Welcome to Week 8!

May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow and may trouble avoid you wherever you go!
(in honour of St. Patrick’s Day!)

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

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 undercover and eating areas. Again, for each rule there are descriptions of behaviour which are expected to be seen when we are in those areas. Please talk to your child about these expectations so that we all have a common understanding of expectations at school.

Our new playground behaviour acknowledgement system has continued to be a hit with staff and students! Many students have been earning raffle tickets when they are observed going above and beyond one of our school rules – Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful. Since the previous newsletter, we have had four names...

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH
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 18—P & C Meeting 6pm
Monday 25—Anzac Day

MAY
Monday 2—Labour Day
Thursday 26—Bundaberg Show Holiday
drawn to receive a free tuckshop. They were
Oscar Moore, Kohan Heath, Milly Vosmaer
and Jakob Shearer. Well done, students!

Term 1 Behaviour Celebration
I am pleased to say that ALL of our students
have maintained a high enough level of be-
aviour to be eligible to participate in our end-
of-term Behaviour Celebration. We will be
having a “Movie/Munchies Moment” on
Wednesday 23rd March. A permission note
will be coming home to allow your child(ren)
to watch a PG rated movie on this day. We are
required to have this permission note for
school viewing which may occur throughout
the year. Please return this note ASAP.

School Attendance
Our school and regional goal for student at-
tendance is 95%. At the end of Term 1, we
have achieved this attendance goal! Thank
you to all of the parents and students who try
really hard to be here every day so that stu-
dents are receiving consistent learning and
development. It is so important to be at
school regularly and this creates great lifelong
habits for university and the world of work.

At next week’s parade, attendance awards
will be handed out. Families will be acknowl-
edged where their child(ren) have attended
100% and where they have met our attend-
ance goal. I am proud to say that about a
third of our students are 100% attenders and
about another third have attended more than
95%. This is something our school community
can be proud of. Let’s work together to keep
this great achievement in our school!

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

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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 April 18 at 6:00pm.

Chaplain Chat
All of us have unique gifts. God gives different
gifts to different people so the world works to-
gether better. If we were good at the same stuff,
a lot of things would be left undone. Some of us
have the gift of speaking. Some of us have the
gift of making others laugh. You might have the
gift of being a great friend or listener. Maybe you
excel at math, writing or science. Gifts come in all
different varieties.

Accept your gifts gladly and use them to God’s
glory. Don’t hide your talents or be embarrassed
by them. God wants you to use your gifts today
and to develop them to use them even better in
the future.
( adapted from devotions by Bethany Hamilton, a
shark attack victim).

There are different kinds of gifts ............but the
same God works all of them in all men
♦ 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

I heard of the story of a man who had invented
some very powerful explosives and had made a
fortune selling these. His name was Alfred Nobel.

When a newspaper reporter printed an obituary
notice about this man, mistakenly believing that
he had died, Nobel felt quite ashamed at the re-
alisation that he would be remembered for his contribution to death and destruction.

Turning from his old way of life, he used his fortune to establish the Nobel Peace Prize, through which people are honoured for their contribution to peace and human achievement and that is indeed what the world now remembers Alfred Nobel for.

Ask yourself this - if an obituary notice was wrongly printed for you, and it gave an accurate account of how you have lived your life that you would be ashamed to see in print? If your answer is yes, then maybe it's time to make those changes now, while you still can.

Matthew Chapter 5, verse 16: In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. (NIV)

Proverbs Chapter 5, verse 21: For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD and he examines all his paths. (NIV Bible)

**P & C Fundraising**

Reminder about the Easter raffle which will be drawn next 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**

The next school banking day is Wednesday March 23 and after the holidays the first banking day is Wednesday April 20.

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**

Reminder of events 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

**Updating student information**

Paperwork is being sent home in the KIT books next week for parents to check if the information we have at school for students is correct.

Please read, check and return necessary paperwork to school ASAP.

**Happy Easter**

As this is the last newsletter for the term school staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter break, please stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone back for Monday April 11
**BE RESPECTFUL**

- Look at those that are speaking to you
- Share eating areas
- Respect the privacy and personal space of others

**TUCKSHOP**

- Use your manners

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**BE RESPONSIBLE**

- Keep your food to yourself
- Put your rubbish in the bin
- Sit in your own area to eat

**TUCKSHOP**

- Look after your order and change

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**BE SAFE**

- Walk
- Suit when eating
- Put lunch boxes away
- Remain seated in designated area till released by staff

**TUCKSHOP**

- Wait patiently for your turn

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**Community Notices**

**Yesteryear Rally**

At Tegege Hall & Football grounds on Saturday and Sunday April 9 & 10, 2016

Saturday 8:30am—5pm  Sunday 8:30am—1pm

Admission: Adults $5.00  Primary school children free.

**Events** -Old Tractor pull & novelty events, stationary engine displays, old cane machinery, draught horse display, vintage cars, trucks, tractors and memorabilia, slideshow (photos from yesteryear) light horse display, blacksmith workshop, assortment of stalls, old tractor and horse ploughing.

**Competitions**—Macadamia nut throwing, whip cracking

**Country style** 2 course dinner Saturday night 6:30pm Bookings essential.

Kids entertainment, billy tea and damper, food, drinks and licensed bar.

President—Brian Buchbach 41561235, Rally Coordinator—Ian Burgess Ph 41561438

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**First Aid Course**

We will be holding a fully certified first aid course here at school on Wednesday May 11 in the afternoon from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Instruction will be given by a fully qualified instructor, after the course you will then be given an assessment booklet to complete and return to get the first aid certificate. The cost is $100 full certificate including CPR and $50 for CPR only.

If any school parents or community members would like to take part please contact the school to make the booking and organise your payment.