



Newsletter

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Kia ora mai

As you read this, I will be in Wellington attending an important conference focussing on best practice for inclusive education. This is a topic very dear to my heart because it is crucial that all students who have special needs are welcomed into, and nurtured by our school. I am sure there are areas we can improve on and it is my intention to provide a full report of the conference. This will be shared with staff, submitted to the Board of Trustees and made available for parents. Being Wellington of course, I will need to pack my thermals! And I will get to stay with my brother who works at Lyall Bay Primary School and has a class that runs a radio station. Now that can't be bad! What is interesting from our perspective is that three of our students have been accepted as roving reporters for this station, so when we have links of their posts, they will be shared with parents. The station is called Maranui FM – here is link to their webpage: <https://www.maranuifm.co.nz/team> You will see that Kreetina, Aniles and Grace already have a link.

What a busy start we have had to the Term. Mrs Brown (formerly Miss Earl of room 16 fame) has done an amazing job with our kids in her new role with Life Education Caravan. This is always a rich experience for staff and students and it is important to acknowledge the superb work of this fine young educator.

We also have wonderful people on site from the Auckland Museum doing sessions on volcanoes. This aligns nicely with our science focus and is certainly proving interesting and informative.

It is always with mixed feelings that we farewell a staff member and this is certainly the case for Lyn Throll. Currently employed by the school as a Resource Teacher of Literacy, Lyn is moving to Henderson, doing the same job, just closer to her home. While we support Lyn's decision, we will miss her very much. I have worked with many fine professionals in education and she is as good at it gets. Our best wishes go with you Lyn.

Students often visit me in my office; here is a suggestion for all families from two of our whanau leaders: Parents please get the flu vaccination. Thanks girls, great message!

Go well

Greg



We would like to wish each mother, mum, mama, whaea, tinā, amma, fa'e, mere, oka'asan, mu qing, mamacu, aunt, nana, mother-in-law, step-mum..... an incredible day on Sunday. We hope your day is full of cuddles and special moments.
And an acknowledgement to one exceptional nana - Bernadette Kubuabola
A Duffy gift is coming your way, Bernadette.



dates for your diary

May 12th Friday Lunch Orders

WEEK 3

May 15th **Sneeze Safe Week**
School assembly 10am

May 16th Sport Waitakere Funskills session for Tui and Pukeko
Whanau Leader meeting

May 17th Auckland Museum sessions with Kea
Tech Angels meeting

May 18th **Kiwi Kids Performance**
in the hall \$3.50

May 19th Tui trip to Maritime Museum
Friday Lunch Orders

WEEK 4

May 22nd School assembly 10am

May 23rd Last day for Subway orders
Sport Waitakere Funskills session for Tui and Pukeko

KEA Open Block 9am

Australian Exam (ICAS) - Digital Technology
Whanau Leader meeting

May 24th Tech Angels meeting

May 25th **Subway Day**
Newsletter #7 comes home

Week 5 Pukeko parent student meetings

knitting club

Wednesday lunchtime. Come along and help knit squares! These squares will be stitched together to make blankets for the City Mission. Nice work Miss Brown and Room 17.



Subway day

Thursday 25th May

If you would like to make an order, please use the ordering envelope that was sent home on Tuesday this week.

Correct change MUST be in the envelope.
One envelope per child per family.

Please return the envelope correctly filled in, to the office, along with your money no later than **Tuesday 23rd May**



Thank you to Fa'avae, Peni and Henaci, our amazing Whanau Leaders for organising this day for our school.

Scholastic books

Scholastic lucky book orders
Issue three are due in by Tuesday 20th June to school
If you are doing it online, it closes on 24th June



School App!

Just a reminder that we have a school APP!
DOWNLOAD IT TODAY!

Values & virtues

Our focus for the next two weeks

Value:

Tolerance/ Tuku-marie

We are tolerant. We overlook other people's faults. We appreciate differences. We accept the things we cannot change with good grace.

Virtue:

Patience /Manawanui

We are patient. We are gentle with others and ourselves when we make mistakes. We wait calmly. We trust that things will turn out alright.

friends of avondale

We are planning another School Quiz as a fundraiser in Term 3.

SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST

Put this date in your diary

This is always a fabulous night out.

These funds are going to assist with playground maintenance.

If you have any ideas, would like to help out or have a great contact for a quiz prize, we would love to hear from you.

Contact us on 828 8929 or email Kim at

kimw@avondaleprimary.school.nz

Or Sharron at

sharrone@avondaleprimary.school.nz

Please check out our facebook page for regular updates <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAvondalePrimary/>

term dates

TERM 2:

Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July

Queen's birthday (Public Holiday) – Monday 5 June

TERM 3:

Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September

Teacher Only Day (school closed) Wednesday 23 August

TERM 4:

Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December (TBC)

Labour Day (Public Holiday) – Monday 23 October

A message from our Wastewise Team

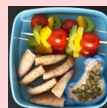
Jazz up vegetables

...by stringing them on to kebabs.

Provide a dipping sauce such as hummus, pesto, salsa or Greek

yoghurt in a separate, sealable container.

You can also make kebabs with fruit slices.



A message from our Travelwise Team

Always Use the Crossings

Children will copy your example, good or bad. Always use the safe crossing areas, and show respect to the Kea Crossing wardens - our school road patrollers.



introducing . . . Our Whanau Leaders

We have 16 incredible Year 6 Leaders.

To acknowledge and thank them for the wonderful impact they are making around our school, we thought we should introduce them to you in our newsletter. Imrana is a new Whanau Leader this term, so we thought we should start with her first.

imrana

Hobbies: sports, ice blocks, music, spending time with my friends and family, playing games, writing, maths, homework, fun places, skateboarding, yummy food, sometimes like playing on my iPad and computer, roller skating and ice skating.

Firstly, it is an honour to be a Whanau Leader for Matai.

So what does it mean to me to be a Whanau Leader?

It is the trust my whanau have in me to lead by example and be a great role model especially to the young juniors. Being a Whanau Leader will help me be more confident. It is a great opportunity for me to show any skills I have and share any stories that may inspire my whanau.

welcome from aut

We welcome two amazing AUT Student Teachers in their 3rd year of teacher training.

Sofia Wolf is with Mrs Maharaj and Rm 8.
Sophie Renouf is with Ms Taylor and Rm 5.



kapa haka

Our Kapa Haka had a dress rehearsal yesterday for their up-coming performance this weekend.

They are performing at Corbans Art Centre at midday this Saturday 13th May.
Please come along to support them.

Check out the taster on our FB page

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAvondalePrimary/)

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Thanks to Matua and Mrs Sililoto for tutoring.

Life Education Term 2 Weeks 1 and 2



We had our last sessions yesterday. Have a chat to your children about their learning and the special friends they met while in the caravan. Thanks very much to Michelle (aka Miss Earl) and Harold for a great two weeks.

If you haven't paid the \$5 per child, please pop in to the office or send it to the class teacher.



A story about Harold by Margaret Room 4



Auckland War Memorial Museum

This term we have the privilege of have three Auckland Museum educators teaching us about earthquakes and volcanoes. How they work and how to keep safe. Each class gets to see a volcano in action and touch different types of rock formed at different stages e.g. scoria and pumice.



Cross Country

Mr McCutcheon and Miss Brown took 36 students to the Cross Country event at Blockhouse Bay Reserve. The kids all put in an amazing effort and had a lot of fun. Special mention to Masha, who came 2nd in the over 11 yrs girls and Akram who finished 10th in the 9yr old boys division.

Well done everyone!

Thanks to the families that went along to support our runners.

Head on over to our Facebook page to check out the photos

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/FriendsOfAvondalePrimary/photos/?>



kelly club

Just a reminder that we have a before and after school care programme running in our school hall, every day.

If this is something your family is interested in using, check out this link: <https://www.kellyclub.co.nz/>



Eco Soap

We are selling Eco Soap as a school fundraiser. Each bar costs \$2.50 to buy and \$1.00 comes back to us.

We have two kinds: lemongrass grapefruit & mint

kiwi kids performance: kath bee - singer/songwriter

The show is only \$3.50

On Thursday 18th May, we have been lucky enough to get Kath Bee to come and perform at our school. Kath has performed for over 10 years in many venues – from small primary schools, to large Festivals. She is one of New Zealand's best-loved children's songwriters and entertainers. Kids have grown up singing her songs 'Individuality' and 'Dad I wanna be a Camel'.

You can watch her on this youtube clip https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_5hKpQwHJI

Check her out: www.songs4kids.co.nz

<https://www.facebook.com/kathbeesongs/>

Some of Kath's accolades

Winner of the What Now Children's Video of the Year Award 2010 with 'Individuality'

1st Place, Pacific Songwriting Contest 2007 with 'Don't Wanna'

3rd Place, Pacific Songwriting Contest 2005 with 'Dragons Under my Bed'

Finalist, USA Songwriting Competition 2005 with 'Individuality'

3rd Place, Pacific Songwriting Contest 2007 with 'Dad, I wanna be a camel'

Can \$3.50 please be given to the class teacher by the morning of Thursday 18th May.



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We're looking for fun, friendly, responsible & competent Co-ordinating Supervisor who is based in Avondale to work at our well established Kelly Club. Applicants must be available and willing to work 7.00am-8.30am and 2.45pm-6pm Monday to Friday. Applicants must be able to work in a team environment, have strong leadership skills, have great communication skills, be able to think on their feet, be flexible and adapt to different situations and most of all be passionate and enjoy working with children. If this sounds like you, please send your CV to: Laurinda@kellyclub.co.nz or phone 021 614 107 for more information.

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