



## ***Achievement, Confidence & Pride***

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Parents,

### **Welcome Racheal Zappia**

I welcome Ms. Racheal Zappia to our school as the new teacher in Prep A. Racheal was teaching at Sunshine Primary School before this appointment. She attended the Prep A parent-teacher interviews on Monday with Annette Oliveri and met most parents. Racheal will be welcomed by students during Friday's assembly; please say hello when you see her around.

### **School Photos distributed on Friday -**

The photographers called earlier this week to announce that the photographs had been received from the printers. They are forwarding the photos to schools for distribution. The photos ordered will be sent home on Friday 21 June.

I wish to thank parents for your patience; I understand that this year, the company has not met the anticipated timeline.

### **Three new seats in yard**

Two aluminium bench seats have been installed outside the senior school alcove. A third seat will be installed outside the foyer of the BER later this week. The seats were acquired using the remainder of a grant for lighting and improvement of the basketball court. Students have requested seats in this area and I'm pleased to be able to meet their requests.

### **Student Reports distributed Friday 21 June**

The first semester student reports will be emailed to parents as a PDF file on Friday. They contain assessment statements and progression charts indicating your child's progress against the expected level in literacy and numeracy.

The report also contains assessments on your child's progress in Arts, Italian and PE; a student self-assessment comment, an attendance chart. If you have changed your email address recently, please contact the office.

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Bookings for the first semester parent teacher interviews close tomorrow, Friday 21 June. You can book online by using the following link and using the school code: hpx6y. <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=hpx6y> Laura Farrell, Arts teacher to students in the junior school, will have parent teacher interviews on Tuesday afternoon. Other teachers will have their interviews on Thursday.

### **Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH)**

Many thanks to families who have already raised funds for this important charity. Mr Cleary has been teaching students how to use a skipping rope to skip in various ways: forwards, backwards and cross-over. I am pleased to see many students practising their skills at recess time in the yard. So far the



school has raised \$3,504.28. Thank you.

On Wednesday, Jason from JRFH demonstrated various skipping techniques to students. It was an enthralling performance and involved Mr Cleary and some class teachers sharing their skipping talents.

Next Tuesday students will have a 'jump off day'. Students will be able to show their skipping skills to their classmates. Photos of students skipping will be published next week.

### **Use of school's logo on social media**

Avondale Primary School does not operate a Facebook, Twitter or other popular social media account. There are several private accounts that assist distribute information and provide a forum for discussion. I appreciate that these sites serve a beneficial purpose for interested community members. Recently a site using the school's logo was brought to my attention. This site has been closed. The school logo is not to be used on a web site unless written permission is given by the principal. The reason is that the logo is used for official communication. Its use on an unofficial site may mislead visitors regarding the status of information published.

### **Use of the school's play facilities after hours.**

Parents are welcome to bring children to use the school's playground after hours and on weekends. The one condition is that an adult must be present to supervise students. The Sydney Street and Wood Street pedestrian gates are unlocked after school hours.

The school's basketball court is available to neighbourhood members when it is not being used by the Avondale Heights Netball Club. These are community facilities paid for by your taxes, I am pleased to see these make a positive contribution to the neighbourhood.

### **Special Lunch Order day – Wednesday 26 June**

The fundraising committee has organised a special lunch order for Wednesday 26 June. This treat during the last week of term provides participating students with a lean beef or veggie burger, fruit and popcorn. The canteen will not be open for other lunch orders on this day.

### **Late arriving students – a reminder**

Parents are expected to 'sign in' students who arrive after 8:50 am. This reduces the incidents of incorrect roll marking where the CASES administrative system sends SMS absence messages to parents stating their child is absent. Class teachers call the roll at the beginning of the day and are soon involved with instructional activities. There is little opportunity for teachers to communicate with the office when students arrive late.

### **School finishes with a 2 pm assembly on Friday 28 June**

The final assembly for this term will be held on Friday afternoon at 2pm. There will not be a morning assembly on the last day of term. The assembly will be held on the basketball court with school student captains making most of announcements. Students will be dismissed at 2:15 pm.

Out of hours school care will be available immediately following student dismissal.



## 7 skills to teach your daughter by age 13

Despite all the progress made, our society still puts women through the wringer emotionally. From impossible body standards, to victim blaming, to the pressure to always put others before themselves, there is much for women to deal with from their teens and beyond. Although parents and caregivers can't shield girls from the world, there's a great deal they can do to prevent them from internalising damaging societal messages. But what are the most important lessons to teach?

That's where this article can assist, outlining seven of the most crucial emotional skills girls need to learn to navigate the world more effectively. Although many of these are good skills for anyone, each point addresses an area where current society makes things more difficult for women (as with body image). Whether the points outlined are new to you or reinforce what you already knew, this article is an excellent read because these messages can't be heard and shared enough.

Click this link to access this resource: [7 skills to teach your daughter](#)

## Environment Local News

### Keep your indoor plants in top condition – Presentation

Get your houseplants in top shape with advice from **Alice Crowe**, founder of *The Lush Forest*, qualified botanist and indoor plant specialist. Saturday 22 June 10:30am - 12pm at the Avondale Heights Library

**Speed date a sustainability expert** - Council Chambers, 9 Kellaway Avenue, Moonee Ponds  
Are you thinking about getting solar power or solar hot water? Interested in battery storage and electric vehicles?

The experts from *Renew* will cover all things sustainability from installing solar power, solar hot water, batteries, insulation and more at our speed date a sustainable expert event.

This free event involves 3 environmental experts sharing information and a range of ideas to improve your home's energy efficiency during 15-minute "dates". Bring your questions and utility bills and get free, real advice.

Time slots are very limited – only one slot per person - please book your preferred slot below.

Session 1, 6:30 to 6.45 pm - [Register](#)

Session 2, 6:45 to 7:00 pm - [Register](#)

Session 3, 7:00 to 7:15 pm - [Register](#)

Session 4, 7:15 to 7:30 pm – [Register](#)

Session 5, 7:30 to 7:45 pm - [Register](#)

Session 6, 7:45 to 8:00 pm - [Register](#)

Session 7, 8:00 to 8:15 pm - [Register](#)

Session 8, 8:15 to 8:30 pm - [Register](#)



**Pupils of the week on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Prep A** – Nicholas  
**Prep B** – Cara S  
**Prep C** – Liam N  
**Prep D** – Avneet G

**One A** – April B  
**One B** – Will W  
**One C** – Max V  
**Two A** – Ethan R  
**Two B** – Riria O  
**1/2 A** – Yoni B

**3/4 A** – Ephram B  
**3/4 B** – Andrea M  
**3/4 C** – Ava V  
**3/4 D** – Jessica N

**4/5A** – N/A  
**5/6 A** – Delcine L

**5/6 B** – Zidaane K  
**5/6 C** – Keyra H

**5/6 D** – Leila A  
**LOTE** – Leila A 5/6D



**Book Reviews –Treasured and Tried**

**Louis Undercover** written by Fanny Britt

Illustrated by Isabelle Aresenault

This is a powerful graphic novel (translated from French). This story portrays the life of Louis as he copes with the harsh realities in his life as well as discovering his bravery. The story addresses family dynamics, alcoholism, divorce and fading love and young new love all handled sensitively. The expressive water colour and pencil illustrations add to the mood of the story. Every character is distinct with positives for the future. Best suited for 11 years plus.

By Liz Oruba



**Prep teachers, Racheal, Kate, Natalie and Leisha prepare Term 3 programs by planning together**



## JUNE/JULY SCHOOL DIARY

### June

- Fri 21      Water Treatment Excursion Grades 3/4A, 3/4D and 4/5A  
Reports Emailed to Parents  
Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
- Tues 25      Jump Rope for Heart  
School Council Meeting 7:30pm
- Wed 26      Special lunch order day
- Thurs 27      Parent Teacher Interviews
- Fri 28      Last Day Term 2 – ***Students finish at 2:15***

### July

- Mon 15      First Day Term 3 – School resumes as normal at 8:50am
- Thurs 18      Grade 3/4 Health and Human Development Program  
Grade 5/6 Rosehill Sec College Performance
- Fri 19      Grade 5/6 Health and Human Development Program  
Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
- Thurs 25      Grade 3/4 Health and Human Development Program
- Fri 26      Grade 5/6 Health and Human Development Program  
Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
- Tue 30      Italian Day

### **School Office Hours**

**8:30 am to 9:30 am**

**2:30 pm to 3:15 pm**

**Please limit visits to office to these  
times.**