



## 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 May 17, 2018

#### **Curriculum day tomorrow – *students do not come to school***

Dear Parents,

#### **Student leaders run Friday school assemblies**

Every Friday, we have a whole school assembly. Our school captains organise and lead the assembly bringing in house captains to assist. On days of inclement weather, such as last Friday, there is an indoor assembly. Pictured here are student leaders, in the principal's office, reading out the names of students who received a *Student of the Week* certificate. *Note: The names of students who receive certificates are published on the back page of the following week's newsletter.*



#### **Thank you from RCH for supporting Good Friday Appeal**

We have received a certificate of appreciation the Royal Children's Hospital for our contribution of \$1,570.20. This helped the hospital raise a record amount of \$18,043,251. I wish to thank the families who supported this worthwhile fundraiser. We are very fortunate to have one of the world's leading children's hospitals with its research departments available to our children.

#### **NAPLAN testing this week**

Students in Years 3 and 5 sat four tests this week:

- Language Conventions tests students' knowledge of grammar, spelling and punctuation.
- Writing required students to write a persuasive text supporting an improvement to the school
- Reading tests a student's ability to comprehend, interpret and extrapolate the meaning from text
- Numeracy tests knowledge and application of arithmetic, time, spatial relations and logic.

Individual student results usually arrive early in Term 4. The results indicate where your child is ranked compared with all other Victorian students in their year level.

#### **Grade 1/2s visit Yarrabee Olden Day School**

Last week students experienced education as it was delivered in the 1930s. Strict discipline was enforced in class and teachers expected students to write neatly and pay attention throughout the day. Punishments were harsh and occasionally humiliating. On the other hand some of the playtime activities were great, each student was able to use tin-can stilts to walk around the playground. There are more pictures overleaf.

#### **Fun Run News**

Many thanks to families who supported the Fun Run this year. A combination of wet weather on the planned day and subsequent top dressing of the oval has delayed the actual run.

However the fund raising aspect has been completed and I am pleased to announce that we raised a total of \$6,651.45. This will be used to purchase construction and yard activities for students. The highest individual fund raiser was Coper Kersh from 1/2C who raised a staggering \$1,000.

Prizes will be distributed to students next Friday when, weather permitting, we can conduct the run.



*Paul Murray*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)



### May

- Fri 18 Curriculum Day - *No Students at school today*  
21-25 Book Fair this week  
Mon 21 Prep Open Morning 9-11am  
Tues 22 2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00  
Grade 4/5 & 5/6 Open Morning 9-11am  
School Council Meeting 7:30pm  
Wed 23 Open Morning for Prep 2019 Enrolments-Tours from 9am  
Thurs 24 123 Magic Program (9:30 in the BER)  
Grade 5/6 Science Incursion  
Grade 3/4 Open Morning 9-11am  
Fri 25 Interschool Sport-at home against Kensington  
Run/Walk 4 Fun  
Grade 1/2 Open Morning 9-11am  
Tues 29 Selected music students to visit Ron Conn Centre  
2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00  
Thurs 31 123 Magic Program (9:30 in the BER)  
5/6 Rosehill Sec College Performance Excursion

### June

- Sun 3 Bunnings Fundraiser BBQ  
Tue 5 2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00  
Fri 8 Interschool Sport-away against Holy Rosary  
Mon 11 Queens Birthday Public holiday  
Tue 12 2nd hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00

#### Pupils of the week last week were:

Prep A - Victoria F  
Prep B - Mila B  
Prep C - Sienna P  
Prep D - Henry S  
1/2 A - Harley M  
1/2 B - Lillie S  
1/2 C - Cooper K  
1/2 D - Luki S  
1/2 E - Xavier T  
3/4 A - Dillion Z  
3/4 B - Mikayla B  
3/4 C - Lachlan L  
3/4 D - Alex W  
4/5 A - Aimon T  
5/6 A - Delcine L  
5/6 B - Taimur K  
5/6 C - Siunny L



#### 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.*