



## ***Achievement, Confidence & Pride***

**Thursday, 6 February 2020**

Dear Parents,

I like to extend a warm welcome to our prep students who start school today. Welcome also to our new families. We know you will enjoy learning at Avondale Primary School. Many of you have had the opportunity to meet with the Prep teacher your child has for this year over the past week and those meetings will assist in ensuring a smooth start to the school year.

Each week through the newsletter I would like to focus on one of the school values – this week it is **Respect**. Respect encompasses respect for self, for each other, for our parents and elders. We show respect by following rules such as the school rules and the road rules. I have been impressed with the number of students wearing their uniform with pride – that shows respect for our school. We can show respect for each other and for parents and elders by using full body listening, using our manners and by being kind and obedient. We can also show respect for the environment by keeping the yard clean and remembering to put rubbish in the bin. In addition, we show respect by using the equipment carefully and for the purpose it was intended.

Congratulations to all the school leaders who had their badges presented at last Monday's assembly.

### **Traffic management**

The start of the school year is a busy time on the roads, to keep everyone safe please remember to keep the school zone safe and free of unsafe behaviour, please:

- Be mindful of the 40km/h zones
- Make sure your child uses the pedestrian entrances
- Adhere to the school drop off areas and parking signage.

We all have a responsibility, not only to ourselves, but to each other, to be safe on our roads, especially around our school zones.

### **CORONAVIRUS ADVICE FOR PARENTS, FAMILIES AND SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**

The Department of Education is monitoring the situation closely and continues to update advice to our communities

### **EXCLUSION OF WELL CHILDREN OR STAFF WHO HAVE TRAVELLED TO AFFECTED AREAS**

The Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer and Victoria's Chief Health Officer have this afternoon recommended a stronger precautionary approach to managing coronavirus for



travellers returned from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) from today (1 February 2020).

This recommendation is that parents/guardians/carers should ensure that any student returning from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) who was in mainland China on or after **1 February 2020** is isolated at home and should not attend school until 14 days after they were last in mainland China.

This recommendation does not apply retrospectively. It applies only to students who were in mainland China on or after 1 February 2020.

The existing advice remains that parents/guardians/carers of students should ensure that any student is isolated at home and should not attend school for 14 days:

- following exposure to any confirmed novel coronavirus case; or
- after leaving Hubei Province.

This same advice applies to any impacted staff.

The Commonwealth has also advised that: “additional border measures will be implemented to deny entry to Australia to people who have left or transited through mainland China from 1 February 2020, with the exception of Australian citizens, permanent residents and their immediate family and air crews who have been using appropriate personal protective equipment”.

If you think your child or a family member may meet one of the above criteria, please contact the dedicated hotline on 1800 675 398.

At Avondale Primary School we request that you contact the school via phone or Compass if you have family members at home who have returned from China.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by



the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

#### **SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of [Avondale Primary School](#).

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on [20/02/2020](#)).

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022	4
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022.	1

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



## Annual privacy information reminder for parents

During the ordinary course of your child's attendance at our school, school staff will collect your child's personal and health information when necessary to educate your child, or to support your child's social and emotional wellbeing or health in the school context. Such information will also be collected when required to fulfil a legal obligation, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law. If that information is not collected, the school may be unable to provide optimal education or support to your child, or fulfil those legal obligations.

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website [www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au](http://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au)

For more information about privacy, see: [Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents](#). This information also available in nine community languages.

Dr Bette Prange  
Acting Principal

### Inspirational Quote:

*"Don't let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." – John Wooden.*

### Prep 2020 Welcome BBQ

There will be an opportunity to meet with the teachers, other Prep parents and members of School Council at a BBQ to be held on **Thursday 13 February at 5.00**. Please bring a picnic hamper to add to the sausages provided.





## Grade Information Nights

A series of information sessions will be held during weeks 4 and 5 of school term. The dates are listed below: Sessions will be held in the BER building beginning at 7.00pm. Sessions go for 1 hr. Child minding is available in Building 2

Prep	Tuesday, 18th February
Grade Ones	Wednesday, 19th February
Grade Twos	Thursday, 20th
Grade 3/4s	Wednesday, 26th
Grade 5/6s	Thursday, 27th

## Health Care Card holders – Reminder

Parents/Guardians of students at Avondale Primary who hold a Health Care Card are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). The card must be current on the first day of school—January 28th 2020. If you haven't presented your card to the office already, please come in with your card, and fill a form as soon as possible. If you are unsure if you are eligible or whether you filled out the form please contact Ros Blake (General Office).

## Name your child's uniform

Please ensure you print your child's name on their school uniforms with a permanent marker – especially windcheaters which are often forgotten at the end of recess periods. There is a lost property box located in each corridor – lost, unnamed articles are placed there awaiting retrieval. I encourage parents to check these boxes regularly for lost articles.

## Invitation to join the 2020 Fundraising Committee

Fundraising is an important aspect of our school community. It provides many parents with the opportunity to be involved in school events and also contributing financially to many worthwhile projects around the school. If you would like to be involved, the next meeting will be on **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> of February at 9am**. The meeting will be in the resource room, Building 1.

## Yard Duty reminder

Teachers are on yard duty the following times:

8:40 – 8:50	Play area and oval
11am – 11:30	Recess – All areas
1:30 – 2:15	Lunch – All areas
3:15 – 3:30	Students not accompanied by a parent should report to the office after 3:30

School Office hours are 8:30 – 9:30am and 2:30-3:30pm



**FEBRUARY SCHOOL DIARY**


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- Thurs 6            First Day for Preps
- Fri 7              Second Hand uniform Shop open 8:30-9:00am
- Thurs 13          Prep Welcome BBQ
- Fri 14             Second Hand uniform Shop open 8:30-9:00am
- Fundraising Meeting – after assembly
- Tue 18            Prep Parent Information Night
- School Council Meeting 7:30pm
- Wed 19            Induction Session for Volunteers 9am
- Grade One Parent Information Night 7pm
- Thurs 20          Grade Two Parent Information Night 7pm
- Wed 26            Grade 3/4 Parent Information Night 7pm
- Thurs 27          Grade 5/6 Parent Information Night 7pm

**MARCH**

- 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>            Mobile dental visit for students
- Fri 6              Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport - Home

**STUDENT BANKING**  
**Every Thursday is Student Banking day, don't forget to bring along your bank book to deposit to your account**



**SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

Second hand uniform day is Fridays  
at 8:30 - 9:00am to pick up a bargain!

Short Sleeve Polo shirts - \$3  
Skirts - \$5    Jackets - \$6  
Jumpers - \$5    Shorts - \$4  
Track pants - \$5