



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday, 30th May 2019

Dear Parents,

Avondale Primary School Zone

Melbourne's growing population is placing increasing enrolment demand upon primary schools. The Department has established a zone around every metropolitan school. Principals have been instructed to accept enrolments from inside the school zone only.

Please note that when a family has an older child already attending Avondale Primary, I will enrol their sibling if the family lives outside the zone.

The Department has changed the western boundary of Avondale Primary School's zone. It now runs along the Maribyrnong River. You can view the school zone at: <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>. Please note that the map shown on the *Melbourne School Zones* website is now out of date.

2020 enrolments

There are over 50 students enrolled for 2020. I ask parents who intend to enrol a child here next year to complete an enrolment form at your earliest convenience. If you have neighbours or friends who wish to enrol a child here next year, please ask them to contact the school as soon as they can.

Curriculum day report

Last Friday staff participated in a Cultural Understanding and Safety Training PD. This emotionally powerful presentation by Julianne Fraser, Michelle Marion, Koorie Engagement Support Officers and Keith Randall, Police Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, gave our staff an insight into the effects of white settlement in Australia upon aborigines through the generations. This is particularly relevant as we have eight students with aboriginal descent and one Torres Strait Islander.

Being aboriginal was addressed with the following clip being played. In this clip comedian Kevin Kropinyeri explains what it is to be aboriginal: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwUUgEA_jzY Staff then spent the rest of the day examining the maths curriculum closely to develop specific skill statements based upon the achievement expectations for each year level. I congratulate the staff on their hard work through the day.

Prep Colour Parade

Prep students are studying colours. On Friday 7th June, the four classes will combine to have a colour celebration where students will dance and sing songs about colour. We ask students to come to school wearing their favourite colour/s to help them learn the colours in a fun way. Pictures of this event will be sent to parents via Flexibuzz.

Special Lunch

There has been a change of date to the special hamburger / Vegie burger lunch. It will now be held on Wednesday 26th June. Students have been given a red order form which allows them to select either a hamburger (from the butcher shop) or vegie burger with fruit and popcorn for \$5. The lunch order and money need to be returned by Friday 14 June.



Lost property

This week winter foreshadowed its capacity to provide bracing weather. Students were kept inside during wet recess times; when it was suitable for students to play outside, teachers reminded students to wear their windcheaters. However, our Lost Property Boxes are full to overflowing with windcheaters. If you are missing an article of school clothing, please check the boxes, one is located in each corridor.

Second hand uniform sales

Jodi runs our second hand uniform shop every Friday morning from 8:30 am. There is an impressive range of pre-loved clothing available at very reasonable prices. All the articles are in good condition and have been cleaned and are ready for immediate use.

Student banking reminder

Students can make deposits into their bank account every Thursday. If you would like to start a bank account for your child, you can collect an application form from the school office and take it to the Commonwealth Bank at Milleara mall.

Parent helpers in school

There are many ways that parents can become involved at school.

- Helping in the canteen is the most popular option and gives parents an opportunity to meet other members of our school community.
- Parents also assist with the vegetable garden on Tuesday lunchtimes. Mr Boffa coordinates the garden club; a fun, informal approach is taken to planting and growing a range of vegetables.
- Sports Days – parents assist with running events such as high and long jump as well as being judges for the sprints.
- Excursions - On occasions teachers need helpers when going on an excursion. Parents are usually invited to participate who are able to assist with special skills on the day e.g. advanced first aid knowledge.
- For parents who are able to make a regular commitment, listening to younger students read and coordinating the change of readers is appreciated by the class teachers.

Health and Human Development (Family Planning Vic) Parent Information sessions

Parent information sessions will be held next Thursday (6th June) for **parents to be informed about the health and human development lessons** that will be presented in Term 3.

- Grade 3/4 parents 6:15 – 7:15 in the BER
- Grade 5/6 parents 7:30 – 8:30 in the BER

This is your opportunity to find out about the content of the lessons by the presenters.

Pupils of the week

No certificates were awarded last week due to the curriculum day.

Paul Mulroyan



MAY/JUNE SCHOOL DIARY

May

Fri 31 Grade 5/6 Interschool – St Mary’s School (away)
Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am

June

Thurs 6 Grade 5/6 Shrine Excursion
Health and Human Development Parent Information Evening -
Grade 3/4 Parents 6:15-7:17pm Grade 5/6 Parents 7:30-8:30pm

Fri 7 Grade 5/6 Interschool – Moonee Ponds P.S. (home)
Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am

Mon 10 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Thurs 13 Selected Music students to visit Ron Conn Centre

Fri 14 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
Grade 5/6 Interschool – Ascot Vale P.S. (away)

Tues 18 School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Thurs 20 Water Treatment Excursion Grades 3/4B, 3/4C and 4/5A
Parent Helpers Induction

Fri 21 Water Treatment Excursion Grades 3/4A, 3/4D and 4/5A
Reports Emailed to Parents
Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am

Tues 25 Jump Rope for Heart

Wed 26 Special lunch order day

Thurs 27 Parent Teacher Interviews

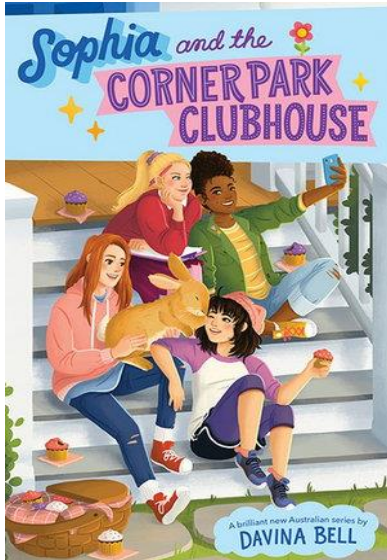
Fri 28 Last Day Term 2 – Students finish at 2:15

School Office Hours

8:30am to 9:30am

2:30pm to 3:15pm

**Please limit visits to office to these
times only.**



Book Review

Sophia and the Corner Park Clubhouse

By Davina Bell

This is a wonderful new series about friendships and preteens navigating their way through their changing lives. Set in the backdrop of an eccentric small town we meet the girls, Sophia, Belle, Maisie and Lola who are moving on to different high schools whilst trying to retain their friendship, they realize their precious Corner Clubhouse is going to be demolished and now it's a race against time. A great story for 8 to 10 year olds.

By Liz Oruba