Dear Parents

Christmas Effort…
Thank you to families who have made a donation to this year’s Christmas effort. The wheelbarrow is still in need of donations. I ask that families provide articles that do not deteriorate or have an expiry date before January 2011. The winning ticket will be drawn during assembly on Monday 13th December.

Excursions enjoyed by students…
During this fortnight we have had two excursions for students. Fairy Park in Anakie was the destination for students in Years One and Two. Although the weather was quite warm, students enjoyed the opportunity to explore this wonderland of fairy-tale icons. “My favourite part was Alice in Wonderland and I also liked the pictures of Alice and the Gingerbread Man,” said Kathryn. Pictures of Anakie are attached.

Students in Years Three and Four are visiting Legoland in Moonee Ponds. This store caters for school groups; staff explain the function of simple tools in relation to the application of mechanical principles. Students can then apply these principles as they construct models; students who have an interest in this area frequently approach their own Lego toys with a deeper understanding of their constructed models.

Thank you to school Councillors and sub committee members…
I wish to acknowledge and thank the parents who have willingly volunteered their time and energy into supporting the school through its governance structures this year.

The School Council members are: Tony Baldwin (president), Hien Bui, Nyree Creek, Lindsay Grant, John Greenwood, Olympia Koziaris, Bronwyn Pearce; staff representatives are Travis Carrick and Lisa Needham. The Education Subcommittee comprising Olympia Koziaris and Kerry Baud have discussed and reported to Council on some of the instructional initiatives implemented this year.

A very energetic Fundraising Committee comprising Dianne Carrington, Lisa Hills, Donna Melican, Kelly Stewart and Kathryn Vadnjal have done an outstanding job this year. We will have over $10,000 worth of external seating for students. A further $10,000 will be used to improve sports facilities in 2011.

Dianne Cunningham and Lynne Cicala have been on the Canteen Committee and both have ensured that the quality of food is high while maintaining very low prices for families. I also thank canteen volunteers who have generously donated their time throughout the year.

Volunteer gardeners welcomed…
It is wonderful to see the rain filling our rivers, streams and water storage facilities. The sight of verdant green ovals and lawns in December is a new experience for all of our current students and stretches the memory of staff. However, as welcome as the rain is, it has a dramatic effect upon the schools garden beds. I ask for parent volunteers to assist weed gardens and pathways. If you have some time and are interested in assisting, please pop into the school.

Have a great week.

All Library Books are due back Friday 3rd December
DATES TO REMEMBER
(subject to change check regularly)

December
Friday 3rd  Lego Excursion Grade 3/4B and 4/5A
              Student library books due back at School
Tuesday 7th Grade Six Students Orientation at Secondary Schools
Wednesday 8th Parent Helpers Morning Tea-10:45am
5th-10th  Final Music Lessons this week
Monday 13th Grade Six Graduation
Thursday 16th Christmas Carols—more information will be provided in the coming weeks

Last day for Lunch Orders from the Canteen
Friday 17th Last day term 4 Students finish at 1:15
              Canteen Closed

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?

Carols and Choirs in
QUEENS PARK

The whole community is invited to Moonee Valley City Council’s annual Carols and Choirs in Queens Park on Sunday, 12 December. The evening will feature favourites such as the Moonee Valley Brass Band and Essendon Choral Society along with a range of great acts. The festivities begin with free children’s craft activities from 6pm. Candles, songbooks and refreshments will also available for purchase before the performances start at 7pm.

Christmas Raffle Reminder
Families are being asked to donate an item to help fill our Wheelbarrow in the foyer. The wheelbarrow full of goodies will be first prize in the Christmas raffle. We ask that you donate only new items that are of a Christmas theme, and items that will not spoil before Christmas.
Many Thanks
The Fundraising Committee

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