



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday 107October 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Students are growing in confidence regarding their concert performances. They rehearse daily to coordinate their moves with classmates. On Tuesday, the Grade 1 and 2 classes performed for each other in the BER. Ms Ferraro said students really lifted when they performed for an audience.

Students in Grade 2A shared their feelings about the concert. Dylan said "I am a little scared and just a bit embarrassed but I am looking forward to performing for my mum and dad.' Jemma said 'I don't really like one of the dance moves because the girls pose in the middle and the boys act like the girls are the most.' Cooper 'I'm excited and happy that I will be performing for my parents. There are a lot of dance moves to remember and the practicing is helping me get the hang of it.'

I would like to thank parents for supporting our concert by supplying the costume parts requested by grade teachers. It should be another great evening's entertainment.

Positive Wellbeing Week - 14 - 18 October "Every Face has a Place at Avondale Primary"

Last week, students and teachers at Avondale Primary celebrated **Positive Wellbeing Week**. Each student was asked to participate in a learning experience where they had to create an abstract version of themselves on a paper template. Some students even shared some growth mindset messages and some inspirational quotes about how they feel about our school.

Come and take a look at our inclusive display near the front entrance of our school



where 'Every Face has a Place at Avondale Primary.'
By Amanda Gerace

Pictured is Grade 3/4D teacher Amanda Gerace, setting up the inclusive display in the school foyer. Please come see your child's colourful self-image. This is a great initiative that is supporting the

further development of an inclusive school culture among students.



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School Concert News

Tickets are on sale at the Trybooking website: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEUMX>. Trybooking accepts Visa, Mastercard and Amex debit or credit cards

From Monday families will be able to purchase additional tickets. These are available from Trybooking.

Both concert rehearsals are closed – that is they are not open for parents to attend. It is important that students learn to move in their costumes and learn how to move on the stage with as few distractions as possible.

Sports News

Athletics:

Congratulations to the following students who performed very well at the Western Region Track and Field Finals earlier this week.

Arden Stevens was placed 1st in the boys 12/13 triple jump with a jump of 10.61m.

Marley Stowers was placed 8th in the girls 11 discus with throw of 17.89m.

Ethan Tran was placed 3rd in the boys 9-10 shot put with a throw of 8.98m.

Arden will compete in the state championships at Lakeside Stadium on Thursday October 24th.



Volleyball coaching

Sean Dolan from Western Region Volleyball is assisting coach students during Grades 3-6 PE classes during this week and next week. Students have learnt the essential skills and practiced the important dig, set and spike moves. They have also learnt aspects of volleyball game play such as serving, receiving and tactics. I wish to thank Sean for his enthusiastic contribution.

Cricket carnival

Tomorrow from 9 am to 11:30, students in Grades 3 and 4 will play in a cricket carnival with students from neighbouring schools at Fairburn Park. Students will receive coaching from Cricket Victoria and SEDA before making teams comprised of students from various schools. The aim of this initiative is promote interest in cricket and build the skills and knowledge of boys and girls.

How to reduce costs on Flexischools lunch orders



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The Flexischool online ordering system provides two payment options. The first option is less expensive than the second. Both options incur a 29c/order charge. While lunch orders are to be made online, snacks and drinks can be purchased directly from the canteen.

Option 1. Use the app to deposit some money into your Flexischool account. Then order your child's lunch deducting the cost from your account. You can top-up the account when you wish.

Option 2. Pay using a credit/debit card. This incurs an additional 1.3% fee.

Both options relieve parents from searching for cash and the canteen menu. It is also a safer way to handle money.

If you would like more information on how to use the Flexischool app, please visit the canteen or office on a Monday, Thursday or Friday.

New bicycle laws improve child safety

Footpaths and shared paths

- Children under 13 can ride on footpaths. [Medical exemptions may apply.](#)
- Bicycle riders aged 13 years or older can only ride on footpaths if they're accompanying and supervising a child under 13.
- Bicycle riders aged 18 years or older can ride on the footpath if they have a child in a child bike seat, or pedalling on a hitch bike.
- A rider 18 years or older may ride on a footpath with a rider 13 years or older if the younger rider has a medical or other exemption allowing them to ride on the footpath.
- You can't ride on a footpath where signs or road markings indicate it's not allowed (shared bike paths can be identified by a painted bike or pedestrian on a sign or the path).
- On a footpath or shared path, you must:
 - Give way to pedestrians
 - Keep left unless it is impractical to do so
 - Slow down and ring your bell when overtaking.

[Watch this important video](#) on bike path safety for cyclists and walkers.



Several students ride their bike to school every day.



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Crazy Hair Day – Friday 25th to raise funds for The Leukaemia Foundation

We are supporting members of our community who have been affected by a cancer. We are holding a Crazy Hair Day – do something wild with your hair for a gold coin donation. See poster accompanying this newsletter.



The highlight is a teacher head shaving event at assembly on Friday morning, October 25th, 2019.

A mystery teacher has secretly volunteered to have his/her head shaved in front of staff, students and parents to raise funds through the *Gofundme* app! (Yes, cameras are allowed for this event).

Students in their classes have been guessing the identity of the teacher - all will be revealed on the day!

To donate online through *Gofundme*:

Any donor information is collected directly by *Gofundme* for the sole purpose of donating money to The Leukaemia Foundation. For additional information on the use or storage of data, please consult the *Gofundme* privacy policy.

Thank you for your support.

GUITAR LESSONS

Is your child interested in learning guitar? Our guitar teacher is taking new enrolments for guitar lessons in Term 4. Lessons are taught in small groups (usually 3 - 4 students), and cost \$10 a lesson.

For details, please email Gary Butler hearhere2002@yahoo.com.au

Book Fair finishes tomorrow.

This time Ashton Scholastic has sent a particularly high quality range of books at price comparable to Kmart.

The books are suitable for children at or below primary school level.

Here is a sample of some of the wonderful books and prices.

*Diary of a Minecraft Zombie.	\$9.00
*Marvel Thanos. Titan consumed.	\$12.00
*Maleficent #2.	\$12.00
*Macca's Makeover	\$12.00
*The return of Thelma the Unicorn.	\$12.00
*Pig the Elf.	\$12.00
*Disney Frozen 2.	\$14.00

The fair finishes tomorrow afternoon at 3:45 pm. It is a great opportunity to get a few early Christmas presents for nieces and nephews.

Book Fairs

Check-out these

DINO-MITE NEW BOOKS

EVERY PURCHASE YOU
MAKE AT THIS
LEARNING
AND RESEARCH
RESOURCES
FAIR FOR OUR
SCHOOL!

Date Mon. 14th to Fri. 18th October Place Avondale Primary School Library

Time 8.30 to 8.50, 1.30 to 1.45, 3.15 to 3.45

CHOOSE FROM A HUGE SELECTION OF BOOKS AT THE FAIR!



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October - November Diary

Floral arrangements in Art

Mrs. Farrell and Ms Portelli are teaching students how to make paper flowers. Each class is making a different kind of flower.

The flowers are being arranged in a carry bag and will make a marvellous display.

Pictured are students from Grade 3/4B holding a bag of colourful flowers.

I wish to congratulate Mrs. Farrell and Ms Portelli for the marvellous art activities that they provide every week. Students enjoy the opportunity to be creative in a supportive environment.





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Pupils of the week - Friday October 11th

Prep A – Noah N
Prep B – Sandin
Prep C – Ella D
Prep D – Violet P

One A – Zach N
One B – India L
One C – Aren C
Two A – Daniel S
Two B – Catherine L
1/2 A – Jimmy W

3/4 A – Taj W
3/4 B – Chloe C
3/4 C – Alex D
3/4 D – Maci K

4/5A – Mikaela N & Alex L
5/6 C – Diane M

5/6 A – Ramy W
5/6D – Tomas C

5/6 B Margaret T
LOTE – Taimur 5/6B

Volunteering in the canteen

By Isabelle Sawtell, School Council President

I thought I would address some popular myths which prevent people from volunteering in the canteen and speak to some of our volunteers to find out why they do it.

Popular myths

Do you need experience to volunteer in the canteen?

No – not at all. I have never worked in a kitchen environment – there is plenty of advice and Di will help you.

Do you need English as a first language?

No – anyone can help no matter what their level of English is.

Do you have to know people to volunteer in the canteen?

No – not at all – you have the opportunity to meet lots of new people.

Do you need to be the mother of a student at Avondale Primary to volunteer?

No – you can be a father/ aunt/ uncle/ grandparent/ family friend...

Do you have to be able to volunteer for the whole day?

No – even if you can just spare a couple of hours, it is a great help!

Do you have to volunteer every week?

No – just once a month.





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Benefits to the volunteers

- Great sense of belonging
- Get to work as part of a team
- Making new friends and meeting new people
- A free lunch for you and your kids
- Helping the school community
- It is great fun
- Great experience to get back into work/ something to put on your resume



Which days we need people?

Thursdays and Fridays

Why we do it

Olga (mum to former Avondale students) "I love the atmosphere in the canteen. We have lots of fun and I get to work with my best friend helping Di who is amazing!"

Annerley (mum to Mason, Grade 3 and Shaylee, Grade 1) "To help! I love the camaraderie. Not always easy when you are a working full time Mum but this allows me to be involved in the school. , Di is fantastic!"

Andrew (dad to Benjamin in prep) "It's a chance to give back to the community and I am grateful that I can be part of Ben's school life."

Jane (Mum to Koby, Grade 3) "It's a great way too network with other parents. Lots of fun! A great way to get involved in the community."

Lesley (Grandmother to Mia, Grade 4 and Ethan, Grade 2) "I volunteer for the kids. It makes it all worthwhile to see their faces when they visit you at recess and lunch!"



Come and join us – it's a great atmosphere and our kids love it.