



Avondale Primary School Philosophy

The philosophy of Avondale Primary School is based upon the premise that every student can attain high levels of academic achievement and be a responsible community member.

We aspire for students:

To have an enthusiasm for learning

To develop a broad and strong base of knowledge and skills

To think and act with competence, objectivity and creativity

Through their experience in living in a learning community, show respect and sensitivity to others

Show a capacity to lead, to share and cooperate with others

To accept responsibility and discipline

To find reward in participating and doing one's best

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thursday July 20, 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back

Our students settled well into their studies and have enjoyed sharing holiday stories with their class mates. The themes planned by teachers for this term will provide our students with fun and engaging activities about safety, science, economics and art.

Class Themes for Term 3

Each teaching area has developed their curriculum around the following high-interest themes.

Preps are discussing *Safety* – traffic, fire, personal, pet and water.

The 1/2 students are investigating *What is in the sky?* The unit starts by looking at the phases of the moon, then students will be examining aspects of the weather: clouds, wind, temperature and rainbows.

The 3/4 students will explore various types of habitats and biomes. Ranging from hot, dry conditions through to cool alpine then under-water environs. They will look at how living things adapt to meet the challenges of their habitat.

The 5/6 students will start with an economic unit called *Money Matters* where they will develop knowledge and skills in budgeting, planning and saving. They will then investigate a unit on The Arts

If you are able to support an area with resources or know people who can visit and speak to our students, please inform your child's class teacher.

School Council Subcommittees

Our school council operates the following sub-committees; we encourage parents to join a committee to become more involved with your child's education. The committees are: Canteen, Education, Finance, Facilities and Fund raising. The committees operate in a less formal way and monitor the school's operations and advise council on contentious issues. I encourage parents to consider joining a committee.

Safety around the school

The school gates are locked each morning at 9am leaving only the front pedestrian gates on Clarendon Street open. The gates are unlocked at 3pm allowing parents to enter the school grounds. I ask parents to avoid waiting in the corridors as these become very crowded at dismissal time.

Parking - dismissal time is the most dangerous time for our children. It is important to appreciate that the close car parks will be filled by early arriving parents. There are three car parks in close vicinity to the school that parents should use: behind McDonalds, the supermarket car park and the library car park. To maintain an expectation that you can park close to the school when you arrive after 3pm is creating a potentially regrettable situation.

The staff car park is the most dangerous area in the school. Parents and students must not use the car park to enter or leave the school. It is dangerous because drivers reversing their vehicle have limited vision and it can become quite busy before and after school.

Activities attracting a payment this term:

I wish to give parents early notice of expenses associated with planned activities for this term. While all the activities listed do not apply to any one student, hopefully this information will assist families prepare for the term ahead.

<u>August</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost (per student unless otherwise stated)</u>
7 th	Sports day raffle tickets go home	\$10/book
	District Athletics (selected students)	\$9
15 th	Multicultural Day performances	\$12
21 st	Book Fair	Family decision
25 th	Sports Day	\$4 - \$6 for lunch (details to follow)
31 st	Book Week performances	\$8
<u>September</u>		
1 st	Father's Day Stall	Family decision
	Concert tickets go on sale	\$20/ticket
6 th	Grade 5/6 camp	Pre-paid
20 th	Grade 1/2 Science Works excursion	\$20

I hope you have a great week.

DATES TO REMEMBER

(subject to change check regularly)

July

- Monday 24 Grade 3/4 River Walk
Tuesday 25 Second hand uniform sales 8:30-9am

August

- Tuesday 1 Second hand uniform Sales 8:30-9am
Selected music students to visit Ron Conn Centre
Thursday 3 Student banking
Friday 4 Education sub-committee meeting 9am
Fundraising committee meeting 2:30pm
Facilities committee meeting 4:pm
Monday 7 District Athletics—selected students (cost \$9)
Prep Fire brigade incursion - no cost
Finance committee meeting 9am
Sports day raffle tickets to go home
Tuesday 8 Second hand uniform sales 8:30-9am
Thursday 10 Student banking
Friday 11 Curriculum Day-*No students to come to school*
Monday 14 Prep Fire brigade incursion- no cost
Tuesday 15 Multicultural Day P-6 (cost \$12)
Second hand uniform sales 8:30-9am
School Council meeting 7:30
Mon 21 to
Fri 25 Book Fair
Tue 22 Selected music students to visit Ron Conn Centre
Wed 23 Prep pet ownership incursion –no cost
Friday 25 Sports Day P-6 (lunch cost \$4-\$6)
Tuesday 29 Book week parade
Thursday 31 Book week performance Incursion (cost \$8)



Pupils of the week last week of Term 2 were:

Prep A - Sidney C
Prep B - Ethan H
Prep/1A - N/A
1/2 A - Hayden J
1/2 B - Alex W
1/2 C - Pietro P
1/2 D - Jaiden N
1/2 E - Rebecca N
3/4 A - Purva P
3/4 B - Adam T
3/4 C - Abbey J
3/4D - N/A
5/6 A - Fiona M
5/6 B - Aly R
5/6 C - Rian B
5/6D - Sage H

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Book Reviews - Treasured and Tried

Troll Stinks Written by Jeanne Willis and Illustrated by Tony Ross

This is a really good book to introduce the idea of internet safety. Billy the billygoat finds a phone and rather than tell his parents about it he gets up to mischief with his friend Cyril. They decide to send horrid messages to the Troll that lives under the bridge. Then, they decide to find the Troll and take a photo of her to put on the internet to show everyone how ugly she is. But when they get to her house they find her crying because of the horrible texts she has received. Billy and Cyril are very remorseful realising how horrible they have been and they apologize and make friends with the Troll. The impact of online bullying is shown in a light-hearted story with great illustrations. Soft colours and line work go hand in hand with the words, "hung their heads in shame", adding tone to the story. A great read for children 4 to 8.

By Liz Oruba



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.

School Office Hours

8:30am to 9:30am
2:30pm to 3:15pm
Please limit visits to office to these times only.

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