

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 March 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

Reading at home

Reading is for meaning. Reading with comprehension means understanding what's been read. It takes practice, time, and patience to develop reading comprehension skills. Families can play an important role in helping a child learn to read for understanding.

First, make sure your child is reading **books appropriate for their reading level**. If a book is too hard, all your child's energy will be put into decoding and reading word for word, with less energy available to figure out what the book means. Books that your child can read with 98-100% accuracy are good choices for comprehension building. You can use the take-home books available to junior students that are 3 – 5 levels below your child's fluency level to develop comprehension.

Reading comprehension skills can be developed using a **before-during-after approach**. You can read more about this approach at: <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-meaning-your-child>.

Reading rockets is a non-profit organisation which has been funded by U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and since 2014, and the Poses Family Foundation.

Many thanks to staff and parents

Yesterday's disruption to traffic on Maribyrnong Road saw many parents unable to collect students at dismissal time. As stated in the Flexibuzz message sent yesterday, students were supervised until parents arrived. Thank you to parents who had not arrived by 4pm, calling to explain their situation. I would also like to thank our specialist teachers who supervised students in the yard until 4pm and to Mr Scarfo and Mrs Broadhurst who read books and comforted distressed students from 4pm in the library, until parents arrived.

Let's 'Give that they may grow' for The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

Each year the Good Friday Appeal brings together people from across the community to raise much needed funds for equipment, research, and education to support staff, patients and their families at The Royal Children's Hospital.

This year Avondale Primary School will donate money raised by the Junior School Council's Casual Dress Day in 2017 and our sausage sizzle to be held on Wednesday 14th March. Lunch order forms have been sent home with students this week and are due back by Friday 9th March.

Families wishing to make an online donation to the Good Friday Appeal are able to do so by following this link: <https://donate.goodfridayappeal.com.au/donate>

Parents who are able to assist on the day with the sausage sizzle are asked to contact the office. All volunteers will receive a free sausage sizzle lunch.

Plastic lunch containers: please write your child's name

Many students bring their lunch in plastic containers. I understand the health and environmental reasons for making this choice. However many containers are left by building entrances, especially where Prep and Grade 1/2 students enter. The containers present a health and safety risk to students and when disposed of, have a greater environmental cost than paper or plastic bags.

I ask parents to write their child's name on reusable lunch containers; I will ask teachers to write the child's family name on plastic containers so that they can be returned and reused.

I hope you have a great week

DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)



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
Tue 13 2nd hand uniform shop 8:30-9am
Fri 16 Grade 5/6 Interschool sport- away - Nth Melb
Wed 21 School Photos
Fri 23 Grade 5/6 Interschool sport - away - Moonee Ponds West
Tue 27 2nd hand uniform Shop 8:30-9am
School Council Meeting and AGM 7:30pm
Thurs 29 Last Day Term 1– **Students finish at 2:15**

April

- Mon 16 First day term 2
Tue 17 2nd hand uniform Shop 8:30-9am
Tue 24 2nd hand uniform Shop 8:30-9am
Wed 25 ANZAC day public holiday
Fri 27 District cross country run (selected students after try outs)
Thurs 10 Mothers Day stall

Pupils of the week last week

were:

Prep A - Olivia C
Prep B - Othniel S
Prep C - Mia M
Prep D - Zach N
1/2 A - Dylan A
1/2 B - Riria O
1/2 C - Billy R
1/2 D - Astar A S
1/2 E - Jake N
3/4 A - Abbey J
3/4 B - Oscar C
3/4 C - Xavier P
3/4D - Irma A
4/5A - Mia B
5/6 A - Sriharsha V
5/6 B - Daniel W
5/6 C - Georgia W

Important Notice to Parents

Procedure for sending money to school:

As per department regulations we request that when families make cash payments to school for excursions, camps and other activities, please place money in envelopes clearly marked with your child's name, grade and what the money is for. (School envelopes are always available at the office please feel free to ask for some.)

The envelopes are then handed to the class teacher by the student first thing in the morning. Should you need to pay a large amount and wish to pay directly to the office please do so before 9.30 am or between 2:30-3.30pm .

Thank you for your support in this matter.
Maria, Ros and Sue in the office

Parents Please Note

To help keep costs down we ask that every child bring a box of tissues to school for their grade.

If you could send one in it would be appreciated.

Classroom
Teachers

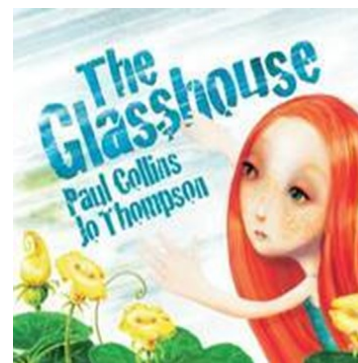


Book Reviews –Treasured and Tried

The Glasshouse by Paul Collins & Jo Thompson

Clara lives inside a glasshouse and grows perfect pumpkins, ensuring that the soil is perfect and there are no bugs. One day she is visited by a boy with a bumpy looking pumpkin, she starts to worry about the effect of the outside on her pumpkins, and becomes paranoid about letting the outside world in to her glasshouse. She becomes obsessed with perfection, eventually people stop coming to buy them and she can no longer afford the best fertilisers and her pumpkins get spots and bumps. She realises that there is more to life and with the help of the boy who becomes her friend, she learns to share fun times. This story has a strong message about the concept of values, perfection, perception, living and enjoying life. A beautiful book with a important message to share. Suitable for 5 years plus and adults.

Review by Liz Oruba



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 3:30pm
Please limit visits to office to these times only.

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