



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

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Dear Parents and Families,

NAIDOC WEEK



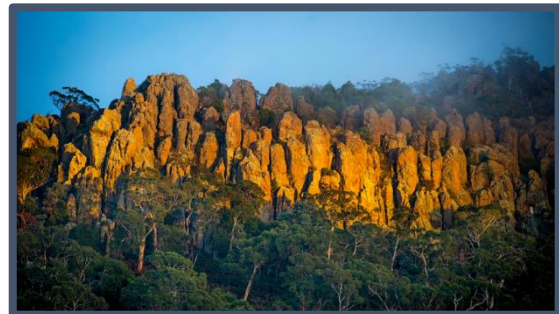
NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by all Australians from all walks of life. At Avondale Primary we have engaged in a range of activities this week to celebrate NAIDOC Week, to increase our students' awareness.

"As we celebrate Naidoc Week in 2020, we look back at the creation of our mural to celebrate and acknowledge First Nations people. In 2019, we were fortunate to have artist Zachary Bennett-Brook travel to Avondale Primary School and create the mural in line with theme selected by our students; green and blue to represent our local environment and the Maribyrnong River. The white groups represent the groups that make up our school community and the lines represent the journey our students are undertaking. All our grades had the chance to chat with Zach, watch him paint live and ask him questions about his life, culture and inspirations." We remain very grateful to Zach for his time in creating this great asset for our school.



Mr Boffa

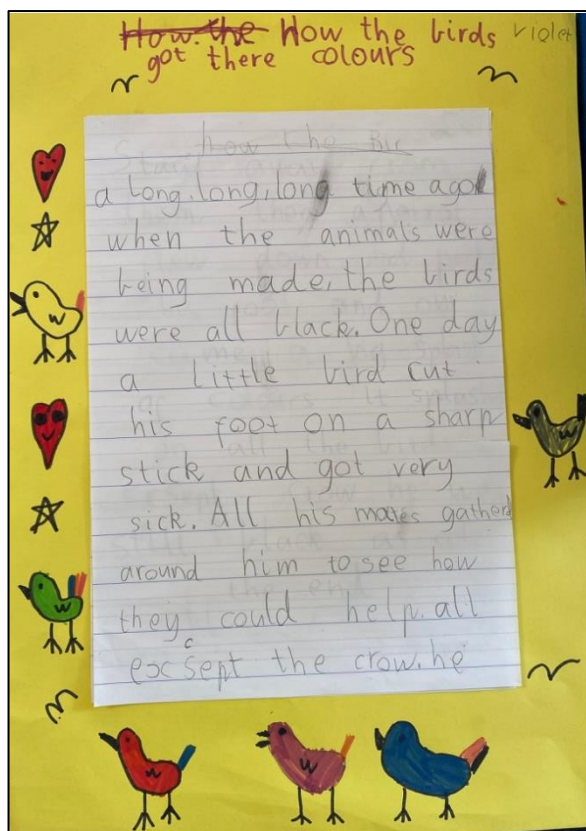
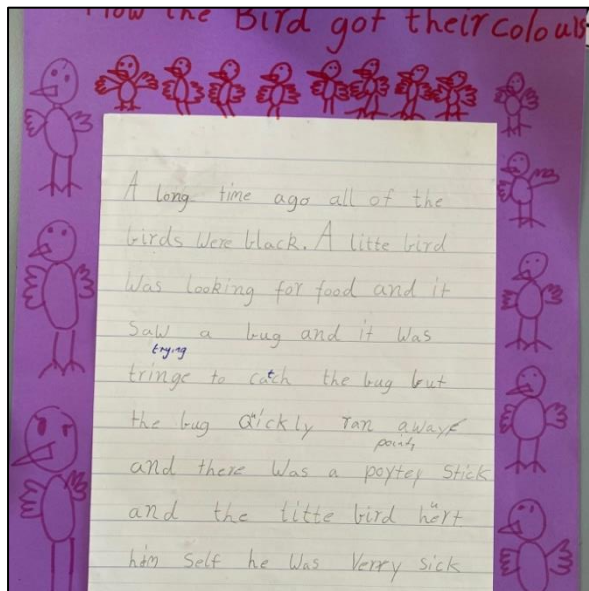
In celebration of NAIDOC week, the Grade 1 artists learnt about Hanging Rock. The indigenous name for Hanging Rock is Ngannelong and it is a significant place for the Dja Dja Wurrung, Woi Wurrung and Taungurung people. The site was used for sacred ceremonies and initiations.



This week we started to create artworks of Hanging Rock, but we'll need another week to put finishing touches on our pieces. These will appear in next week's newsletter. Stay tuned!

Mrs Farrell

Grade 1 students also incorporated this theme throughout many learning opportunities, including Reading and Writing.



REMEMBRANCE DAY – NOVEMBER 11



Our students and staff recognised this significant date in Australian History by observing one minute's silence on Wednesday November 11 at 11am, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. Our School Captains, Stella and Matt did us proud, reading the poem, *In Flanders' Fields*.



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. Access to the survey closes TOMORROW. Through the link that was emailed to families through Compass last month.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCESSES

As the Spring weather continues, it is a great idea to park a short distance from the school and walk with your children to the school crossing, to ensure both student and road safety.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK in or across DRIVEWAYS as this presents a real safety concern for students and families as well as our neighbours. The Local Police and Council continue to monitor parking around Avondale.

Our students continue to impress me with their independence, confidence and resilience. Our Grade 5/6 leaders have been doing an outstanding job of supporting those students who need a little extra help in the mornings.

These routines are now well embedded for our families and it is great to see that you are using the gate that is most convenient for you for drop off. Siblings are collecting younger brothers or sisters and meeting you at the gate that has already been predetermined, after 3.10pm. Grades 2-6 students will continue to meet you at the gate at 3.15pm as the bell goes.

Just a reminder that Robson St gate (near the music room) is open for students, with a staff member at the gate in the morning and in the afternoons at 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 photo day is next Wednesday, 18th November. Order



forms were sent home with students last Friday. There will be NO CASH PAYMENTS on the day, due to COVID-19 restrictions. All orders/payments must be made online following the instructions on the website, www.schoolpix.com.au. Any questions can be directed to SchoolPix on 1300 766 055. New Students can order online using the "Student Search" function. Enquiries can be emailed to smile@schoolpix.com.au

This year Class Group Photos will be a composite head photo. This is the only option available through the Photo Company.



LOST PROPERTY

We will continue to sort through the LOST PROPERTY boxes and endeavour to 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

As a trial, starting next week, November 16th, the Canteen will be offering recess and lunch time **ice cream and snack orders ONLY on Monday, Thursday and Friday**. Students can ONLY purchase these snacks by **ordering online through Flexi schools**, as **there is currently no handling of money at the canteen**. These items are available for **all students** to place an online snack or ice cream order. There are some items which are temporarily unavailable, however, the menu on flexi schools will inform you of current stock.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Di Cunningham

2021 ENROLMENTS

A big thank you to our 2021 Foundation families for attending our Q&A session yesterday afternoon. The questions and answers will be shared through a Compass Post.

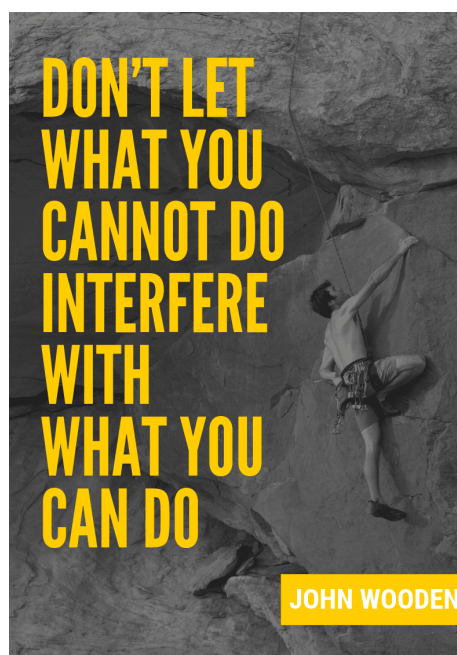
It is essential that parents who intend to send their child to Avondale Primary School enrol their children as soon as possible. Log on to <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/> to check that your address is in the Avondale Primary Zone. To enrol, please contact the school as soon as possible, on 9318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

If you have made alternative arrangements that have been confirmed and your child is no longer attending Avondale Primary in 2021, please contact the school ASAP via phone or email as this decision impacts directly on our 2021 plans.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Jill Benham

Principal



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Week 6 - 12/11/2020

Prep A	Kishore S & Mia S
Prep B	Murad A
Prep C	Alba K
Prep D	Indigo W

1A	Jackson P
1B	Saam G
1C	Taylor W

2A	Mia M
2B	Harrison M
2C	Sura T
2D	Sannus N

34A	Sienna D
34B	Scarlett R
34C	Isaac T
34D	Jack W

45A	Alex W
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56A	Ramy W
56B	Leo L
56C	Andrea P
56D	George T

ART JNR	Fia C
ART SNR	Julie N 56C
LOTE	Portia M
PE	Naylie T

TERM 4 – SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, 8 – 15 November	NAIDOC Week 2020 – ‘Always Was, Always Will Be’
Wednesday, 11 November	Remembrance Day
Friday, 13 November	Parent Opinion Survey closes
Thursday, 17 December	Student’s last day of school - students dismissed at 1.15pm

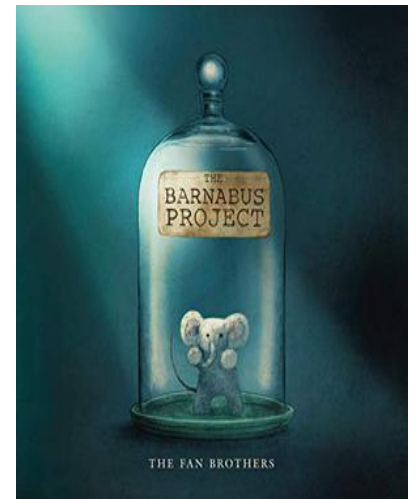
Book Reviews – Tried and Treasured

The Barnabus Project

Written and illustrated by The Fan Brothers

Barnabus has lived his whole life in a glass jar, in a lab underneath a Pet Store that sells perfect pets. Pets that are genetically engineered. But Barnabus along with his friends that live in the lab are the rejects, the failed experiments. Their friend Pip the cockroach, often visits and tells them of the world outside the lab filled with silver lakes, green trees and luminous skies which leaves Barnabus daydreaming and longing for this world. When Barnabus hears the men in the green hazmat suits talking of recycling the projects in the lab, he is driven to escape, and does so taking his friends with him to live in the world of which he has only dreamed. A sensitive book recommended for children 6 years plus.

[Reviewed by Liz Oruba](#)



AVONDALE LIBRARY REOPENING

As of Tuesday 10 November, Moonee Valley Libraries are open to the public, resuming standard opening hours. Your Library experience will look and feel a little different, as this is based on the implementation of a ‘browse and borrow’ system.

Our first priority remains the safety of our community and staff, as such we are continuing to follow the State Government’s guidelines around gathering limits and social distancing. At one time, 20 people are able to be in the Library (all people over 12 are required to wear a mask)

It is important for our students to continue to be picked up after school from the main gates. It would be a great opportunity for you to pop into the Library with your child/children on your way home from school.

We look forward to welcoming you back into the Library

Saving (Y)our World instalment 28: Greta Thunberg By: Morrigan Raven

Welcome to my first influential figures discussion. In this instalment, we will look at the young activist Greta Thunberg, leader of the School Strike for Climate movement. Let's learn more about her and what she is doing!

Greta was born on the third of January in 2003. Her full name is Greta Tintin Eleonora Ernman Thunberg. She was born in Stockholm, Sweden. Greta became a vegan at a young age and refused to travel by airplane, because both emit a large amount of carbon. Three weeks before the Swedish election in 2018, when she was 15 years old, Greta missed school to sit outside the Swedish parliament with the sign Skolstrejk för Klimatet (School Strike for Climate). She protested alone on that first day, posting an image of herself to Twitter, but was soon joined by more and more people each day and her story started to gain international attention.

After the election, which followed a summer of heatwaves and bushfires, Greta returned to school but continued to skip Fridays. She did this with other students, forming a movement known as Fridays for Future. Over time, hundreds of thousands of students from around the world have joined Greta with their own Fridays for Future protests (including me a few times). These protests are sometimes very large events, such as those in September 2019, where hundreds of thousands of young people in Australia marched together, often carrying very interesting signs to show their thoughts about how our world is being managed.

Greta has received many invitations to speak about climate change and has become an important representative of young people. She has travelled to many countries to do so and has spoken to many world leaders about caring for our world. She has also remained true to herself, traveling even to New York, USA on a solar powered yacht so that she wouldn't contribute to global carbon emissions. Greta has helped many people realise the dangers of climate change, but not everyone likes her and some people have been very cruel about her. They say she is not cheerful enough, mentally imbalanced and being bossed around by her parents and in 2019, a Brazilian journalist called her a brat!

Incredibly, Greta has a condition called Asperger's syndrome, which affects nearly 40 million people worldwide. She has helped raise awareness about this condition and has said she sees it as her superpower. Greta has started a worldwide climate movement and has helped many realise dangers they didn't even know existed. She represents a voice for young people all over the world, a voice that is often discounted because adults don't take us seriously. For her incredible work she has received many awards, and when she gets money from these (such as the more than \$160,000 dollars that she got for one award in 2019) it goes into the Greta Thunberg Foundation and is used to support environmental campaigns.

Greta Thunberg is an inspiration to us all and helps us remember that no-one is too small or young to make a difference.

"You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words...We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money, and fairy tales of eternal [economic growth](#). How dare you!"

Greta Thunberg in a speech to the United Nations in 2019



This is a COVIDSafe school

This school has a COVIDSafe Plan to maintain the safety of all staff and students during Term 4.

The four pillars of the COVIDSafe Plan are:



The available evidence suggests that the risk to staff and students remains low when recommended health and safety strategies are followed and that schools do not pose a greater risk of infection than other locations.

For detailed information visit:
www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au