



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 February 15, 2018

Dear Parents,

The way you praise your children matters

Carol Dweck is the Lewis and Virginia Eaton Professor of Psychology at Stanford University, who has spent several decades researching why some students thrive and others are reluctant learners. In this Youtube video she explains *the way your child interprets what you say and how this effects their willingness to learn*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWv1VdDeoRY> . I recommend this engaging and informative 10 minute video [A study on Praise and Mindsets] to all parents.

Welcome barbecue

We are pleased to invite new parents and school council members to our welcome barbecue this afternoon. There will be a free sausage sizzle (all sausages are halal certified) with free water. The canteen will be open for snacks and a coffee van will set up beside the canteen where parents can purchase hot drinks. Vegetarian patties are available for those who pre-ordered the vegetarian option.

Canteen News

Morning Tea

We are concerned that new parents, especially those who are learning English, find it difficult to volunteer to assist. Therefore we will have a morning tea 9am, Tuesday 20 February in the BER. This is a chance for new parents to meet Di and find out about our canteen. I am looking for parents who can assist interpret during the morning tea. A Flexibuzz notice will be sent out next week giving more details.

New Menu

All but two items have the same price as last year. In response to student purchase patterns, we have increased the number of healthier options available for lunch orders. The popular treat items remain available; we recommend that students have these occasionally

January Improvements

The following improvements were made to our school over the break:

- New classroom (5/6C) established
- New storage container 'Rusty' for yard toys, beside Priscilla (our costumes storage container)
- Lights installed over the basketball court
- Replaced whiteboards in several classrooms
- All gutters and downpipes cleared
- Corridors cleaned and polished, carpets steam cleaned
- Oval and grass areas mown
- Flashing on roof above Business Manager's office and 1/2A classroom replaced and hundreds of roof screws replaced
- Outside bins cleaned and rejuvenated
- New staff desks purchased for three classes.

Parent Information Evenings

Next week a series of information evenings will be held from 7pm to 8pm. Teachers will provide parents with information about their programs, expectations of students, class procedures and homework. Parents are welcome to ask questions on the evening. Child care will be available on all evenings, the timetable is: Monday – 1/2s, Tuesday – Preps, Wednesday 3/4s and Thursday – 5/6s.

I hope you and your family enjoy the week.

DATES TO REMEMBER



February

Friday 16 Grade 5/6 Interschool sport - away - St Mary's
 Mon 19 **Grade 1/2** Parent Information Evening 7-8pm
 Tues 20 2nd Hand Uniform Shop-8:30-9am
 Canteen Morning Tea 9am (BER)
Grade Prep Parent Information Evening 7-8pm
 Wed 21 **Grade 3/4** Parent Information Evening 7-8pm
 Thurs 22 Crazy Hair Day-Gold Coin donation for the school
Grade 5/6 & 4/5A Parent Information Evening 7-8pm
 Fri 23 Grade 5/6 Interschool sport - home against Kensington
 Mon 26-Fri 2 Book fair 8:30-9am, 1:30-1:45, 3pm-3:45pm

Pupils of the week last week

were:

Prep A - Arden N
 Prep B - Linda J
 Prep C - Lachlan H
 Prep D - Audrey M
 1/2 A - Neel B
 1/2 B - Ethen R
 1/2 C - Jacob N
 1/2 D - Kaan D
 1/2 E - Jarrod F
 3/4 A - Noah W
 3/4 B - Chalee L
 3/4 C - Rezwon K
 3/4D - Nikolina P
 4/5A - Sarah R
 5/6 A - Junior L
 5/6 B - Jacob V
 5/6 C - Isabelle N

March

Tues 6 2nd Hand Uniform Shop-8:30-9am
 Fri 9 Grade 5/6 Interschool Sport - home against Ascot Vale West
 Mon 12 Labour day public holiday
 Fri 16 Grade 5/6 Interschool sport- away - Nth Melb
 Tues 20 School Council AGM
 Wed 21 School Photos
 Fri 23 Grade 5/6 Interschool sport - away - Moonee Ponds West
 Thurs 29 Last Day Term 1- **Students finish at 2:15**

Avondale Primary School is having a special **Book Fair** in the **Library** to celebrate Literacy.
 DATE: 26th Feb to 2nd March
 TIME: 8.30 TO 9.00 1.30 TO 1.45. 3.00 TO 3.45

Crazy Hair Day
Thursday Feb 22
Gold Coin
Donation

Carers Australia Vic
Active Pathways

Carers Victoria and Moonee Valley City Council would like to invite you to come on a morning walk along the Maribyrnong River followed by morning tea at the Boathouse.
 The walking group is open to carers currently registered with Carers Victoria Western Programs.
 Phone 1800 242 636 to register as a carer and RSVP.

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.