



## 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 25, 2018

Dear Parents,

Fourth term has been very busy with many activities that have enhanced the curriculum. The Italian Day was appreciated by students who learnt about the cultural significance and steps to the tarantella dance. Students also enjoyed the opportunity to eat a free Italian style ice-cream at lunch.

### Zoo visit by Preps

Preps visited the zoo last Friday as part of their study of animals. The students knew many of the animals from their discussion of books that were read in class; the excursion enriched students understanding. Their senses were stimulated as they saw how large or small the animals were and heard and smelt them as they walked through the zoo. Children participated in the Early Learners Explore program where they felt animal fur, a snake's skin and create animal habitats.



### Grade 5 & 6 students visit Canberra

Most senior students are heading to Canberra from Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November for the biennial camp to the national capital. This is part of their current unit on government in Australia. Students have learnt about the three tiers of government: local, state and federal. They will now visit the new and former Parliament Houses, the Australian War memorial, the Royal Mint, Questacon, the national Museum and the Electoral Education Centre among others.

The bus leaves for Canberra at 7:30am on Monday. Students are expected here by 7am, we expect the bus to return around 5pm, depending on traffic conditions. Flexibuzz messages will be sent regularly and updates of their return journey will be provided from mid-afternoon. I wish to acknowledge the following staff who take on the duty of care for students for the duration of the camp without remuneration or compensation: Dean Barkell, Bettina Handley, Jenna Heywood, Kendall Lumby,



### Spring plantings growing well in school garden

New plantings of tomatoes, lettuce, spinach, leeks, eggplants and spring onions are growing very well in our garden. Many thanks to Mr Boffa and his regular crew of enthusiastic student gardeners for keeping the plants well-watered and relatively weed free.

### Preps to visit Kindergarten

Prep students will visit the kindergarten next week as part of the transition program for 2019 students. The visits will take about an hour and involve students working with kinder children on several activities.

### 3/4s cricket skills competition

Tomorrow students in Grades 3/4 will visit Fairburn Park from 9:30 to 11:30. Students from Avondale Primary and other schools will be grouped together to work on developing cricket skills. This is a great way for children to meet their counterparts in neighbouring schools before playing them in interschool sports competitions in Years 5 and 6. Mr Cleary and class teachers will attend the session.

### School Council News

Local member for Niddrie Ben Carroll accepted an invitation to visit the school council on Tuesday evening. School Council had previously presented a case for a new school building to Mr Carroll who was very sympathetic to this case. He stated that the school had provided him with sufficient information to make the case, however funds had been used for the redevelopment of the Autistic school in Dousta Gulla and the new facility at Rose Hill Secondary. Mr Carroll stated that Avondale Primary is at the top of his list for future funding.

School Council approved the upgrade to the school canteen: a new wider stove and cabinet work including drawers will be installed as well as a new food preparation and island bench.

Have a great week,



## Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS



### Oct

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  
 Tue 20 School Council Meeting  
 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00  
 Thurs 22 Prep 2019 Transition Day #2  
 Mon 26– 30 Swimming Program (M.A.C.)

### Pupils of the week on Friday 19/10

1/2 A - Jack W  
 1/2 B - Lucas N  
 1/2 C - James R  
 1/2 D - Chase R  
 1/2 E - Jarrod F

3/4 A - Aleza C  
 3/4 B - Abbey W  
 3/4 C - Regis U  
 3/4D - Andy Q

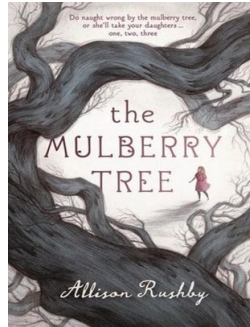
4/5A - Christian R  
 5/6 A - Arden S  
 5/6 B - Danika G  
 5/6 C - Dane P



## Book Review

### The Mulberry Tree by Allison Rushby

Immy is forced to move from her vibrant life in Sydney to a country cottage in England for fresh start. Immy feels lonely as there are only 3 girls in her country school, none of whom talk to her and their house has a creepy old Mulberry Tree in the backyard with a sinister legend attached to it. Immy decides to solve the Mulberry Tree mystery and in doing so befriends kids in her class. An engaging but eerie novel for readers that like a supernatural element Recommended for children 10 -12.  
 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](mailto:ashleigh@vidatennis.com.au) to organise your free lesson time.

### 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?**

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



## UPDATING YOUR DETAILS

Please ensure that you have all contact numbers for yourself and emergency contacts up to date. There are times when we may need to contact you urgently - ie: if your child is injured or unwell at school. Should you have a new home address or workplace please notify us on these details too. If you are unsure if the numbers are all correct please call at the office and ask us to check these details. Thank-you

Ros and Sue

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