



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.

Dear Parents,

Principal's Report

Thursday September 6, 2018

New artificial turf very popular with students

Younger students are enjoying the new artificial turf area as a picnic spot, group meeting place, exercise mat or just a place to walk with an interesting feeling under-foot. When we acquire toys for the new container, students will play with them on this area.

5 minutes of your time can give our students \$80,000 of improvements

The Victorian Government's *Pick My Project* community grants will distribute over one million dollars to each of 15 regions across the state. The projects are selected by popular online voting. We ask all families to go to <https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/> and login or register to vote for *Avondale Primary Activity Playground*. Please ask your friends and relatives to vote for our project as well. It would take over four years to raise this amount from fundraising. **Voting closes: 5pm, Monday 17 September.**



Online Student Safety – your vigilance needed

At a recent school presentation on Bullying and Cyber Safety, students in grades 3-6 were asked by the presenter if they were engaged in social media or online games. A staggering 75-80% of children stood up and confirmed that they had agreed to the terms and conditions of joining the sites.

Many of the children seemed unaware that they were too young to be on these sites.

Most social media services require users to be at least 13 years old. This is to comply with the *Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998*. This is a US law preventing the collection and storage of personal information from a child under 13.

This link shows social media services, the terms of use minimum age, app store and google play ratings: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/social-networking/is-there-an-age-limit-for-kids-on-social-media>

Parent Opinion Survey - extended

The closing date for the Education Department's online Parent Opinion Survey has been extended to **Sunday 9 September 2018**. Parents can submit completed online surveys until 11:59PM Sunday 9 September 2018.

- Should you have any technical queries regarding the "Your School, Your Say" portal, please do not hesitate to contact ORIMA Research on 1800 654 585 (toll free), or by email: pos@orima.com
- Should you have any participation or general survey-related queries, please contact the Department by email: parentopinion.survey@edumail.vic.gov.au

Parent helpers information sessions – Thursday 13th September 9:30 and 2:30

Parents will need to have a current volunteer's Working with Children check (WWC) to assist in classes, excursions and canteen next year. These are free for volunteers. Parent Information sessions will be given next week by Ms Heywood. Laptop computers will be available for parents to use immediately following the information sessions to apply for a WWC; Ms Heywood is able to provide assistance when applying online.

Garden club news

Students in the Garden Club spread their homemade compost into the soil of the garden in preparation for planting today. The gardeners have been perfecting their compost mix by adding organic green matter, straw, paper and water on a weekly basis. We are using it to add extra nutrients into our soil! We are hoping for a really impressive crop this season. Why not pop over and see our veggie garden while waiting for your children? *By Nick and the gardeners.*

I wish you and your family a good week



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS



Sept.

Fri 7 District Basketball Tournament (selected 5/6s)
 Wed 12 Sports Day *Raffle Tickets* due back by today
 Thurs 13 Parent Helper Information Session 9:00am & 2:30pm
 Instrumental Music Concerts
 9:00 - 1/2 A,B & C
 10:00 - 1/2 D&E
 11:30 - 3/4 A,B,C&D
 2:15 - 5/6 & 4/5A

Fri 14 Annual Sports Day
 Tue 18 Second hand uniform sale 8:30-9:00
 Wed 19 Book week parade
 Thurs 20 Meerkat productions book week performance \$8.00
 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
 Grade 3/4 Cricket Day
 Final Day for 5/6 Canberra Camp payment due today
 Italian Day
 Tue 23 School Council Meeting 7:30pm

Pupils of the week on Friday 31/08

Prep A - Kiefer T
 Prep B - Zain R
 Prep C - Grace C
 Prep D - Audrey M

1/2 A - Neel B
 1/2 B - Ethan R
 1/2 C - Maneli G
 1/2 D - James A
 1/2 E - Srisowrya V

3/4 A - Alexander T & Lauren V
 3/4 B - Simeon R
 3/4 C - N/A
 3/4D - Ramy W

4/5A - Lillian L
 5/6 A - Lachlan P
 5/6 B - Jacob V
 5/6 C - Samuel D
 Italian - Mariana P



Father's Day Breakfast

Last Friday, seventy nine families attended the Father's Day Breakfast. Mr Mulroyan and Mr Scarfo cooked bacon and eggs for the dads, whilst the Junior School teaching staff served cereal and drinks to the Prep/1 students.

The morning provided a great opportunity for the students to celebrate Father's Day with their dad and to chat with other families in their year level. The event was a positive experience for all.

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of **Sam Carbone from Nelson Alexander** for the donation of the Hoyts voucher to the value of \$120, **Coles Supermarket Avondale Heights** for the \$30 voucher and **McDonalds Avondale Heights** for the many food vouchers and sports balls they donated to the raffle.

Congratulations to Affan's family, from Prep D, who will be enjoying their movie voucher over the holidays! A special thank-you to Mr Mulroyan and Mr Scarfo for cooking the bacon and eggs, Ms Heywood, Mrs Broadhurst and all the Prep and Grade One teachers for volunteering their time for this event.



Some of our Avondale students who competed in the District Athletics on Monday. Arden and Marley will progress to the Regional finals.

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.

School Office Hours

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

Help at the canteen and see your child smile!