Dear Parents,

Celebrating Education Week…
It was very pleasing to escort visitors around the school during our Open Day yesterday. We feel that allowing visitors to see the normal programs being implemented is the best way for parents and relatives to make their judgements. I wish to congratulate and thank teachers and students for gracefully accepting the many visitors who took advantage of the opportunity to see our classroom programs in action.

Preps investigate Travelling…
Inside this week’s letter are photographs from the recent excursion by Prep students on a double-decker bus. Their unit of investigation is Transport. Mrs Broadhurst and Ms Gribbin arranged for students to visit Tullamarine airport, a tram depot and then travelled across the West Gate Bridge to look at the containers and ships in dock before visiting Williamstown. “It was a good trip” said Daniel.

Developing a protocol for camps and other out of school activities…
School Council and staff have been discussing issues associated with providing a camp program. While it is the school’s aim to be as inclusive as possible, there are times when factors limit the number of students who can participate.
A draft protocol, attached to this week’s newsletter, addresses salient issues that need to be considered and identifies a process for decision making. You are warmly invited to respond to the draft protocol for further consideration by Council and its subcommittees.

Chocolate Drive – Fundraiser
Chocolates will be distributed to families tomorrow. There is a good range of treats which are often popular at work places or social gatherings. The money along with any unsold chocolates are due back to school on Friday June 4th. Money raised will be used towards the purchase of goal posts for the oval.

Instrumental students visit Ron Conn nursing home…
Next Wednesday, Maxine Shell and Nancy Wilkinson will accompany eight students as they visit and entertain residents of the Wintringham Ron Conn nursing home. Each student introduces their item then plays a prepared tune for an appreciative audience. Students benefit from the experience of playing for an audience; for several students this is their first public performance and invariably challenges students to overcome their nervousness and self consciousness.

Reptile Encounters for Grade 1 & 2 students…
On Tuesday next week students in Grades 1 and 2 will be visited by Reptile Encounters, a company that visits schools and educates students about a range of wild life. The grades are currently learning about ‘Animals and Mini Beasts’. This experience will allow students to view stick insects, frogs, lizards, a goanna, dragon lizard, a python and a crocodile. “We’ll be safe” said Vienna, “but it’s too scary for parents”.

I hope you have a great week.
We went on a double-decker bus. I liked riding on the tram and ringing the bell. Oliver.

We went on an excursion to the airport on a double-decker bus. Ethan

We went over the Westgate Bridge. Caleb

We went to the airport to see the planes fly over out heads. Damian.

We went on an excursion on a double-decker bus to the airport. It was fun. Caroline

We went on a double-decker bus. Jennifer

We went to the airport. We ate snacks. Ryan

We went to the airport to see the planes. Adryan

We went on the double-decker bus to the airport. Abbey-Rose

We went on a double-decker bus and we saw some planes. I liked sitting at the top of the bus. Shirley

We went on a double-decker bus to see the planes. Christina

We went on an excursion to the airport on a double-decker bus to the airport. It was fun. Caroline

We went over the Westgate Bridge. Caleb

We went on a double-decker bus to the airport. Dannielle

We went on a double-decker bus to the airport. I liked going over the Westgate Bridge. Dannielle
We went to the airport. The planes were noisy. Lucas

We went on a double-decker bus to the airport. James S

We went on a double-decker bus. We went to the airport to see the planes. Darcy

We went on the double-decker bus and we saw a airport. Kaitlyn

We went on a double-decker bus to the airport. I liked sitting at the top of the bus. Jack

We went to the airport. The planes were noisy. Lucas

I went on a double-decker bus. We went to the airport to see the planes. Darcy

We went on the double-decker bus and we saw a airport. Kaitlyn

We went on a double-decker bus to see the planes. Aiden

We went on a double-decker bus to see the planes. I liked it at the top of the bus. Ciara

We went on an excursion to the airport and saw planes flying. Ben

We went on an excursion to see the planes fly. Elijah.

We went on an excursion to see the planes fly. Elijah.

We went on a tram for a ride. Renee

We went to the airport. Patrick

We went on a tram. It was fun. Teli

We went to the airport to see the planes. Eva
DATES TO REMEMBER

(Subject to change please check regularly)

May
Friday 21st  Interschool Sport– Resurrection-Home
Chocolate Drive begins chocolates go home
Tuesday 25th  Reptile Incursion-Grade 1/2s
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
Monday 31st  Cross Country

June
Wednesday 2nd  Family Life Grades 5/6s
Thursday 3rd  Family Life Grades 3/4s
Friday 4th  Fundraising Committee Meeting
Chocolate money or unsold chocolates due back at school

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?

Important Notice to Parents

Procedure for sending money to school:
As per department regulations we would appreciate that when families make payments to school for excursions, camps and other activities, please place money in envelopes clearly marked with your child’s name, grade and what the money is for. (School envelopes are always available at the office please feel free to ask for some.) These envelopes are then handed to the class teacher by the student first thing in the morning. Should you need to pay a large amount and wish to pay directly to the office please do so before 9.30 am or between 3-3.30pm.
We thank-you for your support in this matter it will help with management of office procedures.
Maria and Ros—office

Have you ever thought of trying...

Gymnastics

The “Go for your life” campaign recommends that children aged 5-12 participate in at least 60 minutes of exercise every day. In busy schools this is impossible to offer during the day, and recent studies show only 6 out of 10 children are participating in any physical activity outside of school. This is where we come in!
Essendon Keilor Gymnastics Academy is located on the border or East Keilor and Airport West and offers Gymnastics, Acrobatics, Trampoline and Cheerleading programs for children of all ages. In all of our classes we: Teach Gymnastics, Make it Fun and Keep your kids safe.

Gymnastics at EKGA is so much fun, the kids don’t even realize they are exercise and keeping fit!

FREE COME AND TRY CLASS

This coupon is valid for a member of your to come and try an EKGA Kinder Gym, Gymnastics, Trampoline or Acro Cheer class.
Valued at $15.00.
Bookings are essential - so visit our website www.ekag.gymnastics.org.au to see which days and times are available, then call 9336 4077 or email ekga@gymnastics.org.au to make a booking. Valid until June 19th 2010.
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