Dear Parents,

Assessment for midyear reports…
Teachers are currently undertaking a range of student assessment activities upon which the midyear report will be based. Reports will be sent home on Friday 18 June. They will provide details on your child’s progress in Literacy, Numeracy, Physical Education, Italian, Information Technology, Civics and Citizenship, The Arts and Interpersonal Development. Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday June 23, from 1:30pm until 7:30pm.

Concern over Parking near school…
I am most concerned that there are parents who are parking in illegal places around the school, especially at dismissal time. The most dangerous practice is parking on the curb opposite the school as this requires students to walk onto the road from between legally parked cars. Passing cars may not have sufficient time to brake. The practice of parking in the driveways or on the nature strip is also illegal. I therefore give notice that I will be contacting the police and Moonee Valley City Council to inform them of this situation and request regular inspections. Fines are always regrettable but injuring a child is far worse.

100,000 Litre Water Tank to be installed…
Avondale Primary School will use some of the funds from the federal government’s Building the Education Revolution to install a large water tank behind the dental unit. The tank will store rainwater that falls upon the newly erected roof over the basketball court then used to reduce mains water consumption in the student toilets. I expect the project to be completed before the beginning of Term Three.

Reptiles – a close encounter…
Grade One and Two students were thrilled to see and handle a range of stick insects, amphibians and reptiles, including a 3 metre python! They were given a remarkable amount of information about each creature while it was displayed and I was genuinely impressed that so many students were able to readily recall facts and details when questioned the following day. I was reminded once again about the importance adults play in forming the knowledge and attitudes of highly malleable and inquisitive children. I congratulate the Grade One/Two teachers for arranging this worthwhile experience and encourage parents of the young students to view some of the work they are doing in their studies of animals and minibeasts.

Thank you, for supporting the Chocolate Drive…
I am very appreciative of families who are supporting our current fundraising effort. The money raised will be spent on new furniture and sporting facilities for the school grounds. Many thanks also to families who are ordering multiple boxes of chocolates to take to work and sell around the neighbourhood.

Have a great week
DATES TO REMEMBER
(subject to change check regularly)

May
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 9:15
Chocolate money or unsold chocolates due back at school
Thursday 10th  Family Life 3/4s
Monday 14th  Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 16th  Music students to visit Ron Con Centre
Friday 18th  Student Reports to go home
Wednesday 23rd  Australian School Competition—Writing Test
Parent Teacher Interviews from 1:30-7:30pm
Friday 25th  Last Day Term 2—Students finish at 2:15pm

July
Monday 12th  First day Term 3

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?

Advertisements
The advertisements in this newsletter are for community interest only. The school has no connection with, nor endorses, any particular business activity.

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If you sell with our company, $500 will be donated back to our Primary School.

REMINDER
Chocolate money or any unsold chocolates are due back at school by Friday June 4th.

Thank-you
To Deb at Full On flowers for the donations to our Mothers Day Stall.