



## *Achievement, Confidence & Pride*

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents,

I wish to thank Joe Scarfo for leading the school during my long service leave. It is wonderful to return to Avondale Primary School with programs running smoothly and students enthusiastically engaged with their learning.

### **Recent events in New Zealand**

On behalf of our school staff, I offer my condolences to families in our community who are directly affected by the recent tragic events in New Zealand. Support is available to families who are experiencing distress; please contact the office or Mrs Broadhurst for more information.

I have been particularly moved by the profound gestures of solidarity we've seen in Australia and across the world. People from all backgrounds and political persuasions have come together to rebuke this act of violence and demonstrate empathy. Everyone deserves to feel safe in their community.

### **Proactively addressing bullying**

As mentioned above, everyone deserves to feel safe. One of the challenges faced by schools is to eliminate instances of unsocial behaviour – especially bullying.

Bullying is defined as *an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm.*

Avondale Primary has zero tolerance to bullying and will counsel students and inform parents of students involved with bullying.

Angie Gardino, a presenter with *Bully Zero* led a 75 minute workshop for parents on Monday evening. On Wednesday, students were informed about ways of addressing bullying. Our students were taught to be *up-standers*, not *by-standers* if they see someone being bullied.

Mrs. Broadhurst has identified these websites as useful resources for parents:

[Bully Stoppers](#)

A Victorian Education and Training website

[Bully Zero](#)

Information from our school Zero Bullying presentations

[e-Safety](#)

Australian Government website

Attached to this newsletter are Avondale Primary School's:



1. *Child Safety Responding and Reporting Policy and Procedures and Inclusion & Diversity Policy*
2. *Child Safety Leader*
3. *Inclusion and Diversity Policy*

### **Harmony Day – 21 March 2019**

Teachers spoke to students about inclusion in our community. Instances of people from different backgrounds were discussed. Groups involved with sports, Arts, hobbies and interests are increasingly comprised of people with diverse backgrounds. Students discussed our attitudes Avondale Primary, our values and aspirations. Many grades took the opportunity to reflect upon how we treat each other. The school library has many picture story books about inclusion and acceptance that students can borrow.

### **School Uniforms**

If you have purchased a school uniform article from *Lowes* and are dissatisfied with it, I encourage you to return it and request a replacement at no cost. The school has entered an exclusive three year contract with the understanding that good quality garments are supplied.

The store's representative has stated that if an item purchased from *Lowes*, fails to meet reasonable expectations, they will replace it.

*Lowes* seeks parent feedback to pass onto its purchasing unit. If the store does not meet your expectations, you are entitled to a replacement. You are encouraged to comment upon the quality of the garment and where improvements can be made.

### **Easter Raffle**

Many thanks to parents for supporting the Easter Hamper Raffle. So far we have received a range of chocolates, games, books, toys and a voucher for an Uber ride. Donations will be accepted until Wednesday 27 March.

### **Canteen**

I wish to thank our canteen volunteers for regularly preparing lunches and providing counter service during recess breaks. Our 429 students are creating more demand on the canteen service, and I am very happy that the high quality of food and service is being maintained. Although the time in the canteen is quite busy, parents find it enjoyable and rewarding. Children especially enjoy knowing that a family member is



helping at their school. A new canteen menu will be issued for Terms 2 and 3 in the last week of this term. It will include food options more appropriate to the cooler months.

### Butterflies emerge from their cocoons



Grade 1 and 2 students have observed part of the life cycle of Monarch caterpillars. They received caterpillars and fed them milkweed for about a week. The caterpillars then formed a cocoon where they 'hid' for another week. There were gasps or amazement and much excitement as students watched Monarch butterflies emerge from the cocoons.

Ms Ferraro stated that students' literacy improved during the spontaneous discussions when they developed a word wall listing the words students shared during their observations.

New word for the week: METAMORPHASIS which means an abrupt change in the animal's body structure.

### 2019 Student Representative Council

The 2019 Junior and Senior SRC (Student Representative Council) meet on Thursdays for the first half of lunch. During these meetings students represent the ideas of their classmates and organise school events such as raising money for charities.

The first fundraising event the SRC has planned is raising money for the Royal Children's Hospital (Melbourne) through its Good Friday



Appeal (<https://www.goodfridayappeal.com.au>). We ask students to wear casual clothes on the last day of Term 1 – Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April and bring in a gold coin donation.



*Pictured above are our student representatives from each grade who comprise the Avondale Primary 2019 Student Representative Council.*

**SENIOR ATHLETICS DAY RESULTS**

On Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> our Senior House Athletics carnival was held at Moonee Valley Athletics Track.

All students competed in the track events of Discus, Shot Put, Long Jump and High Jump, as well as house team relays.

Selected students competed in 100 and 200 metre finals, and there was also 800 and 1500 metre open events.

Students competed for ribbons, points for their house team, as well as an individual age group competition.

It was the inaugural running of the event in this format and the day was a resounding success. There were many great examples of sportsmanship and resilience from the day and I congratulate the students for their effort and behaviour.

Overall Results:

1<sup>st</sup> Boeing 228 Points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Comet 168 Points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Electra 143 Points and 4<sup>th</sup> Viscount 90 Points

Individual Age Group Champions

- 9 Girls- Deanna Leong
- 9 Boys- Jarrod Frigo
- 10 Girls- Sophia Kaiser



10 Boys- Angus Downie

11 Girls- Kamia Masonwells

11 Boys- Adam Tabbitt

12/13 Girls- Kary Wu

12/13 Boys- Arden Stevens

I would also like to thank the wonderful parents who volunteered on the day, as well as all the staff, your efforts assisted greatly to the smooth running of the day.  
John Cleary, Physical Education Teacher

### **Is your child getting enough sleep?**

A recent informal survey of students in the middle and senior school indicated that an alarming number of students were staying up beyond 9pm. This may explain why some students start the day struggling to pay attention.

The following suggestions are offered to ensure your child gets a good night sleep:

1. Mobile devices are not allowed in the bedroom
2. Mobile devices are charged in the kitchen / lounge room at bedtime
3. 30 minutes wind-down time before lights out
4. Passive activities e.g. reading during wind-down time
5. Lights out at: Prep - 2: 7:30 pm, 3 & 4: 8 pm, 5 & 6 – 8:30 to 9 pm.

### **Garden online Blog**

The garden blog is working well with a new post added recently. Mr Boffa has supplied this link to help you find the latest posts:

<http://lastampa.global2.vic.edu.au/2019/03/19/homemade-compost/>

### **School Council 2019**

The School Council for 2019 is:

Isabelle Sawtell	President:	Parent member till 2021
Andrew Barker	Vice President	Parent member till 2020
Ajay Bhargava	Treasurer	Parent member till 2020
Joe Scarfo	Secretary	Staff member till 2020
Carla Soul and Karena Wojcicki		Parent members till 2020
Jaclyn Coleman, Joe Kersh and Sally Stevens		Parent members till 2021
Jenna Heywood		Staff member till 2021
Tony Baldwin		Community member
Paul Mulroyan		Principal



I wish every family a great week – Paul Mulroyan

### MARCH SCHOOL DIARY

March

- Thurs. 21 Harmony Day
- Fri. 22 Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport Ascot Vale V Avondale (Away)  
Second hand uniform Shop 8:30 - 9am
- Wed. 27 Whole School Photos - *envelopes and money brought on this day*
- Fri. 29 Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport Avondale V Kensington (Home)

April

- Mon. 1 *Miles 4 Smiles dental van visit. Free inspections*
- Fri. 5 *Last Day Term 1, Students finish at 2:15pm*
- Tue. 23 First Day Term 2**
- Thurs. 25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday

#### Notice to Parents

*The school yard is supervised by teacher/s on duty every school day during the following times:*

*8:40 – 8:50  
11:00 to 11:30  
1:30 to 2:15  
3:15 to 3:30.*

*Students are expected to be picked up by parents by 3:30.*

*Aftercare students remain in the BER until 3:45*

#### 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 8<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Prep A</b> – Dviveda	<b>One A</b> – Keifer T	<b>3/4 A</b> – Taj W
<b>Prep B</b> – Summer G	<b>One B</b> – Aadi M	<b>3/4 B</b> – Peyton S
<b>Prep C</b> – Bradley F	<b>One C</b> – Aren C	<b>3/4 C</b> – Kaia V
<b>Prep D</b> – Harry H	<b>Two A</b> – Jake N	<b>3/4 D</b> – Andy Q
	<b>Two B</b> – Maika H	
	<b>1/2 A</b> – Neel B	
<b>4/5A</b> – Mikaela N	<b>5/6 B</b> – George T	<b>5/6 D</b> – Sarah R
<b>5/6 A</b> – Ramy W	<b>5/6 C</b> – Albie S	<b>LOTE</b> – Aidan C 5/6A