Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term Two...
I warmly welcome students and staff back to school for the eleven week second term. This is a busy term that includes: the senior swimming program (see below), nation-wide NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3 and 5, Mothers Day stall, Family Life program, Book Fair and several grades will be taken on an exciting excursion. The themes being studied by students in grades this term are:

- Preps    My House (weeks 1-5) and Healthy Habits (weeks 6-11)
- One/Two   Animals and Minibeasts
- Three/Four Indigenous Cultures of Australia
- Five/Six   Australian Geography

If you have resources that may assist students in their topic, please suggest this to a teacher.

Swimming Program...
I am pleased to report that the senior swimming will run for nine days starting Monday 19 April. Students will leave for the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre around 1.40pm for a 45 minute lesson starting at 2pm. Students should be back in time for the final bell. Witches hats will be placed on the road in front of school, I ask parents to leave this space clear for the bus. Would parents who haven’t made final payment please finalize this at the office tomorrow.

Roof over basketball court....
We start this term with part of the school yard securely fenced for the construction of a roof over the basketball court. The new structure is now expected to be finished tomorrow and students will be able to use the court again on Monday. The project was financed through the Commonwealth Government’s Building Education Revolution program.

Assistance in application for funding requested...
We seek assistance from interested parents in writing grant applications for the improvement of our fledgling sustainability program. Several government departments have monies available to community and school groups to improve their practices and facilities. We are looking for parents who have experience in this area to provide a little time in seeking sources of grants and/or assisting in the drafting process. Please see Nancy Wilkinson, Maria Roach or myself if you are interested.

Congratulations Fundraising Committee on raising $1,800...
I would like to acknowledge the great work being done by our fundraising committee. The committee in turn thanks the following volunteers who worked very hard to ensure the ‘Bunnings Barbecue’ was a success: Dianne Carrington, Tia Clarke, Valda Carrick, Melissa Dawnes, Lisa Hills, Marie Lam Keng Yee, Alexandra Lopez, Donna and Nick Melican, Nick Shea, Peter Stanovsek and Kelly Stewart. The money raised will be used to purchase outdoor furniture for students to use in the school yard.

The committee thanks the following firms for their generous support:
Coles Avondale Heights, Mastercut Food Industries (25 Assembly Drive), Milleara Fresh Fruit (onions), Safeway Highpoint, Schweppes Australia and Tullamarine Sausages

Council Meetings
Council and subcommittee meetings for Term 2 are:
- School Council    7.30pm Monday 19 April and 17 May
- Finance Subcommittee  7pm Monday 19 April and 17 May
- Facilities Subcommittee  5pm Friday 16 April and 14 May
- Fundraising Subcommittee  9am Friday 30 April and 4 June
- Canteen Subcommittee  2.30pm Tuesday 22 June

Canteen Enquiries
I ask that all telephone enquiries about canteen operating times be directed to the school office and that we avoid calling the manager on her home phone about issues.

Have a great week.

Paul Mulroyan
DATES TO REMEMBER
(subject to change check regularly)

April
Friday 16th   Facilities Committee 5pm
Monday 19th  Finance Committee meeting 7pm
           School Council Meeting 7:30pm
19th—30th  Senior Swimming Program (9 days)
Monday 26th   Anzac Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 28th Guitar Lessons instead on last Monday
           5/6 Excursion to Rosehill College
           Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
Friday 30th  Fundraising meeting 9:15am

May
Friday 7th    Mothers Day stall
Wednesday 12th Preps Transport Excursion

Newsletters can be found every Friday on our website - www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au.
You can also check this site for the term Calendar.

Rebel Sport Fundraiser
When you purchase goods at Rebel Sport Highpoint and mention Avondale Primary School in the MVP program, the school receives 5% of the purchase price and you receive a 5% discount. Why not mention this next time you’re there?

The World’s Greatest Shave
The Junior School Council is made up of two students from each class across the school. We had a meeting this week to discuss which charity we would like to support this term. The Leukaemia Foundation has a World’s Greatest Shave each year. This shave can be organised at any time of the year. Mr Hatzikides has volunteered to shave off his beard to support this great cause. It would be wonderful if every student could make a gold coin donation on Thursday the 22nd of April. On the following, at our whole school assembly, we will watch Mr Hatzikides shave off his beard. We hope everyone will support this cause to raise money for seriously ill Leukaemia sufferers. We look forward to seeing how handsome Mr Hatzikides is without his beard hair!!

Ms Watson and the J.S.C Representatives

Essendon Keilor College
East Keilor Campus
for students in Years 7 - 10

Open Day
Tuesday 20th April 2010
Parent Information Session
7.00 pm

Tour Times
View the Campus 'at work’
9.15 am
11.30 am
1.45 pm
6.00 pm - featuring student performances

Campus Tours are also available on Monday and Friday mornings by appointment. Please ring 8331 0106 to make a booking

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