UNIFORMS

As winter creeps upon us, I would like to remind families of the winter uniform colours. Students can wear black jumpers and black tracksuit pants or alternatively the yellow jumpers and black tracksuit pants. I would encourage the wearing of school uniforms, as it does look nice when all students have the correct uniform on. Please ensure all clothing is marked clearly with names. If possible, please avoid sending students with ‘hoodies’, as at times they tend to think that a hood can be substituted for a hat.

HATS

Please ensure that hats are taken home at the end of each day and returned ready for the next school day. It is the responsibility of the student to have a broad-brimmed hat at school every day, and they are not allowed to play outside if they do not have one. This rule is in accordance with our Sunsmart policy. We have been allowing students to borrow a spare hat if we have them, but we are finding that the students are not taking the responsibility of bringing their hat to school if they think they can borrow one, so we have not been allowing students to use a spare hats. Please remind your children to get their hat before leaving for the day.

NAPLAN

By now, students in years 3 & 5 at Avondale are well into their NAPLAN testing. I am proud of the effort that the children have put in and I know that they have done their best.….and after all, that’s all we want.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please return school photo forms and money as soon as possible. Photos are on the 22nd May.

MEDIA RELEASES

Forms will be sent home this week to check that students have the appropriate media release permission. The forms that have previously been on file are no longer used and this is the reason that we need to have new forms for each student. Please return these forms as soon as possible. Please note that new students this year, as well as our prep students do not need to fill the new forms out as these were included in the Enrolment Package. While filling out these new forms, it would be a great time to update new telephone numbers, addresses and emergency contact details. It is vital that we have up to date information in case of an emergency.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be held on Thursday the 5th June. We hope to have Yandaran and Winfield visit us for the day and we would like to incorporate under 8s day into the program as well. Tuckshop will be running on the day.
NOTES FROM THE CHAPLAIN

*BACK OUR CHAPPIES*
Hi everyone! Thanks so much for your support in the Back Our Chappies Campaign. The case is in court this week with 3 possible outcomes:
- The challenge could be overturned and funding continue as usual
- Funding could instead be directed through the states, rather than at a federal level, meaning we would have to seek funding via the State Government
- All chaplaincy payments beyond 2014 could cease permanently I will keep you updated as I find out what's happening.

*CHAPPY WEEK* CHAPPY CHALLENGES AND CRAZY HAIR DAY
It's Chappy Week coming up May 18-25. We will be celebrating at Avondale on Monday, May 19 with some crazy lunch time Chappy Challenges and come with crazy hair.

*MAYORAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT BREAKFAST* Please come along and support our local school chaplains and the important work that they do within our regional schools. Our school chaplains help to bring hope to our young generation through their one-on-one service. Through positive and supportive relationships they help our young people with everyday life matters, as well as the more critical issues like substance abuse, relationship issues, family breakdown, depression and low self-esteem.

*GUEST SPEAKER is Petero Civoniceva*
This is also your opportunity to hear guest speaker Petero Civoniceva discuss his NRL career, how he has worked with children through that career and how now, in his new role as the NRL Community Engagement Ambassador he is working with communities and school children to show them the wider benefits of participating in rugby league.

*Tuesday, May 20, 6.30-8.30am at the Civic Centre* *Tickets are $25 (must be pre-purchased) and available from Bundaberg Administration Centre or by calling 41304264* *For more information contact Kim Ovens 41304262 or email* kim.ovens@bundaberg.qld.gov.au

CHAPPY RAFFLE
As part of the fundraising for the breakfast there is a raffle - $2 a ticket. Chappy Kelli will have the tickets for sale at school on Monday if you wish to purchase some.

*Kelli Ussher *Chaplain SU Central Qld

READING STRATEGIES
At Avondale, our improvement agenda has been on the explicit teaching of reading. Obviously, we work hard at improving student’s knowledge in all areas of the curriculum, but as a school, we believe that students need to have vital skills in order for them to understand and fully comprehend what they are reading. This year we have been working on the reading strategies identified by Sheena Cameron. Sheena is a classroom teacher and author and has an extensive knowledge of how children learn to read. She has developed a range of strategies that we implement in the classroom and teach explicitly to the students. I have included her strategies in this newsletter and over the coming weeks, I will be placing information about the strategies as we teach them. We have been working hard at revising some of the strategies taught last year and will continue to work through the skills during our guided reading groups, as well as in general classroom lessons.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Maddison Goudie – striving to do her best
Corban Shearer – great effort in reading

DATES TO REMEMBER

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This term, the year 3-6 class has been having a lot of fun learning how to do French knitting. In conjunction with the ‘Portrait of a Tea Cosy’ exhibition, students are participating in a ‘yarn bombing’ project. We have been decorating an old wooden school chair with colourful links of French knitting. When completed, the chair will be placed on display at the Melting Moments café in Rounds Arcade in Bourbong St. We hope that you will be able to have a look at our interesting creation.

Rebecca Stone
Our next P&C meeting is set for the 26th May at 6pm in the tuck shop/staffroom. Please come along and have an input into your child’s education.

The P&C have organised a working bee on the 1st June at 8:30am. The purpose of the morning is to tidy up the grounds, particularly in between the 2 sheds and to trim some trees. If you can help, we would love to see you.

Thank you to those families who continue to assist our fundraising endeavours by selling raffle tickets on a Friday night. We still need help on the 30th May so please let me know if you can assist. The family on roster this Friday night is the Williamson family. Thank you also to Vera Owen and Sharee Heath who organised prizes and sold tickets for our Mother’s Day raffle on Sunday.

Our Nacho theme day was a huge success last Friday, with students asking when the next one was going to be. Thanks to Sharee for cooking the yummy food. Forms went home on Monday for our pie, sausage roll and hot dog day to be held this Friday.