Welcome to Week 4!
The weeks are already flying past very quickly!
We now have 26 students, with our latest new arrival being Jack Franklin. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to him and his family into the Avondale Community!

SCHOOL ROUTINE
I would like to build on the school routine information I wrote about last week.

In the afternoon, please ensure you talk with your child/ren about their day at school. Don’t forget to check the KIT book for any communication or notes which may be there. Please supervise your child reading and/or doing the other parts of their homework (which varies according to year level) such as sight words, sounds, worksheets etc.

We do not give a lot of homework, so there is an expectation that it will be done. We understand that if there is a family event or unexpected illness etc that it may not be completed. Please let us know if this has happened so that we can deal with the situation appropriately.

Doing homework in primary school sets up good work habits for homework in secondary school. We are trying to help your child to develop good study habits, including independence and responsibility. As parents, you have an important part to play in developing these habits for the future.

FRUIT BREAK
This year we have been having a “Fruit Break” in the middle of our morning learning session. This kind of “brain break” has been proven to help with children’s learning and their ability to retain new skills and information. We also practice some brain gym techniques which help to get their brains into gear. Through these routines, we are trying to give each child the best possible opportunities to learn and develop. An important component of this routine is drinking water regularly. Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY
Sunday 21—Bingo 2pm Avondale Tavern
Wednesday 24—School Banking

MARCH
Friday 18—Trivia Night

Thursday 24—Last day school term
Thursday 24—P & C Easter raffle drawn
Friday 25—Good Friday
Friday 25—Friday 8 - School Holidays

APRIL
Monday 11—First school day term 2
Behaviour Matrix

At the back of each newsletter from now on, I will be outlining the expectations from our Responsible Behaviour Plan for the school. This describes the behaviour which are expected in various areas of our school in accordance with our school rules which are: BE SAFE. BE RESPONSIBLE. BE RESPECTFUL.

The first area I have chosen to share is the classroom. For each rule there are descriptions of behaviour which are expected to be seen when we are in the classroom. Please talk to your child about these expectations so that we all have a common understanding of expectations at school.

STAFFING

We have retained mostly the same staff as last year. We have said goodbye to Mrs Anne Rule, who has moved to teach at Bundaberg North Primary. Our staff for 2016 has otherwise remained the same, with new itinerant teachers for Music and LOTE. Jenny Neubeck-er will remain as Years 3-6 teacher for the rest of the year. We have a great team at Avondale and I hope that parents will continue to support us!

ABSENCES

If your child is absent please explain the reason in writing or with an email or phone call. We are required to mark the school roll with accuracy regarding attendance and absences. The school roll is a legal document and, accordingly, we need accurate details.

K.I.T. BOOK

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

BINGO!!

Who loves playing bingo? The P&C are holding a BINGO afternoon this Sunday afternoon at 2pm at the Tavern. Please come along, bring some friends….you never know – you might win some money and you’ll definitely have lots of fun!! $20 to play......SEE YOU THERE!

TRIVIA NIGHT

The P&C are holding a “St Patrick’s Day Trivia Night” on Friday 18th March at the Avondale Tavern. 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

The new executive for the P & C is as follows
President—Andrew Pratt
Secretary—Sarah Pratt
Treasurer—Peter Goudie
Assistant Treasurer—Virginia Bissett
Fundraising Co-Ordinator—Lateisha Leonard
The next general meeting will be held at school on Monday 7 March, at 5pm.

Chaplain Chat

Did you know that shepherds will sometimes break the leg of a sheep that constantly wanders away? The sheep is then forced to stay close to the shepherd for protection- and because it hurts to walk on that leg. It seems cruel but the shepherd is trying to protect the sheep from ending up alone, lost, and at risk of being lunch to a hungry wolf.

I am encouraged by this as it reminds me of how much God wants to be our shepherd and journey with us if we allow Him. Psalm 23:1-4, 6 from the Bible says; The Lord is
my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ...Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Implementation of the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum

Throughout this term, our school will be implementing the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum with all students. The curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: Recognise, React and Report. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional well-being.


P & C Fundraising

Reminder of our fundraising for this term. We have sent out tickets yesterday for 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. Flyers are included for our other 2 fundraising events.

School Banking

School banking Wednesday February 24. There are some great new prizes available for students who do 10 bankings. 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,
As of Tuesday the 16th after school care has a new ballet class running. Ballet classes are every Tuesday from 3:30pm till 4:30pm. We also have Tae Kwon Do back up and running with instructor Nathan. Tae Kwon Do takes place 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

HOT SHOTS - LEARN & PLAY TENNIS:
Bundaberg Tennis Academy's Coaches Murray Whitbread & Kevin Banner will commence classes.
Weekly Learning Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays. To register and for all further information please contact Murray: 0407 639824 or Kevin: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753. Cardio Tennis available for Adults - fitness workout - contact Kevin.

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
**CLASSROOM**

- Walk
- Sit still
- Enter and exit room in an orderly manner
- Wait quietly and sensibly for your teacher
- Use equipment appropriately

**BE SAFE**

- Use your manners
- Sit still
- Enter and exit room in an orderly manner
- Use equipment appropriately
- Do not disrupt others learning

**BE RESPONSIBLE**

- Be prepared and punctual
- Complete set tasks
- Keep work space tidy
- Be honest
- Do your best
- Have a go

**DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY**

At Tegege Hall
20\textsuperscript{th} February 2016 Commencing at 7.30 p.m.
Music by Geoff & Gary
Supper Provided
Raffle/Lucky Door/ Chocolate Waltz/ Monti Carlo
Entry $ 8.00
In Aid of Tegege Hall Upkeep.
Inquiries Phone Hall Secretary
D. Bush:- 41561237

**Meet the Candidates**

for the forthcoming
Bundaberg Regional Council election

@ Tegege Memorial Hall
18 Bush’s Road, Tegege, Bundaberg

On Thursday 25\textsuperscript{th} February 2016
Starting 7.00 p.m.
All Mayoral Candidates and Candidates for Division 1 and Division 3 are invited to attend. The public will be given the opportunity to ask them questions.