



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

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Dear Parents and Families,

Our vision at Avondale Primary *'is to maintain a caring, supportive environment that promotes achievement, confidence and pride'*. Our students are living and breathing this vision every day, as are our families. The confidence and independence our students are demonstrating when they say goodbye at the gate is outstanding. They are carrying their own backpacks, saying good morning to staff at the gates and then heading to their line up area. This is reciprocated by our families giving their child/children a hug, a kiss and/or a wave goodbye and then heading home or off to work. Our children then enter the classroom, following the morning routine and ready to learn.

Starting tomorrow, Friday October 30, our Prep and Grade One students are going to head to their line up area outside their classrooms where their teachers will meet them. They may even have the opportunity to play on the playground, as our Prep and Grade One students have been lining up ever so patiently and are now ready to show their independence even further. Staff will be at the main gates to continue to support this process.

Robson St gate (near the music room) is now open for students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. A teacher will be at the gate in the morning to direct students to their line up areas and will also be there from 3.15pm to say goodbye to students. Please note that parking is available in Raglan St and Coles car park, only a short stroll to school.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Australia will celebrate and thank the teaching profession on World Teachers' Day - Friday 30 October.

Teachers, with additional support from our parents and carers during this year, have ensured education continues across the country this year, despite major challenges and reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of children and students, their families and communities.



On Friday 30 October, we would love our students to say a big thank you to their teachers when you see them in the morning and for all families to celebrate the bright future of teaching.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are going to look a little different this year, as they will be composite (headshot) style. It is exciting that we have the opportunity to have professional photos to capture the 2020 school year.



LOST PROPERTY

We are currently in the process of sorting through the LOST PROPERTY boxes and retuning any named items to their owners. Hopefully many 'missing' items will find their way home by Friday.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We are determining a process to support our families to access second hand uniforms. We will share this process through Compass in the following weeks.

CANTEEN

Our current canteen ordering arrangements are continuing to ensure Di is able to cope with the number of orders on any particular day.

Monday: Prep to 2 students

Thursday: Grade 3/4 students

Friday: Grade 5/6 students

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause to some families but please understand that with only one person working in the canteen it is impossible to provide normal services. Hopefully restrictions will be eased and we can return to normal operations. Thank you for your understanding.

EACH DAY IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR STUDENTS

to pack their hats, drink bottles and lunch in their bag, as well as their satchels. Checking this each morning before leaving the house is really important, as organisation is one of our You Can Do It keys. This will help families to make less trips to school to deliver these items, creating minimal disruptions to student learning.

The updated COVID-19 Return to School Policy can be accessed through the school website at

<https://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au/>

2021 ENROLMENTS

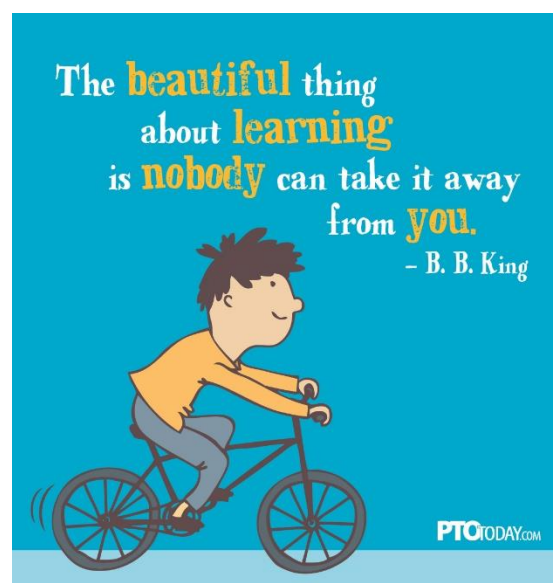
Avondale Primary School is currently taking enrolments for 2021. It is essential that parents who intend to send their child to Avondale Primary School enrol their children as soon as possible. It is essential to log on to <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/> to check that your address is in the Avondale Primary School Zone. Please contact the school as soon as possible, on 9318 1755 and our Admin team will support you through the enrolment process.

WE REALLY DO WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

A BIG thankyou to those families who have completed the Parent Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. I really appreciate your feedback and look forward to unpacking the data we receive about school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and your experiences of remote and flexible learning. This data will help inform our future planning and improvement strategies, moving into 2021. If you have not yet completed the survey, you still have time. You have access to the survey until Friday 13th November, through the link that was emailed to families through Compass. If you require this information to be resent to you, please contact the Office.

Mrs Jill Benham

Principal



PARENT PAYMENTS INFORMATION

Dear Parents / Carers,

Avondale Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Avondale Primary School's Parent Payment arrangements for 2021.

Avondale Primary School Council has made a considerable effort to ensure that parent payments are fair and transparent and provide students with materials and services associated with education.

1. Essential Learning Items *are those items, activities or services that are essential to support student learning of the standard curriculum. These are items that the school considers essential for all students and which students take possession of. These include student book pack and supplies and the materials used in classrooms. Art, Science and LOTE supplies.*

2. Optional Payments *are those items, activities or services that are offered in addition to or support instruction in the standard curriculum program. These are provided on a user-pays basis so that if parents choose to access them for students, they are required to pay for them. Teachers organise these activities to enhance the learning experience of their students, however, parents / carers decide whether they want their children to participate. Examples: school photos, camps, excursions, interschool sport, graduation, incursions and special days such as multicultural day. These events support and extend the learning that takes place at school.*

3. Voluntary Financial Contributions *are those items and services that parents are invited to make a donation / voluntary payment toward the upkeep of the school grounds maintenance*

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Avondale Primary School understand that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- Organising a payment plan
- CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund for eligible families
- State Schools Relief
- Second hand uniform sales supported by the Parents & Friends Committee

More detailed information can be found by following this link:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/guidance>

Joe Scarfo
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 3 16/10/2020

Prep A	Anouk M
Prep B	Quinten L
Prep C	Paige S
Prep C	Fia C

1A	Amreen C
1B	Sophia F
1C	Khadija K

2A	Taleekah A
2B	Audrey M
2C	Poppy E
2D	India L

34A	Sienna J
34B	Jake Nguyen
34C	Danai K
34D	Lillie S

45A	James V
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56A	Adam T
56B	Chalee L
56C	Liam C
56D	Margaret T

ART JNR	Pearl B
ART SNR	Eleni K
LOTE	Kaelan K
PE	Alexia V

Week 4 26/10/2020

Prep A	Stephano N
Prep B	Thomas C
Prep C	Zoe W
Prep C	Isaac D

1A	Quinn P
1B	Aleyna D
1C	Sandin M

2A	Victoria V
2B	Tyrone U
2C	Olivia B
2D	Zach N

34A	Billy R
34B	Danny T
34C	Mikaret T
34D	Peyton S

45A	Zadok S
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56A	Tina P
56B	Sarah R
56C	Aleeza C
56D	Ethan T

ART JNR	Lam H
ART SNR	Isla R
LOTE	Murad A
PE	Ethan T from 56D

TERM 4 – SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, 30 October	World Teachers Day
Tuesday, 3 November	Melbourne Cup - Public Holiday
Sunday, 8 – 15 November	NAIDOC Week 2020 – ‘Always Was, Always Will Be’
Friday, 13 November	Parent Opinion Survey closes
Thursday, 17 December	Student’s last day of school - students will be dismissed at 1.15pm

Book Reviews – Tried and Treasured

The Bushfire Book

Written by Peggy Marsden

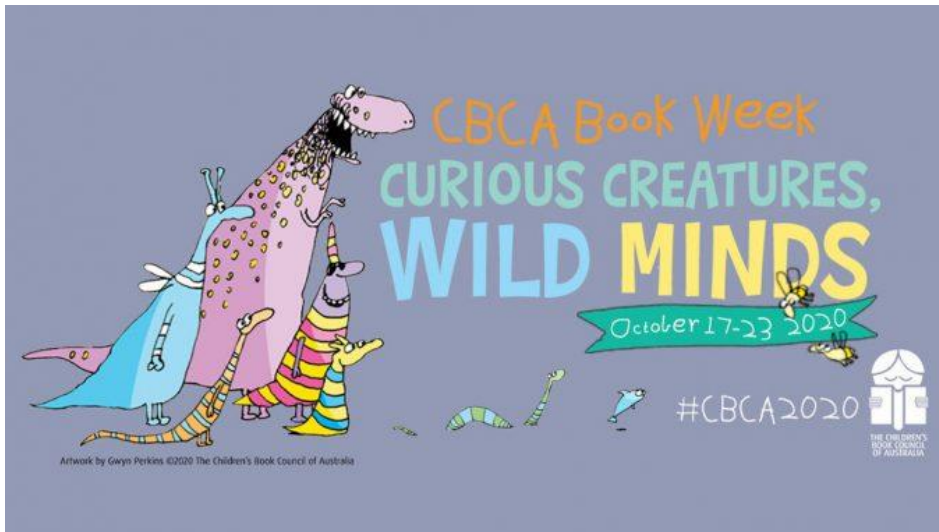
Illustrated by Chris Nixon

As we approach summer, we are reminded that bushfires can be devastating, especially after last summer. Bushfires have always been part of the Australian landscape and this book is a tool to help alleviate the worries many children feel about bushfires. The illustrations along with the words help children to understand how a bush fire starts, how it works and how to stay safe even though it’s scary. A practical and reassuring book that will assist in alleviating anxiety associated with bushfires. Written in a child friendly format suitable for all primary children.



Reviewed by Liz Oruba

Book Week 2020



Each year across Australia, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) brings children and books together celebrating Book Week. The CBCA Book Week 2020 theme is **'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'**. At Avondale Primary School we will be celebrating Book Week in Week 5.

When: Next Monday, 2nd November

Theme: Snuggle up with your favourite book

Wear: Your Pyjamas to school and appropriate footwear

Bring Along: Your favourite book to share in class

On this day we ask that students dress in their pyjamas, with school shoes or runners, and bring along their favourite book to share with their class. As well as sharing our favourite book we will also read/listen to some of the shortlisted books.

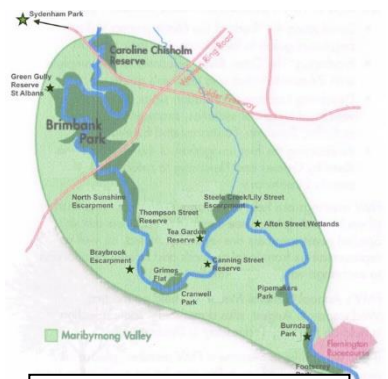
Please Note: Due to the current DET COVID-19 Guidelines, there will be no Book Week parade

Saving (Y)our World instalment 26: River Organisations By: Morigan Raven

Last week, we learned about three nature-based organisations. This week, we will investigate river conservation efforts. Are you ready to find out about three river organisations that strive to protect our beautiful rivers?

This week's local organisation works to preserve our very own Maribyrnong River. Friends of the Maribyrnong Valley (FMV) was formed to protect the Maribyrnong River and its surrounding valley parklands. This is a group that works closely with community groups, including local schools, to do things like weed control and planting trees and grasses along the river. These activities help to protect the riverbanks from erosion and provide habitat for organisms, including native bees. The FMV sometimes also have clean-up days, where they remove litter from the river and the nearby parks. To learn more about them or to get involved with their activities, go to their website here:

<https://fmvonline.com/>



Map of the Maribyrnong Valley

Our national organisation is the Murray Darling Association (MDA). The Murray Darling Basin is a large land area that contains Australia's longest river (the Murray River) and third

longest river (the Darling River). The Basin was and is an important site for certain Indigenous communities, houses many native plant and animal species, and produces a range of food crops. Indeed, a lot of what we eat in Melbourne comes from the Murray Darling Basin. The MDA supports a healthy Murray Darling Basin and believes that a healthy Basin will help nearby communities thrive. They collect and distribute information about the Murray Darling Basin to their members and work to make sure that informed decisions are made by governments about the rivers within the Basin. The MDA helps to educate people of all ages on the importance and state of the Basin's rivers and work to support local councils to help protect the Basin. Find out more at their site here: <https://www.mda.asn.au/>

Finally, our international rivers organisation is actually called International Rivers! They work to protect rivers in Asia, Africa and Latin America. They work with dam or river dependent communities to make sure their needs are heard, help build active networks of civil society groups, and support informed research into river systems. In Africa, they work with local communities to provide dam owners with more sustainable solutions; in Asia they work to protect the rivers and provide energy alternatives; and in Latin America they work to keep the rivers free from dams so the local Indigenous communities can protect their precious customs. International Rivers recognise that rivers are important entities that need to be better managed to protect their ecosystems and to support their local communities. Unfortunately, many large international rivers flow through multiple countries, each of which would like to control them for their own purposes. International Rivers can help with the management of these rivers because they think about the river as a whole, rather than trying to manage a small section within a particular country. You can find out more about them on their website here: <https://www.internationalrivers.org/>

So, this week we learned about three devoted river protectors. Next week, join me to learn about three anti-pollution organisations. See you then!

Registrations are now open!

Avondale Heights Cricket Club is actively taking registrations for the 20/21 Summer of Junior Cricket!

We will field an U10 & U12 team this season, commencing **Friday 13th of November**

(Training to be on a Tuesday, and will commence 10th of Nov, hopefully we can squeeze one in the week prior)

Head over to www.playcricket.com.au and register today.

Please note the two different registration options:

\$125 (Rego, T-shirt & Hat)

\$100 (Rego only)

Please reach out to confirm player shirt sizing (8, 10, 12, 14, 16)

For further information, please contact the below or head over to our Facebook page Avondale Heights Cricket Club:

- Dean Campbell 0431 924 968
- Michael Moretti 0412 472 333
- Shannyn McLeod 0401 396 420



Lockdown is over... so sign up for ASJCC Junior Cricket today!

Junior Blasters Master Blasters Anywhere Blasters U10s U12s U14s



Last season the ASJCC Junior program:

- Was invited to attend the Boxing Day Test Match
- Had 4 players selected for Representative Cricket
- Had 3x U14s players made their debut in Senior ASJCC Cricket

We Offer:

- ★ Comprehensive Programs ★ Certified Coaches ★ Covid Safe Sessions ★



Sign up today for the 2020/21 Summer of Fun!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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KIDS CLASSES

Free Trial Lesson!



Smaller courts, lighter racquets and low-compression balls that don't bounce too high make learning tennis fun and easy for primary school-aged children. This means that kids are able to start rallying and having fun right from their first lesson!

Cost: \$9.00 a session



CARDIO TENNIS

Free Trial Lesson!



- High energy workout and burn 300 to 1000 calories
- Drill-based and play-based activities
- Lose weight, get fit and have fun
- Participants wear heart monitors, exercise to music and use low compression balls and a variety of equipment such as agility ladders

Cost: \$12.50 a session.

LOCATIONS: Kensington Banks TC Smithfield Rd North Park TC Flemington Rd
Gladstone Park TC 18 Elmhurst Rd St Matthews TC 95 William Rd
1300 22 33 86 ACEFUNTENNISCHOOL.COM

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these physical distancing measures:



No gathering in a group.
Keep 1.5m distance between yourself and other adults.



Minimise time around the school grounds during drop off and pick up.



Always wear a face mask.