Dear Parents

Science Week – A great success
I warmly congratulate Nancy Wilkinson and Maria Roach for a spectacular Science Week. The week culminated in our participation in Tree Planting Day. I thank Bronwyn Pearce for her day-long leadership in weeding and enriching the gardens at the front of the school. Every student had the opportunity to contribute to planting grasses, shrubs or trees.

We celebrated parent contributions to school life at the end of the day by dedicating the sensory garden to Beau Butcher. A plaque was unveiled and students walked along the winding path through the sensory garden before being dismissed.

Sports Day
I wish to congratulate the Fundraising Committee on their outstanding work in organising the prizes, visiting players and raffle for the Sports Day. There are ten fabulous prizes including, Royal Melbourne Show family passes, 4 burner barbeque, student desks and of course a framed and signed, Western Bulldogs Jumper.

Curriculum Day – Monday 9 August
Every government school in Victoria will have a Curriculum (pupil free) Day on Monday 9 August. The day will be used to induct primary and secondary teachers into stage one of the Ultranet. This is an online learning environment, where teachers will plan, share and deliver learning activities utilising many web based resources.

Joe Scarfo, Tass Hatzikides and Michelle Portelli will lead our teachers through a rigorous program.
In session one Joe will lead staff in increasing their awareness of Learning in and for the 21st Century
Session two will see Tass lead teachers into the Ultranet’s Design space to develop familiarity and skills in using Web 2.0 tools
In session three Michelle will lead our review of privacy, copyright and cyber safety.

Canteen to start Trading – Thursday 12 August
I congratulate Dianne Cunningham on the fantastic job she did, with assistance from Tony Annetta, in ensuring the temporary canteen facilities met with approval by Moonee Valley City Council Health department.

The canteen will start trading immediately following Sports Day next week. The full menu will be available for students; however there are some changes in distributing the food.

The temporary canteen was built for other purposes; there isn’t a safe area for students to line up without encountering tripping hazards or muddy areas; therefore no food will be sold from the canteen door. All food and drinks will need to be ordered at the beginning of the day, in class. Orders will be delivered to class immediately before recess and lunch.

Watch out, magpies! ...
It’s not quite nesting season yet, but it is footy season and this weekend the Cats play the Maggies at the MCG. When first plays second on the ladder it usually promises a highly skilled and gripping game. Many predict it may attract a record crowd – I think the Cats will steal top spot with a 23 point win.

Have a great week.

Paul Mulroyan
Science Week Activities

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Avondale Primary School will be celebrating ‘Children’s Book Week’ this year with a few special events. The theme for Children’s Book Week is ‘Across the Story Bridge’. There will be a thematic display in the library with all the award winning, and short listed children’s books on display.

Special events:
**Monday 23rd to Fri. 27th Aug.**
A Bookfair will be held in the library where children will be able to browse and buy a selection of scholastic books. From 8.35 -3.30, Monday to Friday

**Tuesday 24th Aug.**
Incursion with visiting author ‘Mini Goss’. (Mini Goss will also have a selection of her books available for purchase on the day). **Incursion Cost $3.00 per child. Please return all forms with money by Thurs. 19th August.**

**Thursday 26th Aug.**
‘Dress as a Book Character’ for the day, with a ‘Book Character’ parade in the morning at 9.15 am. **Prizes will be awarded** to one character at each grade level. All children and teachers are encouraged to **come in costume** and have a great day.
DATES TO REMEMBER
(Subject to change please check regularly)

August
Monday 9th  Curriculum Day (No Students to come to school)
Tuesday 10th  Education Sub-Committee Meeting—3:30pm
Wednesday 11th  Sports Day
Thursday 12th  Canteen Re-Opens Lunch orders can be sent to school on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
Monday 16th  Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm
              School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Tuesday 17th  Australian Schools Test—Maths
Wednesday 18th  Premiers Reading Challenge Closes
Thursday 19th  Essendon Keilor College perform ‘Fame’ for Grade 5/6s
23rd—27th  Children’s Book Week
Wednesday 25th  Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre 1:30
Thursday 26th  Book Week Parade
Friday 27th  Fundraising Meeting 9:15am
Tuesday 31st  Zone Athletics

September
Friday 3rd  Grade Prep and One Fathers Day Breakfast
6th—16th  Junior Swimming Program

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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?

Thank-You
to Flatman's Timber and Home Hardware
601 High Street
Mount Waverley
9802 9211
For the donation of 10 trowels and children's gardening gloves for use on Tree Planting Day

MUSIC LESSONS
Spaces are now open for Keyboard—Grades 3 and 4.
There are spaces available for guitar lessons too.
See the general office for Permission forms.
Maxine Shell

Avondale Anklebiters Playgroup are Having a Pie Drive with Tony’s pies. Forms are available from the office with all the information required. All proceeds will go towards new activities equipment for the playgroup. Contact Nicole Mina 0417 716 922 if you have any questions.

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Petsa Gurrisi 0439 576 560 or Pat Senserrick 0407 331 621 between 4:00 and 6:00 pm Mon-Thur

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