Dear Parents,

Grade structure for 2011…
Next year I anticipate there will be approximately 320 students attending Avondale Primary School; this represents a 10% increase in enrolments from 2010. An additional grade in the senior school will be created to bring the number of classes to 14. The classes are:

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The school has created an assistant principal position and is currently advertising this vacancy. Once an appointment has been made, teachers will be allocated to classes.

Specialist Classes for 2011…
As noted in the August 26 newsletter, surveys were conducted of parents, students and staff regarding preferred specialist classes. A clear preference was given to Physical Education, the Arts and Library/Information Technology. LOTE (a language other than English) was the next favoured however it was very highly valued among parents, students and staff who rated this as a priority. There were a number of languages suggested for study.

In 2011 the school will provide one hour lessons in Physical Education, the Arts and Library/Information Technology weekly and a one hour LOTE lesson fortnightly.

Prep Parents Information Evening…
I sincerely thank parents who attended the information evening yesterday. I also thank Kerry Gribbin, Carol Broadhurst, Ros Blake and Dianne Cunningham who presented information and timely advice in preparing a child for school. Many of the fifty parents who attended stayed on for a cuppa and chat with the teachers.

Important dates for 2011 school year…
We are starting to receive enquiries from parents who are filling out their calendars for next year. Following are some important dates:

- **Friday 28 January**: Book Pack day. Parents pay fees and collect book packs.
- **Friday 4 February**: All students commence school (no assembly for Preps)
- **Monday 14 March**: Labour Day holiday
- **Friday 8 April**: Last day Term 1
- **Wednesday 27 April**: First day Term 2 (late start due to Anzac & Easter holidays)
- **Monday 13 June**: Queen’s Birthday
- **Friday 1 July**: Last day Term 2
- **Monday 18 July**: First day Term 3
- **Friday 23 September**: Last day Term 3
- **Monday 10 October**: First day Term 4
- **Tuesday 1 November**: Melbourne Cup holiday
- **Thursday 22 December**: Last day Term 4

Have a great week.

Paul Mulroyan
Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER
(subject to change check regularly)

November
Friday 5th  Interschool Sport: Milleara-(Home)
Wednesday 10th  Prep 2011 Orientation Morning 9:30-10:30am
                  Education Sub-Committee Meeting 2:15-3:15pm
                  Music students visit Ron Conn Centre
Thursday 11th  Parenting Course on Behaviour (2nd Session) 4-6:30pm
Friday 12th  Disco– Juniors 4:30-6:30 Seniors 7:00-9:30
Friday 12th  Interschool Sport: St John Bosco-(Home)
15th-17th  3/4 Camp to Shipwreck Coast
Wednesday 17th  Prep 2011 Orientation Afternoon 2-3pm
Thursday 18th  Parenting Course on Behaviour (3rd Session) 4-6:30pm
Friday 19th  Interschool Sport: St Augustines—(Home)
                  Fundraising Committee Meeting 9:15
Monday 22nd  Finance Committee Meeting 7pm
                  School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Tuesday 23rd  Grade 1/2 Excursion to Fairy Park

December
Wednesday 1st  Music Students visit Ron Conn Centre
Thursday 2nd  Lego Excursion Grade 3/4A and 3/4 C
Friday 3rd  Lego Excursion Grade 3/4B and 4/5A

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?

TERM DATES 2011

Term 1 -  Friday Feb 4th—Friday April 8th
Term 2 -  Wednesday April 27th— Friday July 1st
Term3 -  Monday July 18th—Friday Sept 23rd
Term 4-  Monday Oct 10th—Thursday Dec 22nd

DISCO
Friday November 12
The Fundraising Committee have organised a Disco to be held in
the old CASES room.
Cost is $5.00 per ticket which includes BBQ Sausage in bread
and bottled water.
A Glow Bangle will be given out with pre-paid tickets.
There will be lollies, chips and soft drink available
to be purchased on the night.
Starting Time: 4:30 to 6:30  Junior School
              7:00 to 9:30  Senior School

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