Dear Parents,

School Council for 2010...

The School Council election process for 2010 has now been finalised. As the number of nominations received matched the number of vacancies, an election was not required. I therefore congratulate Tony Baldwin, Nyree Creek, John Greenwood, Olympia Koziaris, Bronwyn Pearce and Nicholas Shea on becoming members of the 2010 Avondale Primary School Council.

The new members will meet with continuing members Lindsay Grant and Hien Bui on Monday 15 March for the Annual General Meeting and March monthly meeting.

Contentious issues at Council are usually referred to subcommittee for discussion and identifying options. School Council traditionally has five subcommittees: Education, Facilities, Finance, Fundraising and Canteen. Interested parents are most welcome to attend these meetings and participate in discussions. A time table of subcommittee meetings will be published following the next Council meeting.

Problem Solving With 3/4 A by Mrs Needham and students in her class

We have been learning about ways to train our brains to think and solve problems this year. “Strategies” has become a very important word for us. The main strategies we use are:

- making charts and tables,
- finding a pattern,
- thinking of similar but simpler problems,
- locating key words,
- assuming an answer and trying it out,
- doing a drawing or diagram,
- making a model,
- and sometimes even working backwards.

The most important strategy is to think logically.

When we first read a problem we need to sit and think about what strategies to use. Sometimes how we work out a problem is as important as the answer.

Tips

Make sure you understand the clues.
Think about what you already know.
Choose some materials and strategies to help you sort out the information.

This week’s problem:

Olivia has a large collection of stickers but she won’t tell how many she has. Here are some clues:

- The number has 3 digits
- All the digits are odd
- The ten’s digit is a one
- The ones and the hundred digit differ by one

Answer/s next week
DATES TO REMEMBER
(subject to change check regularly)

March
Friday 5th Interschool Sport –St Augustine-(Home)
Monday 8th Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 9th Grade 1 / 2 Kelly Sports Incursion
Friday 12th Fundraising Committee Meeting 9:15am
Interschool Sport-St John Bosco-(Away )
Monday 15th School Photos taken 9am—1pm –Envelopes sent home today
School Council AGM and March Meeting
Friday 26th Last Day Term 1—Students finish at 2:15pm
Saturday 27th Fundraising Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Highpoint (We still need a few volunteers, please let the office know if you can help)

April
Monday 12th School resumes for Term 2 - 8:50am start

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?

Guitar Lessons
Due to Labour day holiday next Monday, guitar lessons will be held on Wednesday 10th March. Lessons will run as the usual Monday timetable.
Michelle
Guitar Teacher

Good Friday Appeal
Avondale Primary School would like to support this year's Good Friday Appeal. We feel that this is a worthy charity to support, as donations enable the Royal Children’s Hospital to purchase medical equipment and fund research projects to make sick kids better. We hope that you will be able to make a small donation in the envelope provided and return the envelope to school. The Royal Children’s Hospital and Avondale Primary School appreciate your support.
Many thanks!

Avondale Primary School Parents
Get-Together
If you wish to meet other parents, we will be having a get together at school on Tuesday 9th March.
If you enjoy craft activities and would like to share if with other parents please bring it along, or just join us for a cuppa and a chat. Looking forward to meeting as many parents as possible.
Should be a fun get together!
from
Avondale Primary School Community