



## *Achievement, Confidence & Pride*

Thursday 15 August 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the middle of Term 3, I am pleased to report that students are making solid progress in their studies. Students in grades 1 and 2 are learning to tell the time using an analogue clock. They are becoming familiar with the terms 'half past' and 'a quarter to'. They are also learning the role of the large and small hands.

You can help at home by discussing clock faces that are different: Roman numerals, watches with only 3, 6, 9 and 12 or clock faces with no numerals at all!

*Interesting fact: Many clocks with Roman numerals use the symbol IIII instead of IV for the number 4.*



### **Canteen starts online ordering on Monday.**

You will be able to order lunches and play lunch online from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August. We have decided to include all grade levels from Monday. Accompanying this newsletter is a *Flexischools* flyer explaining how to use this application.

#### **To set up your account**

1. **Download the Flexischools App** from Google Play or the Apple Store
2. **Add your school** Click on the search icon, enter Avondale, select Avondale Primary and year group/s relevant to you.
3. **Login / Register** Click on the **Order Now** button located in the bottom right hand corner – this will open a login screen.
  - **Already a Flexischools user:** Enter your details and login. To save your login details, select 'remember me'
  - **New Flexischools user:** Click **register**, enter your email address and follow the instructions in the email to set up your account. Once your account is set up, add a new student; search for Avondale, enter the student details and select their class.

#### **To Order**

1. Click on the **Order now** button located in the bottom right corner of the app and select your student
2. **Make your selection** from the menu
3. **Make your payment** Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.

***For assistance call 1300 361 769***



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#### Getting along with others



The original concept for the **Friendship Seat** started in Britain. The idea is that this very special brightly coloured seat, which is placed within the school yard, is a place where children who are lonely or sad can sit, in doing so alerting teachers and other pupils that there might be a problem.

Children are being taught how special the seat is, and to look out for any student who is on it. It is hoped that children will approach the seat, and invite whoever is on it to play with them, or simply check if they are okay.

#### **Active Paths launch – Friday 30 August**

Avondale Primary School will be celebrating the launch of our new Active Paths on **Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** at the morning assembly.

House Captains have worked with Mr Cleary and a member of Bicycle Victoria and a member of Moonee Valley City Council to design and map out easy and safe routes to school. These routes have now been marked on the map attached to this newsletter. Students and parents can follow these paths to walk, ride or scoot to school.

**On the 30<sup>th</sup> August**, we encourage as many students as possible to make their way actively along the paths. **Student that walk, ride or scoot to school will receive a free piece of fruit.**

Leading up to the launch each class will be having a poster competition with a slogan as to why you should walk or ride to school with one student from each class receiving a prize for the most outstanding poster.

At our assembly we will have a member of Bicycle Victoria to help launch the program!

Happy Walking!



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**Fire safety lessons for Preps**

Preps enjoyed two visits from the Fire Brigade this week. Every prep student had a turn holding the large fire hose and spraying water over our front garden.

'The siren is really loud, I put my fingers in my ears' explained Jessica (Prep B).

Many thanks to the Prep teachers for organising this important fire safety lesson.



**Parent Opinion Survey**

Each year the department holds a parent opinion survey. Families are randomly selected by the administrative software to participate in the survey. The closing date for the online Parent Opinion Survey has been extended to **Sunday 18 August 2019**. Parents can submit completed online surveys until 11:59PM Sunday 18 August 2019.



*Community announcement:*

**Are your kids looking for a fun, engaging and safe activity?**

**Join the Adventure 1st Milleara Scout Group**

Scouts means adventure, challenge and new skills - programs which develop life skills, leadership and resilience. Scouts enjoy being outdoors and off-screen, as they earn badges and make heaps of new friends.

1st Milleara Scouts meet at Doyle Street Scout Hall in Avondale Heights. Term fees are affordable and the first three trial visits are free.

<b>Joeys</b> age range:	5-7	Wednesday	5:00 – 6:00pm
<b>Cubs</b> age range:	8-11	Wednesday	6:30 – 8:00pm
<b>Scouts</b> age range:	11-14	Monday	7:00 – 8:45pm
<b>Rover Crew</b>	17-26	Thursday	7:30 – 10:30pm



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**Coding Club – always popular**

A dozen senior students usually visit the library during a lunch time weekly, to have fun coding with the application, *Scratch 3*. The program allows students to develop interactive stories, games, and animations. They share their creations with other club members, and support each other develop new skills and insights.

Scratch helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively – essential skills for life in the 21st century. But the most important aspect for students is that it is fun to use and share their creations.

*Scratch* is a product of the *Lifelong Kindergarten Group* at the *Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab*. It is provided free of charge at: <https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/editor/>.

**Garden Club news**

The weather has been very cold over the last couple of weeks, however a start has been made weeding part of the garden bed. The beans are now sprouting and the beets are starting a growth spurt.

Many thanks to **Mr Boffa and Janelle** for their dedication to our garden. Pictured here are pots of herbs enjoying the longer days and the garden bed being prepared for our spring planting.



**Art work inspired by our indigenous mural**

**Prep Art**

Prep artists created a contemporary Indigenous-style artwork, inspired by the school's new mural. It features home in the centre.

Can you see lines of dots leading out from the home?

These are the journeys we take in our daily life to go to other important places





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in our community. We go from our home to:

- school
- our friend’s house
- our grandparent’s house
- the shops
- the park
- the pool
- the library

Our Prep artists used paint, brushes, finger tips and chalk pastels.

**Grade 1 and 2 art pieces explained...**

The artists in Grades 1 and 2 have created a piece of contemporary Indigenous-style art, inspired by the school’s new mural. The theme of our art is “Journeys”. The artworks depict the journey we take between home and another place that is special to us. Some of the special places chosen include: the forest, the beach, a holiday location, a grandparent’s house, school and the local football field.

The Grade 1 and 2 artists painted outlines of these two special places of belonging and then added journey lines in between. They filled in the surrounding background with dot patterns. In doing this, we explored patterns, contrast and negative space.

We have learnt that this style of Indigenous art is beautiful and meaningful, but patience is needed!

**Care needed:** I received a report of a grandparent driving from school without securing seatbelts on the children, I ask all parents to ensure children’s’ **safety on all occasions.**

Kind regards

Paul Mulroyan

**Pupils of the week on Friday August 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Prep A** – Chloe D

**Prep B** – AmirMahdi J

**Prep C** – Mehr Sam B

**Prep D** – Nicola K

**One A** – April B

**One B** – Othniel S

**One C** – Haris S

**Two A** – Maneli G

**Two B** – Maitham R

**1/2 A** – Zain R

**3/4 A** – Ryan N

**3/4 B** – Chloe C

**3/4 C** – Hayden L

**3/4 D** – Rezwan C

**4/5A** – Malachi H

**5/6 A** – Lucas C

**5/6 B** – Arianit F

**5/6 C** – Kristy L

**5/6 D** – Lillian L

**LOTE** – Aarush Prep C

**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.



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## August/September Diary

### August

- Fri 16            Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am  
                      District Athletics
- Mon 19 - 23    Science week
- Mon 19           Star Lab incursion  
                      Responsible Pet Ownership incursion – Prep students  
                      *Online canteen orders start – See flyer attached*
- Tue 20           Moon Buggy Derby (Class Trials)  
                      School Council Meeting 7:30pm
- Wed 21           Star Lab incursion
- Thurs 22          Selected music students to visit Ron Conn Centre
- Fri 23            Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am  
                      Moon Buggy Derby – Junior\Senior Championship
- Mon 26           Police Visit for Preps
- Tue 27            Grade 1 Excursion to *Scienceworks*
- Wed 28           Grade 1/2A & 2 Excursion to *Scienceworks*
- Thurs 29          Father's day stall  
                      Selected music students to visit Ron Conn Centre
- Fri 30            Grade One Father's Day Breakfast  
                      Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am

### September

- 2-6                E-Smart Week
- Tue 3             Sports Day lunch & recess orders due back at school  
                      ***(No orders will be accepted after this day)***
- Wed 4            Years 5/6 Phillip Island camp leaves  
                      Brave Hearts Presentation P-2 students
- Fri 6               Grade 5/6 Phillip Island camp returns approximately 3pm  
                      Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
- Fri    13           Sports day

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->