



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 8, 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome Prep students

Congratulations to our youngest students for settling into class so well. Our Preps have already learnt several school routines: how to line up when the bell sounds, how to walk together between their classroom and specialist classes. They have heard many stories, learnt about parts of a book and, in maths, this week students ordered by objects by height, sorted by colour, and used their imagination to create a range of scenes and images in their play session. What a great start!

Senior Student Leaders – how are they selected?

In December, Year 5 students nervously made a presentation to their peers stating why they should be considered for a student leadership position. The number of students exceeded the number of positions; their presentations were scored by their peers. The scores were ranked; the boys and girls with the highest scores were given a student leader position.

The students with the five highest scores were interviewed for the position of school captain.

Our 2018 student leaders are:

School Captains	Victor Moissidis	Tereza Quinn
Yellow House Captains	Joshua Gallone	Natasha Brown
Yellow House Vice Captains	Oscar Montesano	Samiksha Sarawgi
Blue House Captains	Jayden Nguyen	Lily Hao
Blue House Vice Captains	Jason Linh	Ivy Le
Red House Captains	Sunny Li	Lauren Huynh
Red House Vice Captains	Lachlan Pringle	Isabelle Nguyen
Green House Captains	Patrick Le	Monica Doan
Green House Vice Captains	Sriharsha Voleti	Jessica Tran
Flag Monitors	Elly Campbell and Alba Tapia.	

Congratulations to these students. This year our Clubs Program will provide opportunities for other students from Years 3 – 6 to take on leadership roles.

Council Subcommittees

There are a number of ways you can be involved in the school. Helping class or specialist teachers is one way. If you are working during school hours, you can assist with school governance. There are five school council subcommittees that meet at times convenient for members: Canteen, Education, Facilities, Finance and Fundraising. More information next week.

Easy parking with a short walk

Although parking positions near the school are limited, there are areas close by that have plenty of room:

1. Wood Street (southern side of school) Access via back gate
2. Behind McDonalds and beside the supermarket Access via Robson Avenue gate
3. Library carpark Access via front gates

Choosing one of these options improves safety and allows you to talk with your child about their school day, while walking to the car.

Canteen morning tea

Parents are invited to a parent 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. Interpreters will be available. A Flexibuzz notice will be sent out next week giving more details.

I hope you have great week.

DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)



February

Tues 13 2nd Hand Uniform Shop-8:30-9am
Thurs 15 Prep Welcome BBQ
Friday 16 Grade 5/6 Interschool sport - away - St Mary's
Mon 19 **Grade 1/2** Parent Information Evening
Tues 20 2nd Hand Uniform Shop-8:30-9am
Canteen Morning Tea 9am (BER)
Grade Prep Parent Information Evening
Wed 21 **Grade 3/4** Parent Information Evening
Thurs 22 Crazy Hair Day-Gold Coin donation for Garden Club
Grade 5/6 Parent Information Evening
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

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

Pupils of the week last week were:

1/2 A - Grace H
1/2 B - Koby S
1/2 C - Portia M
1/2 D - Mia B
1/2 E - Claudia S
3/4 A - Gunwoo N
3/4 B - Claire R
3/4 C - Stella L
3/4D - Mia R
4/5A - Adam T
5/6 A - Kourosh S
5/6 B - Ruby C

Garden Club

The garden club will recommence on Wednesday 14th February. Students are able to help out in our vegetable patch with planting and caring for the vegetables, supervised by Mr Boffa.



UPDATING YOUR DETAILS

Please ensure that you have all contact numbers for yourself and emergency contacts up to date. There are times when we may need to contact you urgently - ie: if your child is injured or unwell at school. Should you have a new home address or workplace please notify us on these details too. If you are unsure if the numbers are all correct please call at the office and ask us to check these details. Thank-you
Ros and Sue



IMPORTANT NOTICE to Health Care Card Holders

Parents/Guardians of students at Avondale Primary who hold a Health Care Card are eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). The card must be current on the first day of school—January 29th 2018.

If you did not fill out a pink application form at the time you picked up your child's book pack, please come to the office with your card and fill one out as soon as possible.

If you are unsure if you are eligible or whether you filled out the form please contact me.

Ros Blake General Office

Every Thursday is Student Banking day, don't forget to bring along your bank book to deposit to your account. Bank books go to the classroom.



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.

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