

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 29th March, 2018

Dear Parents,

New School Council

The new school council met for the first time on Tuesday 27 March. At the AGM, the office bearers were elected, they are:

President:	Isabelle Sawtell
Vice President:	Andrew Barker
Treasurer:	Lance Ferguson
Secretary:	Joe Scarfo (DET rep)

Other members are: Ajay Bhargava, Carla Soul, Karena Wojcicki, Morna Ross, Jenna Heywood (DET rep), Tony Baldwin (community member) and Paul Mulroyan (executive officer).

The new council is looking to improving our canteen's facilities and has started investigating locating the Out of Hours School Care to this school.

There are five subcommittees, parents are invited to express interest in joining one or several of these committees. They are: Education, Facilities, Finance, Canteen and Fundraising. If you are interested in contributing to a committee please contact the school office.

Swimming Program

This year the swimming program will run from the 19th to the 30th of November. The program is conducted at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre where students are taught in groups of 12 by qualified instructors employed by the Centre.

This year, Avondale Primary has received government funding for the swimming program. This money is being used to pay for the instructors. Parents will be asked to pay for transport and pool entry. Details about the program and the enrolment process will be published in the second semester.

Cross Country training

I wish to thank Bettina Handley (teacher of 4/5A), Dani McLaren (teacher of 3/4A), Dean Barkell (teacher of 5/6B) and John Cleary (PE teacher) for assisting students prepare for the cross-country race that will be held at Aberfeldie park on Friday 27th April. Students compete in one of three age groups: 9/10, 11 and 12/13 in the girls or boys races. We expect to have six girls and six boys competing in each age group. Successful students were informed today and will be invited to after school training at Canning Street oval from 3:30 to 4pm on Tuesdays 17th and 24th April.

Music lessons with Mrs Shell

Mrs Shell teaches keyboard skills to students on three mornings per week. The lessons begin at 8am and involve practicing on an electronic keyboard (with earphones) and playing on a piano under the direct guidance of Mrs Shell.

Currently there are 85 students participating in this optional program.

No school hat in terms 2 and 3

The risk of ultra violet damage is reduced in the cooler months. In fact, students need to have daily exposure to the sun to help their bodies produce Vitamin D. Therefore our SunSmart policy requires students **not** to wear a hat in Terms 2 and 3.

Congratulations Amanda Salomone

Amanda is getting married over the school break and will return to school as Mrs. Gerace. On behalf of the Avondale Primary School community, I wish Amanda and Joseph all the very best for their special day.

I hope you and your family a happy Easter and safe autumn break.

Paul Mulroyan



DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)

March

Thurs 29 Last Day Term 1 – *Students finish at 2:15*

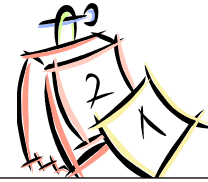
April

Mon 16 First day term 2
Mon 16 Dental van to visit this week
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 (Aberfeldie Park)

May

Fri 4 Fun Run fundraiser - (forms will go home the last week of this term)
Thurs 10 Mothers Day stall
Mon 30 1,2,3 Magic Parenting Strategies 9:30—12:30 (BER)

We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday.



Pupils of the week last week

were:

Prep A Aaren P
Prep B Lam H
Prep C William W
Prep D Jed K
1/2 A Vincenzo C
1/2 B Eliza S
1/2 C Lachie D
1/2 D Sidney C
1/2 E Lexi K
3/4 A Yugo H
3/4 B Anh N
3/4 C Jasmyn G
3/4 D Christian B
4/5 A Ale D
5/6 A Matthew H
5/6 B Bovey H
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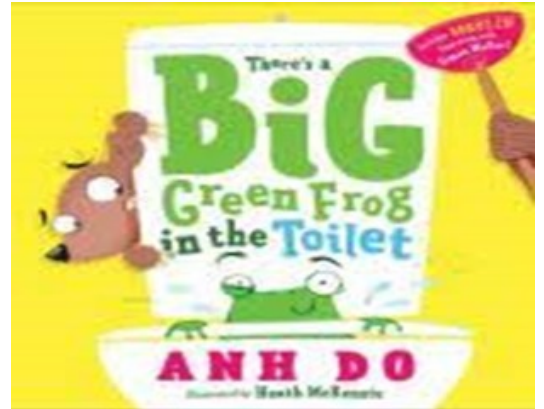
Book Review By Liz Oruba (Avondale PS library technician)

The Big Green Frog in the Toilet

by Anh Do

An amusing story for children with Anh Do's cheeky humour about a frog that hops into the toilet throwing a household of bears into turmoil. Chaos and destruction ensues until the emergency is resolved. Great for 3 to 7 year olds.

This story may assist with toilet training.



New school web site

Today we launch the new school website. <http://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au/>



We would like your constructive suggestions about making the site better for parents. Please email your comments to: avondale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Donating used clothing to support Diabetes Foundation

There is a white wheelie bin at the Mc Donald's end of the front corridor.

If you have any clean, used clothing that you no longer require, why not place it in the bin (in plastic bags please).



Reducing late arrivals

Students who arrive late interrupt the learning of other students.

Parents should ensure that their children arrive by 8:45am.

Strategies to assist timely arrival:

Evening before:

- Early and regular bed time
- School uniform laid out
- Lunch prepared

School day

- Early and regular rise time
- No television
- Breakfast finished in time
- Set leave for school time

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

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