



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday 28 November

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Semester Two reports

Teachers are currently completing their semester two reports. The reports will be distributed by email on Friday 13th December. Parents will receive an email for each child attending Avondale Primary with their report attached. Students who are learning the piano will bring home a printed report from Maxine Shell.

A printed copy of the semester report will be sent home to families who have not provided an email address. Parents can request a printed copy of their child's report in addition to the email, provided the request is received by Monday 9th December.

The report will contain:

- A summary graph showing your child's progress against the Victorian curriculum
- Graphs indicating your child's progress against the essential skills and knowledge in reading, writing, spelling, and grammar
- Graphs showing the level of understanding your child has in number, algebra, measurement and probability.
- Written statements providing qualitative information about your child's progress in English and mathematics.
- Graphs indicating your child's progress of essential knowledge and skills in the Arts, PE, Italian, and in his/her social and personal learning.
- Your child's self-assessment and a rating on his/her attendance and late arrivals.

Thank you School Council members

I wish to thank the school council members for their contribution throughout this year. They have attended training courses and participated actively in meetings, responsibly ensuring that school governance issues are addressed appropriately. As a result, our school continues to make solid progress towards meeting the Strategic Plan goals. In fact, at the end of the second year, we have met every target in our four year plan save two.

Our students continue to demonstrate the philosophy and values that our school community holds dear. <https://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au/page/5/School-Philosophy-and-Values>

I particularly wish to thank **Isabelle Sawtell**, who as president, has represented the school well and ensured that council meetings have run smoothly and effectively.



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Council members for 2019 are: **Tony Baldwin** (Community member), **Andrew Barker** (Parent and Vice President), **Ajay Bhargava** (Parent and Treasurer), **Jac Coleman** (Parent), **Jenna Heywood** (Staff representative), **Joe Kersh** (Parent), **Isabelle Sawtell** (Parent and President) **Joe Scarfo** (Staff representative and secretary), **Carla Soul** (Parent), **Sally Stevens** (Parent), and **Karena Wojcicki** (Parent).

I wish to thank **Isabelle Sawtell**, **Jac Coleman** and **Tony Baldwin** who recently assisted in the presentation of plans for a new school to our local member, **Ben Carroll** and to the Minister for Education, **James Merlino**.

Online literacy resources for children

I have been asked by parents for resources to help develop their child's literacy skills over the holiday break. Following is a link to digital storytelling and book making apps that are recommended by Common Sense Education.

<https://www.commonsense.org/education/top-picks/best-apps-for-creating-books-and-storybooks?>

Digital storytelling and book making helps children express themselves in creative ways. These great digital book creation apps and websites take traditional books and storybooks a step further, combining text with visual and audio elements to make your child's publications truly multimodal.

International Peace Poster Competition

Avondale Primary participated in the International Peace Poster Competition sponsored by The *Lion Club of Essendon* for a number of years. 2019 has been a successful year with the most entries entered so far.

The winner for 2019 was **Kary Wu** from 5/6A with her outstanding poster of Journey of Peace showing people of different cultures and abilities coming together. Furthermore, this was represented by animals big and small living in harmony.



Our runners-up were **Claire Ragusa** from 5/6A and **Kamia Masonwells** from 4/5A with their entries focused on people united together peacefully.

We wait in anticipation as the winning poster is now in the regional finals. If Kary wins this round, she will go into the state finals. We wish Kary all the very best and we'll keep you posted.

By Michelle Portelli, Art Teacher Years 3 – 6 Art Teacher



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Epipens Update

There is a shortage of junior Epipens (15ml) in Australia. Pharmacists are using the limited supply to issue to individuals who require them. Schools and pre-schools will have to wait until supplies are available. Avondale Primary has four emergency junior Epipens that are carried by Yard Duty teachers.

We will keep our current emergency junior Epipens until they can be replaced. Our thinking is, it is better to have expired Epipens than no Epipens at all.

Oil Tank removal

Most of the work has been completed; we are waiting on workers to rehabilitate the areas affected and remove the temporary fences and industrial bins. *Gearon Environment*, the firm carrying out the works will repair the downpipe on the BER and the south facing garden bed border by Building B accidentally damaged during their work.

I wish to thank students and parents for your understanding of the restrictions that the works have required. I expect the works will be completed within the week – fingers crossed!

Does the school have your current email address?

This semester the school will distribute **student reports** as a PDF file attached to an email on **Friday 13th December**. Please ensure that the school has your current contact details and **email address**. Parents who would like a printed copy of the report can request this at the office.

I hope you have a great week

Paul Mulroyan

Book Reviews –Treasured and Tried What's a Christmas by Hayley Down

On Christmas Eve, in the South Pole, four little penguins come across Ed the elf who has fallen out of Santa's sleigh. But as Ed starts to explain he finds the penguins have never heard of 'Christmas'. So Ed sets about educating the penguins regarding Christmas and Santa before Santa picks him up on the way back home. Best for 3 to 7 year olds.

By Liz Oruba





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November - December Diary

November	
Fri 29	Second Hand Uniform Sales 8:30-9am Final day of swimming program
December	
Wed 4	Prep Zoo Excursion
Thurs 5	Music Concerts: 3/4A & B and 4/5A
Fri 6 th	Junior Athletics Day
Tue 10	Transition Day for new students Yrs. 1-6 in 2020 and Year 6 Orientation Day
Wed 11	Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Thurs. 12	Music Concerts: 1/2A, 2A & 2B, 3/4C & 3/4D and 5/6s
Fri 13	Student End of Year reports emailed home
Wed 18	Year Six students graduation (St Bernard's College)
Thurs 19	Students' last day - Assembly

Pupils of the Week – Awarded Friday 15 November

Prep A – Darien D	One A –Luna	3/4 A – Mikayla B
Prep B – Olivia S	One B – Victoria F	3/4 B – Naylie T
Prep C – Navaya C	One C – Sannua N	3/4 C – James B
Prep D – Saam G	Two A –	3/4 D – Ezra T
	Two B – Amir J	
	1/2 A – Jed K	
4/5A – Chloe D	5/6 A – Lina Y	5/6 B – Mia B
5/6 C – Madison W	5/6D – Jennifer T	LOTE – Ceyenne (6C)

Library Stocktake Timeline

Dear Parents and Students,
As the Library is starting the annual stocktake, we would appreciate the return of the school library books in the following order:

- **Non-fiction Books** due back **Friday 29th Nov.**
- **Fiction Books** due back **Friday 6th Dec.**
- **Picture Books** due back **Friday 13th Dec.**




Please note, borrowing from the library will cease on Friday 29th November 2019.