Dear Parents,

With only one week left to this relatively short term, it is pleasing to report that students are making significant improvements in their reading and writing. We encourage students to reflect upon their learning and preferred styles of learning. Hannah in Grade 4 said she likes to learn with others so she can talk with them. Vincent said “When I do some Maths I like to write things down so I know what I’ve done and I can keep working at it till I get the answer.” Hajer said “I like to work in groups because then we can work together and share ideas.” When students are aware of their preferred learning styles, they are able to use this knowledge to enhance their experiences. Teachers at Avondale primary regularly discuss learning styles with students and encourage them to reflect upon their learning.

2009 Annual report for Avondale Primary School...
The AGM and March monthly meeting of the new School Council will start at 7.30pm on Monday 22nd March. Each Councillor will be presented with a copy of the school’s 2009 Annual Report. The report will be available for interested community members to collect from the Office or download from the school’s web site next week.

Senior Swimming Program – early Term 2
Students in the Senior School will have the opportunity of participating in a nine day swimming program commencing Monday 19th April and finishing Friday 30th April (note: the program will not run on Monday 26th as it is a public holiday in lieu of ANZAC Day). A swimming note detailing costs will be sent home on Tuesday.

Building the Education Revolution—update
During the school holidays, work will commence on the construction of a solid roof structure over our basketball court. This is funded from the Federal Government’s National Pride funds.

Last Friday I ‘signed off’ on the construction of a new multipurpose building that will hold a large performance area, toilets, meeting room and canteen. This building will be located on the western side of the school just to the South of the CASES Training Centre. It will hold a large performance area, meeting room, canteen and toilets. Preparation will involve the demolition of the current canteen and shelter shed; I expect construction to begin mid year. I am looking for a temporary facility to house the canteen over the construction period.

Last day Term 1 – Friday 26th March
On the last day of Term, students are dismissed one hour earlier at 2.15pm. There will be a 2pm assembly at the front of the school preceding dismissal. Lunch will begin at 1.15pm and students will return to class at 1.55pm to collect their bags and travel to the assembly.
DATES TO REMEMBER
(subject to change check regularly)

March
Monday 22nd  Finance Committee Meeting 7pm
School Council AGM 7:30 pm and March Meeting to follow
Friday 26th  Last Day Term 1—Students finish at 2:15pm
Saturday 27th  Fundraising Sizzle at Bunnings Highpoint

April
Monday 12th  School resumes for Term 2 - 8:50am start
19th—30th  Senior Swimming Program (9 days)
Monday 26th  Anzac Day Public Holiday

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?

On Friday the 12th of March the Avondale boys softball team had a competitive game against St John Bosco. The ending scores were 11 to 17 our favour. Some of the key players were William with his game of tig between 2nd and 3rd base Daniel with his brilliant pitching Tony with his great shows when he reached home base and Ed with his great catch on 2nd base. Overall the whole team played well.
By Darcy R

On Friday the 12th, the Avondale bat tennis team played one last game against St. John Bosco. The scores were 66-32, our favour. As we started, we played normally except for Liam’s match; they had to play 23 games altogether just to see who will win. Each player had excellent skills and won their matches. Some of the key players are Liam with his excellent defence, Taya with her serving, Jason with his spins, Josiah for his hitting, and Mitchell and Nathan worked excellently together as a team. The rest of the team played wonderfully well, and it turned out a successful day, except for Nathan, who was nearly locked out of the bus. Well done to the team. Nicholas V.

On Friday 5th the Avondale mixed softball team played against St Augustine’s the scores were 14 all. Some of key players were Cooper with his smashing hits that got everyone a home run, Olivia with her great sneaking and Zachary with his great catching but besides that the whole term but in a huge amount of effort. thank-you. By Tyler

On Friday the 5th of March 2010, Avondale played a challenging game against St Augustine’s. The scores were 54 to 35 our favour. Some of the key players were, Aaron with his great serving, Danielle with her extreme hitting skills and James with his fantastic scoring. With all of us playing at our best, we easily dominated St Augustines. The whole team played well and I hope that we can keep up the effort for next time!!! By Jennifer L

On Friday the 12th of March, Avondale played a tremendously great game of mixed Softball against St John Bosco. In both the innings we were taking a great lead and fortunately enough to stay undefeated, so the scores were 16 to 10 in our favour! Some of the star players were Nicole and Zac with their awesome hits, Tremere with her great throwing and fielding skills and Lockie with his great pitching, though the whole team tried their best and played extremely well! Let’s keep it up!           Emma

On Friday Avondale played a tight game of softball against St Augustines the scores were 15-13 our favour. The key players were Daniel with his batting  Darcy with his catching and William with his keeping. James

EARTH HOUR
At 8.30pm on Saturday, March 27 1,000 cities and towns around the world will switch off their lights for Earth Hour 2010, joining hundreds of millions of people from all over the world showing their commitment to the environment.

To express our support in saving energy it would be great if the Avondale Primary School Community got involved.

All you have to do is switch off all your lights in your house for just one hour.
Come on Avondale, this is your family’s chance to make a difference. It may seem small but if we all switch off our lights it will lead the way towards a sustainable future.

You can also express your support by visiting the Earth Hour website: www.earthhour.org
Register your family. There is also lots of useful information and things for the kids.

NOTICE TO PREP PARENTS
If you have not already redeemed your School Start Bonus Voucher, could you please do so as soon as possible at the Post Office.
If you are unsure or have lost or damaged your voucher please contact me. Ros Blake
School Office