



## *Achievement, Confidence & Pride*

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents,

I congratulate our student school and house captains on leading Friday assemblies. You may not be aware that our school captains spend time collating the news and deciding together how to present the information so that students and parents can easily understand the message.

May is a busy month with events planned for every week:

The Mother's Day stall is happening today and the second chance stall is tomorrow.

NAPLAN testing next week:

Tuesday 14th                    9:30 Language Conventions (45min)                    11:45 Writing (40min)

Wednesday 15th            9:30 Reading (Y3 45min, Y5 50min)

Thursday 16th                9:30 Numeracy (Y3 45min, Y5 50min)

*A NAPLAN parent information pdf file is attached to this newsletter*

Federal Election Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> with voting in the BER; Democracy sausage bbq from 8am, volunteers needed for the 2pm – 4pm shift

Education Week and library book fair 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May

Aeromedical Simulator Incursion, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>, for grade 3/4 students presented free by the Royal Flying Doctors Service

Open Day with Prep 2020 tours on the half hour on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Curriculum Day Friday 24<sup>th</sup> (No school for students)

Excursion to Melbourne Museum – Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Grade 1/2 and 2, Thurs. 30 Grade 1s

### *A Splash of Yellow*

*A splash of yellow* is a charity supporting families affected by childhood cancer. A billboard will be erected against the school fence informing the local community about a fundraising gala ball to be held on 18 May.

Midyear reports will be emailed to parents on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please inform the office if your email address has changed. You can do this easily by sending an email to the school's account: [avondale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:avondale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) with the words: New email address for (insert your family name).





### Camp Quality performance

The Royal Children's Hospital Camp Quality helps students in school understand what it is like for children with leukaemia. They use puppets to communicate important messages about chemotherapy and reactions of children receiving treatment:

- The chemotherapy is very strong and can make you tired
- Sometimes you have an upset tummy
- You may lose your hair during treatment
- You can't catch cancer from others.



Our students met puppets Kylie and Melissa. Kylie is living with a cancer called leukaemia, and is currently receiving treatment. The treatment has made Kylie look a little different for a while but she tries not to let it get her down. Kylie LOVES her friends, and she has some good friends to laugh and joke with and get her through the harder times. She is strong, optimistic and really good at handball.



Melissa is Kylie's best friend; they have a secret handshake and everything. Mel is happy, friendly and full of energy! Mel always sees the good in situations and tries to help Kylie when she's feeling down because that's what friends are for.

One parent emailed the school saying: *Can I just pass on some feedback, I am not sure how to say it but I am so thankful you guys had this talk at the school. I find it very hard as a parent to try pass on or to explain things like this and what my children told me at dinner blew me away and made it so much easier to talk about. Cancer has been in my family and my children's grandmother passed away from it. I haven't known how to talk about it with my children.*



### Esafty parents

Most students report that they use the internet for entertainment and communication with friends. They also state that they use a personal device while online at home. It's time to *Start the Chat*. The internet is an essential part of young people's lives for learning, keeping in touch with friends and having fun.

As a parent, carer or even teacher you can play an important role in helping young people explore the digital world while educating them on how to avoid harmful experiences online and how to deal with them if they arise.

Explore the links below for tips and advice about how to help children stay safe online, including materials in your language. We're here to help you get the online safety chat started.

[Check out our online safety](#)

[View tips and guidance in your language](#)



### **Enrolling students for 2020**

We are taking enrolments for 2020. Prospective parents are welcome to book a tour on our Open Day, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The tours will be conducted on the half hour. Alternatively parents can arrange to have a tour at a time that meets their commitments.

Simply call the school office on 9318 1755 and book a time with either the principal or assistant principal. If your child requires additional assistance, you can book a time to meet with Mrs Broadhurst, our Student Welfare coordinator, who can provide additional information.

The Prep Parent Information Night will be conducted on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. The transition experiences for students will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 9:15 to 10:15 am.

The school will not take enrolments for 2021 until March next year.

### **Students visiting Moonee Valley library after school**

Students must be at least 10 years old to visit the library alone. While at the library students can use the facilities that are available. Students can also use the courtyard for conversation and reading. Students who visit the library in school uniform are representing the school and will be required to explain any inappropriate behaviour reported to the school. Library staff will warn students who misbehave before imposing a restriction.

The library staff are overwhelmingly pleased with behaviour of students and encourage them to read, study or complete their homework while there.

### **Are you interested in attending a school council subcommittee?**

Avondale Primary School has five subcommittees supporting its operation: Education, Canteen, Facilities, Finance and Fundraising. Subcommittee operate on a less formal basis but do have an agenda and report to council monthly. You do not need to be a council member to have your say at a subcommittee. Interested parents are welcome to attend a School Council subcommittee meeting:

Fundraising committee meeting:	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2.15pm
Facilities committee meeting:	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 4pm
Education subcommittee meeting:	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 9am
Finance meeting:	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm
School Council (members only)	Tuesday 21 May 7:30pm



### Children's Clothing Swap

Children outgrowing their clothes before they wear them out? Bring along their pre-loved clothes to our clothing swap.

How it works

- Step 1 – Bring along up to 10 items of children's clothing in new or good used condition (sizes 0–10)
- Step 2 – Register your items in exchange for tokens
- Step 3 – Browse what others have brought in, then swap your tokens for new clothes your kids will love!



**When:** 9:30am – 11:30am, Thursday 30th May, 2019.

Clothing drop-off between 9.30–10.30am, swapping 10.30–11.30am.

**Where:** Moonee Ponds Bowling Club, 776 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds.

[Register now!](#)

### Notice to Parents

*The school yard is supervised by teacher/s on duty every school day during the following times:*

*8:40 – 8:50*

*11:00 to 11:30*

*1:30 to 2:15*

*3:15 to 3:30.*

*Students are expected to be picked up by parents by 3:30pm.*

*OSHC students remain in the BER until 8.40am in the morning and are supervised by OSHC staff afterschool until 6.00pm.*

### **School Office Hours**

**8:30am to 9:30am**

**2:30pm to 3:15pm**

**Please limit visits to office to these times only.**



## MAY SCHOOL DIARY

### May

Fri 10	Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport - St Mary's School (home) Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
Tue 14	NAPLAN – Grades 3 and 5 - Language and Writing
Wed 15	NAPLAN – Grades 3 and 5 - Reading
Thurs 16	NAPLAN – Grades 3 and 5 - Numeracy
Fri 17	Walk to school day District Cross country Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
20-23	Education Week and Book Fair
Tue 21	Grade 3/4 – Royal Flying Doctor Service Simulator School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Wed 22	Open Day
Fri 24	Curriculum Day – <u>No students to come to school</u> Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am
Wed 29	Melbourne Museum Exc – Grades 1/2A, 2A and 2B
Thurs 30	Melbourne Museum Exc – Grade 1A, B and C
Fri 31	Grade 5/6 Interschool – St Mary's School (away) Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9am

### Pupils of the week on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Prep A** – Dean T  
**Prep B** – Luca S  
**Prep C** – Mehr Sam  
**Prep D** – Saam G

**One A** – Henry S  
**One B** – Mia M  
**One C** – Aiden P  
**Two A** – Emma D  
**Two B** – Jacob N  
**1/2 A** – N/A

**3/4 A** – Yanni P  
**3/4 B** – Lillie S  
**3/4 C** – Olivia V  
**3/4 D** – Kaan

**4/5A** – Hiyab  
**5/6 A** – Noah W

**5/6 B** – Jasmyn G  
**5/6 C** – Jelena N

**5/6 D** – Marley S