



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

NEWSLETTER #19 – Friday June 18, 2021

Hi to our Avondale Community,

It is hard to believe we have just one week left of this Term. We have worked together to ensure a smooth transition into Flexible and Remote learning and our students then jumped straight back into learning on their return to onsite last Friday.

I had the privilege of reading some of our Grade One students recount writing this week. I don't know who was more proud of their efforts in writing, proofreading and editing and then reading their recount aloud - the students, their teacher or myself!

2020 Annual Report

The 2020 Avondale Primary School Annual Report has been endorsed by School Council. The report provides us with the opportunity to share the year's achievements and progress with the school community. This includes reflecting on the school's performance and recognising the positive impact of school improvement efforts on student outcomes. The Annual Report can be viewed on our website

<https://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au/page/60/Annual-Report-and-Performance-Reports>

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

Semester One reports can be accessed through the Compass Parent portal on Monday. Instructions on how to access these reports will be sent out via a Compass post prior to reports being open to families on Monday afternoon.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

As we head into the final week of Term 2, our teachers are looking forward to talking with parents/carers during our Parent Teacher Conferences via phone (teacher phones will be on private so will come up as no caller ID).

Thank you to those families who have booked in Conference times on Compass. Bookings close on Monday, June 21 at 4pm, so please make sure you book a time in with your child's classroom teacher. Our Specialist teachers are booked out. If you would like to make contact with our Specialist teachers, please email them via Compass email.

EVERY DAY COUNTS: SCHOOL IS BETTER WHEN YOU'RE HERE!

School is better when you attend. Your classmates, friends and teachers notice that you are away and wonder if you are OK. Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year. From Foundation to Year 12 that add ups to 1.5 years of school!

At Avondale Primary we are aiming to have all students at school, on time, EVERY DAY!

School officially starts at **8.50am**, so it is really important that families arrive to school prior to this time.

Semester One reports include information about student attendance.

HOW MANY DAYS HAS YOUR CHILD MISSED THIS YEAR?

0-6 days: This is within normal range

A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them

7-10 days: This attendance rate is below average

A child with this absence could miss over one year of schooling between Foundation and Year 10

11-20 days: This is a poor attendance rate

A child with this absence could miss out on up to two years of schooling between Foundation and Year 10

20+ days: This is a critical attendance rate

A child with this absence could miss over two and a half years of schooling between Foundation and Year 10

SMOKING AND VAPING BAN

In Victoria, a person must not smoke or use e-cigarettes (vaping) on school premises or **within 4 metres of any pedestrian access point** to school premises.

The penalty for breaking school smoking and vaping laws is a court fine of \$165.

Please ensure you follow these guidelines to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, staff and families.

REAPING THE BENEFITS OF OUR GARDENING CLUB

Cauliflower, broccoli and cabbage have grown . . . broad beans are well on their way, with many flowers, promising a good harvest. Our produce definitely looks like garden market quality.

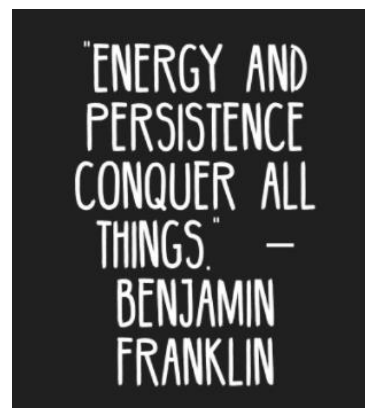


Cabbage and broccoli ready for a quality stir-fry dinner.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Students at Avondale Primary have embraced the Premier's Reading Challenge with enthusiasm and gusto! I wonder how many more books will be read next week?



Mrs Jill Benham
Mr Joe Scarfo

Principal
Assistant Principal


Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge UPDATE




Well done to all the students who have logged books and written book reviews on the **Premiers' Reading Challenge** website. *Please see attached a document on how to log in if you haven't been able to do so.*

Below are some of the Book Reviews that have been written by students at Avondale P.S. so far. Happy Reading 😊

Jasmine, Year One



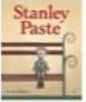
French, Jackie
[Josephine wants to dance](#)
★★★★★
I love this story.




Do, Anh.
[Snow time!](#)
★★★★★
I thought it was a funny book because they were meant to be going on a sunny holiday but they ended up having a snowy holiday.

Luka, Year One

Emily, Year One




Blabey, Aaron
[Stanley Paste](#)
★★★★★
I think this book tells you that if you don't like something about yourself maybe, if you find the perfect friend it will make all your worries go away.




Moonheart, Ella
[Frost and Snowdrop the stray kittens](#)
★★★★☆
It was a very good book and I really enjoyed it because I love kittens and I have two cats myself.

Eliza, Year Five

Sebastien, Year One



Baillie, Kaye.
[Boo loves books](#)
★★★★★
A girl doesn't like reading, then she went on a field visit.
A dog liked books, she read a picture book to it.
In the end Boo was adopted by the girl.



Blabey, Aaron
[The bad guys badder box, Episodes 1-5](#)
★★★★★
Great book, lots of humour.

Neel, Year Four

Sura, Year Three

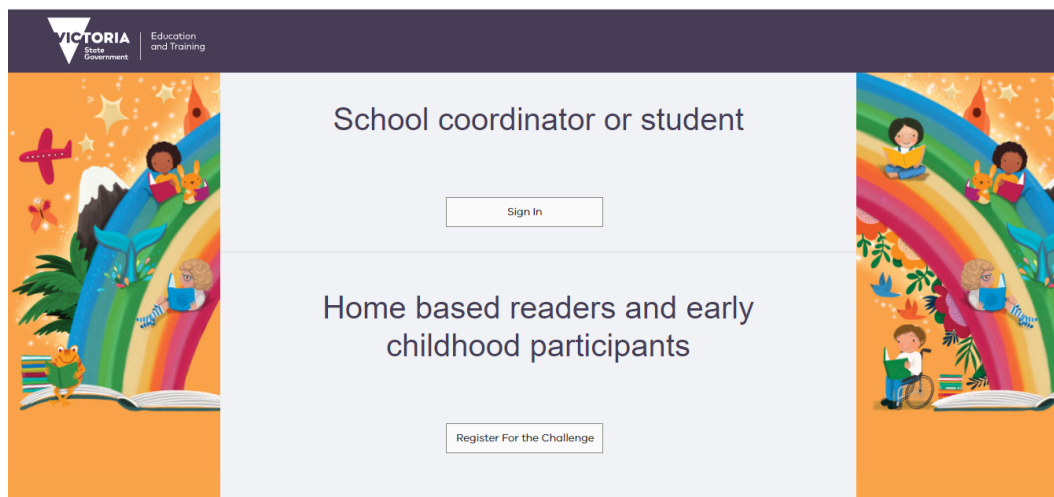


Sutherland, Tui
[Wings of fire: the first five books](#)
★★★★★
All five books are amazing!! Every time I finish one, I read it again once I finish the whole collection.

Premier's Reading Challenge – How to log in as a student

Visit the Premier's Reading Challenge website <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home>

Click on the first section 'Sign In' (School coordinator or student)



Click on 'VPRC login'

Student login

Select your educational network to login

Edupass login

Using DET (09XXXXXX) number to login

VPRC login

For Government, Catholic, Independent and Home based readers

Enter the **Username** and **Passcode** sent home with students

Username

Passcode

You should now be logged into the website.



On behalf of the Keilor East RSL we take this opportunity to say thank you for your assistance in our 2021 Anzac Appeal. This year we raised over \$121,000.00 which we are extremely proud of.

We would like to thank you and your staff, clients, and their families for their generous donations and if you could arrange for the enclosed certificate to be displayed, it would be much appreciated.

All funds raised go directly to providing welfare assistance to all returned and ex service personnel and their dependants.

Thank you again for your contribution and we look forward to your support for our Poppy Appeal in November.

Regards,

John L. O'Sullivan
Appeals Officer



WHAT'S ON AT AVONDALE PRIMARY IN TERM 2?	
Monday, June 21 st	Semester 1 Reports open on Compass
Wednesday, June 23 rd Thursday, June 24 th	Parent Teacher meetings via phone
Friday, June 25 th	End of Term Two – student dismissal 2.15pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 9 - 18/06/2021

Foundation A	Cora for trying her best when saying the sounds and reading the words.
Foundation B	Chloe T. for her outstanding writing about Ned the ram. Keep it up superstar!
Foundation C	Sabrina for being a caring friend in others in Prep C.
Foundation/1A	Max for his improved reading skills.
1A	Max for your great reading of The Best Cat. You did an excellent job at answering questions.
1B	Josiah for his pleasing progress with his reading and writing skills.
1C	Luca for making inferences about a character's traits using prior knowledge and evidence from the text.
2A	Katrina for a happy and enthusiastic approach to her learning.
2B	Elijah for producing an interesting and detailed information report on Echidnas!
2C	Lynton for sharing his knowledge of land animals with the class.
3/4A	Jack always being a great classroom helper.
3/4B	Cohen for producing amazing work throughout remote learning. What a great effort, well done.
3/4C	Arden for producing an outstanding explanation about how chocolate melts.
3/4D	Alex for an excellent effort during home learning and bringing that effort to the classroom this week.
3/4E	Jackie for experimenting and reviewing his writing.
3/4F	Tyrone for being a kind and considerate role model to others in the school yard.
5/6A	Alborz for conducting a very interesting and informative interview.
5/6B	John for taking a more active role in his learning.
5/6C	Leo for his outstanding performance in a play.
5/6D	Aylin for making tremendous gains in our maths challenges.
ART Ms Farrell	Lucas (PA) for his stunning friendship piece.
ART Ms Portelli	Aleen (34A) for her outstanding Koala charcoal picture.
ITALIAN Ms D'Amico	Emily (1C) for being a motivated and enthusiastic student that loves learning Italian.
ITALIAN Mrs Oliveri	Jacob (PA) for being able to match parts of the face with the Italian name. Bravo Jacob!
PE	Audrey (34B) awesome hitting in T-Ball.

