



Achievement, Confidence & Pride

Thursday, 12 March 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope all families had a restful long weekend.

Lateness to school

I must say I have been shocked by the number of students who are late to school each day. Can parents and guardians please plan to have students at school by 8.45. The teachers here work so hard to plan the learning for each day and to get the lessons and get off to a positive start. The students who are late miss the important explanation about what they are learning and why and miss the instruction about what it is they have to do. In addition, the latecomers entering the room also disrupt the learning of others.

One consistent message that came through the information sessions was the need for parents to allow their child to take responsibility for organising their bag each day – they should know what is in it and what they should bring to school each day. Each student should take their bag to their hook and get out the things they need for class.

The other consistent message was the need for students to read each night. You can support reading development by having your child read aloud each night.

Our school value to focus on this week is **Honesty**. Telling the truth and owning up to your actions is an important trait to develop. It helps people trust you and know that you are reliable.

Coronavirus Update

The Department of Education provides a regular update to schools. The latest update was provided on Tuesday March 10th - The Premier, Minister for Health and Victorian Chief Health Officer announced that preparations are well underway to manage the growing risk of an emerging COVID-19 pandemic outbreak in Victoria. Victoria is well-prepared to deal with an outbreak, and the Department of Education and Training is working closely with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to plan for and respond to the likely impact on our schools.

Parents and Friends Fundraiser – the Parents and Friends Committee have organised an Easter raffle. Thank you to the families that have donated goods for the prizes. Each student has been issued with a book of tickets which should be returned to the office with the correct money when they are sold. Donations are due by Wednesday 18 March and the Raffle tickets by Friday 20 March.



SCHOOL SAFETY - More safety advice from Moonee Valley Council.

Moonee valley council regularly patrols schools as part of their School Crossing Program. Fines to be aware of:

- Stopped in a parking area for people with disabilities. Fine \$165. You need a special disabled parking permit to park here. The permit number and expiry date must be visible from the outside.
- Stopped in a bus zone. \$83. Only public buses can stop here.
- Stopped in a 'no stopping' area. \$165. Drivers cannot stop, even briefly.

Dr Bette Prange
Acting Principal

Inspirational Quote:

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty." **Winston Churchill**

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The ballot count was held yesterday and the following nominees are declared elected to the Avondale Primary School Council:

- Annerley Juhlin-Beeck
- Ajay Bhargava
- Andrew Barker
- Dani Sophoulis

Congratulations to the successful candidates and thank you to all the candidates who stood for election, your commitment to the school community is greatly appreciated.

Saving (Y)our World Instalment No 2 –Scrapping Straws

Hello! It's me again with another instalment of Saving (Y)our World! This week we will examine the devastating effect of plastic straws and think about what we can add to our cutlery pack to help. So...are you ready to save the world from straws? Good. But first, we need to ask, "What's the problem with straws?"

Did you know that EVERY plastic straw that you've EVER used still exists in the environment? And it's estimated that in Australia we use 10 million straws every day! That's 3.5 billion straws over a year that go to landfill, or if they are incorrectly disposed of, end up in our rivers and oceans. That's a lot of pieces of plastic that we are putting into the world.



But straws are not very big, right, and although we use a lot of them surely they make only a small contribution to our plastic waste problem? So does it really matter if I use a straw? Yes, because they are only ever used once before being thrown away, which means they quickly become waste. And some restaurants will put TWO straws in your drinks, which get thrown away as soon as you've finished. What a waste!

However, it's really easy for us to stop using plastic straws and have an immediate impact on our environment. What can you do to help? Remember last week I talked about a DIY cutlery set (see Cutting Down on Cutlery)? Why not add a straw and straw cleaner to your set? Reusable straws are made of many different materials, including metal, bamboo, silicone and glass, and are now readily available from supermarkets. Plastic goodbye!

And if you ever have to use a disposable straw, make sure it's a paper one. If there are no paper straws then say you don't want a straw. There is always a way to be sustainable.

You might think that making this simple change won't have an impact. The problem is everyone thinks that. They think that just one person can't make a difference. But, if we all decided to switch we would change the world. So yes, you can make a difference. Straws are problematic because there are so many of them, but you can do something good and reduce their number!

So, are you switching? Wonderful! My work on straws is done. Already switched? Outstanding work! You are already a sustainable straw user. Not switching to reusable (or at least paper!)? Well, you need to consider how your straws are hurting the environment and how they will be around for longer than you.

"The moment we decide to fulfil something, we can do anything." – Greta Thunberg, 23 April 2019

Morrigan R. signing out. I hope you join me next week for another instalment of Saving (Y)our World.

What's happening in the classroom ? *Grade 2 Exploring Our Local Community*

Last Wednesday the grade two teams set off to find out where places and activities are located in our local community. We met and saw people such as a tree service worker, a postman on his motorcycle, café owner and a demolition worker with his big machinery along the way. These experiences helped us to understand how people in Avondale Heights are connected at providing the goods and services that its people need.







Book Review

Anzac Girl . Kate Simpson and Jess Racklyeft.

A true story in diary format of Nurse Alice Ross-King, who served in the Australian Army Medical hospital during World War 1. As a nurse Alice, is honour-bound help during the war. Her diaries tell of the devastation of the war, and her own pain as her sweetheart is killed. Through her diaries she paints scenes and communicates her feelings. The illustrations include actual photographs, maps, extracts and general illustrations. Most relevant to children 7+. By Liz Oruba



Request for Assistance

The Avondale Primary Garden Club would greatly appreciate any donations of gardening gloves in good condition. Any sizes are welcome but particularly those suitable for our junior students would be fantastic. Gloves can be left at the office or the Italian room. Many thanks in advance.

Nick Boffa – Garden Club Co-ordinator

MARCH SCHOOL DIARY

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Friday 13 th	Grade 5/6 Interschool sport (Home) Grade 1 Minibeast Bee incursion (no cost)
Tuesday 17 th	School Council AGM
Wednesday 18 th	Easter raffle donations due back
Friday 20 th	Grade 5/6 Interschool sport (Home) Easter raffle tickets/money due back
Monday 23 ^d	Easter raffle drawn 9a.m.
Friday 27 th	Grade 5/6 Interschool sport (Away) Ascot Vale PS/Soccer at Ormond Park Last day Term 1: Early dismissal 2:15p.m.



Pupils of the week on Friday 21st February

Prep A -Aryan
 Prep B -Abigail
 Prep C -Gulliver
 Prep D -Josiah

One A -Anastasia
 One B -Bradley
 One C -Chloe

Two A -Henry
 Two B -Jimmy
 Mason
 Two C -Aileen
 Two D-Elianne

3/4 A -Lua
 3/4 B -Mia
 3/4 C -Yonathan
 3/4 D -Portia

4/5A -Kiet
 5/6 A -Alvin
 5/6 B -Ava

5/6 C -Angelina
 5/6 D -Morrigan
 LOTE- Stephanie 4/5A



Australian Air League Niddrie enrolling for 2020

We are writing to let you know that the **Australian Air League** youth group in **Niddrie** is enrolling for 2020, and meet at the **Avondale Heights Community Hall**. Young boys and girls who wish to learn more are welcome to come along with their parents to discover what the Air League has to offer.

The Australian Air League is a national organisation for young people aged from 8 to 18 years who have an interest in aviation either as a career or as a hobby. It teaches leadership skills and provides a wide range of interesting and exciting activities such as camping and hiking, sport and physical recreation, building and flying model aircraft and ceremonial drill. Through classes and practical demonstration members learn the theory of aviation and a wide range of associated topics such as Meteorology, Navigation, Aero Engines and Aircraft Construction, as well as general interest subjects such as photography, field craft and community service.

With Squadrons in most states of Australia, the Air League has been serving the community in Australia since 1934. It is entirely self-funding and is staffed by volunteers who give their time to achieve its goals. To learn more about the Australian Air League visit our website at <https://www.airleague.com.au>

For more information please contact:

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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.

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

STUDENT BANKING

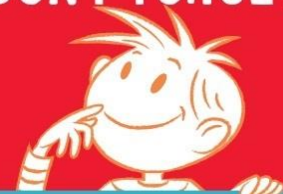
Every Thursday is Student Banking
day, don't forget to bring along
your bank book to deposit to your
account



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.

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:

Sunday 15th March, 2020