



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

NEWSLETTER #15 – Friday May 21st, 2021

Hello to our Avondale Community,

TERM TWO CURRICULUM DAY

Our Curriculum Day today, engaged our staff in working collaboratively on our Annual Implementation goal:

‘To strengthen the capacity of all teachers to plan differentiated learning experiences in Reading’

We addressed our Key Improvement Strategies through:

- building teacher capacity in the teaching and learning of Reading
- developing school wide practices to collect and analyse data to inform teaching and learning
- developing and implementing a consistent Reading Instructional Model at Avondale Primary

We had a fabulous day of learning that will impact directly on our students.



HOUSE ATHLETICS DAY

On Wednesday, May 19th, our grades 3-6 students did us proud at the Moonee Valley Athletics Track, under a blue sky and plenty of sunshine. They demonstrated our You Can Do It keys of getting along, persistence, confidence, organisation and resilience throughout the day.

Students engaged actively in a range of track and field events throughout the day, participated in an enthusiastic manner and cheered each other on.

These student reflections provide some additional insights into the success of the day.

‘Shot put was good and not that heavy, I really enjoyed it.’ Affan A 3/4B

‘I liked the relays because the house teams competed and I won a first ribbon.’
Kiran L 3/4C

‘I enjoyed running with my best friends!’
Sophia G 3/4D

We had a number of families who ventured down to the track and quickly got into the spirit of the day, encouraging all students in their endeavours.

Thank you to Mr Cleary and the staff at Avondale PS for organising this event, actively engaging our students in physical activity in a supportive and well organised day. Mr Cleary shares the results of the day later in the newsletter.

EDUCATION WEEK – BUILDING CONNECTIONS

We are excited to open up our classrooms between 9.10 – 10.00 am on Thursday, May 27th. This is a great opportunity for families to gain an insight into learning at Avondale Primary. We look forward to seeing you during our Open Morning.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held on Wednesday June 23rd and Thursday June 24th. If you require an interpreter please contact your classroom teacher. Further information will be shared in upcoming communications.

CYBER SAFETY

At Avondale Primary, our goal is for students to make good decisions when they are online and to be cyber safe. At the beginning of each year, all students sign an acceptable use agreement. It is important to revisit safe online behaviours with your family and ensure all children are accessing appropriate content under adult supervision.

Please see the tip sheets below, provided by the eSafety Commissioner to guide this process.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

At Avondale Primary School we believe in promoting a positive school culture, based on positive behaviours and values. We expect that Avondale Primary School parents will demonstrate the school values of Respect, Honesty, Cooperation, Persistence, Caring for others, Integrity, Self Confidence and Helpfulness at all times within the school setting.

Parents/Carers have the responsibility to:

- act in a safe and responsible manner
- listen to, and treat members of the school community with respect

- follow procedures as stipulated in school policies including the Issue Resolution Policy
- maintain a solution focused approach to solving issues in a calm and co-operative manner

All of our students have the right to feel safe and comfortable at school. There may be times when you feel that the action of another child has infringed the rights of your own child. This will be managed by school staff. Under no circumstances is a parent or guardian to approach another child to discuss or reprimand them because of their actions.

If you have a concern or issue relating to your child, please make use of the following steps:

- contact the class teacher first – they are in the best position to help you, as they know your child well and are directly responsible for them
- if you have further concerns or need further support, please make an appointment to meet with the Assistant Principal, Joe Scarfo or the Principal, Jill Benham.

Further information can be found on our website @ [Policies \(avondaleps.vic.edu.au\)](https://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au)

TODAY
*is the day to
learn something*
NEW

Mrs Jill Benham
Mr Joseph Scarfo

Principal
Assistant Principal

GRADES 3 – 6 HOUSE ATHLETICS DAY

On Wednesday, May 19th, 2021 we held our House Athletics for grades 3-6 at Moonee Valley Athletics Track. The day was full of fun and active competition where students competed in track and field events to gain points for their house as well as an individual age group competition. This was a fantastic active day for our students and a great opportunity for our school community to celebrate through spirited participation. Congratulations to all the students for an outstanding effort!

Overall Winners

1st Boeing Green: 190 points

2nd Comet Yellow: 159 points

3rd Electra Blue: 117 Points

4th Viscount Red: 80 points

Individual age group Champions

9 Girls: Tessa 21 points

9 Boys: Jed 23 points

10 Girls: Scarlett 14 points

10 Boys: Gabe 11 points

11 Girls: Deanna 17 points

11 Boys: Harvey 24 points

12/13 Girls: Sophia 25 points

12/13 Boys: Xavier 17 Points

Mr John Cleary
Physical Education teacher



App checklist for parents



Checklist

The aim of this checklist is to help you navigate the app world and give you the tools to ensure you and your family enjoy safe and positive online experiences.

Do your research

- [The eSafety Guide](#) is a good starting point.
- Other sources include [Common Sense Media](#) and [ConnectSafely](#), which review the most popular apps.
- Search for recent reviews from Google Play and Apple Store.
- Discuss the benefits and risks with family or friends who use the app.

eSafety tip: Check whether the app can be used for [content sharing](#), [photo and video sharing](#), [messaging and online chat](#), [voice chat](#), [video calling](#), [live streaming](#), [gaming](#), [in-app purchasing](#), [online relationships](#), [location sharing](#) and [encryption](#).

Check the age rating and requirements

- Apps usually state a minimum age for users in their terms of use but they don't all have verification requirements.
- [The eSafety Guide](#) includes the stated age for many popular apps.
- [Common Sense Media](#) makes an independent assessment of provides age recommendations.
- Check the advice on the eSafety Parent page [Are they old enough?](#)

eSafety tip: When deciding if an app is suitable for your child, think about their level of maturity and judgement as well as the age recommendation.

Consider privacy – read the terms and conditions and ask yourself these questions:

- What information does the app request?
- Does the app provide privacy protections?
- Can you restrict who sees your profile?
- Who can find you in a search?
- What information can people see about you?

eSafety tip: See the eSafety page [Connecting safely – Apps](#) for more advice. [The eSafety Guide](#) contains links to information about how to adjust privacy settings in popular apps.



Check the permissions and other settings – read the community guidelines and ask yourself these questions:

- What permissions does the app request?
- What information the app collect?
- Does the app need microphone and/or video camera access to perform its functions?
- What are the default settings?
- Do you need to change default settings, initially and after each update?
- Does the app allow in-app purchases?

eSafety tip: See the eSafety Parents page [Taming the technology](#) for advice on using parental control and safe browsing tools.

Safety check

- Can you report things in the app? (For example: online abuse, impersonator accounts, offensive or illegal content).
- Is the in-app reporting process easy and clear?
- Are the in-app reporting options limited or can you report a wide range of safety concerns?

eSafety tip: Let your child know they can come to you for help if anything makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe and they won't be in trouble. You can help them [report serious online abuse](#) to the eSafety Commissioner.



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LUNCH TIME CLUBS and ACTIVITIES SPECIAL REQUESTS

We have an assortment of board and card games but we would love to add to our collection. If you have any board games at home that you no longer need or use, we would greatly appreciate your donations. (Games with complete pieces and instructions included where possible please)



Our School sandpit has also been a buzz with activity, with not quite enough toys for the number of students playing there. We would really appreciate any donations of pre-loved buckets, plastic spades, trucks, water play or any other sturdy sand toys that your child no longer plays with, to add these to our school sand pit.



We are also launching a Lego Club in the coming weeks and are working with students to determine the best lego to purchase, however, we thought it was also worth asking if any families had lego they no longer used we would greatly appreciate any donations.



** We will of course follow Covid rules by sanitising any board games, sand/water toys and lego that is donated before they are used.

Thank you from the students and staff at APS

WHAT'S ON AT AVONDALE PRIMARY IN TERM 2?	
Monday May 24th – Friday June 4th	Attitudes to School Survey – Grades 4,5 and 6 students
Thursday May 27th	Education Week – Building Connections Open Morning at APS
Friday June 4th Friday June 11th	Grade 5/6 Winter Gala Days Grade 5/6 Winter Gala Days
Monday June 21st	Semester 1 Reports open on Compass
Wednesday June 23rd Thursday June 24th	Parent Teacher meetings



KIDS CLASSES

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AFL	Thursday May 20
AFLW	Tuesday May 18
BBall Yrs 9 & 10 (boys & girls)	Wednesday May 19
Bball Yrs 11 & 12 (boys & girls)	Wednesday May 26
Soccer (all levels)	Tuesday May 25
Tennis (all levels)	Monday May 17

All days will run from 9:00am-2:30pm

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