



## *Achievement, Confidence & Pride*

**Thursday, 20 May 2020.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to families for your patience as we have worked to establish a smooth transition for the return of the junior students. We are still awaiting advice for the return of the Years 3-6 classes. We will keep you updated through Compass.

### **Grade 3- 6 return**

Entry to the school will be:

Grade 1s will continue to use Gate 1

Grade Preps will use Gate 2.

Grade 2 & 3/4s will use **Gate 4**

Grade 5/6s will use **Gate 3** (end of building 1)

Students to arrive from 8.40am and enter via the gates as listed.

The gates will be closed at **9.00am**.

To alleviate congestion at the end of the day students from Prep-2 will go out to their allocated gate from **3.00pm or shortly after**. Students from Grade 3 - 6 will go out at the normal time of 3.15pm from the gates listed above.

Please observe social distancing during drop off and pick up and do not remain outside to socialise.

### **Concerns**

I know some parents have concerns regarding the restricted areas of the yard and the lack of things for students to play with. This is an issue where we have to follow the advice provided by the Chief medical Officer and the processes outlined in the Return to School Guide.

We are aware of the issues and are examining options and awaiting advice updates.

### **New Build Update**

The process to appoint an architect has commenced. Here at school we have started the consultation process with staff to determine what our priorities are to inform the design of new facilities look like. There are details included in this newsletter to commence community consultation.

### **Assessment**

Reports will be available next term and we are discussing what format parent teacher interviews will take.

### **Prep 2021 enrolments**

If you intend to enrol at Avondale Primary School online enrolments are open. See the school website for the forms.

### **Online learning Survey**

Thank you to the families who responded to the Department survey about the online learning environment. When I last looked we have 68 families participate.

We have learnt the student survey is only open to students in Grades 4, 5 and 6. The students have done the survey as part of a class task.

When the survey closes ORIMA will collate the data and send a report to the school.

Dr Bette Prange

**Acting Principal**

### **Inspirational Quote:**

*"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today." – Malcom X.*



### **New Build survey**

We want to hear from you!

Our school has received State Government funding for upgrades!

We want to hear from our parents, carers and local community about what you'd like Avondale Primary School to look like beyond 2020.

The results of this survey will help to shape our school's new upgrade.

It is important that we complete planning soon and get construction underway to meet our growing student enrolments by Term 1 2022.

**There are 2 surveys for families to complete.**

**One survey is being administered by the Victorian School Building Authority. The other survey is our own to allow the school to collect more comprehensive data to inform our planning. These can be accessed by clicking on the following links: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JQ6PY8X>  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KBT68NK>**

**All survey responses need to be completed before 10 June 2020.**

**Families are able to fill out each survey more than once.**

To find out more about our upcoming project, please visit our page on the Victorian School Building Authority's website at <https://www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/schools/Pages/Avondale-Primary-School.aspx>

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JQ6PY8X>



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### REMINDERS TO ALL STUDENTS

Students must bring a water bottle, recess snack and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday as there is not canteen.

Student banking is suspended until further notice.

Second hand uniform is not operating until restrictions are lifted.

### Lost property

Can parents please ensure you label your child's uniform – I was looking through lost property last week and there were 5 jackets but only one of which had a name!

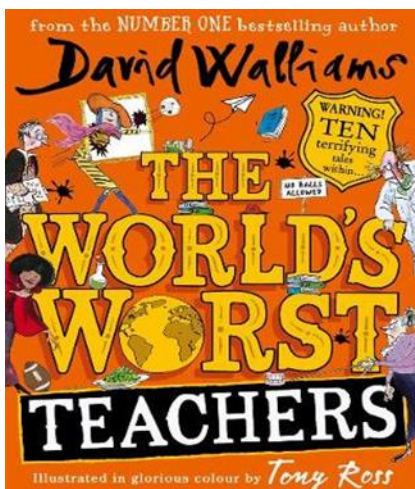
It would be helpful if parents also labelled the plastic lunch containers.

### Student appointments

If your child has an appointment during the school day could you let the office know ahead of time and we will arrange for you to collect them during recess or lunch break to minimise disruption to the learning. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Book Review - Tried and Treasured

The World's Worst Teachers written by David Walliams and Illustrated by Tony Ross



*Another great book from David Walliams. This very funny book tells us the stories of the 10 worst teachers, each completely different. We see their eccentricities or peculiarities in various ways. In the end the young school children get the better of the quirky dreadful, over the top and mischievous teachers. A laugh a minute with brilliant illustration by Tony Ross. Anyone aged 7 -12 can relate to it. Great for sharing at bedtime.*

**by Liz Oruba**



## **Saving (Y)our World Instalment 11: Herbicides and Poisonous Pesticides** **by: Morrigan R**

Herbicides and pesticides are useful ways to keep your garden safe, right? WRONG! Yes, they do the job, but they hurt your garden (and maybe even you) in the process! Plus, they kill helpful creatures, such as our bees (see Saving (Y)our World instalment 10: bring the bees), as well! Read on to uncover the horrible mystery of pesticides and herbicides in this week's instalment of Saving (Y)our World!

Have you ever heard of a city in India called Bhopal? Well, in 1984, a factory creating pesticides and herbicides in the heart of the city began leaking. The gas soon spread all across the city. Many people died from the fumes. More were trampled to death in the huge rush to escape. Some of the people that survived the disaster became blind or even died from throat diseases in the aftermath! In fact, 40-80 Bhopal survivors come to the doctors monthly and of them, 10-15 die. If people weren't using pesticides and herbicides that would have never happened. Maybe pesticides and herbicides aren't as harmless as you think.

Pesticides and herbicides don't even stay on your plants! When it rains, the poisons are carried through the soil and can end up in our waterways, poisoning the creatures inside. Imagine if a fish becomes effected, then a person catches the fish to eat... well, you get the idea. Imagine if it got into a place that people like to swim in! What will happen then? You should really consider what will happen before you use pesticides and herbicides. There are sustainable alternatives.

Someone called Rachel Carson wrote a book called Silent Spring about the negative effects of pesticides and herbicides in 1962. It is about how poisons on your garden will kill prey bugs, which starves the predatory bugs, which means the birds have nothing to eat. That is why it is called Silent Spring, referring to a spring without birdsong. In some ways, that one book started the entire sustainability movement!

I hope from now on you think twice before using harmful pesticides and herbicides on your garden. Or even better, never use them again at all! I hope you check out Silent Spring. It is quite an inspirational book for anyone into sustainability.

Morrigan Raven signing out. I hope you join me next week for another instalment of saving (Y)our world.

*"We spray our elms and the following springs are silent of robin song, not because we sprayed the robins directly but because the poison travelled, step by step, through the now familiar elm leaf- worm-robin cycle,"*

-Rachel Carson, Silent Spring



## SIMONDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Simonds Catholic College is a small inner city, secondary boys school of approximately 430 students.

We are accepting Year 7 2021 and Year 7 2022 enrolments.  
Limited places are also available for Years 8 to 12.

Find out more about the Simonds Catholic College community,  
inspiring young men to become active, global citizens.

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