



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday, 16th May 2019

Dear Parents,

Testing time...

Congratulations to students in Years 3 and 5 who participated in the NAPLAN tests this week. I am pleased to note that 106 of the 112 eligible students participated. This is a 94.6% participation rate. While the Year 5 students were being tested, Year 6 students were given Year 7 tests from previous years. Similarly Year 4 students were given Year 5 tests. Anecdotally, students and teachers said the students were able to manage these tests quite well.

Student online behaviour...

I am pleased to note that overwhelmingly students use the internet for beneficial purposes. Images, text and videos can be shared and discussed online when completing work requirements set by the teacher.

However it can be abused by children without their parent's knowledge. Cyber bullying is bullying that is carried out through an internet service, such as email, chat room, discussion group or instant messaging. It can also include bullying through mobile phone technologies such as short messaging service (SMS). Examples of cyber bullying include teasing, spreading rumours online, sending unwanted messages or defamation.

Where instances of inappropriate behaviour are reported to the school by parents, the school will respond by:

- Collating evidence
- Contacting parents of all students involved
- Initiating discussions to:
 - Resolve outstanding issues
 - Review policy expectations
 - Develop a shared understanding of time limits and apps
 - Reflect on parent monitoring arrangements

All forms of bullying, whether it be physical, verbal or cyber are addressed at Avondale Primary School. If you wish to know more about the school's approach, you can visit <https://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au/page/39/eSafety-parent-resources>

Federal Election Saturday 18th May

There will be a polling booth set up in the BER for the federal election open from 8am until 6pm. Our fundraising committee is setting up a barbeque selling bacon and eggs at the start of the day and sausages, onions and bread soon afterwards. We seek volunteers who can assist on the day, please call 9318 1755 if you can assist.

School Photographs

The school photographs taken in March have not yet arrived. We have contacted MSP photographs, Southern Victoria on several occasions seeking a delivery date. As this matter is out of our control, I invite parents awaiting their delivery to contact the firm directly on 5222 6747. cont'd p2



Out of Hours School Care News

I wish to congratulate Sony Coleman and her team for passing the accreditation process once again last week. The assessment is quite thorough and means that parents can be reassured that the standard of care provided meets the official expectations.

Attendance: The OHSC program averages 60 students on Mondays and just over 50 students on other week days.

Curriculum Day 24th May: An all-day program will be run from 7:15 to 6pm. A sign providing more details is on display in the BER.

Yard Supervision

Teachers are on yard duty supervising students at the following times throughout the day:

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| 8:40 – 8:50 | Before school. Students should arrive at during this time |
| 11 am – 11:30 | Recess time There are three teachers on duty, two at the back of the |
| 1:30 – 2:15 | Lunch time school and one walks between the buildings and at the front. |
| 3:15 – 3:30 | An announcement is made at 3:30 calling students without a parent or not enrolled at OHSC to come to the foyer to wait for their parent. |

Walk to School Day

Tomorrow is Walk to School Day. Families are asked to consider walking to school, where practical, for this one day. The advantages include: a little light exercise in the morning, reducing vehicles on the road, saving petrol, and sharing experiences about the day on the way home. I hope you consider having your on Walk to School day if tomorrow is not practical.

How much time online is healthy for your children?

The Commonwealth government has established the Office of the safety Commissioner. This is a very powerful body that communicates with service providers and social media companies. The Office co-ordinates and leads the online safety efforts of government, industry and the not-for profit community. It has a broad remit which includes providing:

- a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying
- identifying and removing illegal online content
- tackling image-based abuse.

Signs that your child's online activity may be having a negative impact on them or on your family include:

- less interest in social activities like meeting friends or playing sport
- not doing so well at school
- tiredness, sleep disturbance, headaches, eye strain
- changes in eating patterns
- reduced personal hygiene
- obsession with particular websites or games
- extreme anger when being asked to take a break from online activity
- appearing anxious or irritable when away from the computer



- becoming withdrawn from friends and family

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You can read more at: https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/big-issues/time-online?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eSafetynews%20-%20May%202019&utm_content=eSafetynews%20-%20May%202019+CID_ec3fa7571cb0b6b5d5ba56e948e195a8&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Get%20started%20here

Influenza A – reported

I have received a report that Influenza A is in the local community. If your child is showing symptoms of flu, I suggest you seek medical advice and if diagnosed with Influenza A, inform the school. I have asked the cleaners to disinfect all student desks daily, to help reduce infection.

CCTV Cameras installed

There are ten cameras CCTV cameras operating around the school. The cameras cover the entrances and play equipment areas. They are motion activated and are there for security not supervisory reasons. A copy of the school CCTV policy is attached to this newsletter.

Supermarket schools promotion

Avondale Primary School is not participating in the current marketing program being run by a supermarket chain. The reason is that it took a lot time to comply with the expectations of the competition which ended up exceeding the value of prizes won. Parents interested in collecting the stickers may wish to support another family member's school.

I hope you have a great week. Paul Mulroyan.

Education Week and library book fair 20th – 24th May

Aeromedical Simulator Incursion, Tuesday 21st, for grade 3/4 students presented free by the Royal Flying Doctors Service

Open Day with Prep 2020 tours on the half hour on Wednesday 22nd

Curriculum Day Friday 24th (No school for students)



This year, Education Week runs from the 20th to the 25th of May, the theme is 'Celebrating Careers'. As part of Education Week, we would like for all students to come to school dressed as something they would like to be when they grow up on **Tuesday the 21st of May**.

Some suggestions: Police Officer, Doctor, Pilot, Builder, Teacher, Mechanic, or Nurse



Children's Clothing Swap

Children outgrowing their clothes before they wear them out? Bring along their pre-loved clothes to our clothing swap.

How it works

- Step 1- Bring along up to 10 items of children's clothing in new or good used condition (sizes 0-10)
- Step 2- Register your items in exchange for tokens
- Step 3 - Browse what others have brought in, then swap your tokens for new clothes your kids will love!



When: 9:30am – 11:30am, Thursday 30th May, 2019.

Clothing drop-off between 9.30-10.30am, swapping 10.30-11.30am.

Where: Moonee Ponds Bowling Club, 776 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds.

[Register now!](#)

MAY SCHOOL DIARY

May

Fri 17	Walk to school day District Cross country Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
20-23	Education Week and Book Fair
Tue 21	Grade 3/4 – Royal Flying Doctor Service Simulator School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Wed 22	Open Day
Fri 24	Curriculum Day – <u>No students to come to school</u> Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
Wed 29	Melbourne Museum Exc – Grades 1/2A, 2A and 2B
Thurs 30	Melbourne Museum Exc – Grade 1A, B and C
Fri 31	Grade 5/6 Interschool – St Mary's School (away) Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am

June

Thurs 6	Grade 5/6 Shrine Excursion
Fri 7	Grade 5/6 Interschool – Moonee Ponds Prim Sch (home) Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
Mon 10	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday



Pianos needed

If you have upgraded your home piano and/or have a second-hand keyboard you wish to sell, please contact Mrs. Shell with the details. She has students who would benefit from purchasing these.

You can contact Maxine Shell at: shellfamily8@bigpond.com

School Office Hours

8:30am to 9:30am

2:30pm to 3:15pm

Please limit visits to office to these times only.

Pupils of the week on Friday May 10th

Prep A – Adrian T
Prep B – Sri V
Prep C – Chanel C
Prep D – Aleyna D

One A – Kiran L
One B – Sienna P
One C – Ryder G
Two A – Milla L
Two B – N/A
1/2 A – Lam H

3/4 A – Scarlett R
3/4 B – Harvey S
3/4 C – Grace H
3/4 D – Kevin

4/5A – Sofia Z
5/6 A – Arden S

5/6 B – Daniel T
5/6 C – Jaycob B

5/6 D – Danikabel G
Italian – Mia R 3/4D



Avondale Primary School is having a **Book Fair** in the **Library** to Celebrate 'Education Week'

DATE: 20th to 24th May

TIME: 8.30 TO 9.00, 1.30 TO 1.45. 3.00 TO 3.45