



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 8, 2018

Dear Parents,

Dental Van visit

The company *Mobile Dental Services*, part of *North Star Dental*, has offered its services to students of Avondale Primary School during the first two weeks of Term Two. A mobile dental van will be parked at the front of the school.

Information about this service is being distributed today with the newsletter. For more information you can visit: www.northstardental.com.au

School Council Elections

This year's Council election is now underway. Information was distributed yesterday, the timeline is:

5 March	Call for nominations: four parent positions and one department position
13 March	Nominations close. If a ballot is required, then:
15 March	Ballot papers and candidates statements distributed
22 March	Ballot closes, counting of ballots, declaration of poll
27 March	AGM

Parents talk about their careers – by Frances Ferraro

The Grade 1/2 theme is 'My Community' and currently students are learning about a variety of careers.

Toni spoke to us about her job in the film industry. Our students learnt about TV shows being "pretend"; actors, actresses and various effects make shows look "real" for viewers.

Ayalew shared information about his job as a scientist. Students learnt about the science of germs and how germs come in different sizes. Ayalew studies horses and showed us how horses get sick through germs.

The students and teachers wish to thank Toni and Ayalew as both talks were very engaging and influential. Many of our students are now saying they want to work in film or as germ scientists!



Avondale Heights Community Gardens Mosaic

Former art teacher Tass Hatzikides, assisted year 5/6 students create a mosaic for the Avondale Heights Community Gardens.

Ben Carroll, state member for Niddrie and Minister for Industry and Employment, unveiled our mosaic at the Community Garden's Open Day on Sunday. It will soon be on permanent display at the gardens.

The colourful mosaic is bordered with red, yellow and black denoting the Wurundjeri people who lived in this area. It has a circle with a season represented in each quadrant. Outside the circle are images of indigenous fauna: a possum, lizard, magpie and a butterfly. Many thanks to Rosemary McKenzie for her invitation to participate in the Open Day.



The *East Keilor Rotary Club* is prepared to sponsor a local family use one of the new garden beds to grow their own produce. Please contact the school office if you are interested. Attached is a flyer about the 4th Moonee Valley Art Show on 24th and 25th March, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of East Keilor and Essendon.

I hope you and your family have wonderful week together.

DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)

March

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
Wed 14 Sausage sizzle lunch (pre-paid last week)
Fri 16 Grade 5/6 Interschool sport- away - Nth Melb
Wed 21 School Photos - *envelopes going home today with your child*

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
Last Day Term 1 - *Students finish at 2:15*

April

Mon 16 First day term 2
Mon 16 Dental van to visit this week - *forms going home today with your child*

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 tryouts)
Thurs 10 Mothers Day stall

Pupils of the week last week

were:

Prep A - Rosa V
Prep B - Tessa S
Prep C - Aadi M
Prep D - Kiran L
1/2 A - Mikaret T
1/2 B - Lucas N
1/2 C - Kirat S
1/2 D - Kevin C
1/2 E - Pippa G
3/4 A - Julie N
3/4 B - Soha A
3/4 C - Sophia K
3/4D - Raymond T
4/5A - Christian R
5/6 A - Eleni T
5/6 B - Leah b
5/6 C - Kevin P

St John First Aid in Schools

St John Ambulance will visit our school on Thursday 15th March to deliver free First Aid in Schools training to our students. Through the First Aid in Schools program, trained St John presenters will lead students from prep-6 through tailored sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency.

Our junior students (Prep-2) will learn about how to identify an emergency, keeping themselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance.

Senior students (3-6) will learn about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency.

Participating students will be given a special piece of homework for parents to take home and complete. We encourage you to "do your homework" and go online (www.stjohnvic.com.au/quiz) to see how much you know about First Aid. Are you First Aid READY? More information about the St John First Aid in Schools program can be found

at: www.stjohnvic.com.au/schools

Book Reviews -Treasured and Tried

The Pink Hat by Andrew Joyner

A simple story about the journey of a pink hat and how it makes its way from one owner to the next, until it lands with a young girl who takes it everywhere.

One day she wears it to the historic 'Women's March' where it joins a sea of pink hats. Best suited for children 4 to 8 years old.



Review by Liz Oruba

Use of student bathrooms by parents

We ask that you don't use the student toilets during school hours. If you have a young child that needs to use the bathroom, please ask at the office for directions to adult bathrooms.

Conditions of entry for the MVCC library

- Children under 10 are to be supervised by a responsible adult at all times when in the library.
- Children need to bring their own drink bottles to be filled up at the taps in the library.
- Library cards must be brought in to borrow books or use computers or the Xbox.
- Any rubbish to be placed in bins provided

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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