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Thursday 24 October 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

New classrooms to accommodate growing enrolments

The new Mod-5 relocatable classrooms are receiving their final fit-out today. I expect the temporary fence to be removed within the next few days. The new classrooms will house two senior grades, 5/6B and 5/6C which will eliminate the comparatively cramped conditions they have endured in Building B.

The new facility has computer controlled temperature and lighting; noise reducing ceiling and is insulated below the floor, in the walls and roof. It comes with sufficient bag storage areas, carpeted floors and sufficient electrical outlets and data/Wi-Fi points to meet our needs.

We will move the grades into the rooms once the 'hand-over' has occurred.

School Concert News

Tickets

The remaining tickets are on sale without restrictions at Trybooking.com.

Concert rehearsals

There are two concert rehearsals: Monday morning is the dress rehearsal in the gymnasium where classes perform for other students.

The second rehearsal is held on Wednesday on stage at Moonee Valley. Students remain in their school uniform while rehearsing on the stage where they will perform that night. Transport costs have been covered by the concert tickets, however students will need to bring a bottle of water to keep hydrated.

Concert Performance

I ask parents to ensure students arrive between 6:15pm and 6:30pm at the Moonee Valley Racing Club. You can enter via Gate 6 (Dean Street) or Gate 7 (Wilson Street). There is limited disabled parking via gate 10 (Thomas Street). Once parked, families walk through the tunnel and then towards the Celebrity Room. ***See map accompanying this newsletter.***

The concert will start at 7pm; there will be a 15 minute intermission where water is available in the foyer

After the concert

To avoid crowding at the collection area I ask parents to remain seated until called to collect your child.

Video / Photography

A professional firm has been engaged to videotape the concert. I ask parents to be considerate of others when taking photos of students performing.

Sports News

Cricket carnival

Last Friday, students in Grades 3 and 4 participated in a cricket carnival with students from neighbouring schools at Fairburn Park. Students received coaching from Cricket Victoria and SEDA before making mixed teams to practice the skills taught. Comments received from students demonstrate that their aim to promote interest in cricket and build students' skills and knowledge



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was well achieved. The following photos clearly show how our students actively engaged with the program, I wish to congratulate John Cleary our PE teacher and the grade teachers for supporting this initiative.



Pictured here are Avondale Primary School students enjoying the coaching sessions aimed at developing their cricket skills last Friday at Fairburn Park.





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Athletics News – Congratulations Arden S

Congratulations to Arden who has made it to the State Finals for Triple Jump U12/13 boys. Arden will compete this evening at Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park. Arden is **seeded 4th in the state**. Simply participating in a state final is a significant achievement and we hope Arden is able to fulfil his personal goal.

Crazy Hair Day – tomorrow to raise funds for The Leukaemia Foundation

We are supporting members of our community who have been affected by a cancer. We are holding a Crazy Hair Day – do something wild with your hair for a gold coin donation.



The highlight is a teacher head shaving event at assembly on Friday morning, October 25th, 2019.

A *mystery teacher* has secretly volunteered to have his/her head shaved in front of staff, students and parents to raise funds through the *Gofundme app!* (Yes, cameras are allowed for this event).

Students in their classes have been guessing the identity of the teacher - all will be revealed on the day!

To donate online through *Gofundme*:

Any donor information is collected directly by *Gofundme* for the sole purpose of donating money to The Leukaemia Foundation. For additional information on the use or storage of data, please consult the *Gofundme* privacy policy.

Thank you for your support.

Attendance monitoring through Compass

Teachers are now using the *Compass Learning Management System* to track student attendance. This program communicates with the department's CASES21 software for central monitoring purposes.

Beside the office window is a 'kiosk' for parents to enter details of late arrival and early dismissal of students. Every entry will be timestamped and makes the tracking of students more reliable.

We will progressively swap our systems to utilise more of the compass features during the term. Compass will become the main communication tool and it will also allow parents to enter and monitor student attendance.

You can learn more about this program at: <https://www.compass.education/parents/>



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October - November Diary

October

- Fri 25 Crazy Hair Day / Greatest Shave
 Mon 28 Concert Dress Rehearsal
 Wed 30 School Concert – Moonee Valley Racecourse

November

- Tue 5 Melbourne Cup Day Holiday
 Wed 6 Prep 2020 Parent Information Evening – BER – 7:30-8:30pm
 Thurs 7 Selected Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
 Fri 8 Junior School Athletics Day – At School
 Thurs 14 2020 Prep Transition #1, 9:15 – 10:15am
 Wed 13 Grade 3/4 Lady Northcote Camp, Wed 13 – Fri 15
 Fri 15 Grade 2 Stay Late Night
 Mon 18 Swimming program commences, Mon 18 – Fri 29 at MAC
 Thurs 21 2020 Prep Transition #2, 9:15 – 10:15am
 Fri 29 Swimming Program, final session.

The school's web site has a text only copy of this newsletter (published on a Friday) and a *translation facility* into 100+ languages.

Link: <https://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au/page/45/Newsletter->

Pupils of the week - Friday October 18th

Prep A – Allanah S
Prep B – Ethan A
Prep C – Elijah H
Prep D – Khadija K

One A – Henry S
One B – Thomas B
One C – Layla T
Two A – Jake N
Two B – Adriano P
1/2 A – Liam H

3/4 A – *Students*
3/4 B – *attended*
3/4 C – *cricket*
3/4 D – *carnival*

4/5A – *Cricket carnival*
5/6 C – Katarina K

5/6 A – Kourosh S
5/6D – Kostya H

5/6 B – Jamie S
LOTE – Ephrem 3/4A