



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.

Principal's Report

Thursday August 30, 2018

Dear Parents,

Students should be on site by 8:45am

Having a few moments to socialise with friends before class begins, assists students settle into their studies quickly. School starts at 8:50am and that is when class rolls are taken. Students who arrive after that time must report to the office so that the CASES attendance record can be updated. Recently we have had several instances where a student entered class, without visiting the office, after the electronic roll was marked. This resulted in parents receiving an SMS reporting their child's absence according to the system. *I ask parents to ensure that your child arrives at school before the bell.*

Aftercare now on site

A warm welcome to Sonya and her crew as Out of Hours School Care is now held at Avondale Primary School in our BER building. Before care starts at 7:15am while Aftercare finishes at 6pm. This program can accommodate up to 50 students, currently there are 38 students attending.



Students practice an off-site evacuation

I congratulate students and staff for the calm and effective way they evacuated the school buildings in yesterday's drill. All students were sitting in their grades at the back of the oval, 3 minutes and 20 seconds after the siren was first sounded. Teachers then escorted students to the offsite assembly area outside the gymnasium.

On a sad note

Former Avondale teacher Alice Gilbert passed away last Saturday 25th August. Her funeral is next Tuesday 4th September at the Strathmore Uniting Church (Corner of Crossways and Uplands Road), commencing at 11:30 am. If you have friends or neighbours who had children here in the early 1990s, they may wish to know.

Stage one of a new play area established

We are developing a new option for students to play with toys and construction material at recess times. The new brown container near the sand pit (affectionately known as Rusty), will have materials that students can borrow to play with on the new artificial grass area. The implementation stages are:

1. Laying of the artificial turf, 2. Installation of a roller-door on the side of the container, 3. Assembly of shelving units, 4. Acquisition of resources and 5. Grand opening

Students are enjoying playing on the new area, however I ask parents to keep pets well away from the grass for hygiene reasons. Many thanks to Mr Scarfo for coordinating this project.



Imagine a world free from bullying poster winners - Student Safety Week.

These winners will be the student representatives on the bullying prevention action team. Their posters are on display in the foyer and photos will be uploaded to the school's website today.

Prep: Arden, Layla, Sannus, Jessica, Aadi, Luna, Alexandra & Ruby
Grade 1/2: Josh, Ava, Mason, Mina, Jemma, Portia, Steve, Olivia, Tyler & Scarlett
Grade 3/4: Xavier, Alex, Seth, Claire, Jackson, Jasmine, Alex & Molly
Grade 4/5 & 5/6: Matt, Bronte, Eleni, Monica, Jason, Samara, Kevin & Kristy.

Father's Day breakfast – 7:30am in BER

Tomorrow we will have our annual Father's Day breakfast for grade prep and one student and their dad. Students will have cereal, toast and a drink while dad can have an egg and bacon roll and coffee/tea. The breakfast will finish by 8:30am. At 8am, there will be a lucky draw with two great prizes to be won. Sports equipment will be available for dads and students to play with after the lucky draw.

I hope you have a great week.



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS



Aug

Fri 31 Grade Prep/1 Fathers Day Breakfast
 Second chance Fathers day stall
 Final Payment for 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp due today

Sep

Tue 4 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
 Thurs 6 Sports Day *Lunch orders* due back by today
 Fri 7 District Basketball Tournament (selected 5/6s)
 Wed 12 Sports Day *Raffle Tickets* due back by today
 Thurs 13 Parent Helper Information Session 9:00am & 2:30pm
 Instrumental Music Concerts
 9:00 - 1/2 A,B & C
 10:00 - 1/2 D&E
 11:30 - 3/4 A,B,C&D
 2:15 - 5/6 & 4/5A

Fri 14 Annual Sports Day
 Tue 18 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
 Wed 19 Book week parade
 Thurs 20 Meerkat productions book week performance \$8.00
 Fri 21 Last Day Term 3. *Students finish at 2:15pm*

Oct

Mon 8 First Day Term 4
 8-10 Grade 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp
 9-17 Somers Camp
 Tue 9 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
 Tue 16 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
 Fri 19 Grade Prep Zoo Excursion
 Grade 3/4 Cricket Day
 Final Day for 5/6 Canberra Camp payment due today
 Tue 23 Italian Day
 School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Pupils of the week on Friday 17/08

Prep A - Zac A
 Prep B - Isabel S
 Prep C - Aadi M
 Prep D - Zach N

1/2 A - Kaia V
 1/2 B - Ezra T
 1/2 C - Cooper K
 1/2 D - Kevin C
 1/2 E - Pippa G

3/4 A - Noah W & Andrea M
 3/4 B - Ephrem B
 3/4 C - Lana B
 3/4D - Malachi

4/5A - Zidaane K
 5/6 A - Oscar M
 5/6 B - Ruby C
 5/6 C - Madison W
 Italian - Derek L



Camp Payments

Reminder to parents that both 3/4 Sovereign Hill and 5/6 Canberra camps are approaching quickly.
 Payments for these camps can be made by Bpay, EFT Pos (at the office only) or by cash.
 Please bring the camp booklet with you at the time of payment.

Final payment dates:
 3/4 Sovereign Hill – 31 August (tomorrow)
 5/6 Canberra - 19 October

Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding amount due.

LOST PROPERTY BOXES

These are overflowing!
 Please check them if your child has lost items. Unclaimed clothes will be given to charity. School uniforms will be donated to the second hand uniform shop, at the end of term 3.

Secondhand Uniform Shop
 Open Tuesdays 8:30-9am



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.

Make their day.



Help at the canteen!