



## 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 8, 2018

Dear Parents,

### Grade 5/6 students learnt much on the Canberra Camp.

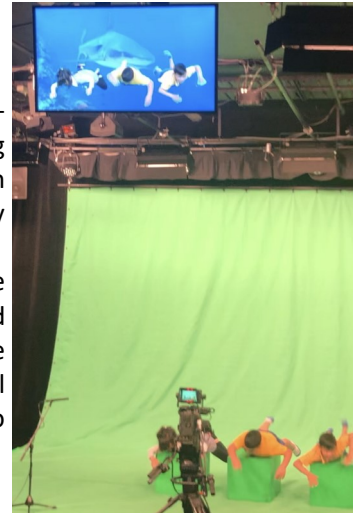
Many thanks to Dean Barkell, Bettina Handley, Jenna Heywood, Kendall Lumby and Ros Blake for taking a week from their private lives to accompany 70, Year Five and Six students to Canberra. This is a fantastic way for our students to learn about governance in Australia. The camp allows students to actually experience the places which they have studied in class. Students visited many Canberra institutions and also had a passing encounter with the Governor-General of Australia, General Sir John Cosgrove. I am pleased to report that the staff of every place visited commented very favourably on the behaviour of our group.



### Grade 1/2s visit ACME By Ms Ferraro

The three grades were split into two groups. One group created their fairy-tale movie using green screen technology. Everyone had a turn at acting and working behind the scenes. Meanwhile, the other group had a look in *Screen Worlds* - where there's an exhibition that shows how technology has developed over the years.

In *Screen Worlds* there were opportunities for children to try alternate reality glasses and see themselves on screens in various ways. Then the groups swapped activities. Towards the end we had a screening where we watched the movie and heard the oohs and aahs of children seeing themselves in a fairy-tale land. It was an educational experience that incorporated our theme of fairy tales, performing arts and technology into one amazing day.



### Athletics Carnival at Keilor Park Track tomorrow

The athletics sports day is an annual event where students compete in their house teams. Every student is expected to attend and compete in a series of athletics events, wearing their house colour. All teachers will be involved in running the sports day at Keilor Park. A Flexibuzz message will be sent at 8 am Friday morning, stating whether the carnival is to go ahead. At this stage the forecast is very promising; it predicts that the day will be cloudy, with a top of 19C and a slight chance of showers in the late afternoon. Fingers crossed.

### 2019 Prep Information Evening

Last night over 80 people attended the information session for parents of 2019 prep students. The presentation focussed upon preparing children for the transition to school and opened with a recording of several current prep students recalling their feelings on their first day at school. The take away messages were:

- Prepare children for the transition by talking about some of the things done at school, e.g. eating from a lunch-box
- Develop your child's ability to put on and take off a windcheater and
- On the first morning, say good bye in a warm, happy and confident manner before leaving the room.

### Trees to be checked on Saturday

Every year the school employs an arbourist to check and trim the trees. Greg usually brings his crew on Melbourne Cup day however this year it was too wet to operate safely. Greg and his team will be working at our school on Saturday, some play areas may be out-of-bounds during his visit.

I hope you have a great week.



# Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS



## Nov

- Friday 9 House Sports/ Athletics Day: Keilor Park
- Tue 13 Second hand uniform sale 8:30–9:00  
Ron Conn visit
- Thurs 15 Prep Transition Day #1  
Grade 1/2B & E - ACMI Excursion
- Mon 19 Book Fair in library (see advertisement below)
- 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
- Friday 30 Disco—Fundraising Event

## Dec

- Thurs 6 Christmas Carols
- Tues 11 2019 Transition—Year 6 to Secondary Colleges  
2019 Transition—Year 1 to 6 to APS  
Parent Thank You—Morning Tea
- Wed 12 Music Concert—BER
- Thurs 13 Year 6 Excursion / AMF Bowling
- Wed 19 Graduation Evening—St Bernard's,

## Pupils of the week awarded on Friday 2nd November

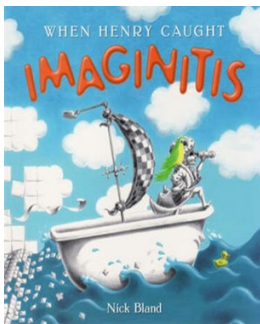
- Prep A Willow M
- Prep B Liam B
- Prep C Alex M
- Prep D Sura T
- 1/2A Saketh N
- 1/2B Ethan H
- 1/2C
- 1/2D Mia B
- 1/2E Jax S
- 3/4A Jenna V & Dante L
- 3/4B Charlee L
- 3/4C Keyra H
- 3/4D Nikolina P
- Italian Mikaret 1/2A



## Book Reviews

### When Henry caught Imaginitis by Nick Bland

Henry is an unusual child, neat and tidy and always serious. Strange thoughts start to pop into his head such as a pirate adventure and wrestling with dragons. Henry hopes to combat these thoughts with the help of a SENSIBLE book, but discovers that he has caught 'Imaginitis'. Henry finds that he shouldn't be in a rush to grow up, his imagination can take him anywhere and let him be anyone. Recommended for children 4 to 7.



By Liz Oruba

# BOOK FAIR!

*Reading Is Out of This World!*

**Date** 19th to 23rd November, 2018      **Place** Avondale Primary School Library

**Time** \* Monday 3.15 to 3.45. Tuesday to Friday 8.30 to 8.50, 1.30 to 1.45, 3.15 to 3.45

Choose from a huge selection of books at the Fair!

### 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.