



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday, 17th September 2020.

Dear Parents and Families

We have reached the end of term. Well done to everyone for your best efforts during this COVID impacted term.

Farewell

My time as Acting Principal at Avondale Primary School has come to an end. Initially I was only here for Term 1 but COVID 19 intervened so I stayed for three terms! I would like to thank the staff and students for making me so welcome. This is a terrific school with a great sense of community. You have some of the hardest working and caring teachers looking after your children and providing them with a great educational program.

In preparing the weekly newsletter, I was relieved and pleased to have the contribution from Morrigan. Her articles are a reminder to us all that we can make a difference to the well-being of the planet. She has challenged our thinking and asked us to change our habits. I have really enjoyed reading her weekly contribution. As a community, if there is someone out there who can offer her a work placement that aligns with her commitment to sustainability when she is in Year 10 then please let us know? It may be a way into the future but she can chase you up in 4 years!

It is exciting for the school to have a new Principal. No doubt some things will change but that is a good thing. The new building is also an exciting prospect for the Avondale Heights community. Being able to provide a top quality education in new facilities makes teachers work easier.

I would also like to thank School Council for their support; there is a great team of parents and teachers leading the school.

Best wishes to all the families at Avondale Primary School. Whatever negative impact the COVID 19 has had on student learning will be quickly caught up next term and during the first few months of next year. The Department of Education is considering extra support but once the students are back amongst their friends and their teachers they will settle back into a good routine.

Farewell to Ros Blake

Best wishes to Ros Blake who retires from the office after many years working at Avondale Primary School.

New Build Update

The architects are working furiously to design the new building as the project is not allowed to go over time. We are at the exciting stage where we can see the classrooms and learning spaces start to take effect.

Friday dismissal time is 2.15

Enjoy the holiday break, stay safe. Hopefully we will be allowed a few more concessions where we can reconnect with family and friends.

Dr Bette Prange

Acting Principal

Inspirational Quote:

"The struggle you are in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow." –

www.dailyquotes.co



Farwell message from Ros Blake

Dear Avondale families and staff,

I began working at Avondale Primary School on 6th August 1995. At that time our son Andrew was in grade 3 and daughter Emily in grade Prep. My part time role as Administration Support Officer (then only 15 hours a week) suited myself and the family. As the school grew the position became almost full time.



Over the 25 years I have made many friendships with both staff and families. Whilst I will miss everyone at APS (especially the kids), I am looking forward to “slowing down” and semi retiring with my husband.

I would like to thank the Principals I have worked with over the years, including Paul Mulroyan and Bette Prange. A special thank you to my office colleagues, Maria and Sue, and all the staff for their support and friendships over the years.

I wish you all the best for your future at APS and I’m looking forward to seeing the new school when it’s completed.

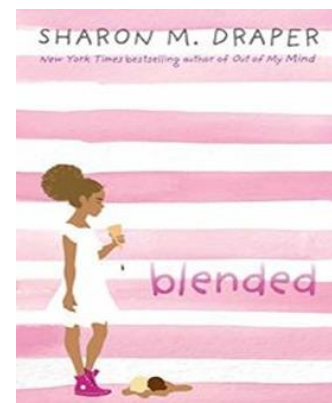
Best wishes,

Ros Blake

Book Reviews – Tried and Treasured

Blended by Sharon M. Draper

Isabella is 11 years old and comes from a biracial family. People often describe her as ‘exotic’ a term she dislikes. Her parents share custody and every weekend she is handed back from one parent to another. Although she loves both households she often doesn’t know where she fits. Music is her lifesaver. After her parents get engaged, each to another partner, their weddings are to be held on the same day, which escalates their normal bickering, causing more complications. There’s a robbery and shots are fired with tragic repercussions. This book deals with racism, prejudice, divorce and mixed families. Best suited to 10 years plus.



By Liz Oruba



Make a Wish

Through the Royal Children’s Hospital I was granted a wish. On Friday 11 of September I got to meet with my favourite cook, Justine Schofield. We met on Zoom for two hours, but before that I received a list of ingredients to buy. After introductions and a chat we worked through the recipe and baked cookies. We made caramel choc chip and hazelnut cookies. We had so much fun and at the end we got to eat them. I learnt that Justine Schofield is on television sometimes and you can go onto her website Everyday Gourmet.

The time went really fast and I loved working with her, she was lovely and supported me through making the cookies. I had a great time, it was like starting at school time and we finished at ‘snack’ time.

By Poppy Grade 2C.



See recipe on page 5 courtesy of Justine Schofield

By Poppy Grade 2C.

Term 4 Sunsafe Reminder

Remember to bring your hat to school each day next term. Term 4 is a no hat no play term so hunt out your school hat and put it in your school bag over the holidays.

Saving (Y)our World instalment 22: Climate change denial

by: Morrigan R

Now there is plenty talk of climate change around. But what can you believe? What is the truth and what are lies? Why can’t climate change deniers see the clear evidence? How can you tell the difference between fact and fib? Find out in this week’s instalment of Saving (Y)our World.

First off: What’s the truth and how do you tell it from the lies? The truth is, climate change is a problem that many people ignore because the effects take time. It’s like smoking; no-one really worries about it, because it can take up to forty years to kill you, not just a day. But this



is an even bigger problem because it doesn't just effect one person who knows the risks but does it anyway, it effects thousands--no, millions of innocents who weren't involved and even people who tried to stop it. But, like smoking, if you stop soon enough the effects will wane--or maybe even die out. We are quickly approaching the time when that will not be a possibility. When the world will get lung cancer and it'll only be a matter of time. The truth is that we need to do something. The lies tell us that it's not a problem--or that it doesn't exist. In fact, it was nicknamed 'climate change' to make it sound natural and like it should be happening. This is how the truth is hidden.

Secondly, what is the climate change denial movement? The climate change denial movement is something led by people who would rather make profit than do the right thing. In fact, 97% of all climate scientists agree that climate change exists, and humans are the cause... and the other 3% say that it's real but that they're not entirely sure that humans caused it. This means that the climate change denialists have no basis for all their ideas... but they still promote them and pretend that they have facts on their side! These are the lies we are fed. And some people believe them. The truth is, climate change is real and humans are causing it, we are scientifically sure of this as we are that gravity exists, or that the sky is blue, or that cigarettes cause cancer. Anyone who tells you that they have a different opinion is just being ignorant, you can't have opinions about scientific facts!!!

Now, if we accept that science is real and that scientists know what they are doing (and if you don't you need to move into a cave and stop using technology of any kind as all of our technology is based on the same scientific methods as our understanding of climate change), there is absolutely no excuse for failing to take action. To help you understand the facts, and to protect you from all of the lies flying around, there is a great website that uses scientific evidence to expose the lies spouted by the climate change denialists. Visit <https://www.skepticalscience.com/> to see the reasons that deniers are wrong. There are plenty more websites out there for you to discover the truth for yourself. But remember, science fact is science fact, and the best place to learn that is from the climate scientists themselves!

I hope you now better understand the sometimes-confusing world of climate change. I hope you take my advice and dive further into the world of climate change by yourself. Always remember that what people say isn't always the truth--sometimes far from it.

So, you have come to the end of this week's instalment of Saving (Y)our World. Be sure to join me next term for more saving (Y)our World! And I hope you have a great school holiday...

"Adults keep saying: "We owe it to the young people to give them hope." But I don't want your hope. I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day. And then I want you to act. I want you to act as you would in a crisis. I want you to act as if our house is on fire. Because it is."
— **Greta Thunberg**



Chocolate, hazelnut and caramel cookies

These cookies are such a joy to make and eat – and the best part is the recipe is outrageously easy. The flavour combination of chocolate, hazelnuts and, to top it off, gooey caramel is by far my favourite. Make sure you add that pinch of salt as it heightens the taste of these ingredients.

MAKES: 30 PREP: 20 minutes, plus 2 hours chilling COOK: 15 minutes
Freezer friendly. Quick and easy.

1 egg
230 g brown sugar
80 g butter, melted
and cooled
100 g (½ cup) soft caramels,
cut in half (I use Werther's
Original Soft Caramels)
50 g (½ cup) dark chocolate
chips
70 g hazelnuts, toasted
and chopped
pinch of salt flakes
200 g plain flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon bicarbonate
of soda

Preheat the oven to 190°C fan-forced. Grease and line three baking trays with baking paper.

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Combine the egg, sugar and butter in a bowl and mix well. Add the chocolate chips, hazelnuts and salt and mix well. Sift in the flour, baking powder and bicarbonate of soda and stir until the mixture comes together to form a dough. Roll the dough into a cylinder, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2 hours until firm.

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Using wet hands and 1 tablespoon of dough per cookie, roll the dough into balls. Make an indentation in each ball and add a piece of soft caramel, then roll again to encase the caramel in the dough. Place the cookies on the prepared trays, allowing 5 cm between each one as they will spread. Bake for 15 minutes until the edges have coloured. For crisp cookies, cool on the trays; for chewy cookies, lift the cookies and baking paper off the trays and cool on the bench. Once the cookies have cooled completely, they can be stored in a jar or airtight container for 2–3 days.

TIP

The cookie dough can be wrapped in plastic wrap and stored for up to 3 months in the freezer.



HOLIDAY FUN

Check out the kid's page at the world famous Tate Galleries.

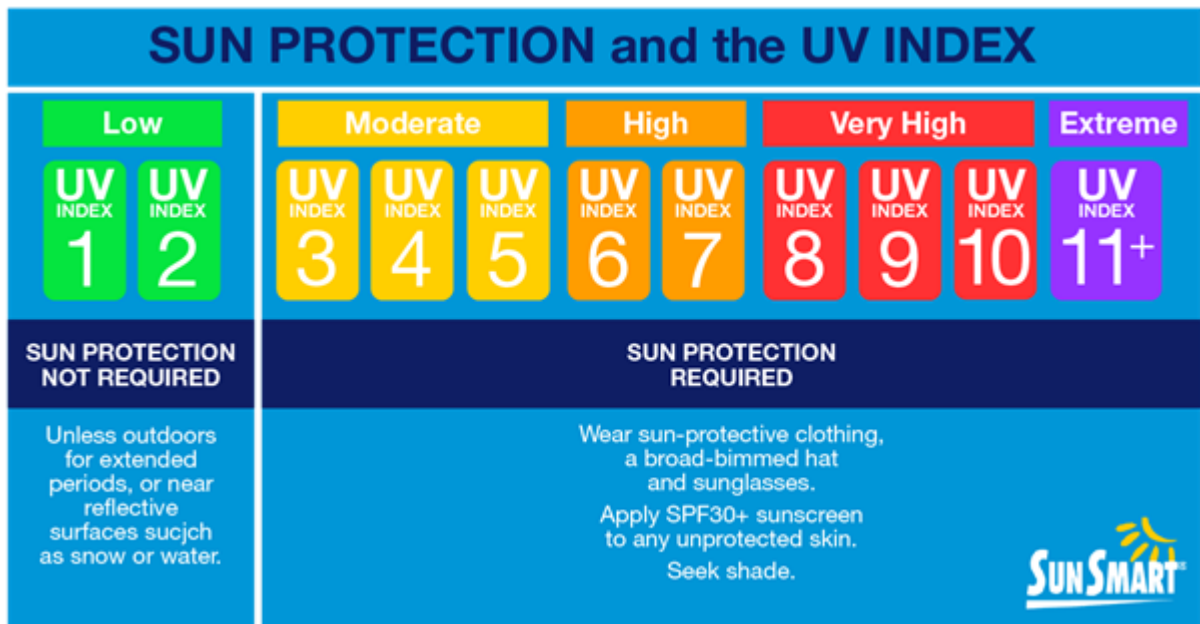
A screenshot of the Tate Kids website interface. The page is divided into three main sections: "WHAT'S NEW" (purple background), "MAKE" (teal background), and "GAMES AND QUIZZES" (red background). Each section contains several activity cards with icons and titles. The "WHAT'S NEW" section includes "Who is Yinka Shonibare?", "Draw a Friend", "Photo Challenge: Filters", and "Quiz: Which Artist Should Design Your School Uniform?". The "MAKE" section includes "Play with Collage", "Photo Challenge: Angles", "Paint like Turner", and "Soap Carving". The "GAMES AND QUIZZES" section includes "Tate Paint", "Street Art", "Quiz: Which Arty Sport Should You Play?", and "Quiz: Which Art Animal are You?". Each card has a small icon representing the activity type. At the bottom of each section, there is a "SEE ALL ACTIVITIES" or "SEE ALL GAMES AND QUIZZES" button.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>



Friendly reminder - sun protection times have already started

Although it may still be cold, Victoria’s UV levels are on the rise so please check the daily local sun protection times to see when you need to be SunSmart. The sun protection times are a forecast from the Bureau of Meteorology for the time of day UV levels are forecast to reach 3 or higher in your location. At these levels, sun protection (hat, clothing, sunscreen, shade and, if practical, sunglasses) is recommended for all skin types.



So please remind your staff, children and families when outdoors, whether that be for the one hour of permitted exercise in metropolitan Melbourne or if you’re lucky enough to be allowed outside for longer, to check the sun protection times and use sun protection accordingly. For more information for families please check out <https://www.sunsmart.com.au/communities/parents>

Cancer Council Victoria