



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday, 13 February 2020

Dear Parents,

The year has got off to a really positive start and all students appear settled and involved in their learning.

Congratulations to the School Captains who were impressive in conducting their first assembly last Friday.

Value for this week: **Caring for others.** This is a value that is clearly evident within the student community. I have been impressed with the caring attitude that students show while I have been on yard duty. They always bring a student who is upset or hurt to the attention of the yard duty teacher. Thank you also to the students who asked me if I was lost during my first week at Avondale Primary School.

Focus on Reading. One of our Annual Implementation Plan targets this year is improving student data in Reading. All teachers will focus on having students read 'just right' books; this means books that are not too easy or too hard. Students are asked to read for a minimum of 20 minutes each night and to record in their Reading Diary what they are reading and how long they read for.

Well Done! Congratulations to the Avondale Primary School community who raised \$2252.50, in 2019 for The World's Greatest Shave. A representative from the Leukaemia Foundation presented a certificate to the School Captains on Monday at Assembly.

Schools are a key part of their local community and as such we all need to co-exist and behave respectfully towards each other. Part of this is following the road rules and the parking restrictions. This week the classes have been focussing on the first of our school values – RESPECT and I have been impressed with the work I have seen in the classroom on the demonstrated behaviours that reflect respect and some behaviours that do not show respect. Earlier this week there was an incident where a parent had 'blocked in' one of the school neighbours by parking across their driveway. I ask all parents to refrain from parking illegally and to respect our neighbours. This extends to behaviours within the school yard too. I ask all parents to respect the school rules for the safety of all. Please, no riding bikes or scooters within the grounds.

Respect for the learning of all in the classroom is most important so can I ask that parents do not come into the classroom without prior arrangement; visitors to the classroom disrupts the lesson. Any early leavers must be coordinated through the office. Your cooperation in this is appreciated.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of [Avondale Primary School](#). Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on [20/02/2020](#)).

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022.	4

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.



Community Asthma Program

My name is Naomi and I am one of the asthma nurse educators from the Community Asthma Program. Our free service, funded by DHHS, provides asthma education to parents/carers of children with asthma in the home.

We also have interpreters we can utilise as part of our service.

As outlined in the National Asthma Council's recent release (see the link below) returning to school can often see a spike in asthma flare ups

<https://www.nationalasthma.org.au/news/2017/are-your-asthma-patients-back-to-school-ready>

Parents contact the Centre for advice and support if needed. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Naomi Osborne
Nurse Asthma Educator
T (03) 9448 6408

Dr Bette Prange
Acting Principal

Inspirational Quote:

"Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently." – **Henry Ford.**

Grade Information Nights

A series of information sessions will be held during weeks 4 and 5 of school term. The dates are listed below: Sessions will be held in the BER building beginning at 7.00pm. Sessions go for 1 hr. Child minding is available in Building 2

Prep	Tuesday, 18th February
Grade Ones	Wednesday, 19th February
Grade Twos	Thursday, 20th
Grade 3/4s	Wednesday, 26th
Grade 5/6s	Thursday, 27th



FEBRUARY/MARCH SCHOOL DIARY

FEBRUARY

- Fri 14 Second Hand uniform Shop open 8:30-9:00am
 Fundraising Meeting – after assembly. New members are welcome
- Tue 18 Prep Parent Information Night 7pm
 School Council Meeting 7:30pm
- Wed 19 Induction Session for Volunteers 9am
 Grade One Parent Information Night 7pm
- Thurs 20 Grade Two Parent Information Night 7pm
- Mon 24 Grade 1 Mini Beast Incursion
- Wed 26 Grade 3/4 Parent Information Night 7pm
- Thurs 27 Grade 5/6 Parent Information Night 7pm

MARCH

- 2nd-6th Mobile dental visit for students
- Fri 6 Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport - Home
- Mon 9 Labour Day Public Holiday

Pupils of the week on Friday 7th February

**One A – James N
 One B – Layla C
 One C – Simon N**

**Two A –Austin L
 Two B – Harrison M
 & Ryan W
 Two C – Lachlan H
 Two D – April B**

**3/4 A – Miguel D
 3/4 B – Ava
 3/4 C – Mason B
 3/4 D – Lachie**

**4/5A – Natasha G
 5/6 A – Alborz Y**

**5/6 B – Malachi H
 5/6 C – Jake T**

**5/6 D – Jasmyn G
 LOTE – Kerwin 2C**



Book Review by Liz Oruba

Somewhere else by Gus Gordon



George is a bird who never flies north, south.....or anywhere. He always stay home making excuses such as, he has more baking to do, television to watch or needs to complete his daily yoga. Pascal his bear friend needs a place to stay for the winter so he stays with George. George admits the real reason why he doesn't fly, and with Pascal's help they work through George's fear and take on new ways to see the world. A great story about risk-taking and friendship. Best for 3 to 7 year

STUDENT BANKING

Every Thursday is Student Banking day, don't forget to bring along your bank book to deposit to your account



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second hand uniform day is
Fridays at 8:30 - 9:00am to pick
up a bargain!

Short Sleeve Polo shirts - \$3
Skirts - \$5 Jackets - \$6
Jumpers - \$5 Shorts - \$4
Track pants - \$5