



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

NEWSLETTER #22 – Friday August 6th, 2021

Hi to our Avondale Community,

FLEXIBLE AND REMOTE LEARNING

I really have to admire the positive way our students, staff and families have embraced the return to Flexible and Remote Learning. Our staff are engaging students and supporting our families through live teaching sessions throughout the day. Just a reminder that your child/ren may need some support at home to upload any work requested by the teacher for feedback.

Whether in Flexible and Remote learning or on-site, ATTENDANCE IS A KEY TO SUCCESS.

Attendance at 8.50am is essential and all students in all grades are required to log on to Microsoft Teams for attendance to be recorded. For those students on-site, being ready to start learning at 8.50am is important and attendance is also recorded.

The Grade 3/4 students engaged in learning about the Olympic Games, creating their own Olympic Torches. Read more about this from the perspective of our Grade 3/4 students and view the fabulous torches.

I highly recommend watching (or rewatching) the tips and strategies for Victorian parents and carers during lockdown promoted by Headspace and shared by Vicky Ryall, Director of Clinical Practice.

Tips and strategies for Victorian parents and carers during lockdown.

Can I also please remind any adults dropping off and picking up children at the front gate to please wear a mask, to help make our school Covid safe.

PRINCIPAL'S DAY

Mr Scarfo and myself were overwhelmed with how our students and staff embraced this special celebration. Students spoiled us with lots of gratitude and beautiful comments to make us smile, and we hear there are more celebrations to be shared when we return to on-site learning. We love the lolly jars created by our Grade 3/4 students. Our School Council President, Isabelle Sawtell created a presentation, (which was posted on Compass on Friday) sharing the work we do together as a community, which was lovely to hear. Thankyou.



STAFFING UPDATE

I would like to welcome Miss Emily Markham to the Avondale Primary School team, taking Grade 2A as Miss Amy Bennett takes family leave. Miss Markham met 2A last week and worked alongside Miss Bennett and the Grade 2 team, to ensure a smooth transition. We wish Ms Bennett all the very best with her new family adventures and look forward to meeting her new baby very soon.

WE WANT OUR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We currently have 10 survey responses to the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey, offered by the Department of Education and Training.

For those families who had invitations sent out through our Compass Parent Portal (a random generated group) we would really appreciate you taking 20 minutes to complete the survey online. The date for completing has been extended to Friday September 3.

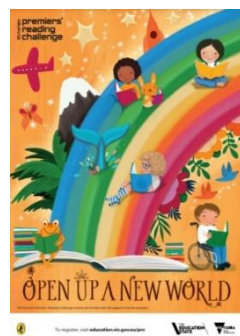
Survey results will be communicated to parents/caregivers/guardians through our Annual Report.

HAVE YOU NOTICED . . .

Just how quickly our NEW BUILD is progressing? Why don't you take the opportunity during Lockdown #6 (if we are within 5km of your home), to put on your masks and get some fresh air, while walking around the school block to see how much work has been completed. Learning Centre 2 is looking fabulous as the building is coming to life! Keep an eye out for the next building to arrive.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Students at Avondale Primary have **40 days left** to participate in the challenge. I wonder how many



books you can read during Flexible and Remote learning this week?

Happy Reading

AVONDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL REVIEW

Our School Review begins on Friday September 10 and will be completed on Friday October 6.

The Review process supports us to reflect on our 2018 – 2021 School Strategic Plan in preparation of our new School Strategic Plan 2022 – 2025.

We have been gathering your feedback through our *Connecting with our Community: Avondale Primary School feedback survey* that has been posted on Compass. We really do appreciate your feedback and would like to have as many responses as possible from our families. Please access the link through Compass and take this opportunity to reflect on the successes and areas to focus on at Avondale Primary School.



Mrs Jill Benham
Mr Joe Scarfo

Principal
Assistant Principal

FLEXIBLE AND REMOTE LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



Lam H, 34E

During Flexible and Remote Learning, the 3/4 students have been learning about The Olympic Games as part of our Inquiry Unit: The Olympic Games and Australian Symbols.

The Ancient History of the Olympics

The first Olympic Games were held in Ancient Greece at Mount Olympus in 770BCE.

You were only allowed to play the Olympics if you were not a lady or a slave. Only people who could speak Greek could participate.

Over time the Olympics were banned but not until Baron Pierre De Couberting created the new Olympics, including these activities: gymnastics, discus, long jump, tennis, swimming, archery and the Winter and Summer Olympics. Thanks to Pierre Women and Men can play in the Olympics and it doesn't matter what your background or nationality, everybody could play.

This event happens every 4 years.

Greta G, 34E

Here are examples of creative Olympic torches that were designed by students in grade 34 during Flexible and Remote Learning



Maittam R 34A



Cooper B 34A



Salina M 34E



Kazem 34D



Will W 3D



Alex M34D



Audrey M 34B



Mila B 34B



Mason G 3/4B



Arden N 3/4C



Kiran L 3/4C



Mia M 3/4C



Isabel S 34F



Joel M 34F



Luca S 34F



Mia B 34F

WHAT'S ON AT AVONDALE PRIMARY IN TERM THREE?

WEEK	DATE	
Week Five		
Week Six		Virtual Avondale Primary Art Show
Week Seven		
Week Eight	Wednesday September 1 – Friday September 3	Grade 5/6 Phillip Island Adventure Camp
Week Nine		
Week Ten	Monday September 13 – Wednesday September 15	Grade 3/4 Lady Northcote Camp

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 3 - 30/07/2021

Foundation A	Poppy B for an excellent effort with her reading & writing.
Foundation B	Leo D Always being responsible and looking after classroom equipment.
Foundation C	Hajra A Being a good friend to others just like 'Gabby Get Along'
Foundation/1A	Zoe W For her creative reasons why she would get an Iguana as a pet.
1A	Shelby H His excellent and persistent skip counting by 2's, 5's & 10's, from different starting points. Well done!
1B	Finnegan R Using strong arguments in his persuasive writing piece.
1C	Ethan T For confidently sharing his ideas during whole class discussions. Great job Ethan.
2A	
2B	Layla C For her fabulous multiplication work! Such neat presentation and representation via arrays & groups of.
2C	Navya C Fantastic attention to complete her arrays of problems in mathematics.
3/4A	James A For achieving great subtraction results on his post test, well done!
3/4B	Affan A Always striving to do his personal best.
3/4C	Maika H Working hard in reading to make connections.
3/4D	Willow M Being an enthusiastic learner.
3/4E	Mina H For her improved efforts to participate and speak with confidence during class discussions.
3/4F	Catherine L For her excellent progression through all numeracy tasks this term.
5/6A	Grade 5/6A for being cooperative and enthusiastic learners.
5/6B	Christian B For having a resilient attitude when transitioning between remote learning and school routines.
5/6C	Eliza S For always applying sensible mathematical thinking.
5/6D	Kaname Y For the tremendous effort she has made to improve her maths challenge results.
JNR ART Ms Portelli	Hayden J PA- Retelling the story 'The Three Little Pigs' using puppets during remote learning.
SNR ART Ms Portelli	Mia B 34F- Using excellent body movement and facial expression in the volleyball Olympic freeze frame.
ITALIAN Ms D'Amico	
ITALIAN Mrs Oliveri	Lucas N 2B- Confidently sharing his prior knowledge of Italian words with his class.
PE	Christina A 1A Outstanding skipping in lockdown.

