Dear Parents,

Welcome...
I warmly welcome students and staff back to school and hope that all found their break restful and refreshing. Fourth Term is eleven weeks finishing on Friday 17th December. Staff have spent considerable time planning exciting class lessons as well as additional curriculum activities.

Some highlights of the term are:
- Multicultural Day
- Inter-school sport for senior students
- Grade 2 Sleepover
- Grade 5/6 Canberra Tour
- Grade 6 Graduation

Premier’s Active Families Challenge...
This initiative is part of the Government’s ‘Go for your life’ strategy aimed at improving the level of physical activity, health and wellbeing of Victorians. The program encourages families to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days over the six week challenge period.

Schools with the highest percentage of participants will win sports packages worth up to $5,000. To register simply visit: www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au.

Mr Cleary will coordinate the program at Avondale Primary. He intends to encourage students to participate and can assist parents who would like to register, if needed.

Construction commences on the BER project...
Construction is well underway on the school’s Building the Education Revolution (BER) construction. The construction company is Allmore Constructions and the project managers are from Sinclair Knight Mertz. Allmore is involved with two other BER constructions all of which need to be completed by June 2011.

The building will contain a multipurpose hall, meeting room, teacher preparation area and canteen. Covered walkways will connect the new building to the western side of Building B.

The current phase of construction involves heavy machinery preparing the site and plumbers reticulating the water supply and laying the waste water infrastructure.

Call for volunteer gardeners...
Are you interested in gardening? Would you like to help out with other parents? Perhaps spend a couple of hours gardening on a Friday morning (occasionally or fortnightly)? If this appeals to you, please inform the Office.

Supervision of students after school hours...
I ensure that staff are on yard duty after school from 3.15 – 3.30 to supervise students while waiting to be collected by a parent. With the exception of those at Aftercare, students should vacate the school by 3.30pm. Only students whose parents are prepared to stay with them should be in the school ground after that time.

If you find yourself ‘running late’ we will supervise students in the school foyer, on these exceptional occasions.

Congratulations to the Magpies on a well earned victory. They were certainly the strongest side in AFL in 2010.

Have a great week.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Newsletters can be found every Friday on our website - www.avondaleps.vic.edu.au. You can also check this site for the term Calendar.

October
- Tuesday 12th: Education Sub-committee Meeting 3:30pm
- Friday 15th: Year 2 Sleepover - Collect Children by 8am Saturday
- Monday 18th: Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm
  School Council Meeting 7:30pm
- Wednesday 20th: Music Students to Visit Ron Conn Centre
- Friday 22nd: Fundraising meeting 9:15am
- 26th-29th: Year 5/6 Canberra Tour

November
- Tuesday 2nd: Melbourne Cup Day
- Wednesday 3rd: Parent Information Evening for Prep 2011
- Thursday 4th: Year 5/6 Lygon Street Excursion
  Parenting Course on Behaviour (1st Session) 4-6:30pm
- Wednesday 10th: Prep 2011 Orientation Morning 9:30-10:30am
- Thursday 11th: Parenting Course on Behaviour (2nd Session) 4-6:30pm

Thank you to all who are collecting Coles vouchers when shopping; they can be deposited in the Collection Box in the school foyer.

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.

Thank-you to Aussie Disposals Store Highpoint for the Generous Donation to our Fathers day Stall

National Bandanna Day 2010
Avondale Primary School and the Junior School Council are proud to support National Bandanna Day on Friday the 29th of October.
Certain forms of cancer treatment result in hair loss and many young people choose to wear a bandanna during this time. It is for this reason the bandanna was chosen as a symbol for Can Teen. By wearing your bandanna you will be showing your support for young people living with cancer.
Bandannas will be sold each lunch time between 1:15 and 1:30 in Room 13. The bandannas come in a range of colours and designs. The cost of a bandanna is $4. We are hoping to sell a box of 300 bandannas. Once the bandannas are sold, we will not be ordering any more. Therefore, if you would like to support this charity, you may need to bring along your money early, before they are all sold out.

Thankyou for supporting this charity.
Leisha Watson and J.S.C Representatives.

Don’t forget it is Term 4 and hats MUST be worn outside.