



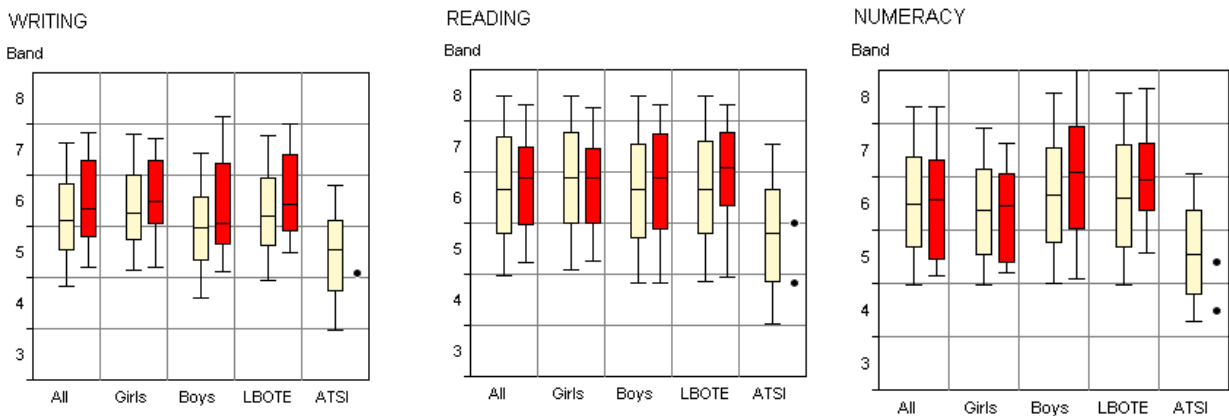
**Achievement, Confidence & Pride**

Thursday 5 September 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our students' NAPLAN results were received yesterday. I will distribute these to parents next week when senior students have returned from their camp.

Overall the school has made solid progress with average student achievement at or above state mean in most areas. The following graphs below show results for **Year 5 Reading, Writing and Numeracy**. The yellow graphs indicated the range of state-wide achievement and the red graphs are Avondale's results.



It is pleasing to note that following a sustained effort by staff to improve **students' writing**, our work has resulted in improvements for higher and lower achieving students when compared to state results. Particular improvement is apparent in boys and students from Language Background Other Than English (LBOTE). I heartily congratulate all staff on this significant result.

Avondale Primary School has an inclusive policy supporting students to participate in NAPLAN testing. Students are expected to sit the tests except where a parent requests an exemption. This year students completed the NAPLAN tests using pen and paper. There was a 96% participation rate.

**Many thanks for supporting our Fathers' Day celebrations**  
 Thank you to families who supported the Fathers' day stall and our fundraising committee who prepared and staffed the stall. The stall raised \$780.95 and will be used to purchase reading resources for students.  
 On Friday morning, Grade One students invited their father, or an important adult, to our annual fathers' day breakfast. Students enjoyed cereal, and a milo while adults had an egg and bacon roll, and coffee/tea.  
 A big thank you to our staff who attended and the busy adults who took time from their busy lives to be with their son or daughter last Friday morning.





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#### **School Concert – by Joe Scarfo**

The school concert this year will be staged on **Wednesday 30 October**. The venue will once again be the **Celebrity Room at Moonee Valley Racecourse**. Children need to arrive at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

It will be a great night to go on a journey with us, as Prep to Grade 6 relive the music and dances of the past, celebrating hits through the decades.

**Tickets** will go on sale on **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> of September at 7.00pm** on the Trybooking website.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BEUMX>

Families can purchase a maximum of 4 tickets. Ticket prices will be \$22.00 each. Please note that children performing do not need a ticket.

Trybooking accepts Visa, Mastercard and Amex debit or credit cards. In addition to this users can on most instances pay with PayPal.

Families who do not have access to a computer will be able to **log on to the website at the school**. A computer will be made available each day from **3.00 to 3.30pm**.

#### **Sports Day - Get Excited** by John Cleary

On Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> we will be having our annual Sports Day at the school. Students need to dress in *their favourite sporting outfit* and wear appropriate runners to participate in sporting activities.

Students will participate in various sporting activities throughout the day from 9:20-12:25. There will be a special lunch on the day from 1:30 – 2:10 followed by a grade 5/6 marking competition at 2:15, a *parent kicking competition* at 2:30, and a teacher kicking competition at 2:40, followed by our raffle drawing around 2:50 pm.

Please come along any enjoy the afternoon's festivities and participate in the kicking competition!

We will be having many sporting guests attend on the day in what is sure to be an exciting and active day for all!

#### **Music Concert on Thursday 12 September**

Students who learn to play the piano or guitar at school will have their music concert in the BER next Thursday. There will be three performances, one for the junior, middle and senior school in turn.

Notices will be sent home inviting parents, grandparents and friends to be part of the audience. Students from the grades with performers will attend the concert.

I wish to acknowledge the great work that Maxine Shell and Gary Butler do, instructing and encouraging students.



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On Wednesday our junior school students learnt about personal safety through a presentation by Bravehearts, a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to prevent child sexual abuse.

### ***Why Bravehearts is important.***

*By Venecia Grade 2A*

*Bravehearts is a program that teaches you how to be safe and protect yourself. It is important because if they weren't here, children wouldn't know what to do when somebody touched their private parts or made them feel uncomfortable or unsafe.*

- Their number one rule is: It's OK to feel unsafe or unsure.*
- Their second rule is: It's OK to say 'NO!' when you feel uncomfortable,*
- Rule number 3 is: Nothing is too yucky that you can't tell an adult.*

*It really encourages me to say no when I feel unsafe or unsure. Every student should listen to this message.*

*You can find out more about Bravehearts at: <https://bravehearts.org.au/who-we-are/our-mission-vision/>*



### **Canteen News**

**Online ordering:** The canteen will only accept online lunch orders from the beginning of Term 4. The traditional cash and order on a paper bag will not be accepted.

To assist parents, become familiar with the *Flexischools app*, free information and training sessions will be held in the staffroom immediately after Friday and Monday assemblies. You are welcome to attend to learn how to use the app.

The new canteen price list will be distributed next week, there are no increases to menu items but it will inform parents of the transaction cost for online ordering.

### **Reading in the junior grades**

Take home books are graded for junior school students. Prep students are expected to read and understand Level 5 books by the end of the year. Year One students are expected to read and comprehend level 15 books and Year Two students, level 20.

### **Fluency v comprehension**

*Reading is for meaning:* a student may be able to read books that they bring home fluently, however this does not necessarily indicate their level of comprehension. Understanding the meaning of text is more difficult than reading fluently. After listening to your child read, you can ask him/her to summarise the story, ask about specific events or ask questions to gauge your child's understanding of the characters, e.g. *how did Goldilocks feel when the bears returned?*

### **It's not a race to a higher numbered book**

Give sufficient time for your child to really understand the story, discuss the words – is there another word that could be used instead? Discuss the punctuation – full stop, the comma, question marks; how do these affect the way we read the sentence? You can enrich your child's understanding by relating the story content to their own experiences. For example if he/she has read a book about dogs, you might discuss grandpa's dog and some of the funny things that dogs do regularly.



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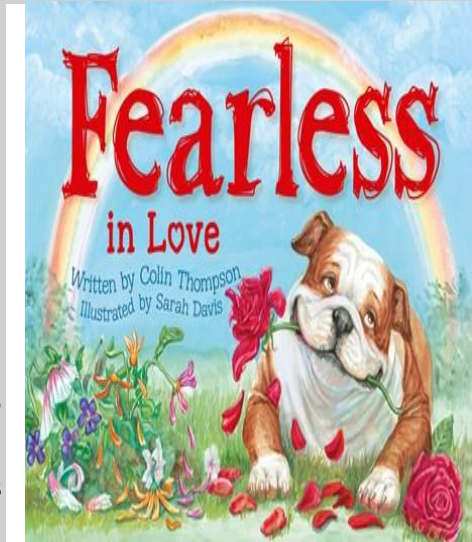
**Book Reviews –Treasured and Tried**

**Fearless in Love. Written by Colin Thompson**

**Illustrated by Sara Davis**

As soon as I saw this doggie face on the cover I had to smile. Something about Fearless’ smile just radiates love. When Fearless comes to live with his new family as a pup he remembers his mother’s words, ‘Life is so much nicer if you love everyone’.

Fearless can hardly contain his enthusiasm and love. So much so, he loves his bed, his new mum’s jumper, slippers and his dad’s socks, big boy’s homework, big girl’s lip gloss and anything else that’s within chewing range. He comes to realize that sometimes his exuberance makes his family cross. Then he meets Primrose and finds he has someone else to share his love with. A beautiful story for 6 to 9 year olds. Liz Oruba



**Pupils of the week on Friday August 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Prep A** – Kayla D  
**Prep B** – Sri V  
**Prep C** – Delilah K  
**Prep D** – Ben L

**One A** – Olivia B  
**One B** – Sienna P  
**One C** – James P  
**Two A** – Chase R  
**Two B** – Lachie D & Ethan H  
**1/2 A** – Arren P

**3/4 A** – Arsalan  
**3/4 B** – Lillie S  
**3/4 C** – Nishab R  
**3/4 D** – John K

**4/5A** – Munji R  
**5/6 A** – Aidan S

**5/6 B** – Leah B  
**5/6 C** – Alexander T

**5/6 D** – Matt S  
**LOTE** – Rezwan

**School Office Hours**

8:30 am to 9:30 am

2:30 pm to 3:15 pm

Please limit visits to office to these times.

