



Avondale Primary School Philosophy

The philosophy of Avondale Primary School is based upon the premise that every student can attain high levels of academic achievement and be a responsible community member.

We aspire for students:

To have an enthusiasm for learning

To develop a broad and strong base of knowledge and skills

To think and act with competence, objectivity and creativity

Through their experience in living in a learning community, show respect and sensitivity to others

Show a capacity to lead, to share and cooperate with others

To accept responsibility and discipline

To find reward in participating and doing one's best

Dear Parents

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thursday April 19, 2018

Welcome to Term 2. I hope your family had a refreshing break over the autumn holidays. There are many activities organised for the term. The following events can be noted on your calendar:

May 4th Fun Run; 10th Mother's day stall; 15th – 17th NAPLAN; 18th Curriculum Day (Science & Music)

21st Education Week and Book Fair, note that Wednesday 23rd is our Open Morning. June 1st House Sports and 27th Parent-Teacher Interviews

Emotion Coaching Course for Parents

We are pleased to offer a 3 session program to parents and carers to help manage difficult behaviour in children 2-10 years old.

This will be held in the BER building at Avondale PS, 9:30am- 12:30pm. On Thurs May 17, Thurs May 24 and Thurs May 31

Parents will learn:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour.

To register for this **free program** please contact Emelie Barringer or Melissa Di Pietro- 9376 3876



Congratulations Amanda

Ms Salomone was married on Saturday; pictured is Amanda with her new husband Joseph. Mrs Amanda Gerace will return to duty on Monday.



Maternal Health and Childcare App

The Maternal and Child Health App is free, and makes it easy for parents and carers to find essential and trustworthy information. The app features:

- A library of reliable information on child and family health
- A list of useful contacts
- Prompts and notifications for MCH appointments
- Regular updates and messages
- An interactive search feature



Searching for more information is as simple as asking Nora, the digital assistant, a question. Click here for [App help and advice](#) for more information, email: mchapp@edumail.vic.gov.au.

SunSmart in Terms Two and Three

With the sun well into the northern hemisphere, the risk of damage from UV radiation is negligible. Therefore students do not wear hats to school during the cooler months. In fact students need to get sunlight on their skin so that their bodies can make Vitamin D. Playing outside in sunlight after school and during the weekend helps children maintain a healthy body.

Plastic lunch containers – reminder

Please check that your child's name is written on their plastic lunch container. Students who do not finish eating their lunch in class frequently take their lunch container outside; they are not permitted to enter the corridors during recess periods and therefore leave their containers near entrances. By the end of lunch, they may forget about their container and so these accumulate by entrances becoming a tripping hazard. Containers with a student's name are returned, others are not. I wish to thank the many parents who ensure their child's lunch container is identifiable.

ANZAC Day commemorated

Next Tuesday we will be holding a whole school Anzac Day commemorative assembly. There will be presentations from all year levels to show what they have been learning about the Anzacs. We will also be listening to the Last Post, National Anthem and holding one minute silence.

Ill students should be kept home

If your child is unwell (coughing, temperature, runny nose or vomiting) at the beginning of the day, he/she should be kept home. A student who arrives exhibiting symptoms of contagious illness will be brought to the first aid room; parents will be contacted and are expected to take their child home or to the doctor's for diagnosis. Your cooperation in this matter will help prevent the spreading of illness throughout our school community.

Paul Nutty

DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)

April

- Thurs 19 Student Banking today
Tue 24 2nd hand uniform Shop 8:30-9am
Wed 25 ANZAC day public holiday
Mon 30 1,2,3 Magic Parenting Strategies 9:30—12:30 (BER)
Fri 27 District cross country run (Aberfeldie Park)

May

- Fri 4 Walk/Run 4 Fun fundraiser
Mon 7 1,2,3 Magic Parenting Strategies 9:30—12:30 (BER)
Tues 8 Grade 1/2 B,C & E Yarrabee Excursion
Wed 9 Grade 1/2 A & D Yarrabee Excursion
Thurs 10 Mothers Day stall
Fri 11 Second chance Mothers Day stall
Mon 14 1,2,3 Magic Parenting Strategies 9:30—12:30 (BER)
Tues 15 NAPLAN Testing
Wed 16 NAPLAN Testing
Thurs 17 NAPLAN Testing
Fri 18 Curriculum Day - *No Students to come to school*
21-25 Education Week
Book Fair this week
Tues 22 School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Wed 23 Open Day



Pupils of the week ,last week

Term 1 were:

- Prep A - Aleen
Prep B - Stella N
Prep C - James P
Prep D - Vivian L
1/2 A - Mimi D
1/2 B - Mina H
1/2 C - Sophia C
1/2 D - Ali R
1/2 E - Amir J
3/4 A - Xavier D
3/4 B - Purva P
3/4 C - Hayley S
3/4D - Andrea P
4/5A - Matt S
5/6 A - Patrick L
5/6 B - Arianit F
5/6 C - Samiksha S

Book Reviews -Treasured and Tried

Shout Out to the Girls

A celebration of Awesome Aussie women, including a brief biography. Each biography begins with a thought provoking statement that sums-up the person. Short, dynamic, easy to read with all royalties going to 'The Smith Family' charity. Best for 11 to 13 year olds.
By Liz Oruba



ANZAC Badges

If you or your child would like to purchase an ANZAC Badge, we have them for sale in the office for \$1, \$2 and \$5. Wristbands are \$3.
Supporting East Keilor RSL

REMINDER State Schools Relief Prep Winter Warmer Uniform Packages for 2018

If you are the holder of a Health care card and are eligible for CSEF this year then you can apply for a winter uniform and shoes for your grade prep child.

*Families of older children who are facing financial hardship can also apply.

Please see Mrs Broadhurst (Student Welfare Co-ordinator) who will apply on your behalf.

Canteen Reminder

The Canteen is open on *Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays only.*

Please make sure that your child brings an order for the Canteen on these days only.

If your child should happen to bring a lunch order on a Tuesday or Wednesday you will be contacted and asked to bring lunch to school.



Notice to Parents

The school yard is supervised by a teacher on duty until 3:30pm. Students are expected to be picked up by this time.

School Office Hours

8:30am to 9:30am

2:30pm to 3:15pm

Please limit visits to office to these times only.

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