



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 29, 2018

Dear Parents,

The end of the 2018 school year is only three weeks away. I have been reading student reports and I'm pleased to see our students have made significant progress in their studies. As mentioned previously, this year the semester two reports will be emailed to parents. I suggest that you save the PDF file to a memory stick or portable drive for future reference.

Swimming Program

The swimming program finishes tomorrow. Several parents have commented on their child's growing level of confidence and swimming proficiency. I wish to thank the staff of Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre, our staff and parents who assisted students during the program.

Fundraising committee news

Student Disco There are many excited students looking forward to Friday's disco in the BER. The junior disco, Prep to Year 2, runs from 4:30 to 6 pm.

The disco for students in grades 3 - 6 runs from 7 pm to 9 pm. Students should arrive within 10 minutes of the disco starting and enter the BER, no yard supervision is available. Parents are expected to collect their child from the disco at the finishing time.

Christmas raffle donations. Many thanks to families who have donated prizes to the Christmas raffle. First prize is a wheelbarrow full of gifts, there will be other prizes, namely baskets full of amazing donations. Books of 10 tickets will be sent home with the eldest child today. Tickets are \$2 each. All tickets must be returned by Friday 14th December. The raffle will be drawn 9am, Monday 17th.

Donation received from Sam Carbone of Nelson Alexander Real Estate

I wish to thank Sam Carbone, Sophie Clemente and Nelson Alexander Real Estate for their continuing support of Avondale Primary School. Recently Sam a former student, donated a set of footy jumpers to the school. During the brief ceremony, Sam spoke about his time at this school and showed students a medal he won when his footy team were grand final winners for Avondale Primary in interschool sport.



Yard supervision before and after school

A teacher is assigned to yard duty from 8:40 to 8:50 and from 3:15 to 3:30 daily. This information is published on the back page of our weekly newsletter. I ask that parents consider this information when deciding when to bring children to school. If arriving earlier than the yard duty times, parents are welcome to wait until the yard is supervised.

Recommendation for a student to repeat a grade

Occasionally a class teacher may contact a parent to discuss concerns about promoting a student to the next grade level. The factors considered are: age, student achievement and social-emotional development. This is an important decision and an invitation is given to parents to discuss the matter fully with the class teacher and a senior staff member. Usually, the group will list reasons for and against the decision and give a weighting to each factor. In the end it is the parents' choice that determines the decision. After the decision is made, an agreement form will be signed and filed at the school.

Have a great week.

November

Fri 30 CERES Incursion - Grade 5/6
Friday 30 Disco—Fundraising Event
Juniors 4:30 - 6pm
Seniors 7- 9pm

December

Tue 4 Second hand uniform sale 8:30 —9:00
Thurs 6 Christmas Carols 6pm
Tues 11 2019 Transition—Year 6 to Secondary Colleges
2019 Transition—Year 1 to 6 to APS
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
Tue 18 Second hand uniform sale 8:30 —9:00
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**



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

Pupils of the week awarded on Friday 23rd November

Prep A Xavier L
Prep B Jessica F
Prep C Dee Jay L
Prep D Kirin L
1/2A Kazem K
1/2B Clarrie W
1/2C Adriano P
1/2D Daniel S
1/2E Yoni B
3/4A N/A
3/4B Mikayla B
3/4C Liam C & Yianni P
3/4D Lucas C
4/5A Jelena N
5/6A Matthew H
5/6B Lily H
5/6C Albie S
Italian Peta 3/4D

5/6 CANBERRA CAMP

Students from Avondale Primary School undertook an education tour of the national capital at the end of October. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. The rebate will be paid to families in the next two weeks.

Please Note: Photos of the camp are in a separate attachment with this newsletter



Dear Parents and Students,

The Library has started it's annual stocktake, please return all school library books by the following dates:

Non-fiction Books Mon. 3rd Dec.

Fiction Books Mon. 10th Dec.

Picture Books Thur.14th Dec.

Please note all library borrowing for this year 2018, will cease on Monday 3rd December



School Office Hours

8:30am to 9:30am

2:30pm to 3:15pm

Please limit visits to office to these times only.

Notice to Parents

The school yard is supervised by a teacher on duty from 8:40 to 8:50am and from 3:15 to 3:30pm. Students are expected to be picked up by this time.

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