



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 9, 2018

Dear Parents,

Instrumental music lessons

Every week over 100 students are withdrawn from class for instrumental tuition in keyboard or guitar. Mrs Shell teaches keyboard skills from Tuesday to Thursday; Mr Butler teaches guitar on Thursday. It is important that students bring their own guitar to their lessons.

Parents can help by ensuring that children practice at least 4 times per week. The following link has positive suggestions for parents to encourage a regular practice routine. [How to stop nagging your child to practise their musical instrument](#)



Bullying survey

Parents are kindly requested to complete and return the school's bullying survey by Friday 17th August. These can be left at the office or returned via students to their class teacher.

Fund raising – thank you for your support.

The cookie-dough fundraiser was very successful. Many thanks to all who supported this effort. Thanks to the Fundraising committee who coordinated the effort. The money will be used to acquire play resources for our students to use at recess times.

Grade 1/2C students enjoy learning about area

Ms McGrath is teaching the concept of area and how to measure it. She is reusing newspapers to develop students understanding of this concept. 'Maths is fun,' said one happy student 'and it makes your fingers black' as she rolled a sheet of newspaper, into a spiral.

Once the grade had rolled over 50 spirals, they guessed how many it would take to cover a board.

With predictions noted, students cooperated together to cover the board as tightly as possible. I think this is an excellent activity for developing a conceptual understanding of area because:

- It used informal (irregular) units
- Students are not distracted by the arithmetic of regular units
- It is 'hands on', students had to stretch across the board to cover parts of the area
- It involved: talking, sharing, cooperative decision making, hypothesizing and counting.
- It was fun.

Well done everyone in Grade 1/2C.

Garden News

Students have begun clearing old crops from the garden to prepare for the new planting season. Students have also been busy getting our homemade compost ready by watering, airing and turning it. We will use the homemade compost to make our soil even healthier! The worm farm is doing well and will also help improve our soil. Great job, gardeners!

Have a great week





Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS



Aug

- Fri 10 Lab Coat Incursion-Grade Prep \$7.50
- 13-17 Science Week
- Mon 13 Lab Coat Incursion-Grade 1/2 \$7.50
- Tue 14 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
- Wed 15 Nude food day
- Thurs 16 Lab Coat Incursion-Grade 4/5 & 5/6 \$7.50
- Recycled Art Show 3:15—3:45pm
- Fri 17 Lab Coat Incursion-Grade 3/4 \$7.50
- Grade 5/6 attending Essendon Keilor College Perf
- Mon 20 District Athletics
- Tue 21 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
- Bully Zero Presentations Grades 3-6
- Selected students perform at the *Ron Conn Centre*
- School Council meeting
- Wed 22 P-2 Bravehearts presentation: Keep safe program
- Thurs 23 *Preps* Pet Ownership presentation
- Tue 28 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
- Thurs 30 Fathers Day stall
- Fri 31 Grade Prep/1 Fathers Day Breakfast
- Second chance Fathers day stall

Pupils of the week on Friday 03/08

- Prep A - Ethan H
- Prep B - Adam M
- Prep C - Christian G
- Prep D - Lola D

- 1/2 A - Conner T
- 1/2 B - Jaiden N
- 1/2 C - Portia M
- 1/2 D - Walied O
- 1/2 E - Claudia S

- 3/4 A - Lauren V
- 3/4 B - Chloe D
- 3/4 C - Hayley S
- 3/4D - Nishab R

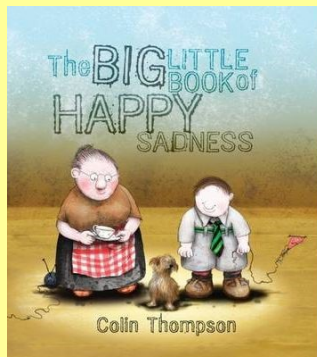
- 4/5A - Jennifer T
- 5/6 A - Stephanie A
- 5/6 B - Alice H
- 5/6 C - Ellesha S

Book Reviews

The Big Book Little Book of Happy Sadness

by Colin Thompson

This is the story of George, who lives a lonely life with his Grandmother and with an empty space where his parents should be. But George finds 3 legged Jeremy, a dog on his last days at the pet shelter. George and his Grandma adopt Jeremy and a place inside George doesn't seem so empty anymore. Themes such as overcoming a disability and the importance of friendship and hope feature strongly. By Liz Oruba



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
5/6 Canberra - 19 October

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

Make their day.



Help at the canteen!

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.