



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 October 18, 2018

Dear Parents,

Celebrating student achievement in Grades 3/4

Students in Grades 3 and 4 have been studying *Early White Settlement and the Gold Rush* over the past two terms. An important part of this experience was their camp, last week, at Sovereign Hill Goldfields.

Students discovered and tried some of the techniques miners used to find gold, such as panning and sluicing. They also experienced the confinement of an underground mine. This has enriched their understanding of the life and hardships faced by nineteenth century miners and their families.

I congratulate students and their teachers for the quality of their discussions and their projects that illustrate their developing understanding of our history. Pictured here are two dioramas depicting mining at Sovereign Hill; you can view these and others in the school foyer.



Congratulations Arden Stevens

Congratulations to Arden who participated in the 200m sprint and triple jump at the regional athletics meeting. Arden competed with the best athletes from schools in South West Victoria and managed to make the final in both events. A very impressive effort. Well done Arden.

Reading with children

It is the joy and love of sharing a good book on a nightly basis that sets the foundation for children's reading success, and ensures that reading is given the priority it deserves. Reading regularly with someone who cares is the inspiration that all readers deserve.

Setting aside half an hour to read a chapter or two each week night, as children settle into bed, has many benefits for your family, it:

- develops a love of literature and stimulates a child's imagination
- provides a regular bedtime routine
- settles children ready for a good night's sleep.

This is also a good time to collect and recharge digital devices away from their bedroom.

There is more about helping your child with reading and writing at home at the *Primary English Teaching Association Australia's* web page: http://www.petaa.edu.au/imis_prod/w/Teaching_Resources/Parents_guide.aspx/

Election Day barbecue – volunteers required

Our Fundraising Committee plans to hold a barbecue at the school on Saturday 24 November, the day of the next state election. This is a great opportunity to raise money from the wider community. We seek parents to work a two hour shift in a team of three or four, between 7am to around 2pm. The money raised will help meet the cost of extending our well used playground.

Have you changed your contact details?

If you have a new mobile number or email address, please let the office staff (Ros or Sue) know so that your child's record is kept up to date.

I wish you and your family a great week.





Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS



Pupils of the week on Friday 12/10

Prep A - Victoria F
Prep B - Tessa S
Prep C - James P
Prep D - Evan P

1/2 A - Mimi D
1/2 B - Arman S
1/2 C - Jacob N
1/2 D - N/A
1/2 E - Emma D

3/4 A - Xavier D
3/4 B - Jaycob B
3/4 C - Isla R
3/4D - Alex L

4/5A - Sylvia L
5/6 A - Kourosh S
5/6 B - Jason L
5/6 C - Alessio B



Oct

Fri 19 Grade Prep Zoo Excursion
Final Day for 5/6 Canberra Camp payment

Tue 23 Italian Day \$4
Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Fri 26 Grade 3/4 Cricket—Fairburn Park \$8

Mon 29 Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp departs

Tue 30 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00

Nov

Thurs 1 Grade 1/2A,C & D - ACMI Excursion \$32

Fri 2 Grade 5/6 Camp returns 5pm (approx)
Grade 2 Stay Late Night

Tue 6 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wed 7 Prep 2019 Parent Information Night

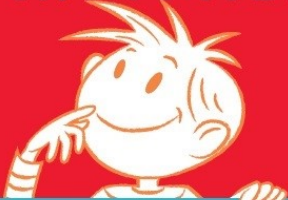
Friday 9 House Sports/ Athletics Day: Keilor Park

Tue 13 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00

Thurs 15 Prep Transition Day #1
Grade 1/2B & E - ACMI Excursion

Mon 26– 30 Swimming Program (M.A.C.)

DON'T FORGET!



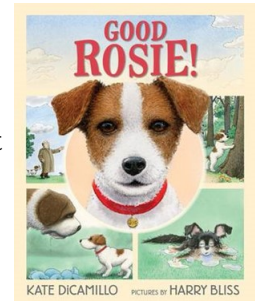
SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:

9 pm. Sunday 28th October, 2018

Book Review

Good Rosie! By Kate DiCamillo

Here's a book that I'd call a first level graphic novel. Rosie is a sweet little terrier who is most content with her Master George, but gets lonely and wants some doggie friends. Rosie mainly goes on walks in the park but one day her George decides to take her to the dog park. At the dog park she meets Fifi and Maurice. None are quite sure how to make friends, but after a few issues are resolved a great friendship evolves. Recommended for children 4 to 7. By Liz Oruba



Want to try tennis?

Free introduction lesson at Essendon Tennis Club.
Kids and Adult sessions available.
Contact Ashleigh on 0422 240 269 or email
ashleigh@vidatennis.com.au to organise your free
lesson time.

Step up to the Buddy Run and say no to bullying!

Sunday 21 October 2018
Alexandra Gardens from 10am

Visit www.buddyrun.org.au for more information.

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 help?

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