

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 June 14, 2018

Dear Parents,

NAIDOC Week

Although NAIDOC week is over the holidays, students at Avondale Primary School will be participating in a number of related activities over the next two weeks. NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievement of aboriginal people in this country through music, art and learning about aboriginal history.

Ms Handley, Mr Boffa and Dani Parisi (parent), have organised a number of lunchtime art activities: P-2 students have a colouring competition organised by the Junior School Council and on the last day of term, students are encouraged to wear red if they are in P-2, yellow in 3/4 and black in 4/5 and 5/6. The aim is to create an Aboriginal flag at the end of term assembly.

SMS messages to parents re non-attendance

Attached to this newsletter is an explanation of the procedures schools are required to follow when a student is absent without parent explanation. Parents will be sent an SMS message in the morning and are expected to reply by 12noon. Failure to reply will result in the student as being recorded as *absent without explanation*.

Are your contact details up to date?

If you have changed your mobile or home number, email or home address or if the people noted as emergency contacts have changed their contact details, please notify the office of the new details. These are especially important when a child is injured or ill; in these cases we routinely call a parent or emergency contact. Up to date details are also needed for SMS absence notifications

Walking / Bicycle Riding to school

In spite of the cool weather, students are encouraged to walk to school with a parent or responsible partner. This provides an active way to start the school day and helps reduce traffic congestion and competition for limited parking spaces. I remind students who ride their bike to school that they must wear a helmet when riding and once in the school grounds, bikes must be walked to the storage area. Although the storage area is quite secure, I advise students to lock their bike during the day.

Playground arrangements

There are some common sense rules regarding children playing in the yard and on the playground equipment:

- When students are playing competitive games such as basketball, footy or kick to kick in groups, they should play with others in their grade levels: 1/2s, 3/4s or 5/6s.
- Where students are participating in non-competitive activities then children of different grade levels can mix together.
- The sand pit is for prep students exclusively during recess periods
- Play equipment under the shade sails is for students in grades Prep – 2
- Play equipment by the Music Room is available to students in 5/6 at recess and 3/4 at lunch time. Only 5/6 students can play at the front of the school at recess periods.
- Students are not to climb trees nor leave the school grounds during recess periods.

Students enjoy our Music Room

Students regularly enjoy music lessons in our new music room. A wide range of percussion and tonal instruments are used during lessons. Several teachers are enjoying learning with the students as they make their way through the music program. I would like to thank parents and teachers for their support in making our curriculum programs more creative, engaging and enjoyable.

I hope you and your family have a great week.



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS



June

- Fri 15 Interschool Sport– home against St Margarets
- Tue 19 School Council Meeting 7:30
- Thurs 21 Parent helper induction session 9.00-9.30 & 2.30-3
- Fri 22 Mid year reports sent home
- Tue 26 2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
Selected music students to visit Ron Conn Centre
- Wed 27 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Fri 29 NAIDOC week colours day-Gold Coin donation
Last day term 2 *Students finish at 2:15pm*

July

- Mon 16 First day term 3
- Tue 17 2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
- Thurs 19 Cookie dough fundraiser order forms sent home
- Tue 24 2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
School Council Meeting 7:30
- Thurs 26 Winter sport round robin
- Mon 30 Curriculum Day-*No students to come to school*

Pupils of the week last week were:

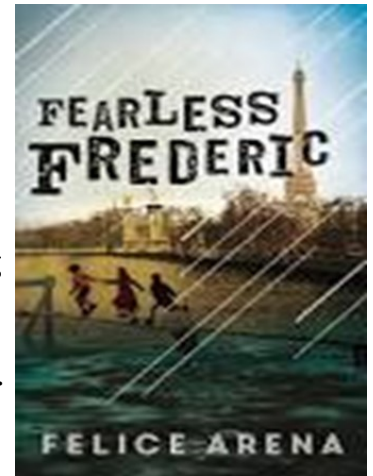
- Prep A - Kerwin H
- Prep B - Max V
- Prep C - Katelyn C
- Prep D - India L
- 1/2 A - Kazem K
- 1/2 B - Isabel N
- 1/2 C - Chris T
- 1/2 D - Rachel T
- 1/2 E - Yodi A
- 3/4 A - Alex W
- 3/4 B - Jamie K
- 3/4 C - Keyra H
- 3/4D - Andy Q
- 4/5A - Jaymee D
- 5/6 A - Eloise L
- 5/6 B - Alba T
- 5/6 C - Katerina K



Book Review

Fearless Frederic by Felice Arena

Set in 1910 Paris, France, 12 year old Frederic lives with his working class parents. His father dreams of Frederic becoming a boxer, which would help him rise from the working class to a better life. But Frederic dreams of working with horses. One night when his father takes him to work at the Lourve everything changes and as the city of Paris floods, Ferderic must dig deep and find the courage his father has wanted him to find. Frederic learns to trust his friends as he never thought he would or could. For children 8 years plus. By Liz Oruba



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



Emergency clothing

Occasionally we send children home with a change of clothes if they are wet or dirty. These clothes belong to Avondale Primary School. We ask that you return them, washed, as soon as possible, they are required for other students should they need them. If your child is given underwear as well, a payment of \$2 is required as we cannot recycle underwear due to health regulations. For younger children a spare pair of pants can be packed in their schoolbag "just in case".



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.

Advertisements

The advertisements in this newsletter are for community interest only. The school has no connection with, nor endorses, any particular business activity.