From the Principals Desk

Welcome to Week 6!

WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to those students who have already been working hard at home and school and have earned certificates of recognition for knowing their sight words, being Student of the Week and for showing great attitudes and understanding in LOTE, Science and Art.

FRUIT BREAK

If anyone has any fresh fruit they don’t need, please feel free to send it in to school. We would gladly use some extra fresh fruit!

BEHAVIOUR MATRIX

This week’s expectations of behaviour are for students’ behaviour in the playground. Again, for each rule there are descriptions of behaviour which are expected to be seen when we are in the playground. Please talk to your child about these expectations so that we all have a common understanding of expectations at school.

We have begun a new playground behaviour acknowledgement system. Students receive a raffle ticket when they are observed going above and beyond one of our school rules – Be Safe. Be Responsible. Be Respectful.

Every Monday at parade two names are drawn out – one from each class. These wonderful students then receive FREE tuckshop on the following tuckshop day. The students are very excited about this opportunity and have shown their awareness of the rules already! Our first winners this week were Hayley Maythers and Kai Bissett. Congratulations!

READING

We read every day at school. I would encourage parents to listen to their child(ren) read every day. We are looking for parents to help with reading in the mornings before school starts. Please let us know through a note in the KIT book if you can help and which day you are available. Your child(ren) would love to have you there to listen to students reading....

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

Monday 7—5pm Bus Meeting
5:30pm P & C Meeting
Wednesday 9—School banking day
Friday 18—Trivia Night
Wednesday 23—School banking day
Thursday 24—Last day school term
Thursday 24—P & C Easter raffle drawn
Friday 25—Good Friday

APRIL

Monday 11—First school day term 2
Monday 25—Anzac Day

MAY

Monday 2—Labour Day
How important is reading practice?

Students who read:

♦ Less than 1 min per day read 8,000 words per year;
♦ 4.6 minutes per day read 282,000 words per year;
♦ 20 minutes per day read 1.8 million words per year.

* Anyone at any age can be taught to read…!
* We cannot compensate for lack of practice…!

KIT BOOK

Please remember that the KIT (Keeping In Touch) Book needs to be returned to school every day.

TRIVIA NIGHT

The P&C are holding a “St Patrick’s Day Trivia Night” on Friday 18th March at the Avondale Tavern. There will be prizes for best costume and best Irish joke! Get a team together and come and have some fun…!

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Yours in Education,
Kerry Deighton,
Principal, Avondale State School

P & C Meeting

Reminder the next general meeting of the school P & C is Monday March 7 at 5:30pm

Bus Meeting

A meeting of the bus committee will be held on Monday March 7 at 5pm at school.

Chaplain Chat

Proverbs for ponder

A true friend sticks by you through the bad times.

True friends are honest with you.

True friends forgive each other.

A true friend looks past the outside to what is inside. It's not about the outward appearance that matters but the heart.

Proverbs 17:17 - A friend loves at all times.

In Hawaii the word aloha means a lot more than just hello and good-bye.

It also means love. Hawaii is called The Aloha State. Hawaiians show aloha to one another.

Things can be done in the spirit of aloha. Literally translated, aloha means "breath of God be upon you." It's kind of like saying, "May God bless you"

It means you do something kind without expecting something in return.

There are lots of ways for us to show God's aloha (love) to others. We can pray for others. We can send notes to cheer them up. We can bring a meal or a special treat to someone who is sick. We can clean someone's house or do yard work. Showing aloha to our neighbours is what Jesus taught us to do. Serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command:

"Love your neighbour as yourself"
**P & C Fundraising**

Reminder about the Easter raffle which will be drawn on Thursday March 24. Please remember to return tickets sold and unsold with money to school by Wednesday March 23, if anyone requires more tickets please contact the school.

**School Banking**

School banking is Wednesday March 9 and March 23. If there are any new families who would like to commence this great savings plan for their children please contact the school for an information pack.

**Before & After School Care News**

What's happening at After School Care?

Ballet classes are every Tuesday from 3:30pm till 4:30pm. We also have Tae Kwon Do with instructor Nathan, on Friday afternoon at 3pm. If you would like any more information please come in and see me.

Kathie McGrath  Coordinator- Avondale OSHC

**Community Notices**

**Tegege Social Touch Football**

Avondale football grounds, Wednesday nights.

Categories Mixed Adults and Juniors.

If you have a team Great, if not we can hook you up with one. Just come on down.

Enquiries after 5pm to Sharee 4156 1419, Sue 0421485087 or Jenny 41561185

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**For more information:**

Literacy and Numeracy Fact sheet
Supporting your child

What is literacy?

Literacy is the ability to read, view, write, design, speak and listen in a way that allows us to communicate effectively and to make sense of the world.

Why is literacy important?

Literacy is vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and everyday life. Literacy allows us to make sense of a range of written, visual and spoken texts including books, newspapers, magazines, timetables, DVDs, television and radio programs, signs, maps, conversations and instructions.

Ways to support your child’s literacy development

Research has shown that children’s motivation and achievement improve when their parents or carers are involved in their education.

There are many everyday things you can do to encourage literacy learning. These include:

- valuing and encouraging your child’s efforts with literacy
- sharing your knowledge and explaining how you use literacy in your everyday life
- encouraging your child to read and view a variety of texts such as newspapers, novels, comics, magazines, websites, email, timetables, instructions and recipes
- encouraging your child to write and design for a variety of purposes using print and electronic resources — invitations, thank you notes, shopping lists, messages, journals and electronic slide shows
- encouraging your child to speak and listen for a variety of purposes — sharing a joke, giving instructions or asking for information
- sharing a love of language
- discussing how texts look different depending on the purpose and audience — for example, text messaging uses different spelling from school projects
- talking about things that you have read or viewed that were amusing, interesting or useful
- discussing favourite authors, producers, directors or illustrators and what you like about them
- discussing new and unusual words or phrases and exploring these through print and electronic dictionaries
- playing games that develop knowledge and enjoyment of words
- making use of community resources for information, local and school libraries, clubs, community groups and websites.