



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 11, 2018

Dear Parents,

Avondale Primary is SunSmart in Term 4

Students are required to wear a hat at recess times. We follow the SunSmart protocols and are quite vigilant in enforcing this rule. Students who have not brought a hat are required to spend their recess period in the library alcove. They may visit the canteen or toilet, however they are not permitted to play with their friends in the school yard. Please ensure your child has their hat with them each day so that they can enjoy their study breaks.

Grade 3/4 students enjoy Ballarat camp.

On Monday, students had hands-on experiences panning for gold at Sovereign Hill as part of their three day camp. The camp compliments their studies into early settlement in Victoria. Students also visited the Eureka Centre where they were informed about gold mining in Ballarat.

Many thanks to teacher, Amanda Gerace for posting *Flexibuzz* messages to parents of students in grades three and four.

Good luck Arden, well done Marley...

Congratulations and good luck to Arden Stevens who has qualified for the Western Region athletics championships at Keilor Park Track on Tuesday, October 16th. Arden will compete in the Triple Jump and 200m (11 Year Boys).

Marley Stowers also qualified for the 9/10 Girls shot-put, however she will miss the competition as she is attending Somers Camp). We heartily congratulate both students on their sporting achievement.

Homework – how parents can assist.

The homework policy was developed in Avondale Primary School's homework policy states:

Principles:

Another opportunity for parents to help in their child's education

Parents should be advised of homework expectations

Students should benefit from completing homework regularly

Upper grades should use homework diaries as a means of parent-teacher communication

Failure of students to complete homework regularly should be followed up with parents

Learning Focus

Homework should be:

Reflect the work being done in class

Appropriate to a student's skill and age level

Stimulating but not too complex

Mainly consist of reading but also have a balance of numeracy, literacy and general studies

Should not exceed 30 minutes per day

Lost property boxes overflowing

Our two lost property boxes are overflowing with unclaimed uniform articles. Most items are windcheaters, if your child is missing part of their uniform, please check the boxes which are located in the corridors.

Canteen volunteers required for Thursdays

Di does not have any volunteers for Thursdays this term. I ask parents to consider helping once a month on this day. On days when there are no volunteers to assist, the canteen will prepare lunches only, window sales may not be possible.



I hope you have a great week.



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS



Oct

- Tue 16 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
- Fri 19 Grade Prep Zoo Excursion \$30

- Tue 23 Final Day for 5/6 Canberra Camp payment
Italian Day \$4
School Council Meeting 7:30pm
- Fri 26 Grade 3/4 Cricket—Fairburn Park \$8
- Mon 29 Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp departs

Nov

- Thurs 1 Grade 1/2A,C & D - ACMI Excursion \$32
- Fri 2 Grade 5/6 Camp returns
- Tue 6 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Wed 7 Prep 2019 Parent Information Night
- Friday 9 House Sports/ Athletics Day: Keilor Park
- Thurs 15 Prep Transition Day #1
Grade 1/2B & E - ACMI Excursion
- Mon 26– 30 Swimming Program (M.A.C.)

Pupils of the week on Friday 21/09

Prep A - Betty B
Prep B - Julia N
Prep C - Mia M
Prep D - Ruby S

1/2 A - Jayden L
1/2 B - Adrian Z
1/2 C - Milla L
1/2 D - Steve N
1/2 E - Maika K

3/4 A - Sofia Z
3/4 B - Anh N
3/4 C - Jasmyn G
3/4D - Jared M

4/5A - Sarah O
5/6 A - Monica D
5/6 B - Sofia T
5/6 C - Victor M
Italian - Dante L



Toffee Apples
Grade 3/4 students saw toffee apples being made at Sovereign Hill. 'He used Jonathan apples with a green skin and red toffee to coat them. When he finished with the apples he used the left over toffee to make umbrellas,' said Ms McLaren.

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.

Every Thursday is Student Banking day, don't forget to bring along your bank book to deposit to your account



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?

Camp Payments

Reminder to parents that the 5/6 Canberra camp is approaching quickly. Payments can be made by Bpay, EFTPos (at the office only) or by cash. Please bring the camp booklet with you at the time of payment.

Final payment date is 19 October

Leaving Avondale Primary ?

If you are moving and your child/children will not be attending Avondale Primary School in 2019, please let the office know as we are currently looking at grade numbers for next year. Thank you

Current Email Addresses

If you need to update your email address please email the school at:
avondale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Thank you.

School Office Hours

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