Dear Parents,

Education Week & Book Fair...
Next week is Education Week and we will be celebrating this with a Book Fair throughout the week. Students will be able to choose books from a wide selection on display in the school library. Wednesday 18 May is our official Open Day. Excursions will be held on the half hour; however I regard every day as an open day and invite parents to visit the school and see our classes in operation.

NAPLAN Testing...
All students in our senior grades have been sitting NAPLAN tests this week. Tests completed by students in grades three and five are official tests that will be used to generate comparative performance reports for students and schools. Students in grades four and six sat NAPLAN tests that were used in other years. The results from these tests will assist teachers in writing their mid-year reports.

Avondale Primary pro-active on Cyber Safety and Anti-bullying...
One of our most important priorities is ensuring students are safe and feel safe while at school. While the incidence of reported bullying is very low, all staff are very keen to ensure that this continues. Therefore we have organised two anti-bullying programs over the next two terms; the first is about cyber-safety and will be lead by Tony Richards from ITmadeSimple. The second concerns more familiar ways of bullying and will be presented to all students in Term 3. On Tuesday 31 May, we will conduct cyber-safety workshops for students. The cost of the workshop is $6 per student. There will be one for students in grades 3 & 4 and another for students in grades 5 & 6.
A free cyber-safety parent information evening will run from 7.30pm to 8.30pm that evening. Free babysitting is available for primary school aged students.

Fundraising News...
Survey Results: We recently distributed a survey to identify parents’ preferred areas for expenditure of money raised locally. I thank parents who responded to the survey. The areas identified as a priority were: The environment (gardens & oval) - 32%, outdoor equipment and playground - 32%, building improvement -19% and instructional aides – 16%. The majority of specific improvements identified related to improving the outdoor environment. Many parents took the opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Fundraising Committee for their great work.

Mothers Day Stall: I would like to thank the Fundraising Committee and all parents for supporting the latest fundraiser. The stall brought in $1590.00, after deducting expenses raised approximately $450.00 for the school’s projects.

Parents Victoria Online Conference 2011...
Parents Victoria will run its online conference from 15 to 21 May 2011. The conference will feature a number of hosted ‘live’ online discussions on key educational issues, such as:
- the cost of schooling,
- canteen operations,
- fundraising,
- bullying,
- homework and
- student safety.
The conference is sponsored by the Department’s Office for Government School Education.
- Registration and Participation free
- Prizes to be won
Register at: www.cybertext.net.au/pv/pv2011registration.php

Quick Quiz...
When written in a certain way, yesterday’s date was a palindrome. How do you achieve this?

Have a great week

Paul Mulroyan
This term we are learning about different countries and cultures. While learning about Australia we enjoyed reading ‘Possum Magic’ by Mem Fox and tasting Anzac biscuits, lamingtons and Vegemite sandwiches.

In the story there was a grandma possum who liked magic. We got to try different food and I liked everything!!! By Ciara
We got to have yummy food when we were reading the book. I liked the Anzac biscuits the best. By Neve

I had an Anzac biscuit and I liked it. I liked when Grandma Poss made Hush invisible. By Teli

The food was nice and the book was good too. My favourite part of the book was when Hush got sat on by the koala. By Daniel
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

(Subject to change please check regularly)

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**Notice to Parents**

The school yard is supervised by a teacher on duty until 3:30pm. Students are expected to be picked up by this time.

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**Walk to School Safely Day Friday May 20, 2010**

The Junior School Council is encouraging all families to walk to school on this day. Walking is great exercise and reduces the impact of vehicles on the environment. If you can walk to school on this day you will be joining thousands of other Australian School Children in becoming active, healthy and safe walkers!

Junior School Council

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**Lights! Camera! Book Fair!**

Avondale Primary School is having a Book Fair. Come and participate.

Help fund valuable books for our school library.

**DATE:** Monday 16TH TO Friday 20TH MAY