



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, December 13, 2018

Dear Parents,

Christmas Carols

Grades combined to sing Christmas carols on Monday afternoon. The eight acts were performed on a stage borrowed from Essendon Keilor College under the basketball roof. We have captured each of the acts and uploaded them to the school web site. You can view each at by visiting: <http://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au/page/44/Christmas-Carols-2018> or selecting the Christmas Carols 2018 from the News and Events drop-down menu of the school's splash page.

Help for parents to keep children safe online

During the school holidays, children will have increased opportunities to access the web. *Internetmatters.org* is a free UK web site dedicated to assisting parents manage their child's internet activities.

Children use the internet in different ways depending on their age and so they have developed checklists for parents that give you top tips on how to help your child stay safe. A copy of a checklist for parents of 11 – 13 year old children is attached.

Link: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

Staff changes at Avondale for 2019

Farewell to Dani McLaren (Grade 3/4A) who is moving to Shepparton East Primary School next year. We also say farewell to Jessica Todio (Prep C) who will become a mother in March. I wish to acknowledge the contribution made by both teachers and wish them a great 2019.

Welcome back Kerry Gribbin who will teach a Grade 2. Laura Farrell also returns to teach Art on Monday and Tuesday. We welcome new staff members Kate Nikolaou (Prep), Sarah Carroll (1), and Sarah Chaouk (3/4) who will start here in January. Billie Jean Fitcher and Jude McGrath have been selected to continue teaching at Avondale Primary.

2019 grade and specialist teachers

Prep	Ms. Oliveri, Ms. Lo Grasso, Ms. Nikolaou, Ms Watson
One	Ms. Ferraro, Ms. Collins, Ms. Glanfield/Ms. Carroll
One/Two	Ms. Siebert
Two	Ms. Roach, Ms. Gribbin
Three / Four	Ms. Chaouk, Ms. Fitcher, Ms. Handley, Ms. Gerace
Four / Five	Ms. Needham
Five / Six	Mr. Lumby, Mr. Barkell, Ms. McGrath, Ms. Heywood/Ms Guthrie
Arts	Ms Farrell & Ms. Portelli, Italian - Mr. Boffa, Phys Ed - Mr. Cleary, Student Welfare - Mrs. Broadhurst.

Last school day 2018

Thursday 20 December is the final day for students this year. There will be a 1 pm assembly and a 1:15 dismissal on the basketball court. 2019 student captains will be announced and Year 6 students will be farewelled in turn. Parents are able to take students home following assembly; aftercare will be open from 1:15 pm.

Year 3/4 students construct carnival rides using STEM principles

You can view a display of constructions made by students in the second corridor. Students have applied the principles they learnt about inclined planes and spirals to make a gravity powered ride. You can place a marble at the top of the circuit and see the fantastic journey it takes to the bottom. I congratulate students on their imaginative constructions and I'm very pleased to see materials recycled for good use. Well done all.

Avondale Heights Football Club seeks new players

The footy club is looking for players to play in its senior and junior sides. More details are available on its web-site <http://www.ahfc.org.au/CONTACT.aspx>. You can contact the club manager if you or your friends are interested on 0419 877 677.

Season's Greetings

On behalf of the staff, I wish you and your family a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Have a great week.





Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- Fri 14 Student Reports emailed to parents
Raffle Tickets and money due back at school
- Mon 17 Christmas Raffle drawn at morning assembly
- Tue 18 Second hand uniform sale 8:30 –9:00
- Wed 19 Year 6 Excursion / AMF Bowling
Year 6 Graduation Evening—St Bernard's
- Thurs 20 Last school day.
Assembly 1:00pm students dismissed at 1:15pm



January

- Fri 25 Book Pack Day - 8am to 2pm
- Tue 29 Curriculum Day
- Wed 30 All Students first day Prep-6

Pupils of the week awarded on Friday 6th November

Prep A	Xavier L
Prep B	Max V
Prep C	Emily P
Prep D	Braydon R
1/2A	Harley M
1/2B	Cooper B
1/2C	Zadok S
1/2D	Rebecca N
1/2E	Amir J
3/4A	N/A
3/4B	John K
3/4C	Ethan C
3/4D	Mia R
4/5A	Chloe H
5/6A	Kary W
5/6B	Leah B
5/6C	Sophie D
Italian	Tessa S in Prep B

Lost property boxes

The boxes are located by the side entrances of both buildings and are quite full of unclaimed articles. Parents are invited to inspect the boxes and reclaim missing articles your child may have left at school. All unclaimed uniform clothing will be donated to the second hand uniform shop. Items that are not school uniform will be donated to charity.



2019 Term Dates

- Term I - 30th January to 5th April
- Term 2—23rd April to 28th June
- Term 3 - 15th July to 20th September
- Term 4 - 7th October to 20th December

BOOK PACK DAY 2019

Payment and collection of book packs to be made at the School Office. If you are intending to pay buy B

Friday, 25 January, 2019
8.00am to 2.00pm



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SAM CARBONE



Notice to Parents

The school yard is supervised by a teacher on duty from 8:40 to 8:50am and from 3:15 to 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.