Dear Parents,

**Online safety and your family…**
Do you know what your children are doing online? Do you have agreed rules about the sites they can visit or the games they can play?
The world for children is more sophisticated than it was a generation ago. Online computers provide impressive opportunities for learning and healthy social interaction, but there are also dangers. Our children need to learn how to live in this online world and parents need to know how to assist them.
On Tuesday 31 May, Tony Richards will speak to parents about meeting the challenges of parenting in an online world. The evening is free and there is free baby-sitting for primary school aged students.

**Grade 5/6 students visit Essendon Keilor College…**
On Tuesday students in Grades 5 and 6 visited Essendon Keilor College for the morning. Each grade was split into two random groups and then divided into groups and experienced an Art lesson and a cooking lesson. In Art students made a picture frame using plastic pebbles, glue and cardboard. “In cooking we made apple pockets with apple, sugar, cinnamon, sultanas, coconut and jam inside pastry.” reported Emily. “They were yum,” said Sarah.

**School’s front entrance given a ‘facelift’…**
Workers finished painting of the front entrance and covered walkway yesterday. The project involved up to five workers over three days. After sanding all surfaces, kill-rust or primer was applied before an undercoat and final coats were applied.
I wish to acknowledge the great work done by Nancy Wilkinson and the fundraising committee in seeing this project completed promptly.

**Reading: time and opportunity are the keys…**
Research into education consistently shows that the amount of reading a child does is directly related to their educational success. Elley (1992) found the key factors that consistently differentiated between high and low reading scores:
1. Access to the availability of books [School library & MVCC library]
2. Large school libraries [this school has $160,000 in library stock]
3. Large classroom libraries [Every class has a library, you may be able to assist by donating books to your child’s class]
4. Regular book borrowing [please support children to change their books regularly]
5. Frequent silent reading in class [Yr 3 – 6 classes provide 30 minutes of silent reading daily]
6. Frequent story reading aloud by adults [Teachers and parents can do this daily]
7. Greater access to books in the home [Regular library borrowing removes costs]
Access to books for 3 and 4 year old children significantly improves their reading achievement. Reading regularly with your child is a very effective and inexpensive way of increasing their educational success.

**Curriculum Day…**
The final Curriculum Day for Avondale Primary School will be on Friday 10 June. This is attached to the Queen’s Birthday long weekend and will be used by teachers to write mid-year reports.

Have a great week.

Paul Mulroyan
Grade 1/2C  
Working on  
Visualisation

Visualising is the ability to create pictures in our heads based on the words we read or hear. Visualising text helps readers become more involved with what they are reading.
Grade 1/2C listened to the descriptive language in *The Witches* by Roald Dahl. We made mental images as we listened to the story. We illustrated these mental images and talked about how the author’s choice of words helped us to make pictures in our minds.
DATES TO REMEMBER
(Subject to change please check regularly)

May
Thursday 26th  Cross Country Training 3:45pm Doyle St Reserve
Friday 27th  Interschool Sport-Mooine Ponds West-Gold (Postponed)
Tuesday 31st  Cyber Safety Day Grades3-6
Parent Information Evening-Cyber Safety 7:30-8:30

June
Wednesday 1st  No Canteen
Friday 3rd  District Cross Country
Wednesday 8th  Grade 3/4 Excursion to Western Water Treatment Plant
Music Students to visit Ron Conn centre-1:30
Friday 10th  Curriculum day—No Students to come to School
Monday 13th  Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 15th  Prep Transport Excursion
Friday 17th  Interschool Sport —Nth Melb P.S.-Home
Friday 24th  Interschool Sport-St Margaret’s P.S-Home
Wednesday 29th  Music students to visit Ron Conn Centre-1:30
Parent Teacher Interviews

July
Friday 1st  Last day Term 2—Students finish at 2:15pm

Pupils of the week last week were:
PrepA– Tristen R  PrepB– Christian B
Prep/1A– Elijah B  1/2A– Kiarra B
1/2B– Rianna D  1/2C– N/A
3/4C– Ibrahim D  3/4D– Jessica c
5/6A– Mia T  5/6B– Zahraa D
5/6C– Jacob C  5/6D– Mark C

1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching Parenting Course
A three session program for parents and carers to help manage
difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old is being held at
Essendon Primary School at Raleigh St. Essendon on 1st,
8th and 15th of June 2011 from 4pm-6:30pm.
The course is free to parents whom attend State Government
schools in the Moonee Valley Network. A $2 donation is
requested for refreshments.
No childcare will be provided with this course.
Register for this course contacting Jodie Leishman/Melissa
Di Pietro on 8331 0137 or Leon Leonardi—Assistant
Principal (Essendon Primary School) on 9370 7816

LOVED AUSKICK?
Are you a girl aged 9-12 who
loves her footy?
Why not get involved in a junior
girls' football competition?
Five new competitions are about
to start all over Melbourne.
AFL Victoria and local community
football leagues are now starting
up Under 12 Junior girls aussie
rules. We are looking for over four
hundred girls to play in Victoria's
first ever all female junior
football competitions.
For more information and
registration details:
www.youthgirls.aflvic.com.au

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.

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