



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday, 20 February 2020

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to meet many of our new families at the Prep BBQ last week. Thank you to the staff and Council members for the set up and cooking.

This week we had three Information sessions scheduled; Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2. At these meetings the grade team of teachers explained the goals for that year level, the approach to learning, the themes for the year, classroom management strategies and the approach to Homework. These meetings help establish a positive relationship between the parents, teachers and students and ensure a build communication process is in place.

The school value for this week is ***Caring for Others***. It has been good to see the Grade 3 / 4 Prep buddies working with the Prep students to help them settle into the school routine. I have also been impressed with the way the students help others students in the yard when they are upset or injured. Well done to the students at Avondale who demonstrate a caring attitude to others.

PREP PARENTS NOTICE - WET WEATHER STUDENT COLLECTION

A reminder to families and to new parents when it is wet at the end of the school day you can come into the corridor but you must wait until the bell goes to meet your child in the corridor. This allows the teacher to finish off the lesson and give notices and information to the students. We ask that you only come into the corridor when the bell goes.

STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY

If you know your child has an appointment during the school day could you send them with a note and we will endeavour to have them waiting in Reception. The school has a duty of care to know who is collecting students and who they are collected by. We also need to minimise the disruption to the learning of all students. If you do not have prior notice of an appointment then please wait at reception until a staff member can collect your child from class. Your cooperation in relation to this change of practice would be appreciated.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Thank you to all the families who have paid for the Book packs and the Essential Learning Items. The teachers have appreciated this new approach where students are equipped and ready to start their learning in a coordinated and well organised manner. If you have not made the payment yet you can do so through the Office or on Compass. A reminder to those families yet to attend to this matter will be sent to later in the term. A payment plan option is available, speak to the staff at reception if you would like to discuss this option.



SCHOOL SAFETY

I have received a notice from Moonee valley Council and over the next few newsletters I will share some of the advice and reminders.

Parents please ensure you use the school crossing when bringing your children to school. Some parents have been observed crossing the road up from the crossing! Some students have also been observed walking through the staff carpark. For the safety of all can we follow the rules and teach the students safe practices. Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

Fines:

Offence: Stopped on or across a driveway or other way of access. \$99

Offence: Stopping on or near (20 metres before or 10 metres after) a children's crossing \$165

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations for School Council close at 4.00 today.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CANTEEN

Many of the volunteers from last year have left the school so we are keen to have new volunteers please. Please contact the office if you can assist.

Dr Bette Prange
Acting Principal

Inspirational Quote:

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
Eleanor Roosevelt.



Grade 5/6 Art

The theme for Grade 5/6 this term is Natural Disasters. In Art the students discussed that aftermath of bushfires and learnt the composition of landscapes. They used acrylic paint and washes to produce some fabulous landscapes. These works are on display in the foyer.





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

Grade 2s	Thursday, 20 th February
Grade 3/4s	Wednesday, 26 th February
Grade 5/6s	Thursday, 27 th February

FEBRUARY/MARCH SCHOOL DIARY

FEBRUARY

Thurs 20	Grade Two Parent Information Night 7pm School Council nominations due by 4pm
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

2 nd -6 th	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 14th February

Prep A - Pearl B
Prep B - Ryan H
Prep C - Samuel S
Prep D - Jasmine

One A - Luca S
One B - Raniya T
One C - Riya B

Two A - Tessa S
Two B - Lam H
Two C - Ethan H
Two D – Affan A

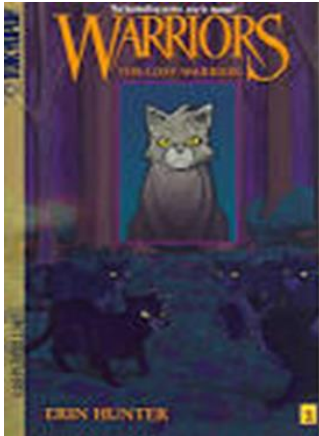
3/4 A - Cooper B
3/4 B - Derek L
3/4 C - Charlotte E
3/4 D - Kaan D

4/5A - Stephanie D
5/6 A - Abbey J
5/6 B – Olivia E

5/6 C - Keyra H
5/6 D - Zayne W
LOTE – Naylie 3/4A



Book Review by Liz Oruba



Warriors. The Lost Warrior by Erin Hunter

Warriors is a Manga style fantasy series about cat clans that think and feel the same way as humans do. They engage in battles as a fight for survival. This book tells the story of Greystripe who is adopted by an affectionate Twolegs family as a kittypet. But Greystripe longs for his old clan life, and with the help of feisty Millie, the Twolegs kittypet, he finds his way back. Best for 10 years plus.

Scholastic Book Club next issue:

Our Book Club catalogues are due to arrive at the beginning of March and will be sent home by Friday 6th March. Orders need to be made online and close on Sunday 15th, March 9pm.

2020 Emergency Information Contact Details

Please ensure that your child's record is up- to- date and we can contact you during school hours. This includes emergency contact numbers, email addresses and medical conditions. Any parents who are unable to update their details on Compass are asked to contact the school office.

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**