



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

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Dear Parents and Families,

BOOK WEEK AVONDALE STYLE

Our students and staff embraced our Book Week celebrations with a sense of excitement, wearing their pyjamas and bringing along their favourite book to school. Students engaged in reading their favourite book to a friend, created a curious creature mask, bookmark or picture and read shortlisted books on display in the Library.



Additional celebrations are included further in the newsletter.

TERM 4 AND STUDENT PROGRESSION TO THE NEXT YEAR LEVEL

Our focus at Avondale for Term 4 is to ensure each student is supported in their wellbeing and learning needs and finishes the year with the confidence to progress to the next year level in 2021.

I want to assure you that we will respond to the unique and individual learning and wellbeing needs of all of our students, to prepare them for the transition, and continue to build their knowledge, skills and resilience. Some parents may be worried about their child's progress during the period of remote learning and wondering whether their child would benefit from repeating a year of school.

Research shows that repeating a year level is not recommended and can lead to poorer outcomes for students. It's understandable that parents may think that another 12 months at the same year level will give their child an opportunity to catch up or mature, however this is only the best option for a student in exceptional circumstances. In most cases, research tells us that repeating a year level is not an effective strategy as it often negatively impacts academic achievement, wellbeing, engagement, and school completion.

Our school will use teaching strategies that draw on the best evidence available to help students close any learning gaps and meet their learning needs. We will support your child to complete this year and progress to the next year level in 2021 with confidence and optimism.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCESSES

Our students continue to impress me with their independence, confidence and resilience. They are now heading to their line-up areas in the morning after a wave goodbye. We have our Grade 5/6 student leaders supporting those students who need an extra hand in the mornings, ensuring they find their line-up area.

These routines are now well embedded for our families, however, a slight amendment for those families who have more than one child, you can drop off at the gate that is most convenient to you. The afternoon routine is remaining the same, with siblings collecting younger brothers or sisters and meeting you at the gate that has already been predetermined, at 3.10pm. Grades 2-6 students will continue to meet you at the gate at 3.15pm as the bell goes.

Robson St gate (near the music room) is open for students. A staff member 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.

Thank you to all families who are following the COVID-19 restrictions, waiting at the school gates, social distancing and wearing masks. We also appreciate you working with your child/ren to support them to be organised for school each day, with their bags, satchels, hats and drink bottles. This has helped with minimal disruptions to student learning.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are going to look a little different this year, as they will be composite (headshot) style. Information will be shared through a Compass Post as soon as this is clarified.



LOST PROPERTY

We will continue to sort through the LOST PROPERTY boxes and return any named items to their owners. Hopefully many 'missing' items will find their way home each Friday.

CANTEEN

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

Monday: Prep to 2 students only

Thursday: Grade 3/4 students only

Friday: Grade 5/6 students only

We know that icy poles and ice creams are a popular treat, however, at the moment, it is not possible to order these beyond your child's Canteen ordering day. Thank you for supporting Di with this process.

2021 ENROLMENTS

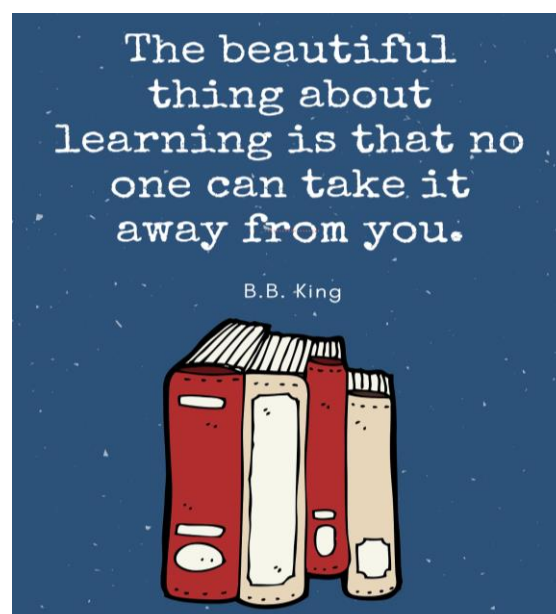
It is essential that parents who intend to send their child to Avondale Primary School enrol their children as soon as possible. Log on to <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/> to check that your address is in the Avondale Primary Zone. To enrol, please contact the school as soon as possible, on 9318 1755.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

A BIG thankyou to those families who have completed the Parent Opinion Survey. I really appreciate your feedback on school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and your experiences of remote and flexible learning. You have access to the survey until next Friday, through the link that was emailed to families through Compass last month.

Mrs Jill Benham

Principal



SUPER STAR POETS IN GRADE 3/4B

Our grade three students will undoubtedly impress you with their word choice and use of figurative language to engage their audience in poetry. Ask your child if they can recite a poem they have written recently. You are definitely in for a surprise!

SHOE

I lie on the floor,
Smells of stinky socks,
I go outside onto concrete.
Screams of pain,
Dread like hot coals,
Dirty and old,
Can't bare this, but he doesn't care!

Written by Jemma

MY POEM

I have beautiful
big
blinging blades.
I am gleaming and
beaming
and fantastically fine!
I can tear through paper
or anything that gets
in my way.
I am brave to do
my job.

The paper screams
when I cut it up
because I chop it like a beast.
I am as sharp as a
shark's fin and
as dangerous as a lion.
I open my mouth
so wide you can fit
a horse through it!
I, the scissors will
shred through ANYTHING
to cut in half!

Written by Lexi

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 5 5/11/2020

Prep A	Nevera D	Steven V
Prep B	Michael S	
Prep C	Dante M	Christine A
Prep C	Krishiv B	

1A	Jessica M
1B	Donovan L
1C	Katrina B

2A	Audrey K
2B	Tiffany L
2C	Adam M
2D	Hannah L

34A	Jye S
34B	Jemma F
34C	Saketh N
34D	Chase R

45A	Yianni P	Ephrata B
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56A	Aysel R M
56B	Lina Y
56C	Lana B
56D	Mikayla B

ART JNR	Liam N
ART SNR	Kaia V H
LOTE	Lana B
PE	Hiyab T

TERM 4 – SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

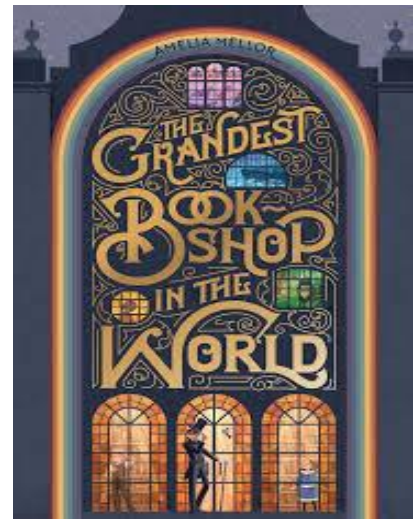
Book Reviews – Tried and Treasured

The Grandest Book Shop in the World

Written by Amelia Mellor

This is a historical fiction novel set in the 1890’s based on the Coles Book Arcade in Bourke Street, Melbourne. The Coles Grandest Bookshop was part of Melbourne’s history and so this story intertwines fact with fiction. This is a whimsical and magical story of the Coles family who live above the bookshop that is not only filled with books but magical curiosities and creatures. The story is fast paced and every chapter is filled with adventure as the children fear something is afoot, that the curious Mr Obscurosmith seems to be winning the challenge and it will take every possible effort to enable their beloved family to stay together and maintain who they are. Thwarted with danger at every turn, the children endeavour to beat Mr Obscurosmith at his own game. Ideally recommended for mid to upper primary school aged children but year 7’s would also enjoy it.

Reviewed by Liz Oruba



Saving (Y)our World instalment 27: Anti-Pollution Organisations

By: Morrigan Raven

Last week, we learned about three river-based organisations. This week we learn about people who fight pollution in very different ways. Are you ready to find out about three anti-pollution organisations that strive to protect our beautiful Earth?

Our local organisation is Second Bite, which is a national organisation that actually began in Melbourne. Second Bite is a food rescue organisation that works to take perfectly good food that people throw away and redistribute to other organisations that help feed the hungry. They also partner with many companies, such as Coles, which help provide food to those in need but also makes their food chains more sustainable. The Australian government estimates that we currently waste 7.3 million tonnes of food every year in Australia—that's 300 kg per person!!! As well as taking up space in our landfills, this waste also contributes to our greenhouse gas emissions. So, less food waste means a better, more sustainable world. You can find out more about Second Bite at their website: <https://www.secondbite.org/>

Our national organisation is Lock the Gate. Lock the Gate is a collection of people from all over Australia who have come together to try and protect the environment from the negative impacts of coal mining and gas fracking, many of which result in pollution of our land, air and water. Did you know that if your property has coal on it you can't stop it from being mined? And did you know that Indigenous Australians also can not prevent mines from going ahead on their Country? Lock the Gate originally started as a movement of landowners that would actually lock their gates to mining companies to make it hard for them to come onto their land, however, it has grown into a group that helps support people who are opposed to mining and advocates against particular mining activities. One of their most recent campaigns was against the Narrabri Gas Project, which was granted approval by the NSW Planning Commission. Lock the Gate is concerned that this project will only be the first of its kind in Australia and that its approval will suddenly mean that nowhere in Australia will be safe from the gas industry. Along with this project, they also continue to work on the #stopadani campaign and many others. Find out what Lock the Gate does at their website: <https://www.lockthegate.org.au/>

Our international organisation is Greenpeace. Greenpeace is a well-known international organisation that has many objectives to promote sustainability, but a lot of their campaigns have to do with pollution because it is such a large issue that impacts on many other dimensions of their work. Greenpeace has offices in many different countries and run campaigns based on plastic, air, water and marine pollution. This is an activist group that tries to stop certain things from happening, for example, they have a fleet of ships, the Rainbow Warrior (ask your parents if they know about this ship), Arctic Sunrise and Esperanza, each of which is green with a dove and olive branch, the sign of peace and a rainbow. Greenpeace activists use these ships to block oil drillers from getting to the oil rig, so they can't ruin yet another ocean with oil pollution. But Greenpeace also works to educate people about environmental issues, they lobby governments, undertake research and sometimes even use illegal tactics to disrupt systems. This is something you might not agree with, so it's important to decide what you think is right for yourself if you are interested in engaging with an organisation like this. To find out more about Greenpeace, visit their website: <https://www.greenpeace.org/international/>

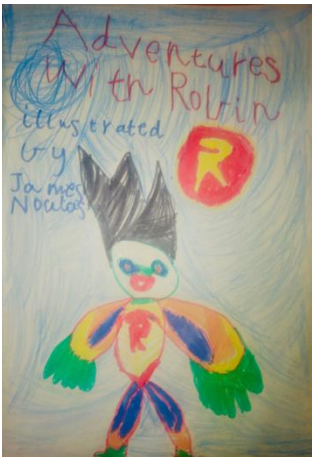


So, this week we learned about three organisations that fight against pollution in various ways. Next week we will move out of the organisations sub-section and into influential figures. We are going to start with Greta Thunberg, who is currently working hard to change the world. Let's look into who she is and what she is doing. See you then!

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS CONTINUED....

Year Ones Celebrate Book Week in their PJs!

What a perfect time for Book Week, considering we have been working hard writing books of our own! During Book Week, we shared our favourite books while we were in our cosy pyjamas, we listened to Mrs Carroll read aloud 'When Billy was a Dog' by Kirsty Murray and Karen Blair and of course we did our weekly work like learn our new maths game! Here are some photos of what our special day looked like.



I liked reading my chapter book to my friends. - Raniya

I enjoyed dressing up in my pyjamas and reading books. It was fun. - Ramiro

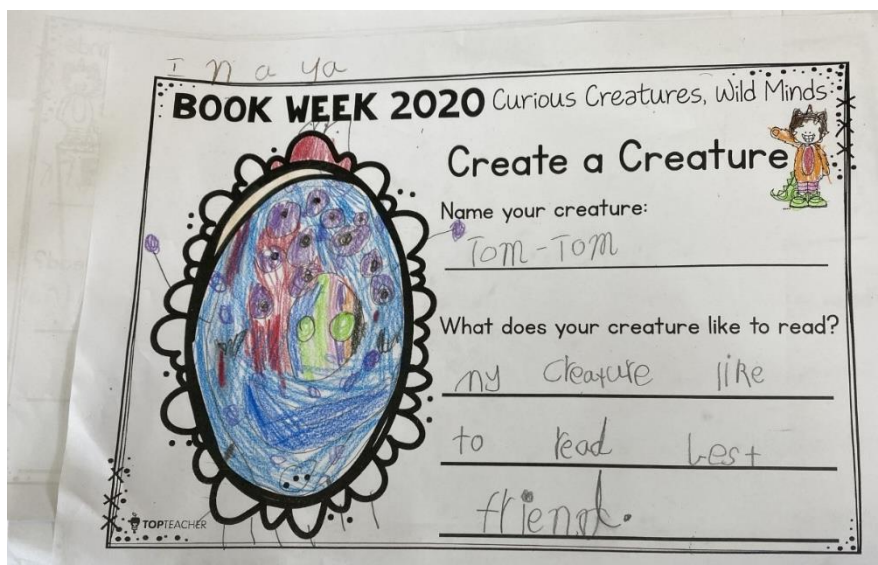
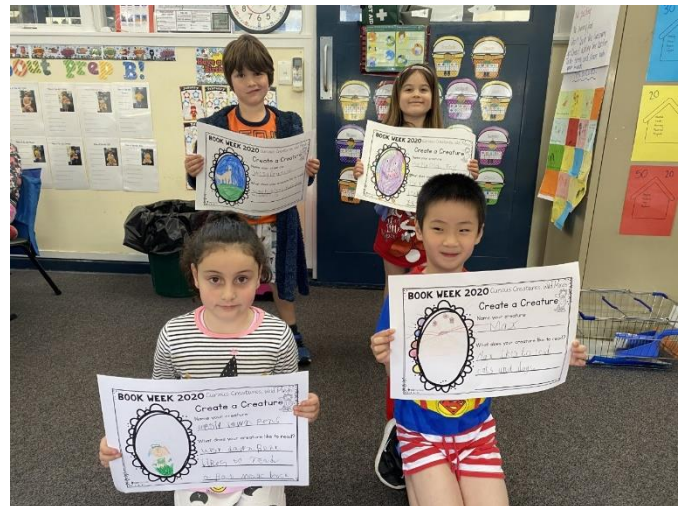


I enjoyed snuggling up and reading our books together. - Cara



The preps students had a fabulous day on Monday and participated in different activities.

The preps created curious creatures, read their favourite books to their friends and had a picnic outside.



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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- High energy workout and burn 300 to 1000 calories
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- Participants wear heart monitors, exercise to music and use low compression balls and a variety of equipment such as agility ladders

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LOCATIONS: Kensington Banks TC Smithfield Rd North Park TC Flemington Rd
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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.