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Thursday 29 August 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Celebrating Science Week at Avondale Primary

On Friday afternoon between 2:15 and 3pm, students met at the front of the school to view the moon buggy finals. Each grade had a representative who competed in either the junior or senior finals. This student had won their grade competition.

Mrs Roach whipped up enthusiasm introducing each competitor in turn after explaining that the winning buggy would be the one that rolled the greatest distance from the ramp, without being pushed. There was much cheering as each class representative was supported enthusiastically by their grade.

Moon buggy winners

Congratulations to **Yugo Hayashi** (56D) who won the senior event with the unassailable distance of 14.6 metres and to **Jenna Ferguson** (2A) who won the junior competition with an impressive 10.5 metres.

I would like to thank staff and parents for supporting this enjoyable and memorable activity.



Why being online is actually a good thing

Many parents of primary school children are – understandably – nervous about their children using the internet. After all, it's an environment that many don't fully understand in its entirety, and can be hard for parents to monitor.

As of 2016, 97 per cent of households with children under 15 had the internet, and each household had an average of seven devices.

But is being online a good thing at such a young age?



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“Yes,” says Alannah & Madeline Foundation Connect facilitator Judi Fallon. “While there are risks associated with being online there are many positive outcomes associated with online activity.” Outcomes like increased socialisation, better family connections (particularly for children with family overseas), exposure to new learning tools, access to creative outlets and an increase in problem-solving skills.

“What’s important is not keeping primary school children from accessing the internet, but equipping them with the skills they need to be safe online,” Fallon adds.

“We know that kids want to be online,” she says. “It’s where their friends are, it’s what ‘everyone’ is doing.”

So, she adds, instead of an all-or-nothing approach, it’s essential to discuss the importance of being kind and thinking before posting anything online.

“It’s not always easy to get these conversations started,” she acknowledges. “But they are critical, not only in keeping kids safe, but in teaching kids the foundation skills so that they can recognise what is and what is not acceptable online behaviour.”

Student Mobile phones

The Department has a policy on the use of mobile phones during school hours by students. Students who bring a mobile phone to school can ‘sign in’ their phones at the office on arrival and collect these at dismissal time. The school will be responsible for their safe keeping during school hours. Students who keep phones or other valuable devices in their bag, do so at their own risk.

Avondale Primary School does not allow students to use their mobile phones during school hours to:

- Make or receive phone calls
- Send or receive messages or use social media to communicate with others
- Harass or send inappropriate messages or images to other students at any time. .

Mobile phone cameras (still and video) must not be used:

- in banned spaces for example changing rooms, toilets, gyms and swimming pools
- to film people and their activities without their knowledge or permission.

Mobiles phones must not be used to send harassing or threatening messages.

Father’s day breakfast by Lorraine Siebert

The Father’s Day breakfast will be run from 7:30 to 8:30 on Friday 30 August for student in Grade 1 only. Siblings are not allowed to attend. If dad is not available, another adult family member can attend in his place. Adults will receive an egg and bacon roll with coffee/tea while students will receive a bowl of cereal, toast and milo drink.

Active Paths launch – Friday 30 August by John Cleary (PE teacher)

Avondale Primary School will be celebrating the launch of our new Active Paths on **Friday, August 30th** at the morning assembly.

House Captains have worked with **Mr Cleary** and a member of Bicycle Victoria and a member of Moonee Valley City Council to design and map out easy and safe routes to school. The routes have now been marked on the map attached to this newsletter. Students and parents can follow these paths to walk, ride or scoot to school.

On the 30th August, we encourage as many students as possible to make their way actively along the paths. *Student that walk, ride or scoot to school will receive a free piece of fruit.*



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Leading up to the launch each class will be having a poster competition with a slogan as to why you should walk or ride to school with one student from each class receiving a prize for the most outstanding poster.

At our assembly we will have a member of Bicycle Victoria to help launch the program!
Happy Walking!

Congratulations Avondale Heights U/13 football team

Congratulations to **Arden Stevens** and **Matthew Hoang** who played in the winning grand final side last Saturday.

This is the second year in a row that this side has won the grand final.

The results were Avondale Heights 6.6.42 defeated Burnside Heights 3.7.25.

Matthew said 'It was a close, hard fought game, however in the last quarter we managed to pull away and secure our victory. We played with former student **Daniel Petkovski** who also played well.'



SCHOOL CONCERT by Joe Scarfo Assistant Principal)

The school concert this year will be staged on **Wednesday 30 October**. The venue will once again be the Celebrity Room at Moonee Valley Racecourse. Children need to arrive at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

It will be a great night to go on a journey with us as Prep to Grade 6 relive the music and dances of the past, celebrating hits through the decades.

*Tickets will go on sale on Monday, 16th of September at 7.00pm on the **Trybooking** website.*

<https://www.trybooking.com/BEUMX>

Families can purchase a maximum of 4 tickets. Ticket prices will be \$22.00 each. Please note that children performing do not need a ticket.

Trybooking accepts Visa, Mastercard and Amex debit or credit cards. In addition to this users can on most instances pay with PayPal. Families who do not have access to a computer will be able to log on to the website at the school. A computer will be made available each day from 3.00 to 3.30pm.

School Canteen News by Di (Manager)

1. If ordering online, you are expected to use the online menu
2. Please inform your child / children if you are ordering a snack for recess time. The canteen cannot keep uncollected snacks.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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Queensland University announcement:

Are You A Parent of a Child Aged 2 to 12?

The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research into parents' opinions about parenting and programs available for parents.

If you have a child between 2 and 12 years, we would love to hear your views on parenting and the services that are available to you as a parent.

You will need to complete a short survey, which will remain open until the 31st of August 2019. To find out more or to participate please visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parenting>

Garden Club News

The latest news is at:

<http://lastampa.global2.vic.edu.au/2019/08/29/from-the-garden-to-the-tummy/>

Pupils of the week on Friday August 16th

Prep A – Dean T
Prep B – Piper T
Prep C – Katrina B
Prep D – N/A

One A – Cohen H
One B – Viva P
One C – Jackie W
Two A – Jax S
Two B – Nathan L
1/2 A – Copper B

3/4 A – Jackson H
3/4 B – Setayesh E
3/4 C – Conner T
3/4 D – Kaname Y

4/5A – Jenna V
5/6 A – Kary W

5/6 B – Morrigan R
5/6 C – Kevin & Imogen

5/6 D – Michelle G
LOTE – Alexandra 1A

School Office Hours

8:30 am to 9:30 am

2:30 pm to 3:15 pm

Please limit visits to office to these times.

