Dear Parents,

**NAPLAN tests for Students in Years Three and Five…**
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) has been conducted in all schools across Australia this week. At Avondale Primary School Year 3 and 5 students participated in the program including those who are supported through the Integration (DSP) Program. The only exceptions were students absent due to illness and one non English speaking child who recently arrived from overseas.
The NAPLAN testing program involved students in four 40 minute tests:
- Tuesday  Language Conventions (grammar and spelling) then Writing
- Wednesday  Reading
- Thursday  Mathematics

Completed tests are sent to and marked at the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. Parents will receive an individual report in Term Three showing their child’s performance against the expected achievement level.

**Classroom displays…**
On entering your child’s classroom you may be surprised at the wondrous range of learning prompts and displays adorning the room. Our teachers take considerable effort to ensure their classroom provides students with a stimulating environment. Our classes contain:
- Examples of good work and achievement progress charts
- Lists of frequently used words
- Discovery approach: before reading a nonfiction text students record ‘what I know’ then after reading identify ‘facts confirmed’, ‘misconceptions’ and ‘wonderings’.
- Charts and graphs developed in Maths lessons
- Class libraries based on: author studies, genres, theme books and a range of fiction and nonfiction texts
- Guides developed by teachers with their students to explain problem solving strategies; Displays reminding students of decoding strategies: questioning, predicting, text structures and features and how to select ‘just right’ text.
- Comprehension helpers such as Y charts:

I hope you have a great week.
DATES TO REMEMBER
(subject to change check regularly)

May
Friday 14th  Interschool Sport-Milleara-Home
Monday 17th  Education Week
             Book Fair in Library
             Finance Subcommittee Meeting 7pm
             School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday 19th  Open Day-Tours every 20mins 9am-12:30pm
                 Family Life Program begins Grades 5/6s
Friday 21st  Interschool Sport– Resurrection-Home
             Chocolate Drive begins chocolates go home
Tuesday 25th  Reptile Incursion-Grade 1/2s
Wednesday 26th  Cross Country
                 Family Life 5/6 Grades
                 Music students to visit Ron Conn Centre
Thursday 27th  Family Life 3/4 Grades
Friday 28th  Interschool Sport-St Augustine’s-Home

June
Wednesday 2nd  Family Life Grades 5/6s
Thursday 3rd  Family Life Grades 3/4s
Friday 4th  Fundraising Committee Meeting

For further enquires please contact.
Liz Oruba, Library Technician

Thank-you
The Fundraising Committee wish to thank:
Our Backyard Nursery
157a Milleara road
East Keilor
For the generous donation of plants to our
Mothers day stall

Avondale Primary School Library
is having a BOOK FAIR

Everyone is invited to…….
‘THE BOOK FAIR BLIZZARD’

WHERE: Avondale Primary School Library
WHEN: 17th – 21st May
TIME: 8.45 – 3.45  Monday to Friday
FANTASTIC  Books for Sale!!!!

CHESS CLUB!!! CHESSCLUB!!!
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Chess club starts ……..next Wednesday, 19th of May in the Library. From 1:30pm to 2 pm. So come in and sign-up.
And………, remember EVERY Wednesday, the Chess Club will meeting (and playing) until the end of term. See you there!

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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?