



**Newsletter 2019 #**

## ***Achievement, Confidence & Pride***

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Dear Parents,

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION**

School Council Elections are now under way. There were 8 nominations for the 4 vacant positions on school council. Ballot papers have come home to each family and need to be completed and returned to school. The election closes at 4.00pm next Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March. The votes will be counted and results declared on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> of March. Please make sure that you register your vote.

### **YOU TUBE VIDEO**

It has come to our attention at school that a disturbing YOU TUBE video has been circulating. The video has also been spread by users on Facebook and other media outlets as well as being embedded in You Tube clips. A character appears and directs children to perform unsafe challenges, this is known as the "Momo Challenge".

The school has internet filters that would prevent the viewing of any such video and the teachers are vigilant to any student viewing or having viewed these videos. As access to You Tube at home is likely to be unrestricted I ask that parents are extra aware of what their children are watching on the computer.

### **SUN SMART**

I'd like to congratulate the students for their fantastic efforts in wearing their school hats outside so far this year. Whenever I walk around the school yard almost 100% of students are wearing our school hat or have it with them when sitting under the shade, an outstanding effort. Sunscreen is also encouraged and is available in each classroom. Although the weather will progressively get cooler this month there are still high levels of UV and sunscreen and hats are still required. School hats are available from the general office at school. You can also check the daily SunSmart UV rating via our Flexibuzz links, school website or SunSmart UV rating posters in Building 1 and 2.

### **FUNDRAISING: EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE**

We are kindly asking families for donations for our upcoming Easter raffle. These may include chocolates or activities that students are able to complete over the Easter holidays. Nelson Alexander have generously donated passes for Bounce and \$100 Funtopia voucher that will be included as part of the prizes. Tickets are \$2 each and need to be returned to school by



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please note that BPay, CSEF and EFTPOS are not available payment options for fundraising events. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please see the office if you require more raffle tickets.

## **SCHOOL VALUES**

At last Monday's assembly I mentioned our school values. The school values are based around respect, honesty, persistence, co-operation, self-confidence, caring for others and helpfulness within an environment that promotes a desire to achieve, self-confidence and personal pride. These words are all very worthy and do reflect our school community. Our aim is to distil these attitudes into an easy to remember sentence that every child can recall.

Following discussions with teachers and students the following is a worthy suggestion:

***"Our vision is to maintain a caring and supportive community promoting achievement, confidence and pride in all students."***

## **GARDEN CLUB**

The Garden Club would like to thank our wonderful parent helpers who are helping our students every Tuesday afternoon. Please remind your child they are welcome to join in on any Tuesday lunch break at 1.30pm. Our garden is ready to be turned for the next crop. Please also be aware that you can view our Garden/Italian blog here by using this link:

<http://lastampa.global2.vic.edu.au/category/il-giardino/>

## **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Have you visited the school website? The school website is packed with valuable up to date information including canteen lists, class reports (today's is from the preps and 1/2s), policies and school newsletters. Much of the information including newsletters posted on the website can also be translated into forty different languages. If you know someone who might appreciate information in their own language direct them to our website.

<http://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au/>

## **POLICY OF THE WEEK**

Our school policies cover a range of school related areas from Curriculum to Occupational Health and Safety and they describe what we do and how we do it. The school develops school policies to ensure that there is proper governance of essential school responsibilities.

This week I have attached the school Issues Resolution Policy. This policy outlines the correct procedure for dealing with an issue concerning you and the school. We aim to ensure that all complaints or concerns are managed in a timely, effective and a respectful manner.

