

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

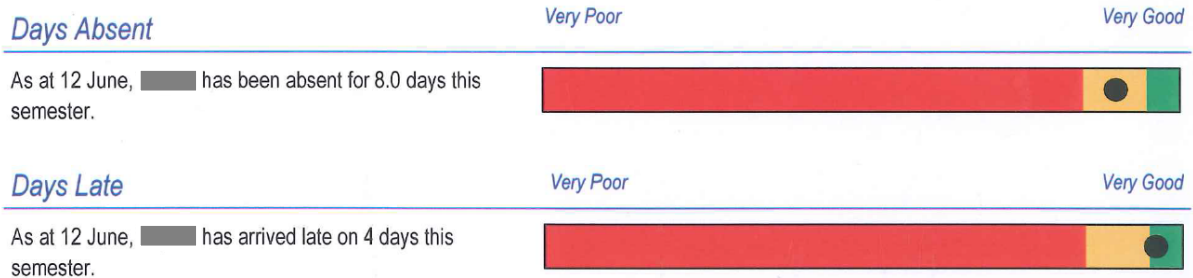
Thursday June 21, 2018

Dear Parents,

The first semester is drawing to a close and I'm very pleased to report that most students have made impressive improvement in their studies. I wish to thank teachers who have spent a substantial amount of time assessing, analysing and reporting on their students progress.

Semester Reports

This year, there is an additional graph on the last page, it shows the percentage of days a student arrived late for school. It is similar to the attendance graph in that the colour indicates whether the rate is good, fair or poor. Reports will be sent home on Friday 22nd June.



Parent Teacher Interviews reminder

Bookings close on Friday 22nd June; you can book an interview time by visiting the web site: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>. The access code for Avondale Primary School code: **esz7v**

Specialist teachers are available for appointments. Ms McLaren, teacher of grade 3/4A will hold her interviews on Wednesday 18th July.

Bravehearts 7-7-7 marathon

Next week Ms McLaren is participating in the Bravehearts 7-7-7 marathon which raises money to support people who were abused in their childhood. M McLaren will run in seven marathons in seven cities in seven days. We wish Dani all the very best as she runs for the fourth year in a row.

If you wish to support this worthy charity, please visit: <https://bravehearts.org.au/support-us/individuals/events/bravehearts-777-marathon/>

School Council news

School Council approved the following educational activities for the second semester:

Approval was given for a Curriculum Day on Monday 30th July

Science Week 13 – 17 August was approved. The focus will be on the program *Wipe Out Waste*. It will involve students in an audit of our litter, learning more about recycling, reducing food packaging and finish with an Art show with works made from recycled articles

NAIDOC celebrations were approved. It will conclude on Friday 29 June, the last day of term; students are asked to wear yellow if in P-2, black for 3/4s and yellow for 5/6s. The 2pm assembly will see students symbolising the aboriginal flag.

SMS notification trial next week

Next week we will be trialling SMS notifications to parents whose children are absent without an explanation. The message will be sent at 10:30 by the administrative software, parents have until 12 midday to respond with an explanation.

Non response will result in the absence being recorded as *absent without explanation* which will generate a letter at the end of the term requesting an explanation for each instance of this type of absence. The department monitors student attendance on a daily basis in every school. An information sheet explaining same day notification was distributed with the newsletter last week. Additional copies are available on request.

I hope you have a great week.



Mark Your Calendar

>> UPCOMING EVENTS



June

- 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**

Aug

- Fri 10 Lab Coat Incursion-Grade Prep \$7.50
- 14-17 Science Week
- Mon 14 Lab Coat Incursion-Grade 1/2 \$7.50
- Wed 15 Nude food day
- Thurs 16 Lab Coat Incursion-Grade 4/5 & 5/6 \$7.50
- Fri 17 Lab Coat Incursion-Grade 3/4 \$7.50
Grade 5/6 attending Essendon Keilor College performance

Pupils of the week last week were:

Prep A - Sahasra
Prep B - Tiffany L
Prep C - Grace C
Prep D - April B

1/2 A - Ewan J
1/2 B - Clarrie W
1/2 C - Sammy F
1/2 D - James A
1/2 E - Axel D

3/4 A - Sofia Z
3/4 B - Bronte A
3/4 C - Hayden L
3/4D - Molly G

4/5A - Bronte D
5/6 A - Joshua G
5/6 B - Jamie S
5/6 C - Ivy L

School Terms

(Student Attendance days)

2018

Term 3 - 16 July to 21 September
Term 4 - 8 October to 21 December

2019

Term 1 - 30 January to 5 April
Term 2 - 23 April to 28 June
Term 3 - 15 July to 20 September
Term 4 - 7 October to 20 December

2020

Term 1 - 29 January to 27 March
Term 2 - 14 April to 26 June
Term 3 - 13 July to 18 September
Term 4 - 4 October to 18 December

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 week. 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.

Please send a gold coin as a donation to the Cathy Freeman Foundation.



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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