Dear Parents,

Welcome…
I warmly welcome all in the Avondale Primary School community to the 2011 school year. I am especially delighted to welcome fifty new Prep students (pictured below). We have attracted a singularly good looking and eager group of children again this year. There are several changes to staff: a warm welcome back to Joanne Aranyi who will teach Grade 5/6D; and hello and welcome to Michael Nester who is teaching Prep B and Sharon Di Pastena who is providing Integration Support.

This is an exciting year for Avondale Primary School as we celebrate our 50th anniversary. Celebrations will be held in the second half of the year after completion of the BER Arts building.

School receives $50,000 grant to install a solar electrical system…
Our school has been successful in obtaining funding from the Australian Government's National Solar Schools Program. We will be using this to install a ten kilowatt solar electrical system. Over 2,000 schools submitted an application in the 2010-11 funding round and approximately 1,200 schools were successful. Applications were competitively assessed against three criteria: value for money, environmental benefit and educational benefit. The grant will give our school a head start in tackling climate change and conserving Australia's precious non-renewable resources.

Student Accident Insurance arrangements…
I wish to remind parents that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students including transport costs. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers. You can find a personal accident insurer in the yellow pages, online or through an insurance broker.

Our Prep students for 2011…
Pictured below are 48 of our 50 Prep students with teachers Kerry Gribbin, Michael Nester, Lorraine Seibert and Intergration Aide Sue Kitanovski.

Have a great week

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

February
Wednesday 16th  Canteen opens
Monday 21st  School Council Meeting 7:30pm

March
Wednesday 2nd  Parent Teacher Interviews
Monday 14th  Labour Day Public Holiday
Monday 21st  School Photos
21st-1st April  Senior Swimming Program

Forms Sent Home This Week
1. Student Code of Conduct
2. Photographing students Policy
3. Head Lice Inspection
4. Consent
5. Local Excursion permission
6. Mobile Phone Contract
7. Acceptable Use Agreement for Digital Technologies
8. Volunteers for Canteen
9. Music tuition note
10. Emailing of newsletters

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

Don’t forget if your phone numbers, or emergency contacts have changed, to let Ros in the office know the updated ones!

St Peters
Netball Club
Registration Day
Thursday, 10 February
4pm - 6pm
St Peters Parish Centre
Bellarine Ave, East Keilor
Ages 9 & under
to
15 & under
Enquiries:
0407 553 080
stpetersnetballclub@gmail.com

Reminder to Parents
If you walk your dog to school please have them on a leash, we have some students that are afraid of dogs.

MOONEE VALLEY LEISURE
CHALLENGE 2011
This is a month long calendar of events encouraging families to get active. It kicks off at the Moonee Valley festival 27 February. More Information call 9243 8888 or visit mvcc.gov.au

The Fundraising Committee,
Kelly Stewart, Lisa hills, Donna Melican and Dianne Carrington would like to thank our helpers, Nick Melican, Alf, Maria Roach, Alexandra Lopez, Lisa Needham and Vicki Curran for their hard work at the Bunnings BBQ on the 19th of December 2010.

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

Doutta Stars
FOOTBALL CLUB
NEW PLAYERS WANTED
The Doutta Stars Football Club is inviting new junior players to register for season 2011. We are committed to the development of junior footballers with a focus on fun and fairness for all children.

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION DAY 2011
Sunday 13th February 11.00am – 2.00pm At: Doutta Stars Buckley Park, Cooper Street, Essendon

Contact Us  For further information please contact:
Bradleigh Andrews 0400 908 593

VACANCIES IN ALL AGE GROUPS
WWW.DOUTTASTARSFOOTBALLCLUB.COM.AU

Student Public Transport Concession Forms are available from the office.