



## *Achievement, Confidence & Pride*

**Thursday, 27 February 2020**

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the teachers who planned for the Parent Information sessions over the past fortnight. Being new to Avondale Primary School I found the meetings to be very informative in explaining the program that is delivered at each year level. Each session provided an overview of the learning for each grade.

The key to successful learning is the provision of a guaranteed and viable curriculum and I believe each grade level has planned an excellent program for your children. However, I have noticed a constant disruption to the program as students arrive late, are collected early or go to other extra curricula activities. If we can minimise the disruption it would allow the teachers to establish their routine and ensure a student focus on the learning.

Our school value to focus on this week is **Self-Confidence**. That means trying hard, doing your best and focusing on the learning process - not necessarily on getting the right answer. Learning is a lot like sport; the more we practice the better we get. Remember it is okay to make mistakes as we learn from our mistakes. To improve your self-confidence tell yourself; I can ..., I will do my best ..., I will give it a go ....

### **LATENESS**

I have noticed a number of students late to school. Students should be at school by 8.40. Teachers are trying to establish a smooth start to the day with students at line up by the time the bell goes. They are also focussing on establishing a routine and increasing each child's level of responsibility through having them bring their bag in, hang it up and unpack their things to bring into class. Parents' co-operation in regard to this matter would be appreciated.

### **REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS**

Phones need to be handed into the office on arrival to school.

Also students, please remember to represent the school in a positive manner when you are in school uniform.

### **REMINDER FOR PARENTS**

The school has an After School Care program and it is recommended that students are either collected at the end of the day or go into After Care. The local library does not provide supervision.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Ten parents have nominated for School Council so a Ballot will be conducted. The candidate statements may assist you with your voting decision; they are an attachment to this newsletter.



The Ballot paper will be issued on Friday, 28 February – the eldest child in the family will receive an envelope (includes the candidates’ statement and the ballot paper). Completed ballots **MUST** be returned by 4.00 pm, **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. Please ensure you vote according to the instructions so that your vote counts – a clear mark beside 4 candidates **ONLY**.

### **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, you will be sent a statement later in the term. A payment plan option is available, speak to the staff at reception if you would like to discuss this option.

### **VOLUNTEERS FOR CANTEEN**

We are still keen to have new volunteers to assist in the Canteen please. Please contact the office if you can assist.

### **SCHOOL SAFETY**

More safety advice from Moonee Valley Council.

You should:

- always let your child out on the kerb side of the road.
- talk to your child about what they should do if you are not there on time.

You should teach your child to:

- always stand one step back from the kerb
- always be alert and listen to what the Crossing supervisor says
- always stay within the lines of the crossing and walk in front of the supervisor (never behind them)

Dr Bette Prange  
**Acting Principal**

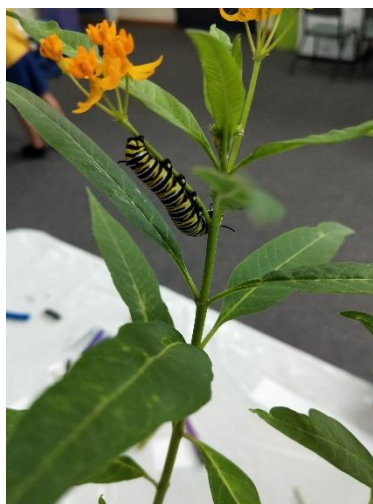
### **Inspirational Quote:**

*“You always pass failures on the way to success.”* **Mickey Rooney.**



### Grade One Mini-beasts Incurion

On Monday the Grade One students worked through a range of activities to expand their knowledge of insects and bugs. Students were able to fish for water insects, examine dried insects under the microscope and to handle a range of live specimens in the insect tent. This hands on experience provides an excellent introduction to their classwork.





## School Council Meeting Update

All school councils in Victoria operate under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 and have three main responsibilities:

- finance: overseeing the development of the school's annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school's financial operation
- strategic planning: participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan
- policy development and review: developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect a school's values and support the school's broad direction outlined in its strategic plan.

Our school council held its first meeting of the year on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. After reviewing the subcommittee reports and recommendations, the following curriculum days were approved for

2020:

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

The camps were also agreed for this year:

Year 3/4      Bendigo      7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> October

Years 5/6      Canberra      9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> November

As well as the Grade 1 Father's Day Breakfast on the 4<sup>th</sup> September.

The purchase of the Grade 6 windcheaters will be subsidised to the value of \$10 per windcheater. Finally the Interschool Sports was also approved for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March as was the Year 1 Mini Beasts Incursion which took place earlier this week.

## Get Involved in the School Subcommittees!

Subcommittees are a really great way for parents to get involved in the school. You do not need any prior knowledge or experience, just an interest in the area. Subcommittees are advisory bodies to the school council, meeting regularly to make recommendations and advice to the council. At Avondale Primary, we have the following subcommittees:

[Finance Committee](#), [Fundraising Committee](#), [Canteen Committee](#), [Facilities Committee](#) and [Education Committee](#)

Being part of a subcommittee gives you the opportunity to meet other parents, make a valuable contribution and learn more about the school which is providing your child with their education.

As a parent, you can make a difference and have a say. If you would like to be involved, either visit the office in person or email them [avondale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:avondale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)



## STAYING SAFE Online

Parents are advised to see what games your children are playing online and be aware of the GAMES CLASSIFICATIONS. For example the following ratings apply to the games listed below.

Roadblocks: G

Minecraft Multi platform: PG

Fortnite: M

Call of Duty Black Ops: MA15+

Call of Duty WWII: R18+

Rainbow Six: MA15+

Roblox Multi platform: PG

The following minimum age requirements apply to the following social media:

Instagram: 13+

Tic Toc: 13+

Snapchat: 13+

Discord: 13+

YouTube 13+

For further information please visit:

<https://classification.govcms.gov.au/search/title>

## 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 5/6s      Thursday, 27th February

### FEBRUARY/MARCH SCHOOL DIARY

#### **FEBRUARY**

Thurs 27      Grade 5/6 Parent Information Night 7pm

#### **MARCH**

2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>      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 21<sup>st</sup> February

Prep A - Sebastian L  
Prep B - Emily  
Prep C - Brittany H  
Prep D - Shelby H

One A - Amreen C  
One B - Anton Q  
One C - Johnny G

Two A - Stella N  
Two B - Willow M  
Two C - Vivian L  
Two D - Joanna T

3/4 A - Mimi D  
3/4 B - James B  
3/4 C - Axel D  
3/4 D - Maci K

4/5A - Oscar C  
5/6 A - Jenna V  
5/6 B - Justin N

5/6 C - Hiyab T  
5/6 D - Mia B  
LOTE - Alborz Y

### Book Review

I am Love by Susan Verde. Art by Peter H. Reynolds.

*Practical and empowering for young minds learning how to deal emotionally with themselves and others. It celebrates the small ways that we can be there for each other and the small steps children can take to make the world better, more welcoming and more compassionate place. Presented with pictures and language relevant to children of 5-11 years.*





## **REBEL SPORT**

**The Highpoint Rebel Sports Outlet Has a program that supports local schools. If you shop at Rebel Sport- Highpoint please mention Avondale Primary School so that the school can receive a contribution. Please see attached flyer for more information.**

## **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**

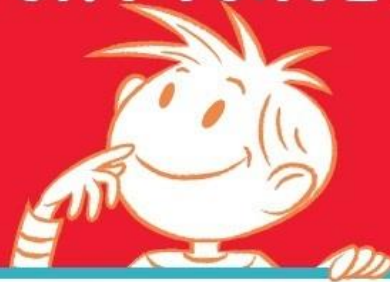
**Skirts - \$5    Jackets - \$6**

**Jumpers - \$5    Shorts - \$4**

**Track pants - \$5**



**DON'T FORGET!**



 **SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Club**

orders are due:

**Sunday 15th March, 2020**

**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.