



## 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 September 20, 2018

Dear Parents

### Safety on public transport

A report was brought to my attention recently about two of our students on a bus who were questioned by a passenger. The students answered the questions respectfully, however the witness became concerned as the questions started to seek information about their school and home. I suggest that parents discuss safety with children and provide a script such as: 'Thank you for your questions but my parents have told me not to talk to adults I do not know.'

### Book Parade

Congratulations to our students who wore simple, colourful, imaginative and home-made costumes. Students looked wonderful as they paraded around the stadium in their grades. The simplicity of their outfits added to the appeal – the homemade paper mask or painted box was all that was needed to enjoy the character students portrayed. Many thanks to parents being very supportive.

### School Council News

2019 School Fees will be \$260 per child and a voluntary \$20 grounds payment per family. Council discussed the cost of book packs and classroom consumables (various types of bulk paper, adhesives, paints and consumables). This year the cost of software used by students is also included. This has become a major expense for our school as enrolments increase beyond the 400 benchmark.

New books: Council approved the expenditure of \$7,000 to purchase additional take-home readers for Preps to Grade 2 students. Our students have read through our current supply and new books are needed to maintain their interest. The new readers will be available for borrowing early next term.

New artificial turf: Laying artificial turf in another area was approved by council. It will be installed between the buildings near the library. The turf is very popular with students and at times becomes quite crowded; it was agreed that another area for older students will be a welcome addition.

School Uniform Online Survey: Council is seeking parents' opinion on the quality of uniform articles, the convenience of the current supplier's location and overall satisfaction. There are nine questions where you rank your opinion (1 for low through to 10 for high) and one comment area. To complete this survey go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/sawEFhWc7VrT6YBs1>

### Moonee Valley Initiative

Do you have retired relatives looking for something to do?  
Moonee valley Repair Café - community information drop-in session

Are you passionate about cutting down the amount of waste you create? Do you have an old heirloom sitting in your garage in need of repair? Repair Cafés are for you and one is coming to Moonee Valley very soon!

Some enthusiastic community members are starting up a repair café in Moonee Valley and are looking for your support. They will need a range of skilled helpers, so if you can fix a punctured bike tyre, darn a sweater or rewire a 1920s tube-radio they need you! Whatever your particular talents may be, come along to this session to see how you can get involved. Don't worry, if you can't use a wrench or sewing machine, the group also need greeters and photographers and generally passionate people to make this amazing idea happen.

So come along to this drop-in session, make some new friends, learn more about repair cafés and whatever your particular talent may be they'd love to find a place for you!

When: 6pm-8pm, Thursday 6 October

Where: Sam Merrifield Library, 762 Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds

Further information at <https://www.facebook.com/events/233006950709430/>



I hope you and your family have a great holiday

*Paul Murray*



# Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS



## Sep

Fri 21 Last Day Term 3. *Students finish at 2:15pm*

## Oct

Mon 8 First Day Term 4  
 8-10 Grade 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp  
 9-17 Somers Camp  
 Tue 9 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00  
 Tue 16 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00  
 Fri 19 Grade Prep Zoo Excursion \$30  
 Grade 3/4 Cricket Day  
 Final Day for 5/6 Canberra Camp payment  
 Tue 23 Italian Day \$5  
 School Council Meeting 7:30pm  
 Fri 26 Grade 3/4 Cricket—Fairburn Park  
 Mon 29 Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp departs

## Nov

Thurs 1 Grade 1/2 ACMI Excursion  
 Fri 2 Grade 5/6 Camp returns

### Pupils of the week on Friday 14/09

Prep A - Layla  
 Prep B - Linda J  
 Prep C - Christian G  
 Prep D - Jed K

1/2 A - Ewan J  
 1/2 B - Mason B  
 1/2 C - Sienna D & Chris T  
 1/2 D - Chantelle D  
 1/2 E - Xavier T

3/4 A - Alexander T & Jorja V  
 3/4 B - Chloe D  
 3/4 C - Aiden S  
 3/4D - Ava S

4/5A - Ashleigh L  
 5/6 A - Max F  
 5/6 B - Jayden N  
 5/6 C - N/A



## Thank You

Avondale Primary School Community would like to thank the following people for their generous donations to our very successful sports day raffle:

Sam Carbone and Sophie Clemente at Nelson Alexander—Keilor East  
 Mathew Sawtell  
 Essendon Football Club  
 Rice Fields Restaurant  
 Royal Melbourne Show  
 Sovereign Hill  
 Coles Avondale Heights  
 Zone Bowling and Laser Tag - Highpoint  
 Melissa Dolheguy  
 Ferraro Family  
 Parent Helpers



The winners of the prizes were:

1st - Neel Bhargava  
 2nd - Alan Coderane  
 3rd - Lucas Krypuy  
 4th - Porntipa Parphet  
 5th - Liam Cameron  
 6th - Hiyab Negash  
 7th - Cooper Kersh  
 8th - Thuy Nguyen

## Camp Payments

Reminder to parents that the 5/6 Canberra camp is approaching quickly. Payments can be made by Bpay, EFT Pos (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

Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding amount due.



Summer basketball season starts at the beginning of term 4. If you've kids interested in playing for Avondale Raiders you can contact Peter Jukes on 0417 542 179. They have boys, girls and some mixed teams at under 10s, 12's and 14's for primary aged kids. Training at various times (afternoon or early evening depending on age groups) but always at the court next to Avondale library with games on Saturday mornings. We are looking for **girls in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2** (born 2010, 2011, 2012 ) for an under 10 girls team, as well as any other interested players.

### 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.*

Help at the canteen and see your child smile!



### School Office Hours

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