



Newsletter

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Kia ora mai tatou

One of the things I will miss when I leave is taking the kids for rugby. Yesterday I was privileged to be part of a team including Mr McCutcheon and Whaea Rennie, that took three teams to the Cluster rugby tournament. It could be said there is some bias when I share that my team, the Open Grade, played some of the best footy I have seen at this level for many years. The resilience they showed after losing the first game was inspiring. And of course, the other teams were equally outstanding – great skills, excellent teamwork and wonderful sportsmanship. A total joy to spend the day with these kids and teachers. Well done Sport Waitakere and Auckland Rugby for organising the day.

You will be aware that from time to time we have to manage issues such as food allergies at school. This is about ensuring all students are safe. We are currently putting a plan in place to support a student with a severe allergy to peanuts / nuts. We are taking advice from the health professionals and have a process in place to consult with parents of students who may be likely to eat their lunch close to the student. To these parents, thank you so much for your patience. We will make sure that the right thing is done and of course, will keep in close communication. Your cooperation is appreciated and if you have any questions, pop into the office for a chat with Yvonne, Kim or I.

The quiz night is almost upon us! Such a tremendous job done by Kim and the Friends of Avondale in organising this wonderful fundraiser. Be sure to collar friends, family and workmates and get a team together and contact the school office for information on how to get your team happening. This is one social event you simply must attend!

Naku noa

Greg

Have your say on our new principal - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9PC97JY>

As you are all aware Greg will be retiring at the end of term 3, and we are planning a worthy event to celebrate the time and commitment he has given to our school over the past ten years. We will keep you updated as the details are firmed up.

We have engaged MOE approved consultants, KEA Education, to lead us through this process, and the position of our new principal has been advertised to the education community. This word of mouth has generated a great deal of interest in this position with applications set to closing on the 7th August 2017. We now need your feedback and comments to help us to understand what you see as important for our new leader. Your feedback is vital and in conjunction with our staff, student and consultants inputs will be used to shortlist our candidates for the interview process. This is a very important process and we wish to capture as many voices as possible, even the smallest of comments can help us to get this right. Please use the following link to complete a short survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9PC97JY> we thank you in advance for your feedback. If you have any other question or comments please do not hesitate to email us on bot@avondaleprimary.school.nz or drop a note into the office or through your classroom teacher.

Kind regards Teresa, Alexis, Venus, Anthony, Sharron, Joan & Kim Avondale Primary School Principal Appointments Committee

dates for your diary

WEEK 3

- Aug 7th** International Peace Week
School assembly 10am
- Aug 8th** Whanau Leader meeting
- Aug 9th** Whanau leaders Breakfast Hub
AIS leadership team visit
Friends of Avondale quiz organisation 9am
Tech Angels meeting
Across school Whanau Leader meetings
- Aug 10th** AIS open Day for our Year 6 students
Parent evening for Blockhouse Bay
Intermediate Enrolments 6 – 7.30pm
- Aug 11th** KidsCan Appeal Superhero day
Lunch Orders

Saturday 12th Aug - School Quiz

WEEK 4

- Aug 14th** National Maths Week
School assembly 10am
- Aug 15th** Australian Exams (ICAS) - Mathematics
Whanau Leader meeting
Whanau Leader milk folding competition
- Aug 16th** Y5/6 Winter Field Day
- Aug 16th** Newsletter #12 comes home

What's coming up!

Week 5

- Wed 23rd Aug** Teacher Only Day
- Thurs 24th Aug** Open Day at BBI
- Frid 25th Aug** Daffodil Day

Week 6

- Wed 30th Aug** Whanau leader Cup cake day
- Fri 1 Sept** Red Nose Day

Week 7

- Tues 5th Sept** Pukeko Farm visit



On Wednesday 9th August, the Whanau Leaders will be hosting a **Breakfast Hub** in the staffroom. The purpose of the breakfast Hub is that parents and children will come and spend time together. Please come and share with your child, their learning, while having a yummy breakfast, cooked by the Whanau Leaders. It is totally free, however, there will be a donation box.

Breakfast Hub opens at 7.45am until approx. 8.30am. Please RSVP by **Friday 4th August.**

The Whanau leaders will be hosting a Breakfast Hub twice a term. If you can't make this one, put into your diary our next one. Which is on Wednesday 13th September. There will be a new sharing topic each hub.

Organised by Phoebe, Rafiq, Hana, and Mia (Whanau Leaders)

Cultural day

This term each class is focussing on **Culture**. The big learning is 'My culture fits with your culture!' As part of this, we will be hosting a **Cultural Open day on Wednesday 13th September**. There will be opportunities to see items, experience art & craft, share learning and maybe even try food. Please keep some or all of this day free - more information to come including a timetable.



A message from our Wastewise Team

At the beginning of the week... make a huge dish that works well as leftovers for lunchboxes. Pasta salad and couscous don't need to be reheated; lasagne, curries and risotto taste even better the next day.

Values & virtues

Our focus for the next three weeks

Value: Resilience / Manawarao

We are resilient. Whatever challenges today brings we are confident that we will achieve our goals. We are reminded of our own strengths.

Virtue: Perseverance/U-ona-tanga

We have perseverance. We keep a steady pace in what we choose to do. We keep on keeping on. We finish what we start. We are loyal and committed friends.

term dates

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

friends of Avondale School Quiz



SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST

Put this date in your diary

This is always a fabulous night out. Tickets will go on sale week one next term 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/>

A message from our Travelwise Team

Walk with friends

Walking together is fun and improves your personal safety. Choose a meeting spot and make sure you check in if your mate is late!

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. No 7 is Mia

Mia

Kowhai Year 6 Room 11

My hobbies are reading, gymnastics, playing on the trampoline, playing with my puppy and cat, playing the piano and last of all, talking to my friends on the phone.

My interests are animals and my future. I think it takes big courage and responsibility to be a whanau leader. I also think that I am lucky to have the courage to be a whanau leader.

Welcome to our Student teachers from AUT

We have the privilege of having three student teachers from AUT here with us over the next four weeks. Miss Long is working in Room 1, Whaea Rennie is working in Room 7 and Miss Griffin is working in Room 8. We wish you all a successful and rewarding practicum at APS.

Waitakere half Marathon, 11km & 5km run/walk

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER 2017

We have entered our school in the Waitakere Half and Fun Run/walk fundraiser.

For every adult who enters the race and registers with our unique code... **AVONDALEPRIMARY** - \$5 comes back to our school.

Obviously we want as many friends, families and wider community to register with our code.

Thanks for the two parents who have already registered To register <http://www.waitakerehalf.co.nz/>



kidsCan appeal



Let's support KidsCan!

To raise money for the National KidsCan appeal we are having a **Super Hero Day / I wish I was.... Day.**

Friday 11th August

Come dressed as your favourite Super Hero or a person you admire. Bring along a coin to donate to this worthy cause.

Room 17 haiku with Ms Billing

Cobras

Absorbing venom
Cobras slither near the ground
With in the jungle
By Casey



Mother nature cares
Many abilities some
Considered not real
By Tahu

Eagles are strong and brave
Eagles fly in the blue sky
Up high in the hills
By Luke



Everything is calm
Nature is a peaceful place
Relax, dream easy
By Massoud



Twilight

In the twilight
Aren't you such a bright light dancing
They're singing in town
By Catherine

Owls

Flies through the night sky
Like a flower gliding down
The beauty of skies
By Farjad

Year 6 transition to Avondale intermediate



There are three specific occasions to assist with the transition of our Year 6 students to Avondale Intermediate

🕒 **Week 3, Wednesday 9 August:** Ms Hardwidge and Mrs Blakey will be visiting classes and will give out their prospectus

🕒 **Week 3, Thursday 10: OPEN DAY** at the INTERMEDIATE - Y6 will be picked up at **9am** and return by **1.30pm** to experience what it is going to be like at intermediate school.

🕒 **Week 7, Thursday 7:** AIS student leaders will come and talk to our Y6 students and answer any questions - **2pm**

Quiz Support

To make our quiz even more successful, we are requesting if anyone would like to donate new items from home or are willing to buy something small that we can put into a raffle, that would be much appreciated.



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

Friday Lunch Orders

Taste Café Friday lunches orders need to be complete by 9am Friday, from either the school office or direct to the cafe.

Kelly Club



Just a reminder that Kelly Club will be operating on the day of our Teacher Only Day - **Week 5: Wednesday 23rd August.**

If you would like to register your child/ren, either pop in before or after school and reserve a place or register directly online <https://www.kellyclub.co.nz/>

Digital Citizenship

Digital Citizenship is about your rights, roles and responsibilities in the digital world. It goes beyond just being safe online.

Tip #1 Don't post any personal information online – your address, email address or mobile number.

Winter School beanies



Red school beanies for winter.
The cost is \$3.00.

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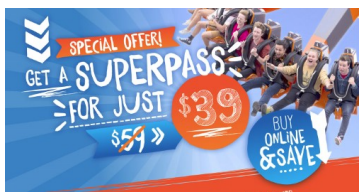
Parent Evening Thursday 10th August Enrolment 2018, 6 – 7.30pm

Open Day Thursday 24th August 9.20am – 11.45am

Packs available from school office.

If you require any further information, please call 6266414.

Thank you



Rainbow's End Celebrates

Rainbow's End celebrates 35 years in business with a **Superpass deal**. Until the 11th August, purchase a Superpass for just \$39 instead of \$59. Buy online and save. They are also offering a \$49 superpass - this includes a hunger buster Meal Deal. www.rainbowsend.co.nz

Free Campaign to reduce number of unwanted kittens

SPCA are offering **FREE** spaying, neutering and microchipping for cats in the following Auckland suburbs from **14th – 25th August 2017** - Avondale, Henderson, Mangere (including Mangere Bridge and Mangere East), Manurewa, Massey, Mt Roskill, Mt Wellington, Onehunga, Otahuhu, Otara, Papakura and Papatoetoe. Anyone who would like to take up the offer must call us to book their cat/s in. **The number to call is 09 256 7310. Bookings for this campaign are now open.**

Please spread the word to friends / family who live in any of these areas.

If you have any further questions, please contact Alice Birch or Shaundey

Makata-Kimi on 09 256 7310 or via email Shaundey.makatakimi@spca.org.nz

The Parenting Place Workshops

Thursday, 21 September 7-9pm (evening seminar) \$25

Technology is here to stay, changing society in ways that have far reaching consequences for our children. As parents, how do we prepare them to live in this new world, while making sure we're taking the lead?

Friday, 22 September 9am-4pm (all day seminar) \$125

There seems to be a rise in anger and aggressive behaviour among children today – drawing from historical evidence and today's science of the brain, Dr Neufeld explains why this is happening and how we can help.

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