Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 3
I warmly welcome students and staff back to school. Students will study the following themes in their classes this term:

**Preps**  Farm Crops and animals. Students will learn about: pigs, cows, sheep, chickens, Healthy Foods, Orchards and vegetable farms, dairy farms and wheat farms.

**Grade One/Two**  The Human Body: Investigating our senses; Important organs and their function; Keeping our bodies healthy through exercise and healthful eating habits.

**Grade Three/Four**  Australia: Before and After White Settlement. Students will investigate: Australia before settlement, Early European discovery of Australia, Captain Cook & the East Coast, Establishment of colonies and Aboriginal perspective on settlement.

**Grade Five/Six**  A glimpse of other inhabited continents. Africa- Egyptian Pyramids, Europe – Venetian Masks, South America – Ponchos, North America – Indian Head Dress and Asia – Kimono Dolls

Canteen Operations moving to dental unit…
Plumbing and electrical work was carried out over the break to prepare the building for temporary use as a canteen. We will not be able to use the building until we receive approval from Moonee Valley City Council. We hope to receive this soon; I will keep parents informed about the opening date as soon as approval is received.

Prep classes fill quickly for 2011…
A significant number of children are enrolled into Avondale Primary for Preps next year. Most of these attend a local pre-school centre or kindergarten. I am concerned that parents who have children not attending kindergarten may not be aware that enrolments are already well advanced. If you have a neighbour in this position, please mention that the school is currently accepting enrolments.

School Oval
Over the last few weeks there has been a significant amount of work carried out near the oval harvesting the rain water from the new roof over the basketball courts. Heavy vehicles needed to complete the work made significant impressions into the surface, especially when one became bogged. Restoration work has begun, however the northern end of the oval is still too wet to support vehicles needed to grade and rake the surface. This will be completed as soon as possible.

Writers collaborate to make a story…
Students in Grade 4/5 had a wonderful lesson on how to cooperate creatively. They were placed into groups of three and commissioned to write a story by taking turns to contribute two words at a time. The story written by Perry, Luke & William (pictured) began with this gripping passage.

"I can’t believe it! ‘I am going to the Museum,’
Luke skips into the lobby of the National History Museum. When suddenly a dalek comes closer to him.
“Exterminate human!” chants the evil dalek.

Reminder: Teachers are on yard duty during recess periods and for 15 minutes before and after school. Students should be with their parents or in organised care after 3.30pm.

Have a great week.

[Signature]

Principal: Paul Mulroyan
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DATES TO REMEMBER

### July
- **Friday 16th**: Fundraising Committee Meeting 9:15am
- **Monday 19th**: Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- **School Council Meeting 7:30pm**
- **Monday 26th**: Focus on Science Week
- **Wednesday 27th**: Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
- **Friday 30th**: Fundraising Committee Meeting 9:15sm
- **Tree Planting Day**

### August
- **Tuesday 3rd**: Australian Schools Test—English
- **Wednesday 4th**: Prep Farm Excursion
- **Monday 9th**: Curriculum Day
- **Tuesday 10th**: Education Sub-Committee Meeting—3:30pm
- **Wednesday 11th**: Sports Day (formally our Footy Day)

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You can also check this site for the term Calendar.

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Rebel Sport Fundraiser

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