



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday, 23rd May 2019

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week and I wish to thank all who have supported the various activities that have been run over the last seven days.

Election Day barbecue

The Election Day barbecue was a success raising \$627.80. The egg and bacon rolls were a hit early in the morning soon followed by sales of 'democracy sausages'. I wish to thank the parents who gave a couple of hours of their time to cook and sell the food. Once again we had great support and appreciate it very much.

Education Week celebration...

2019 is the 75th year of Education Week. This event aims to profile the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector.

This year Education Week is celebrating **careers and pathways** to help make our students' dream job come true. It is an opportunity for schools to showcase our work in support students in their career pathways. Yesterday we were able to showcase and celebrate excellence in education by visiting students participating in rich learning activities in the grades of Avondale Primary School.

We had many visitors who took advantage of the opportunity to visit grades on our Open Day. I wish to thank our class teachers who welcomed visitors and explained their programs. Looking at the remarkable progress made by Prep students in their journey towards independent writing was an amazing experience. Most students are able to write several sentences unassisted after 15 week of school.

Careers Day

On Tuesday we celebrated the Education Week theme by inviting students to dress in the clothes of their dream career. We had the usual array of nurses, doctors, police officers, teachers and business people (mainly CEOs).

Pictured are an aspirant group of senior boys who



envisage themselves as surgeons, soccer stars, builders, and footy coaches.



School Uniform news...

Lowes Highpoint now have the traditional yellow polo tops with an embroidered school logo on sale. While the new tops is certainly stylish several parents prefer the fabric and look of the school's traditional polo top. They are available in all the usual child sizes. You can check that they have your preferred sizes in stock by calling 9317 4659.

Visit by the Royal Flying Doctor Service

Tom an educator from the RFDS gave a presentation to students in grade 3 and 4 about way in which people who live in the outback of Australia can be assisted when there is a medical emergency.

Eliza recalled the story told by Tom when a person was bitten on the leg by a tiger snake. The local policeman woke up 20 people and asked them to use the lights of their car to illuminate a landing strip in the middle of the night. After the plane landed the doctor administered the anti-venom to the unfortunate patient.

Lillie recalled that the grade went to the front of the school where the fuselage of an RFDS plane was parked. It didn't have wings and it sat upon a trailer. 'We were able to go inside the plane in groups of 6. We put on the headphones and we could talk to each other. We all had a turn at sitting in the pilot's seat. That's the most fun part'.

'When you're at the pilots seat there were actual screens and you could pretend to fly the plane—but you could be silly and still be safe' said Lillie.

At the back of the plane there were medical instruments that we could pick up and play with them. 'We learnt heaps' the girls agreed.

School Council News

Chair bags

Council approved the purchase of 166 chair bags for junior school grades. The bags slip over the back of a student's chair and provide an easily accessible pocket for students to store their readers during the day. These will be ordered this week and should arrive within the fortnight.

Grade 3/4 Camp

Council approved the Grade 3/4 camp which will be held at YMCA Lady Northcote camp, Bacchus Marsh from the 13th to 15th November. The cost will be \$300 per student which includes transport, food and accommodation in a cabin style lodge. You can see more about this camp at:





Asphalt Line Painting

Council approved the expenditure of just over \$2,000 to repaint the various courts games and car park. The various games that were covered by the artificial grass will be painted on the asphalt immediately south of Building B.

Hand sanitizer

Every class will be provided with a one litre bottle of *Hands First* alcohol free sanitizer. These will be available for students to use after visiting the toilet and before eating food. Parents are welcome to provide personal sanitizer for your child’s exclusive use.

Curriculum Resource

Council approved the purchase of growth mindset curriculum resources. These will be used to assist students develop a realistic perspective and maintain motivation in the face of learning challenges. Council also approved the new homework policy that is aligned to the new department template.

Jump Rope for Heart

Council approved the *Jump Rope for Heart* fundraiser which will be held on Tuesday 25th June. There will also be a healthy lunch available to order on this day. Details to follow.

New school zone boundaries

The Maribyrnong River now forms the western boundary of Avondale Primary School zone. Formerly the boundary extended 750 metres into Sunshine North, however this area is now in the Sunshine North school zone.

I hope you have a great week

Paul Mulroyan

Jump Rope for Heart kicks off this term!

Jump Rope for Heart is a fantastic physical activity and fundraising program that has been run by the Heart Foundation for over 35 years. It’s a great way for your child to keep fit and learn new skills, but it also helps raise funds for vital heart research and education programs.

Since Jump Rope for Heart started in 1983, schools like ours have raised more than \$75 million for the Heart Foundation’s lifesaving work.

Students will be skipping *throughout the term in PE lessons and during lunch and recess*, during this time you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

It’s important you **register your child online**, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started.

www.jumprope.org.au/parents fundraising will be between Monday 27th May to Monday June 17th.

We will hold our school Jump Off Day on *Tuesday June 25th*. This will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills. Students will be jumping at a designated time in their class groups.

Thank you for supporting Heart Foundation

Jump Rope for Heart





MAY/JUNE SCHOOL DIARY

May

- Fri 24** Curriculum Day – *No students to come to school*
Wed 29 Melbourne Museum Exc – Grades 1/2A, 2A and 2B
Thurs 30 Melbourne Museum Exc – Grade 1A, B and C
Fri 31 Grade 5/6 Interschool – St Mary’s School (away)
 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am

June

- Thurs 6** Grade 5/6 Shrine Excursion
 Health and Human Development Parent Information Evening -
 Grade 3/4 Parents 6:15-7:17pm Grade 5/6 Parents 7:30-8:30pm
Fri 7 Grade 5/6 Interschool – Moonee Ponds P.S. (home)
 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
Mon 10 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Thurs 13 Selected Music students to visit Ron Conn Centre
Fri 14 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
 Grade 5/6 Interschool – Ascot Vale P.S. (away)
Thurs 27 Parent Teacher Interviews

Pupils of the week on Friday May 17th

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| <p>Prep A – Levi K
 Prep B – Anastasia P
 Prep C – Marcus N
 Prep D – Layla C</p> | <p>One A – Isabel S
 One B – India L
 One C – Stella N
 Two A – Sidney C
 Two B – N/A
 1/2 A – Cooper B</p> | <p>3/4 A – Tina P
 3/4 B – Alex W
 3/4 C – Jared M
 3/4 D – Ezra T</p> |
| <p>4/5A – Chloe H
 5/6 A – Isla R</p> | <p>5/6 B – Chloe H
 5/6 C – Abbey W</p> | <p>5/6 D – Mariana P
 Italian – Kayla Prep A</p> |

School Office Hours
 8:30am to 9:30am
 2:30pm to 3:15pm
 Please limit visits to office to these
 times only.