



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

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Hello to our Avondale families,

We are down to the last three weeks of Term Four after a year like no other we have seen. I am very impressed with the way our students are demonstrating our You Can Do It behaviours of getting along, resilience, confidence, organisation and persistence. Staff are planning learning experiences to positively engage and extend students as well as focusing on their wellbeing and promoting physical activity.

We appreciate everyone's effort at school pick up and drop off times and for the final three weeks of the 2020 school year we are focusing on being on time. Beginning on Monday, November 30, students who arrive to school after 8.50am in the morning will need to come through the front gate, GATE 2, to the Office to collect a late pass. All other gates will be locked at 8.50am.

Department Of Education updates:

Stay home when unwell The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms.

Students with underlying conditions (such as hay fever or asthma) If a student has persistent symptoms due to an underlying condition such as hay fever or asthma, the student should still be tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms.

Parents/carers should also consider getting a medical certificate from the child's treating GP to confirm that it is safe for them to attend school with persistent symptoms that may overlap with some of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) such as cough or runny nose.

Young children with persistent mild symptoms

Younger children (in grades Prep to 2) who have had a negative coronavirus (COVID-19) test that was taken after they developed symptoms, the decision about return to school should be made in conjunction with the child's treating GP. If the GP is satisfied the child has recovered from their acute illness, is otherwise well, and does not need a repeat coronavirus (COVID-19) test, the child can return even if they are not completely free of symptoms. Any worsening of symptoms will require review and repeat coronavirus (COVID-19) testing, if considered appropriate by the doctor.

Students with a negative coronavirus (COVID-19) test whose symptoms have completely resolved do not need a medical certificate to return to the school.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS to reopen

Beginning Monday, November 30, all drinking taps will be reopened for use by our students. With Summer just around the corner, this is very timely indeed. Processes will be implemented to ensure the taps have been flushed and are clean and ready to use on Monday.

All staff at Avondale Primary are working to ensure the needs of all students and families

are met every day. It really makes a big difference if our students are organised for school each day, with their bags, satchels, hats and drink bottles. This minimises disruptions to student learning and administration staff duties.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL ALL HATS, JACKETS, JUMPERS, DRINK BOTTLES and LUNCH BOXES and remind students to bring all belongings home with them at the end of each day.

In preparation for end of year reports being emailed out to families, could you please check email addresses and update where necessary through the Compass Portal.

CANTEEN

Lunch orders can be made on:

Monday: Prep to 2 students only

Thursday: Grade 3/4 students only

Friday: Grade 5/6 students only

Recess and lunch time ice cream and snack orders can be made online through Flexi schools, by all students on the three days the canteen is open.

HEAD LICE . . . THEY'RE BACK

It is that time of year where head lice have resurfaced. It is really important to check your child's hair for head lice/eggs this week . . . just in case. Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. You may be reassured to know that head lice are commonly found in places other than at Avondale Primary. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years!!!!

What can you do?

I seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child's hair. Please visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au and search for "head lice (nits)" for advice on finding, treating and preventing head lice. If head lice or eggs are found on your child's hair you need to inform the school as well as parents or carers of your child's friends so they too have the opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary.

When can my child return to school?

Health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. Please note, this refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to head lice eggs. More information about exclusion requirements can be found by searching for "school exclusion table" at www.health.vic.gov.au.

I am aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and Avondale Primary is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

SAFETY IS ALWAYS OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY!

To ensure the safety of all students and families at Avondale Primary and respecting our neighbours, PLEASE DO NOT PARK in or across DRIVEWAYS. **Police are targeting local school's student drop off and pick up times** so please be aware that where warnings have previously been issued, fines may now be given out if you park illegally in the streets around Avondale Primary. **PLEASE PARK LEGALLY**, so all our families are safe, even if it means parking a little further away from the Main gates and walking, enjoying the sunshine together.

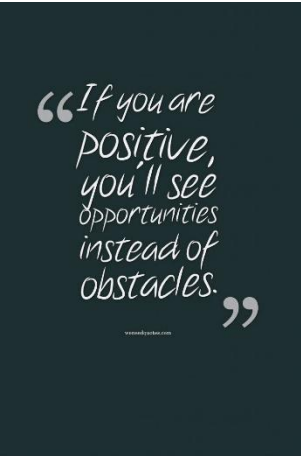
2021 NEW ENROLMENTS

If you have not yet enrolled your child at Avondale please contact the school as soon as possible on 9318 1755, Log on to <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>

If your family is moving to another school next year, please contact the school via phone or email as soon as possible.

Mrs Jill Benham

Principal



“If you are positive, you'll see opportunities instead of obstacles.”

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GARDENING CLUB

This week, the Garden Club harvested their shallots from the garden and prepared the veggie patch for the next crop.

Students have been weeding, adding nutrients and turning the garden for their next crop.

Well done, gardeners!

Mr Boffa



Book Reviews

Treasured and Tried

What's a Christmas by Hayley Down

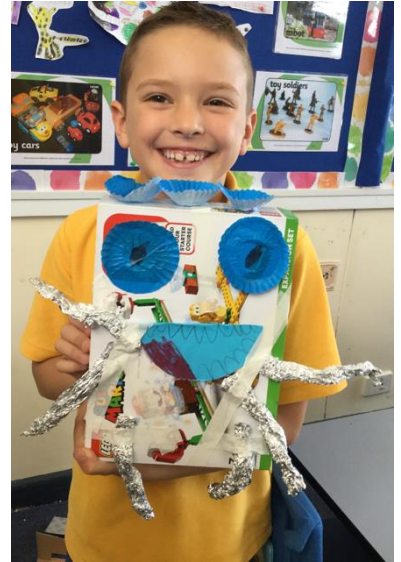
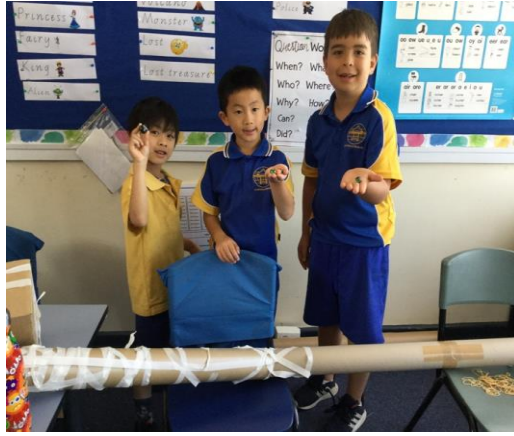
On Christmas Eve, in the South Pole, four little penguins come across Ed the elf who has fallen out of Santa's sleigh. But as Ed tells his tale, he finds the penguins have never heard of 'Christmas'. So Ed sets about educating the penguins regarding Christmas. Lucky for Ed, Santa redirects and picks him up on the way back home.

Best for 3 to 7 year olds.

By Liz Oruba



Grade One Toy Inventions (STEM)



Last week, the Grade One students designed and created toys using recycled and classroom materials. As designers and toy creators, they used trial and error to create a toy invention of their own. They showed persistence as a key to their success!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Week 8 - 26/11/2020

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| Prep A | Declan C |
| Prep B | Nikola R |
| Prep C | Edward T |
| Prep D | Anthony T |

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| 1A | Levi K |
| 1B | Jessica K |
| 1C | Chloe D |

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| 2A | Othniel S |
| 2B | Vienne T |
| 2C | Xavier T |
| 2D | Tanishka P |

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| 34A | Alessandra G |
| 34B | Arman S |
| 34C | Isabel N |
| 34D | Ewan J |

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| 45A | Valentina A O |
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| 56A | Alex W |
| 56B | Christian B |
| 56C | Dillon Z |
| 56D | Aiden S |

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| ART JNR | Dean T |
| ART SNR | Ramy W |
| LOTE | Ethan T 56D |
| PE | Abbey J |

Saving (Y)our World instalment 30: Dylan D’Haeze

By: Morrigan Raven

Welcome to my third influential figures discussion. In this instalment, we will look at the young filmmaker Dylan D’Haeze, creator of the *Kids Can Save The Planet* documentary series. Let’s learn more about him and what he is doing!

When Dylan was thirteen, he wondered what happened to plastic after we throw it away. As he learned more and more, he realised how much of a problem this material is. And this scared him. But rather than just ignoring the problem, he decided to do something; he made a documentary film about it! **Plastic Is Forever** focuses on the life of plastic, and its devastating effect on the environment. It talks about how plastic is an important part of human life but that it never disappears. The documentary also discusses the impact of plastics on humans.

After investigating plastic, Dylan then decided to focus on climate change and the fact that humans have had a huge impact on Earth. His next film, **Tipping Point**, talks about a series of climate related issues including sea-level rise, desertification, melting ice-caps and extreme weather events, and proposes that now is the time to change our ways. Climate change is a huge threat to all we know, and it needs to stop. We have put ourselves in a dangerous position, and now we need to fix ourselves before it’s too late!

Dylan’s third film, **Everything Connects**, is about what communities and individuals can do to build sustainable lifestyles. He argues that even the smallest change can make a significant difference. Humans think that we are separate from nature, but that’s not true. We depend on nature for our very existence. Humans have been around for only a tiny sliver of Earth’s total age (4.6 billion years), but we’ve changed it in more ways than anything other species ever has. Dylan explores our place in, and relationship with, nature and reminds us that small activities undertaken at the individual level might promote a sustainable future.

Dylan’s most recent film, **Political Climate** is about how people’s votes can make or break our world, and how this decade will decide our future path. This documentary was made during the recent election in the US, but it is meaningful outside the US as well. It is clear that some politicians won’t act against climate change, but others will; and people’s votes can change our future. If we elect people who care about the environment, we could save our world. People need to demand more from their politicians and vote for the right person, otherwise our crisis will get worse.

The underlying theme in Dylan’s documentaries is that kids have the power to make a difference. He works to encourage kids to think more about their own impacts on the world and about how they might also impact on what others do. Remember, Dylan was only thirteen when he made his first documentary (he is now 17) and he believes that you can also make a difference if you want to. Just because you are a kid doesn’t mean you should sit by and let things go on as they are. What an incredible person!



“The time to do something is right now,” Dylan D’Haeze, *Tipping Point*
See the trailers for all four documentaries on the Kids Save The Planet website
<http://kidscansavetheplanet.com/>

City of Moonee Valley Christmas Card Competition

This year students across the Moonee Valley network were invited to help spread some Christmas cheer by designing a Christmas card to celebrate the holiday season.

Senior students from Avondale Primary were very excited to enter the competition, with nearly 30 entries being submitted. Students either painted or drew their designs based on the theme, 'What I'm looking forward to this Christmas' as inspiration.

The prizes are fantastic, with a \$250 voucher for 1st prize, \$150 voucher for 2nd and \$75 voucher for 3rd place. All vouchers are courtesy of Arthouse Direct. Entries will be judged by the Incinerator Gallery and the winner will be notified by Monday 7th December 2020.

All Christmas cards will be displayed at various locations throughout Moonee Valley including The Clock tower Centre, Moonee Valley Libraries and participating local shopping precincts.

Here are a sample of the wonderful creations submitted by Avondale Primary students.

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's competition and for your creative and unique designs. Good luck everyone.

Ms Portelli

(Senior Art Teacher)



TERM 4 – SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| Friday 11 December | Student Reports EMAILED to families |
| Thursday, 17 December | Student's last day of school - students dismissed at 1.15pm |
| Friday, 18 December | Curriculum Day – Last day of school Avondale Staff |

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