from which the cost of each order will be deducted.
 School Council will discuss this proposal and if approved, the app will be implemented early in Term 3.

Prep students write a recount
 Pictured on the right is a recount of the Preps' colour parade written by a student in her 17th week at school.
 It is amazing to realise that most students can now write several sentences using basic 'sounding-out' strategies.
 The common words such as was, is, and, & the, are instantly recognised when reading and spelt correctly when writing. Very well done!



Avondale Primary School Website news

- The home page now has [enrolment information](#) for new families.
- Did you know that the newsletter link on our web site can translate the newsletter into 100+ languages? This means that relatives who live overseas and do not speak English can feel closer to the schooling of their grandchildren, nieces and nephews via the internet. To translate the newsletter, select the newsletter tab and select the '[click here](#)' link under the banner
- The calendar of events is updated weekly
- Under the Teaching and Learning tab is a link to the [Communication and Reporting](#) page that summarises the school's communication strategies.



Pictures from
Preps
Colour
Parade





Grade 1C have been studying dinosaurs, and as every good palaeontologist knows, you can estimate the height of a dinosaur by the size of its footprint.

Students have been using blocks (informal units) to measure the length, width and area of a dinosaur footprint.

Well done all.





Moonee Valley City Council Environmental News

Are you ready for plastic free July?

Did you know 9.2 billion tonnes of plastic has been produced and still exist in the world? And of that, 6.9 billion tonnes have already become waste?

Plastic waste leaks into our oceans and waterways and has a catastrophic effect on us and the environment.

Disposable coffee cups, plastic straws, bags and water bottles are the top four contributors to the plastic crisis. But they are easy to eliminate these:

- stock your car with reusable shopping bags
- throw a reusable water bottle in your bag
- leave a reusable keep cup in your car or at work
- say no to straws when you order drinks or buy a metal or glass straw.

FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

Tell us in 300 words or less how you've changed your habits to reduce plastic for a chance to win a *waste free living kit* (includes shopping and produce bag, steel straw and cleaner, bamboo toothbrush and scrubbing brush, basil seeds and more). Email environment@mvcc.vic.gov.au by Wednesday, 31 July with your story.



I wish you and your family a great week.

Paul Mulroyan



JUNE/JULY SCHOOL DIARY

June

- Fri 14 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9 am
Grade 5/6 Interschool – Ascot Vale P.S. (away)
- Thurs 20 Water Treatment Excursion Grades 3/4B, 3/4C and 4/5A
Parent Helpers Induction
- Fri 21 Water Treatment Excursion Grades 3/4A, 3/4D and 4/5A
Reports Emailed to Parents
Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9 am
- Tues 25 Jump Rope for Heart
School Council Meeting 7:30 pm
- Wed 26 Special lunch order day
- Thurs 27 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Fri 28 Last Day Term 2 – ***Students finish at 2:15 pm***

July

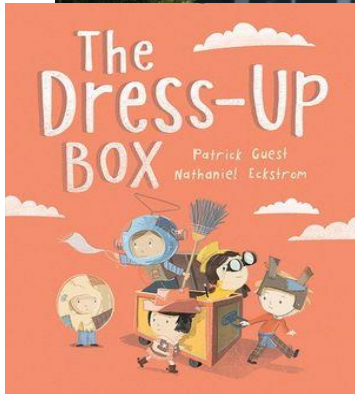
- Mon 15 First Day Term 3 – School resumes as normal at 8:50 am
- Thurs 18 Grade 3/4 Health and Human Development Program
Grade 5/6 Rosehill Sec College Performance
- Fri 19 Grade 5/6 Health and Human Development Program
Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9 am
- Thurs 25 Grade 3/4 Health and Human Development Program
- Fri 26 Grade 5/6 Health and Human Development Program
Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9 am
- Tue 30 Italian Day

School Office Hours

8:30 am to 9:30 am

2:30 pm to 3:15 pm

Please limit visits to office to these
times.



Liz's Book Review

The Dress-up box. Written by Patrick Guest.

Illustrated by Nathaniel Eckstrom

The Frolleys love living in Sunshine Avenue and the kids have all sorts of fun with the Choongs kids next door. Their house is sold and they must move to Dankwart Drive. The kids are very sad until they work out how to have fun at the new house using their imagination and their beloved dress-up box. Best for children 3 to 7. By Liz Oruba

Pupils of the week on Friday June 7th

Prep A – Chloe

Prep B – Jessica K

Prep C – Tiyaam T

Prep D – Dante Q

One A – Luna S

One B – Sahasra

One C – James P

Two A – Ollie S

Two B – Walied O

1/2 A – Ruby S

3/4 A – Deanna L

3/4 B – Naylie T

3/4 C – Ephrata B

3/4 D – Maci K

4/5A – Malachi H

5/6 A – Marley S

5/6 B – Samara G

5/6 C – Diane B

5/6 D – Yugo H

LOTE – Aiden S - 4/5A