



## 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 22, 2018

Dear Parents,

### Kinder- Prep transition program

Our Prep teachers hosted kindergarten children in their grades today, this was the second one hour transition session for our new students. The children experienced mat time, listening to a story about farm animals, singing nursery rhymes and playing with toy farm animals. I thank our prep teachers for assisting children to become familiar and happy in the classroom.

### Election Day barbecue

Many thanks to our fundraising committee and parents who have volunteered to staff the barbecue on Saturday during the election. The barbecue will start around 7am and continue to 3pm. The menu is:

- Bacon and egg roll - \$7 (morning only)
- Sausage in bread - \$2.50 (all day) Sausage with onion \$3.00 (all day)
- Hamburger - \$5.00 (lunch time only) Veggie burger - \$5.00 (lunch time only)
- Soft Drinks - \$1.50

### Student positions of responsibility

Attached to today's newsletter is a flyer that explains student leader positions at our school and the selection process. These positions are by the current Year 6 students. The process will start soon for the selection of 2019 student leaders.

### Using the school crossing

I am dismayed to hear reports that parents are crossing Clarendon Street near the library carpark. This is not only dangerous but also sets a poor example to young students. I ask all parents to be aware that young children are watching and demonstrate responsible behaviour around our school.

### Smoking by school

School Council discussed parent concern regarding smoking near the school gates. The council and I wish to remind parents of the government's legislation: From 13 April 2015, *smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools* in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the *Tobacco Act 1987*. A similar ban applying to the entrances and grounds of Victorian childcare centres and kindergartens is also in place.

### Avondale Primary website can be viewed in other languages

Did you know that this school's website can be read in over 100 different languages? To read the website in another language simply go to the website (<http://www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au/>) scroll down to TRANSLATOR (under the Quick Events on the right) and select your preferred language from the drop-down list.

### Bullying Prevention Action Team

I heartily congratulate Ms Heywood and Ms Guthrie on their continuing, proactive approach to preventing bullying among students. They have lead a student representative team who have regular meetings to talk about ways that we can promote friendship, getting along and prevent bullying.

The action team comprises two student representatives from each class. Students discuss junior and senior issues. The action team has developed two acronyms to promote friendship and identify steps students can take if they are not being treated in a friendly way

Avondale students are: **F**riendly **A**ccepting **I**nclusive **R**espectful

Steps students can take: **S**ay stop **T**ell an adult **O**ffer help **P**rotect others

I hope you have a great week.



# Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS



## Nov

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

## Dec

Tue 4 Second hand uniform sale 8:30 –9:00  
 Thus 6 Christmas Carols 6pm  
 Tues 11 2019 Transition—Year 6 to Secondary Colleges  
 2019 Transition—Year 1 to 6 to APS  
 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**

## Pupils of the week awarded on Friday 16th November

Prep A Arren P  
 Prep B Stella N  
 Prep C Viva N  
 Prep D Lola D  
 1/2A Mikaret T  
 1/2B Mina H  
 1/2C Ollie S  
 1/2D Sidney C  
 1/2E Yodi A  
 3/4A Dillion Z  
 3/4B Alex C  
 3/4C Diana & Alvin  
 3/4D George T  
 4/5A N/A  
 5/6A An Nguyen  
 5/6B Daniel W  
 5/6C Samiksha S  
 Italian Christian R

## Book Review

### Our Australian Girl series. Illustrated by Lucia Masciullo



The 'All Australian Girl' series brings history to life. Whether it's a girl's life in privileged household in Adelaide in the 1930's or girl's life in a strict Italian household in Melbourne during the 1956 Olympics. Their various adventures views, questions, emotions are all brought to life with well researched detail. Written by some of Australia's best young fiction authors, with beautifully illustrated covers by Lucia Masciullo. This series will appeal to children from 8 to 12 years.

Review 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

## Current Email Addresses

Student reports will be emailed later this term. If you need to update your email address please email the school at:  
[avondale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:avondale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)  
 Thank you.

### 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.