



## 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.

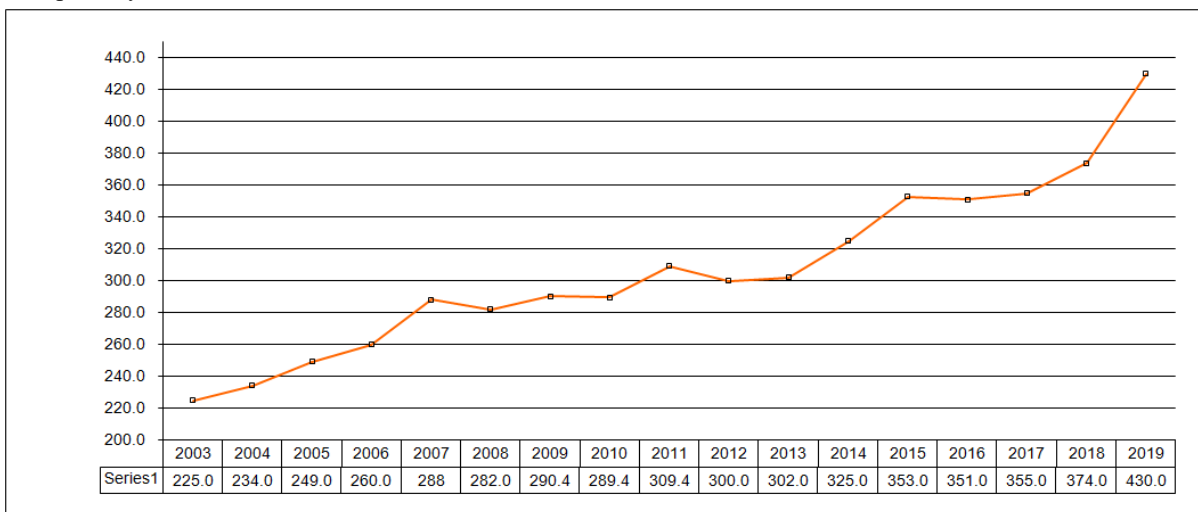
## Principal's Report

**Thursday, December 6, 2018**

Dear Parents,

### Enrolments soar at Avondale Primary School

As the following graph shows, the school has had a steep increase in student enrolments recently. This is happening in spite of a zoning restriction enacted by the department that limits new enrolments to students for whom Avondale is their closest government primary school.



### School structure for 2019.

The class structure for next year has been influenced by the number of students in each year level, the number of girls and boys and the cultural background of students.

The names of the classes does not indicate academic level, it is only a way of identifying each class, i.e. Prep A does NOT mean that students in this class are better than Prep B, C or D. The structure is:

- Preps: Prep A, Prep B, Prep C and Prep D
- One / Two 1A, 1B, 1C, 1/2A, 2A and 2B
- Three / Four 3/4A, 3/4B, 3/4C and 3/4D
- Senior classes: 4/5A, 5/6A, 5/6B, 5/6C and 5/6D
- Specialist classes: Art, LOTE (Italian) and Physical Education.

Please note that library and music classes will be taken by class teachers as part of their weekly program.

### Does the office have your current email address?

This year the school will distribute student reports as a PDF file (Portable Document Format) attached to an email on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The report layout is very similar to previous years where student progress is indicated in graphical form against achievement indicators. Teacher comments accompany the graphs providing an insight into your child's effort and attitude.

### 2019 School Fees

The Essential Learning Student Consumables are \$260 per student. This includes student book packs, bulk classroom supplies, software used in class e.g. *Mathletics*, *Sunshine Online*, specialist supplies for Art, Italian and PE. There is a voluntary contribution of \$20 per family for grounds maintenance.

### Thank you School Council and subcommittee members

I would like to thank the following school council members who have performed their governance duties very well this year. President Isabelle Sawtell, Vice-president Andrew Barker, Treasurer Lance Ferguson, parent members: Ajay Bhargava, Joe Kersh, Morna Ross, Carla Soul, Karena Wojcicki and community member Tony Baldwin. Jenna Heywood and Joe Scarfo are the staff representatives who contributed thoughtfully to council meetings. I also thank parents who assisted on the canteen, education, facilities, finance and fundraising sub-committees; your collective efforts have seen many improvements in 2018, these will be noted in next week's newsletter.

I hope you have a great week.



## Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

### December

- Mon 10 Christmas Carols 1:45-3:15pm  
 Tues 11 2019 Transition—Year 6 to Secondary Colleges  
 2019 Transition—Year 1 to 6 to APS  
 Wed 12 Parent Thank You—Morning Tea  
 Thurs 13 Music Concert—BER (Please note that the concert will finalise music lessons for the year)  
 9:00 - 1/2 A B C  
 10:00 - 1/2 D E  
 11:30 - 5/6s and 4/5 A  
 2:15 - 3/4 A B C D
- Fri 14 Student Reports emailed to parents  
 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**

### Pupils of the week awarded on Friday 30th November

Prep A	N/A
Prep B	Stella N
Prep C	Katelyn C
Prep D	Zach N
1/2A	Vincenzo C
1/2B	Riria O
1/2C	Jemma F
1/2D	James B
1/2E	Jake N
3/4A	Alex W & Yugo H
3/4B	Jamie K
3/4C	Lachlan L & Diane B
3/4D	Noah D
4/5A	Leila A
5/6A	N/A
5/6B	Taimur K
5/6C	Kevin P
Italian	Esha R

### Always wanted to try yoga? Need a change of exercise? Want to start on your fitness plan?

Come and join us for a 10-week yoga term at the Avondale Heights Library.  
Term details are:

- Thursday, 10.30am-11.30am
- 10 January - 14 March 2019
- \$7.15 Concession single visit
- \$11.20 Full price single visit
- Mats are supplied if you don't have your own!



Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/yoga-at-the-library-avondale-heights-tickets-52654992500> to book or contact the Avondale Heights Library on 8325 1940 for more information.

### Lost Property Boxes

The boxes are located by the side entrances of both buildings and are quite full of unclaimed uniform articles. I invite parents to inspect the boxes and reclaim missing articles your child may have left at school.



### 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.*

### 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

### Nelson Alexander

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### School Office Hours

8:30am to 9:30am  
2:30pm to 3:15pm

Please limit visits to office to these times only.