Dear Parents,

As the busy and successful 2010 school year draws to a close, it is timely to reflect upon our many achievements. Undoubtedly the most important part of a school is the progress of students in their academic, social, creative and sporting achievements. I congratulate our students on a splendid year’s achievement and thank our dedicated teachers and caring support staff for their wonderful work.

**Student successes**

Once again students have performed beyond expectations this year. Particular improvement was evident in writing, grammar, spelling and mathematics. The improvement is due in large measure to improved instructional practices. In 2010, every teacher further developed their teaching strategies for developing student’s reading comprehension. Again I warmly congratulate students and staff on another very successful year.

**School Organization for 2011**:

- **Prep A**  
  Kerry Gribbin  
  Assistant Principal Joe Scarfo

- **Prep B**  
  TBA

- **Prep 1/A**  
  Lorraine Seibert

- **Specialists**
  - PE and Sport  
    John Cleary
  - LOTE (Italian)  
    Nellie Barbuto
  - Art (Senior)  
    Jess Smyth
  - Art (Junior)  
    Kim Metelmann
  - eLearning/Library  
    Tass Hatzikides
  - Student Welfare  
    Kim Metelmann
  - Reading Recovery  
    Jess Smyth

- **3/4A**  
  Lisa Needham

- **3/4B**  
  Maria Roach

- **3/4C**  
  Carol Broadhurst

- **34D**  
  TBA

- **5/6A**  
  Nancy Wilkinson

- **5/6B**  
  Dean Barkell

- **5/6C**  
  Travis Carrick

- **56D**  
  Joanne Aranyi

Class lists have now been finalised, students will be informed of their grade on Friday 17 December.

**Christmas Carols**

*Students will perform carols in their classes tonight on the school’s basketball court at 6pm. I hope families take this opportunity to enjoy a picnic tea and listen to our children start Christmas celebrations.*

**Book Pack Day: Friday 28 January 2011**

A letter regarding parent contributions and EMA is being sent home today. The fees for 2011 are $140. Parents can make this payment when they collect their child’s book pack during Friday 28th January 2011.

**Farewells**

I wish to thank Kerry Baud for her years of outstanding service to children at Avondale Primary School. Kerry began teaching at Avondale Primary School in 2000. She taught in the senior grades for 9 years and has been the senior school coach for three days per week during the last two years. Kerry has commuted weekly from her farm near Bairnsdale departing on Sundays and returning on Thursday.

Finally I wish to say good luck to our graduating Year Six students. On behalf of all in the Avondale School community, I wish each of you success and happiness in your future and hope that you will visit from time to time.

Our departing year 6 students are: Vanessa BELESKA, Nathan BERIAS, Tony CARUANA, Natasha CICALA, Raymond CHI, Daniel CUNNINGHAM, Andrew DANG, Faisal DEWAN, Elisha ELKIN, William ELLIOTT, Tyler GARTH, Emina HODZIC, Jason LE, Mitchell MALIGEORGES, Emma MEDVEDOVIC, Chloe MILNE, Melissa NOTTI, Olivia OKINES, Richie PHAM, Kevin PHO, Tremere REYNOLDS, Darcy ROACH, Tahlya SIM-EDWARDS, Nicole STEFOU, Suleim SULEIMAN, Jaynika VAGHANI, Daniel VIEN and Nicholas VUONG.

On behalf of the staff of Avondale Primary School, I wish you and your family a safe, happy and refreshing holiday. We look forward to seeing you in the new year. **Students commence classes on Friday 4th February 2010.**

Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year

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DATES TO REMEMBER
(subject to change check regularly)

December
Thursday 16th  Christmas Carols Tonight-6pm
Friday 17th  Last day term 4-Students finish at 1:15
Sunday 19th  Canteen Closed
Sunday 19th  Fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Highpoint
(Volunteers for an hour or two still required)

January 2011
Friday 28th  Book Pack day

February
Friday 4th  Students first day of school for 2011

STUDENT TERM DATES 2011

Term 1 -Friday Feb 4th—Friday April 8th

Term 2 -Wednesday April 27th— Friday July 1st

Term 3 - Monday July 18th—Friday Sept 23rd

Term 4-Monday Oct 10th—Thursday Dec 22nd

Merry Christmas
to all our families
from the staff at
Avondale Primary School