



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday, 18 June 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really pleased with the way the students have settled back into class. It is great to see some of the work students are bringing in for assessment.

Year 5/6 Canberra Camp

Unfortunately the proposed 5/6 camp to Canberra has been cancelled. The pandemic has impacted the organisation of camps and the ability for the required number of students to participate.

As parliament is a topic covered in the curriculum the teachers will investigate the possibility of an excursion to parliament house here in Victoria.

Reminder

Please continue to check in with your child to see how they are processing the impact of COVID. Students should be encouraged to talk about the impact of the pandemic and discuss how they feel. If there are any concerns they can make a time to talk to the welfare teacher Ms Broadhurst.

Planning days

Over the next week teachers will have their planning day to prepare for next term. In many instances the grade will have a replacement teacher.

New Build Update

School council has formed a working group to guide the process. A number of architects have visited the school to determine if they will tender for the job.

School operations

We continue to refer to the Return to School Guide to inform our practices here at school. We have systems in place for the smooth entry and exit of students.

Restrictions remain in place to minimise contact and hand sanitising occurs regularly to ensure we all maintain a level of safety.

Parking is an issue at the end of the day so we ask parents to consider parking in Wood Street or in the local carparks and walking a few blocks.

Getting your child to school on time, between 8.40 – 9.00 would allow the classes to get off to a good start. The gates will be closed at **9.00am**. If you need something you will have to call the school.

Curriculum day

Council has approved a Curriculum day on Thursday 30 July. This will be a student free day.

Early Dismissal

Please note that the last day of term there will be a 2.15 dismissal. We will not have an assembly and students will be dismissed in the normal way.

Dr Bette Prange

Acting Principal

Inspirational Quote:

Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside that is greater than any obstacle. “**Christian D. Larson**



REMINDER TO PARENTS

For the safety of students and parents, and to keep our neighbours happy, please park legally at all times.

Semester 1 student reports

Revised teaching and learning plans were adopted by Avondale Primary School for Term 2 due to the impact of COVID 19 on school based learning. The end of semester report will be a modified version compared to our normal comprehensive report on student achievement. The transition to remote learning has made it difficult to conduct assessment tasks, collect data and authenticate work produced during remote learning this phase. Teachers will report on English and Mathematics, and provided a comment on how each student has adjusted to the remote and flexible learning environment. Specialist teachers will also provide a written comment on their subject areas. Reports will be emailed to parents on **Friday 24th July**.

Does the school have your current email address?

This semester the school will distribute **student reports** as a PDF file attached to an email on **Friday 24th July**. Please ensure that the school has your current contact details and **email address**. These can be updated by logging into Compass. Parents who would like a printed copy of the report can request this at the office.

REMINDERS TO ALL STUDENTS

Mobile phone policy is still in place

Any students who have a mobile phone must hand it in to the office on arrival at school. They then collect their phone after the bell at the end of the day.

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.

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.



Grade 3 and 4 Mural



In preparation for the 3/4s returning to school, teachers wanted to organise a special art mural. We wanted to acknowledge students' positive approach to learning online and learning with the support and guidance of teachers from afar. At times this was very difficult, perhaps challenging, for students but they have worked through this with great determination and drive. When times are tough, we asked students to find the inner positive voice, called "positive talk", this is part of our You Can Do It program. It has been an important time to put student's learning to the test and this is why we wanted to acknowledge how proud we are.

Student painted rock with an inspiring word or phrase and used their creative talents to decorate it. When this was completed we asked that the photos were uploaded to the teachers. The photos were then printed to create a large mural in the corridor in Building 2.

The mural represents one large rock pond connecting all the 3/4 students together in one team.

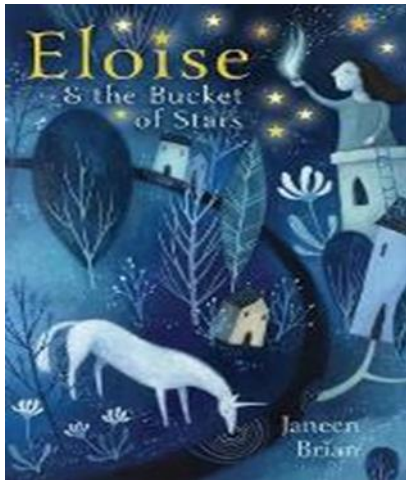
"Hope is as pure as a crystal clear pond!"

Jude McGrath 3/4B Teacher



Book Review - Tried and Treasured

Eloise and the Bucket of Stars by Janeen Brian



A wondrous story of how magic weaves its way into the real world. Set in the 1800's, in an orphanage, we are taken into the harsh life of a young orphan Eloise who's mundane life is filled with chores. Always under the guise of a strict and cruel nun, Sister Hortense. Eloise longs for a family of her own as she sees the younger orphans go to their forever families unfortunately she never does. Her only friends seem to be the local Blacksmith and his horse Darcy and Sister Genevieve. But when a new girl Janie Pritchard arrives at the orphanage a magical adventure begins that includes secrets of yesteryear, a Unicorn and a strange old letter. Adventure, magic and friendship for children 9 years+. *at bedtime, ideally for 4 to 8 year olds.*

by Liz Oruba

Saving (Y)our World Instalment 13: Fast Fashion



by: **Morrigan R**

Have you ever heard of fast fashion? It is where you buy clothes, wear them once or twice and then get rid of them. It doesn't matter if you throw them away or push them to the back of your cupboard and forget about them. Whatever you do, you don't wear them again. This is wasteful, not only of your money, but also of the resources needed to make new clothes. So, let us delve deeper into fast fashion and more sustainable ways to dispose of your clothes in this week's instalment of Saving (Y)our World.

Many clothes are made from cotton, wool, silk, fur and denim. To make these materials, it requires natural resources. For example, to have wool, you need food to feed the sheep, metal to make the shears, land to keep the sheep on and water for the sheep. For cotton, you need water to keep the plants alive, soil to grow them in, a factory and a machine to turn the plants into usable material. You see, every new item of clothing you purchase has an environmental cost as well as the cost of money. Every time you purchase a new item of clothing when you could be wearing an old one, you are wasting resources better used for other things.

How to stop fast fashion? Easy! Wear your clothes until they break or until they are too small for you. If your clothes are still in good condition, take them to a place like the Salvation Army or a charity donations bin so that once you have no need for your clothes, someone else will be able to use them! Isn't that better than the trash or the back of your closet? Also, buying second-hand clothes from op shops substantially reduces the environmental cost, because there are no new materials wasted when you buy second-hand.

Shoes are also in the fast-fashion category, as well as bags, belts and jewellery. These too can go to donation bins or op shops. If we all bought our clothes from op shops, wore them until we grew out of them or until they broke and then gave them back to the op shops if they are in a nice enough condition for someone else to buy... imagine how many resources we could save! We could possibly cut down on half of the resources wasted to make new clothes. Maybe even more! If we didn't have to use so many resources to feed sheep, there would be more food for humans! If we didn't have to use water to grow cotton plants, we might not have to deal with droughts! It would be a better world for everyone.

So, the next time you want new clothes, go to the op shop. The next time you want to get rid of clothes, return to the op shop again (unless, of course, they are in a bad condition!). Let us head towards that world where we don't waste our precious resources. Let's say goodbye to fast fashion. All you have to do is walk to the op shop and open the door.

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

"Fast fashion isn't free. Somewhere, someone is paying," - Lucy Siegel

Pupils of the week on Friday 12th June



Prep A - Steven V

Prep B - Oscar D

Prep C – Sebastien P.

Prep D – Sebastian B.

One A – Avneet G.

One B - Santiago B.

One C – Libona T.

Two A – Abigail K

Two B – Jessica F.

Two C – Olivia C.

Two D – Layla T.

3/4 A - Alexa R-W

3/4 B - Lexi K.

3/4 C - Astara S.

3/4 D - Michael C.

4/5A - Whole grade

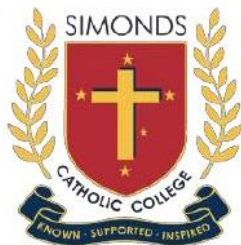
5/6 A - Isla R.

5/6 B – John K.

5/6 C – Xavier D

5/6 D – Alexia V.

LOTE – Tyler 4/5A



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

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1 hour duration
A letter and number learnt each week.
Arts and crafts to ensure fun while learning to write and recognition.

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2 hour duration
A letter learnt each week.
Numeracy activities.
Arts and crafts
Positive teamwork activities
Confidence building

Saturday Class (prep & grade 1 children)

2 hour duration
Supports children through first few years of primary school.
Covers sight words, sentence building, story writing, reading and how to understand the concept of text.



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