Dear Parents,

Temporary Canteen awaits approval…
The final stages of converting the dental unit into a canteen have been completed. I wish to thank Dianne Cunningham and Tony Annetta for their tireless work. We are now waiting upon an inspection and official approval from officers from Moonee Valley Health Department to commence trading. We hope that this will occur soon.

Fundraising@ Avondale Primary…
Over the last three years, our families have raised over $20,000. This money has been used to purchase new books for each classroom, junior school take-home readers and multiple copy reading sets for senior grades. The high levels of student achievement in literacy as judged by our teachers and affirmed through statewide testing is testament to our collective commitment to further improve standards. It is now time to support other areas of the school. Physical Education and sports equipment as well as outdoor facilities for students should be considered. The student leadership group will coordinate a consultative process with parents, students and staff to identify our fundraising targets.

Chocolate Drive raises $6,147.00 …
Congratulations to our families and fundraising committee for such an outstanding effort. This is, by far, the most successful single fundraising event that the school has conducted. The money will be used to improve facilities identified through the process mentioned above.

Sports Day – Wednesday 11th August
The first prize in the Sports Day raffle is a framed jumper signed by Western Bulldogs players (pictured). It will make a fantastic addition to your family room or a much appreciated present to a Bulldog supporter. Raffle tickets are still $1 each or 3 for $2; a cabinet is in the school foyer displaying other prizes:
2nd prize - Bunnings Burner Jumbuck BBQ, $50 Bakers Delight Voucher & Selena’s Hair and Beauty Studio Deluxe Spa Pedicure,
3rd prize - Family Pass to the Royal Melbourne Show (2 x Adults & 2 x Children), “Coolbike” Scooter & $25 Visa Voucher.
4th prize - Officeworks Computer Desk, $20 Bakers Delight Voucher & 2 x single Admission Tickets to adventure park (Geelong) There is also an assortment of additional prizes including Movie Tickets, AMF Bowling Vouchers, beauty Products and more!!!

Focus on Science Week
Next week we will celebrate science and raise student and community awareness of living sustainably. The program for the week is:
Monday Water poster competition. This will assist our school achieve silver level Water Wise accreditation
Tuesday Grades P-4 Performance: Cloudier rain Drop
Tue & Wed Grades 5 & 6: Strathmore SC will present various science activities
Thursday We will have guest speakers talking about science or sustainability in their work or living habits.
Friday Tree Planting Day
I hope parents are able to pop along and assist, especially on Friday.

Sports Day
We are tweaking the traditional Footy Day experience and expanding it into a Sports Day. While the day will have many of the usual features, such as tabloid activities aimed at developing coordination, balance and ball-handling, it will also include skills from other sports. For example the bat-tennis courts at the front of the school and handball courts between the buildings will be used; basketball-throwing skills will also be developed.
We hope parents will come along and enjoy the day and participate in the lunch, sporting activities and competitions.

Have a good week
3/4 A has had an interesting and exciting year so far. We have done some fun activities and had fabulous guest speakers. Our themes have been: “Looking After Ourselves” and “Aboriginal Studies”. We also got to watch the spectacular new roof over the basketball court get erected.

On Tuesday 16th March, a group of Auskick helpers came to teach us how to play footy. They motivated us to join Auskick. Some of us did join but we all had a great time.

The people from Fitkidz Australia taught us that being fit and healthy can be lots of fun. We made healthy super hero characters and slogans. Our favourite was “The more you see grain, the bigger your brain”.

We love the new roof over the basketball court. It gives us shade on hot days and we don’t have to stop playing if it rains. It was spectacular to watch the huge cranes lift it up into place.
We have learnt a lot about Aboriginal culture and the Wurundjeri Willam people who lived here a long time ago. On our river walk, we tried to imagine what life was like before white settlement. We really enjoyed making stories using Aboriginal symbols and doing art work on boomerangs. Our rainbow serpent is something we are very proud of.

We also enjoyed problem solving and literacy work.
# DATES TO REMEMBER

*(Subject to change please check regularly)*

## July
- **Monday 26th**: Focus on Science Week
- **Tuesday 27th**: Grades Prep-4 ‘Claudia Raindrop’ Performance
- **Wednesday 27th**: Music Students to visit Ron Conn Centre
- **Friday 30th**: Fundraising Committee Meeting 9:15am
  - 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 (formerly our Footy Day)
- **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

*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?

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### SPORTS DAY

As well as the lunch order forms that went home last week for Sports Day, fruit will be provided free to the children on the day. To ensure we order enough food for the event please return the order form by Monday 26th July.

We are in need parent volunteers to help with various activities, so if you can we would be very grateful, please leave your name and contact phone number at the office.

Raffle ticket sales are going well please continue to return sold raffle tickets to school as soon as possible the prizes for selling the most raffle ticket books the prizes are:

- **1st**: A family Pass (2 Adults and 2 Children) to the Royal Melbourne Show.
- **2nd**: 2 Hoyts Movie Tickets.

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### SCIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY WEEK, MONDAY 26TH—FRIDAY 30TH JULY

Dear Parents,

Next week, from Monday the 26th to Friday the 30th of July, the lucky students of Avondale Primary School will be taking part in an exciting array of Science and Sustainability activities. Some of these wonderful experiences are:

- Cross-grade science experiments covering areas such as biology, chemistry, and astronomy.
- City West Water Poster Competition reflecting the theme: “Smart Water Use.” Winning entries will be chosen from each area of the school, with winners receiving prizes.
- Claudia Raindrop-(Preps-Grade4), Live Theatre Performance. Claudia Raindrop brings to life, key facts about the water cycle and water conservation.
- Science Outreach Program-(Grades 4/5 and 5/6) taken by the staff of the Victorian Space Science Education Centre from Strathmore Secondary College. Topics covered: States of Matter, Analysing Alien Soil, Protecting Astronauts from UV Radiation, and Mystery Science.
- Visiting guests speaking on a variety of topics ranging from, “Attracting native birds to Avondale Primary School”, “How the Human Body Works” to “Taking Care of Our National Parks.”
- National Tree day. Students will take part in planting local, native grasses or shrubs, to enhance the front of our school, and hopefully attract native wildlife.

Thanking you for your continued support,

Nancy Wilkinson and Maria Roach