Dear Parents,

Swimming Program a success...
Senior school students have benefitted from their nine day program at Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre (MAC). Students were instructed in water safety and swimming techniques. They have made significant improvement in their swimming ability and are more aware of ways to be safe in and around water. I wish to thank the dedicated staff at the MAC for the care and enthusiasm.

Redevelopment of former Kangan Batman TAFE site...
I received a letter from VicUrban stating its intentions to transform the former TAFE site into a residential community of 270 new homes and apartment dwellings. The letter states 'The project will include significant landscaped public open space areas and offer a mix of detached dwellings, townhouses and apartments in a master planned estate well connected through to the existing neighbourhood. A number of the new dwellings could also be designed to include small home office facilities.
I invite you and members of the Avondale Primary School to attend our drop in information session to obtain further information from VicUrban and our development partner Australand, and view concept plans for this proposed development.
We are seeking local feedback which we will seek to incorporate into final designs where possible. A planning permit application will then be submitted to Moonee Valley City Council which is the responsible planning authority.
The Community Information Drop in Session will be held at: The Triple Room, Avondale Primary School. Enter from Sydney Street, opposite Robson Avenue'.

Anaphylaxis meeting for parents...
There will be a meeting for parents of students susceptible to anaphylaxis next week. At the meeting the school’s policy and practices will be explained and reviewed. Parents will have the opportunity to gain detailed knowledge about the schools management practices and have the opportunity to suggest further improvements.

Personal Property...
Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This may include mobile phones, calculators, toys and sporting equipment. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Every care is taken by class teachers to ensure that students property is kept safe; parents should consider carefully any request by a student to bring valuable or significant items to school.

Reading Recovery for Year One students...
This year Jess Smyth is the school’s Reading Recovery teacher. This program has a rigid selection process and targets Year One students who need assistance to bring their reading ability up to the expected level. The program provides each student with a 30 minute one to one lesson with the Jess. Extensive assessments are taken to chart student progress. Students are usually on the program for two terms; Jess is able work with eight students throughout the year.

Have a great week
### DATES TO REMEMBER
(subject to change check regularly)

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### 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?

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### Environmental News

**Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,**

The student leadership team at Avondale Primary School is working on a gardening project that will not only be fun for children to participate in, but will help make the environment a better place to be. The student leadership team has put in a lot of effort to think of some ideas on how we can improve our school's environment, so therefore we would like everyone to participate. In a few weeks time, your classes will have one session weekly that will mainly be for watering and planting new flowers and trees. I hope this becomes a success to our school and I hope to see students enjoying themselves, because this will become very good for our environment and nature. Let's make our world a better place to be!

Emma Medvedovic

**Garden Beds**

We want Avondale Primary to be clean and bright. We will feel good about our efforts and this will help create a positive image of our school. This will also enhance our reputation in the community.

In addition to making the school clean and bright, students will also learn about plants, sustainability, what happens in nature, and working together in co-operation.

If your grade’s garden is neat, tidy and pleasant to look at, your grade will take pride as well as the school and the Avondale community.

It is important to maintain a clean environment because every piece of paper you drop may eventually end up in either our rivers, oceans or reservoirs. Taking responsibility of our school garden is not just for some of us, it’s everyone’s responsibility!

We all need to do our part in taking care to the environment. So take care of your grade’s area and make our school proud.

Darcy Roach

The student leadership team has been trying to come up with ideas on how to help the environment. Each grade has been allocated a garden bed to keep clean and healthy. We plan on using native plants so they won’t need lots of water and will attract native wildlife. We want to make our school look friendly and welcoming to all new students starting primary school. Help give our school a bright, promising future. We are not just doing this to make the school look beautiful. We would like our school and our world to be clean and healthy place to live and who knows, rumours spread like wildfire. If people hear what we are trying to do for the environment the message will spread.

Thank-you

By Andrew Dang and Elisha Elkin

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### Community Tree Planting Days

Help local community groups plant indigenous plants in Moonee Valley.

No need to book in, just come down and spend as much or little time as you have.

Please remember to bring your gardening gloves, wear full length clothing appropriate for the weather and sturdy foot wear.

Bring your mug for light refreshments.

**Saturday 15th May 10am – noon**

Friends of Maribyrnong Valley Planting Day

Tea Gardens Reserve, End of Tea Gardens Drive, Avondale Heights

Mel Ref 27 G6

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