



Newsletter

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Creative Learners, thinkers and communicators who can effectively make a difference

Kia ora mai tatou

One of the most rewarding parts of working with kids is to see them grow as individuals able to manage themselves and give to others. Our Whanau Leaders epitomise this. Well done kids for the cupcake stall yesterday, and of course the recent breakfast for our families. I know you will all remember your last year here with fond memories and without doubt, will be prepared for the challenges of Intermediate.

Sorry if some muddy clothes have come home recently. It's the rugby kids' passion to get on to the field and well, play rugby, that causes this. A suggestion is have a change of clothes for them. I am going to miss this group of kids – high in energy and athletic skills and a desire to develop a team spirit. True, there are times when I look at them covered in mud and think, only a mother could love you! But these are the students who will always be in my heart. I often reflect on the importance of preparing our students for future education and a great point of reference is our school Vision: *Creative learners, thinkers and communicators who can effectively make a difference.* Nga mihi.

Take care folks

Greg

Thank you to, parents, staff and students for your feedback.

The BOT and I would like to extend a big thank you to all those parents, teachers and students, who provided feedback on what they are looking for in our new principal. We have received and reviewed 15 applications from a range of quality candidates, and with the assistance of your feedback priorities we have been able to shortlist 4 standout applicants to proceed to the interviews. These 4 potential principals will be interviewed by the full board, lead teachers, and our appointed consultant to ensure we get the right person for our school. We will also be visiting all of the applicants schools to get a true feel for each person. If anyone has any questions or would just like to talk, we are always available.

We would like to announce that the vacant BOT position advertised a couple of months ago has now been filled by Mr Mark Ashmead. We look forward to working with you Mark.

Kind Regards,

Anthony Gibbs (BOT Chair)

BOT@avondaleprimary.school.nz

Acrostic on Mr Chalmers

Makes people **FEEL BETTER**
RESPONSIBLE because he picks up rubbish
Cool Principal
He comes to school **EVERY** day
Amazing because he plays sport with children
Loves **RUGBY**
Most *kind*
Early at school
RESPECTS others
Says, *how's your day?"*

By
Room 7
children



dates for your diary

WEEK 6

Sept 1st **Red Nose Day - wear RED**

WEEK 7

Sept 4th **Tongan language Week**
School assembly 10am

Sept 5th **Pukeko Farm visit**
Whanau Leader meeting

Sept 6th **Sport Waitakere Basketball tournament**

Sept 7th **Chinese language Week starts**
School Cake Stall
AIS Student Leaders to talk with Y6 students

WEEK 8

Sept 11th **Maori language Week**
School assembly 10am

Sept 12th **Whanau Leader meeting**
Richard Scholes : The Magical World of Crazy Science show \$5.00

Sept 13th **Whanau Leader Breakfast Hub**
Cultural Day

Sept 14th **Kelly club taster Day**
Newsletter #13 comes home

what's coming up!

Week 9

Mon 18th Sept **Duffy Role Model assembly**
Tues 19th Sept **Tui - student led conferences**

Tues 19th **Waitakere Sport Squash**
- 21st Sept sessions for Kea and Takahe

Frid 22 Sept **Whanau Leader Pita Pit Day**

Week 10 Last week of Term 3

Tues 26th **Waitakere Sport Squash**
- 28th Sept sessions for Kea and Takahe

Fri 29th Sept **Special Assembly for Mr Chalmers 2pm**

Hello Mr Chalmers!

It's sad that you are retiring.

But it's ok. Thank you for doing all sorts of fun things like rugby, sports and more! Do you still remember the poem that Lavinia and I wrote?

I was so proud of it even Lavinia.

(HAPPY RETIRE!) I wish you luck in the future!

(Even your family).

Alfiera Rm 19

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.

Whanau Leaders News

Thank you to everyone who brought along cupcakes yesterday. We raised \$372 to go to towards the SPCA Appeal.



Wednesday 13th September

The RSVP notice will come home soon.

Get your numbers back to us by Friday 8th Sept.

Theme: WRITING

Values & virtues

Our focus for the next three weeks

Value: Creativity/ Waihanganga-tanga

We are creative. We have special gifts and we are willing to develop them. We use our imagination. We are open to inspiration. We are happy to be ourselves.

Virtue: Determination/ Hiri-nga

We are determined. We set goals and keep going until we achieve them. We get things done. We stay on purpose.

term dates

TERM 3:

Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September

TERM 4:

Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December (TBC)
Labour Day (Public Holiday) – Monday 23 October

friends of avondale

We are looking at ways to celebrate the farewell of Mr Chalmers. If you have some ideas, please come to the staffroom on Wed 6th Sept at 2.30pm. Alternatively

email Kim at kimw@avondaleprimary.school.nz

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

A message from our Travelwise Team

Dogs If you see a dog roaming loose on the street or encounter a dangerous dog please report it as soon as possible to allow the Animal Control Officers an opportunity to apprehend the dog while it is still roaming. Call the Auckland Council Call Centre on 09 301 0101. Call anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They will report it to Animal Management. Please remember to provide as much information on the dog & the location.



A message from our Wastewise Team

Kids not eating fruit?

It's much more appealing when it's ready to eat than whole. Cut apples into bite-sized pieces, slice oranges and peel mandarins. To stop fruit turning brown, squeeze a little lemon juice on top.



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 8 is Peni

Peni

Kowhai Year 6 Room 12

My hobbies are playing rugby and playing ball tag.

To me, being a whanau leader means that you help everyone not just children and you respect the values and virtues and the property of the school and do not litter.

introducing...Social Worker in School



Hi my name is Sheree Nand, Social Worker at Avondale Primary School. I am employed by the Anglican Women's Trust for Women and Children (ATWC) which provides support services to children and their families. I will be working together with teachers, children and parents to help build positive relationships and support our Tamariki to become the best version of themselves!

The SWIS Service is Child Focused, Voluntary & Confidential.

Areas of support provided are Loss & Grief, Building Confidence, and Difficulties at home or in school. Access support for family/whanau, Bullying and Building Healthy relationships.

I am available in school on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. My office is in the library.
My Contact is mobile 0277023467 or email shereen@atwc.org.nz

adidas School fun run

We are holding our annual school fun run on **Friday 27 October**.
This is week 2 of next Term.



Our fun run encourages students to get outside & active!

Students ask people to sponsor them for taking part in the fundraiser. Sponsors are normally made up of friends and family; all of which are normally willing to make a donation in support of the child's education.

Watch out for the sponsorship booklets coming

Arrive on time

It is important that all children are at school by 8.55am, prepared to start learning at 9am. Thank you for your support

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



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.



digital Citizenship

Digital Citizenship is about your rights, roles and responsibilities in the digital world.

It goes beyond just being safe online.

Tip #2 I can tell what it means to have appropriate online manners.

Tip #3 I can protect my passwords by not sharing them with others.



welcome Visitors

We have the privilege of having another student teacher from AUT for the next five weeks. Miss Namburi is working in Rm 7.

We also welcome Momona, our Japanese intern, who is with us for 2 weeks.

We wish you both a successful and rewarding time at APS.



daffodil day

It was wonderful to see so many students supporting Daffodil Day last Friday. There was a sea of yellow in the hall for the Whau Festival free show - 'The turtle and the Plastic bag'.

Thanks very much to Ms Billing for organising the daffodil to sell. We raised **\$167.00** for the Cancer Society.



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.

To register <http://www.waitakerehalf.co.nz/>



kelly Club

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



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Guitar lessons

Sam Loveridge is a professional teacher and music living in our local area. He is offering tuition for: all ages, all levels, all styles, exam preparation and music theory. Contact Sam on **021 208 8728** or slaome@gmail.com



Suburbs New Lynn Cricket Club Inc.

Cricket Registrations - New Players Welcome

Register Online www.suburbsnewlynnccricket.org.nz

Registration Open Days: Saturdays 2 & 9 September 10am-2pm
Ken Maunder Park, Binsted Road, New Lynn

"Register to play before 10 September and go in the draw to win a \$500 voucher from players sport"

Suburbs New Lynn provides cricket for:

Seniors: T20, One and Grade Cricket

Youth: Year 9/10 and 18 Grades

Junior: School Years 3 to 8, Midgets (5 and 6 year olds)

Girls: Girls cricket

All Enquiries: Dan O'Brien 0275433600 suburbs@ihug.co.nz

Smile NZ - Free Dental Day

Do you suffer from dental problems but can't seek care due to cost? Do you have a current Community Service Card? You are eligible for one free treatment such as simple fillings, extractions, examination, radiograph, clean and polish. The New Zealand Dental Association and the Southern Cross Health Trust are offering free dental days on **Tuesday 5 September at Avondale Dental Centre, 72 Rosebank Rd, Avondale & Wednesday 6 September 2017 at New Lynn Dental Care, 14 Delta Avenue, New Lynn.**



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(WINZ SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!!!)

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