



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, November 15, 2018

Dear Parents,

Semester two reports

We are mid-way through the final term and teachers are assessing student growth in literacy, numeracy, art, PE, Italian and thematic studies. The semester two reports will be distributed via email, as a PDF file, on Friday 14th December.

Parents who would like a printed copy of the report can request this at the office before Monday 10th Dec. I also ask non-custodial parents who would like a copy of the report to confirm this with office staff and ensure that the school has your current email address.

Athletics carnival a great success

Congratulations to Green House athletes who blitzed the other houses in a very strong performance last Friday. I congratulate John Cleary on his organisation of the day. Thank you to staff and parents who assisted with activities and supported students during the events.

This year the Aberfeldie track was not available; we were fortunate to secure the Keilor Park track. Many parents commented positively about this facility; we will consider using this in future. Students enjoyed the day and the opportunity to try their best in a range of athletic activities.

Grade 1/2 Special Effects movie

During the recent excursion to ACMI (Australian Centre for the Moving Image) students in Grades 1/2 A, C and D made a movie using special effects with the green screen technology. Parents of students in these grades are invited to view the movies in the BER on Friday, following the morning assembly. It is expected to take 20 minutes for the three movies.

Swimming Program starts next week

The annual 10 day swimming program has been fully subscribed and starts on Monday 19 November. Parents are welcome at the pool during the lessons and can take their own children home afterwards.

Avondale Community Garden - Open Day

The next open day is on Sunday 25th of November from 10am to 3pm. This time, there will be live music by the band 'Times like These'. Children will make a little paper pot and plant a seed into it ready to take home, when it sprouts, pot and all can be planted in the garden. Morning and afternoon tea available as well as a barbecue lunch. More information about this day full of activities can be found at: <https://avondaleheightscg.weebly.com/open-day-25-november-2018.html>.

Sunscreen

As we enter a period of increased UV radiation over the warmer months, measures need to be strengthened to ensure children have reduced exposure to these damaging sunrays. For this reason the school has a 'no hat, no play' policy. Students are encouraged by their class teachers to apply sunscreen before recess to exposed arms, legs neck and face.

Every classroom has a container of *Coles* generic sunscreen. If your child is sensitive to this brand or you prefer your child to use another product, please include your preferred product in their school bag.

Safety around the school

There was a near miss on the school crossing yesterday when a parent and pre-school child were narrowly missed by a passing motorist. Nick, our crossing guard had his sign displayed in the middle of the crossing. To the alarm of those present, the driver was distracted with her mobile phone. I ask all parents to take care when travelling near the school and ask parents of older students to consider collecting your children at 3:25 when most traffic is cleared.

Several parents have contacted Moonee Valley Council asking for 20 k.p.h. speed reduction humps to be installed on Clarendon Street near the school. Providing a safe environment around the school is everyone's responsibility.

I hope you have a great week.



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS



Nov

- Fri 16 1/2 A C & D - ACMI films in BER for parents of these grades
- Mon 19 Book Fair in library
- Tue 20 School Council Meeting
Second hand uniform sale 8:30 –9:00
- Thurs 22 Prep 2019 Transition Day #2
- Mon 19– 30 Swimming Program (M.A.C.) 10 Day Program
- Mon 26 CERES Incursion - Prep
- Tue 27 CERES Incursion - Grade 1/2
Second hand uniform sale 8:30 –9:00
- Wed 28 CERES Incursion - Grade 3/4
- Thurs 29 CERES Incursion - Grade 4/5A
- Fri 30 CERES Incursion - Grade 5/6
- Friday 30 Disco—Fundraising Event

Second-hand Uniform Shop
Open Tuesdays 8:30-9am

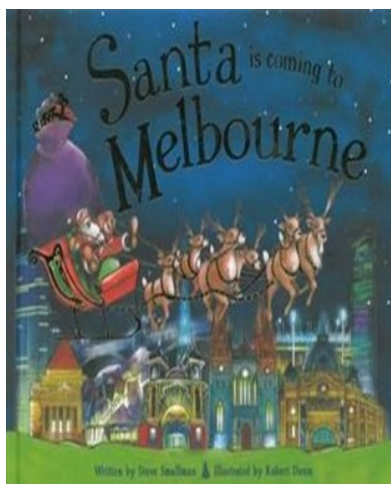
Dec

- Tue 4 Second hand uniform sale 8:30 –9:00
- Thurs 6 Christmas Carols
- Tues 11 2019 Transition—Year 6 to Secondary Colleges
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Second hand uniform sale 8:30 –9:00
- Wed 12 Parent Thank You—Morning Tea
- Thurs 13 Music Concert—BER (Please note that the concert will finalise music lessons for the year)
9:00 - 1/2 A B C
10:00 - 1/2 D E
11:30 - 5/6s and 4/5 A
2:15 - 3/4 A B C D
- Fri 14 Student Reports emailed to parents
- Wed 19 Year 6 Excursion / AMF Bowling
Year 6 Graduation Evening—St Bernard's
- Thurs 20 Last school day. **Assembly 1:00pm students dismissed at 1:15pm**

Book Review

Santa is coming to Melbourne

by Steve Smallman



'Santa is coming to Melbourne', this is the tale of Santa's journey to Melbourne on Christmas Eve. After a few hiccups with his reindeer Santa arrives in Melbourne. As he delivers his presents we can identify with the typically Melbourne landmarks, such as the MCG, Eureka Tower, Flinders Street Station and others. Eventually Santa takes a break in the Botanical gardens before the long journey home to the North Pole. Wonderful story for 3 to 8 year olds. By Liz Oruba

2019 Term Dates

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

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.

Canteen volunteers needed for Thursdays during Term 4. Can you please help?

School Office Hours
8:30am to 9:30am
2:30pm to 3:15pm
Please limit visits to office to these times only.