Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4…
I warmly welcome students and parents to the final term of 2011. This eleven week term finishes on Thursday 22 December. However before that day there are a number of events happening throughout the term, these include: the school concert, house sports, multicultural day, 50th anniversary celebrations (including official opening of BER building), 2012 Prep transition program, inter-school sports for senior grades and this Friday, the Grade Two sleep-over.

Term 4 is a sun-smart term…
I read a report recently that the hole in the Ozone layer over the Antarctic is particularly large this year. This means that there are more harmful UV rays penetrating our atmosphere during the summer months. In an attempt to protect students from harm, we run the sun-smart program. This means that students are required to wear a school hat to and from school, during lunch, playtime and any outdoor activity. We have a ‘no hat, no play’ policy and I ask parents to ensure that your child’s hat has his/her name marked clearly on it and that it is brought to school each day.

Children’s Week: 22-30 October…
The Victorian Government is working in partnership with local government, libraries, art galleries, museums, theatre groups and other organisations to bring families a week of fun educational activities. The week commences with a family fun day at Melbourne Zoo on Sunday 23 October featuring a range of free activities for children face painting, craft workshops, entertainers and zoo keeper talks. Entry is free for children aged 15 years and younger.

School Concert Tickets on sale…
Over 50 families responded to the article in the last newsletter by purchasing tickets for the school concert. One quarter of the tickets have already been sold. Tickets are $15 each with an initial limit of four per family. Each ticket is associated with a specific seat; you can see the seating layout and select from the best available when purchasing tickets. They are on sale each school day from 8.30am to 9.30am and 3pm to 4pm.

Dismissing students safely after the concert…
There are refurbishment works being carried out and the number of exits has been reduced. I am keen to ensure that students and parents meet at the end of the concert in an orderly way that avoids a ‘crush’ in the foyer. We will release students alphabetically by surname in family groups. I ask parents to remain seated in the main hall until called and then quickly clear the foyer once you have your children. For safety reasons, it is very important that parents do not enter the foyer until called.

Avondale Heights Cricket Club…
The emphasis of the MILO in2CRICKET program is on fun and involvement. The program is designed to give boys and girls a chance to take part in a variety of activities to develop their cricket skills, physical fitness, social skills, sportsmanship and an understanding of the game. The program is run on Friday nights at 5pm to coincide with Under 10 home matches. The cost for the season is $65 on registration. Each registered participant will receive a MILO in2CRICKET Kit. Registration is on Friday 21 October 2011 Canning Street Club Rooms at 4.30pm. For more information call Lisa on 0400 050 099 or email Avondale@club.cricketvictoria.com.au

Have a great week.
UPDATING YOUR DETAILS

Please ensure that you have all contact numbers for yourself and emergency contacts up to date. There are times when we may need to contact you urgently - ie: if your child is unwell at school. Should you have a new home address or workplace please notify us on these details too. If you are unsure if the numbers are all correct, call at the office and ask me to check these details.

Thank-you
Ros Blake
Admin Officer

DATES TO REMEMBER
(subject to change check regularly)

**October**
- Friday 14th: Grade 2 Sleepover at School
- Friday 21st: Facilities Committee 5-6pm
- Monday 24th: School Council Meeting 7:30pm
- Tuesday 25th: Concert Dress Rehearsal (at school)
- Thursday 27th: School Concert ‘Past, Present, Future’

**November**
- Tuesday 1st: Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
- Wednesday 2nd: Prep 2012 Parent Information Evening
- Friday 4th: Interschool Sport

Final Term 3 Pupils of the week were:
- PrepA - Tristen R
- PrepB - Rory P
- Prep/1A - Jennifer L
- 1/2A - Omar S
- 1/2B - Vanessa L
- 1/2C - Jai P
- 3/4A - Pamela L
- 3/4B - N/A
- 3/4C - Kaitlyn B
- 3/4D - Amy S
- 5/6A - An Le
- 5/6B - Hannah B & Andre M
- 5/6C - Radoya P
- 5/6D - Simon D

Forms sent Home this Week
- School Concert Information

Victoria Walks to School
Victoria walks to School is a one day event designed to raise awareness about the physical, environment and social benefits of walking and to encourage children to walk to school.

There is overwhelming evidence when children walk or cycle to school, they are better off physically and benefits are also made in terms of their social and emotional wellbeing. It is important to encourage kids to walk from a young age to put them on track for better health later in life.

Avondale Primary School will be participating in the walk to school initiative on **Wednesday the 19th of October**.
Please take part! If we have enough participants we may be eligible to win some prizes!
‘Walking’ includes riding bikes or scooters and walking even part of the way to school if you live a distance away.

Joanne Aranyi

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 community interest only. The school has no connection with, nor endorses, any particular business activity.

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Come Join Our Exciting Basketball Club
**Summer Season 2011**
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