



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday, 27th June 2019

Dear Parents,

Congratulations students and staff on a great term

Second term was ten weeks in duration; over this period our students made significant progress in literacy and numeracy. In Preps, most students are writing legible sentences unassisted, a remarkable feat when we consider many did not know letter sounds or names in February.

The Grade 1 and 2 students are also making significant progress in their reading and writing. Recently students enjoyed a day at the museum and learnt much about dinosaurs that roamed our planet for hundreds of millions of years. They followed this up in class using their internet connected smartboards to learn about the largest terrestrial dinosaur, the Titanosaurus.



Grade 3/4 students studied the way that water is stored and distributed to Melbourne residents and then visited the Western Treatment Plant to learn about our world's best practice in using waste water to feed marshes that provide a safe habitat for birds such as the extremely rare orange bellied parrot. Students at this level learnt about the Royal Flying Doctor's Service and also received a series of P.E. lessons in badminton by coaches from Badminton Victoria.

Grade 5/6 students studied the theme *Our Place in Space* where they learnt about planets, stars, constellations and galaxies. Students were coached in netball by SEDA students and competed against neighbouring schools in football, T-ball and netball on Fridays.

Education Support staff – our quiet achievers

I wish to acknowledge the fine work carried out by our Education Support staff. They fulfil a range of important duties at school that include supporting students in class, maintaining the library, keeping the school facilities safe and in good repair as well as administrative tasks including communication, attendance, finance and HR management. Many thanks to all our teachers

End of Term assembly – Friday, 2pm

I wish to remind parents that the end of term assembly starts at 2pm on tomorrow at the front of the school, weather permitting. There will not be a morning assembly on the last day of term. Students will be dismissed for holidays around 2:15. Students attending Aftercare will be lead from the assembly by their staff.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Most grades will have their parent-teacher interviews on today. Interviews are 10 minutes long, I ask parents to respect the time limit so that teachers can see all parents at their allotted time. If you need to discuss matters further, you are welcome to make another meeting time with the class teacher. Teachers will have a meal break between 5 pm and 5:50 pm.



Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH)

Our students had a thoroughly enjoyable time in the Moonee Valley gymnasium jumping rope for the heart foundation. Junior grades were paired with a senior grade to help organise the skipping. Mr Lumby arranged the loud speaker system that pumped out lively music to keep students motivated. We have some expert skippers who can skip forwards, backwards and cross-over (arms crossed in front of the body).



Students enjoyed raising \$4,330.77 for the Heart Foundation. Thank you for your support.



Online canteen ordering is coming

We will introduce online canteen ordering next term. The pilot program will involve families of students in **Years 5/6 and their siblings**. These families can order lunches through the Flexischools app. from Monday 22 July.

If the pilot runs smoothly, ***we hope to open the online ordering system to the remainder of the school from Monday 29 July***. Playtime purchases will still be made by cash.

Promotional material and instructions on how to download and use the app will be distributed during week one of third term.

Report on the Western Treatment Plant visit by Grades 3 & 4

On Thursday 20th and Friday 21st June, students in Years 3 and 4 had an excursion to the Werribee Water Treatment Plant. 'We saw lots of sewerage being treated.' said Naylie, 'it was really smelly!' Setayesh recalled photos from the olden days when men were suited and had breathing apparatus and had to clean the settling ponds using hand tools – Oooh! 'We saw a fire burning the methane gas from a chimney' said Eliza.

Upon return students in Grade 34B wrote an *acrostic poem* about Werribee:

Eliza wrote

Water
Evaporation
Reservoir
Reuse
Intake map
Birdlife
Evaporates
Electric pumper

Naylie wrote

Water
Evaporation
River
Reservoir
Ice
Buses
Electric
Energy

Setayesh wrote Roses are red, violets are blue, I went to Werribee, and saw lots of ooh!





This image shows one of the 10 settling ponds Students are interested in a display tank.

Thank you to our Fundraisers for the special lunch

Many students thoroughly enjoyed their special hamburger lunch with popcorn and a mandarin. The canteen was quite hectic organising the lunch orders. I thank Di, Danni, Haroula, Irene, Claire and Janelle for their heroic effort in ensuring the lunches arrived on time. We raised \$886 which will go towards the purchase of equipment that students can play with during recess times. Thanks to Mr Scarfo and Peter for their outstanding bbq skills.

Supermarket promotion

As stated in the school's May 16 newsletter, *Avondale Primary School is not participating in the current marketing program being run by a supermarket chain. The reason is that it took a lot of time to comply with the expectations of the competition which ended up exceeding the value of prizes won. Parents interested in collecting the stickers may wish to support another family member's school.*

Semester one reports

If you did not receive an email with your child's report attached, please contact the office (9318 1755). I also request that if the report is not in your email's inbox, that you check the junk email folder before contacting the school. If you changed your email address recently, we can re-send your child's report.

The attendance and late arrival data on the reports are taken from the school's CASS administrative software. We aim to have every child attend every school day they are well.



Enrolments for 2020

The school is accepting enrolments for the 2020 school year. Avondale Primary School is a zoned school; families must live within the school zone for their child to be enrolled.

I encourage parents with a child who will attend school next year to complete the enrolment as early as possible.

If you have neighbours who have a child starting school next year, please inform them that enrolments are being accepted. You can check the boundary of this school's zone by visiting: <http://melbourneschoolzones.com/schools/avondale-primary-school/>.

Avondale Soccer Club news

Avondale Football Club would like to invite you to come down to our final home game of the season! We want you to come and help cheer us on as we face off against Heidelberg United on August 17th at Avenger Park in Parkville.

We are offering free entry to kids under 16 as well as two free tickets per child for parents!

This will be a huge clash as we take on a top team right before finals! Make sure to bring your best cheering voice as we look to finish on top of the ladder!

Keep your eyes peeled for more information and your free ticket voucher! For more information about the club visit our website avondalefc.com.au or check us out on Facebook and Instagram by searching @avondalefc84.

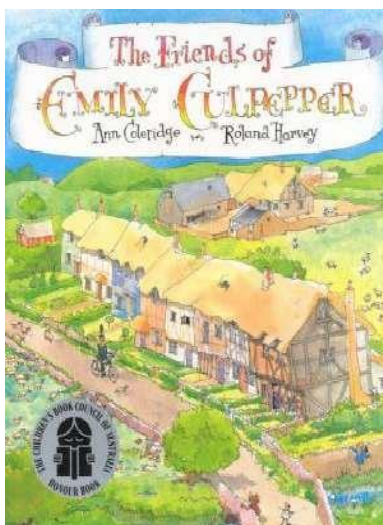
See you next term, Monday 15 July

I wish you and your children a refreshing and safe holiday, I look forward to seeing all our students on Monday 15th July for the start of the third term.

Kind regards

Paul Mulroyan

Principal



Book Review By Liz Oruba

Friends of Emily Culpepper written by Ann Coleridge

Illustrated by Roland Harvey

Set in a quaint English village, a lonely old lady with a somewhat magical talent decides she wants to be able to talk to her friends, the milkman, the postman, the plumber all the time. So with her witch like talent she makes them small and puts them in jars so she can talk to them whenever she wishes. In her kindly mind she lets them out to play and believes they have a good life until the policeman convinces her otherwise. In strange twist he becomes her new best friend. Best suited for 5 to 8 year olds.



Pupils of the week on Friday June 21st

Prep A – Darien D

Prep B – Riya B

Prep C – Mahmoud J

Prep D – Anabella L

One A – Tiffany L

One B – Viva P

One C – Vivian L

Two A – Jayden L

Two B – Lachie D

1/2 A – Vienne T

3/4 A – Excursion

3/4 B – Jye S

3/4 C – Grace H

3/4 D – Excursion

4/5A – Lana B

5/6 A – Stella L

5/6 B – Alexia V

5/6 C – Ethan T

5/6 D – Ethan T

LOTE – James 1C

JUNE/JULY SCHOOL DIARY

June

Thurs Parent Teacher Interviews
 Fri 28 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
 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