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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our Aveley Informer for Term 1 Week 7, in what is definitely unprecedented and difficult times.



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Upcoming Events

There are no scheduled upcoming events for the school community. **COVID-19: UPDATE** In regards to COVID-19, we will continue to update families as information becomes available through the Department of Education (DoE). Families are also able to access factual information from the WA Health Department website (<u>https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/</u>) which contains details specifically directed toward the community.

Our school will continue to implement and reinforce appropriate strategies to reduce the risk of virus transfer. To minimise the spread of COVID-19, families are asked to reinforce the following messages with your children:

- Frequently wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and running water, or using an alcohol based hand gel.
- Refrain from touching your mouth and nose.
- If coughing or sneezing, cover your nose and mouth with a paper tissue or flexed elbow.
- Dispose of the tissue immediately after use and perform hand hygiene.
- Avoiding close contact with anyone (maintain a distance of at least 1 metre).
- Don't share food/water bottles.

Possible school closures: The following information below is provided by the Department of Education WA.

While the situation regarding the COVID-19 continues to evolve, the Department of Education sector has established plans and a team to support principals and schools. It is important that as a school community we apply common sense, factual information and a practical approach to COVID - 19.

If a WA school has to close due to a confirmed case, it will be on advice from the WA Health Department's Chief Health Officer. The Chief Health Officer will, if there has been a positive COVID-19 test result in our school, close our school temporarily while assessment and tracing of exposure is conducted. A thorough school clean will then be carried out to make the school safe for the return of students and staff.

In this situation the principal will receive direct advice and support regarding the closure process and communication materials from the Department of Education's Coronavirus support team.

Upon the school being notified, all families will be immediately contacted and provided with the relevant information. This contact may be during the school day, or before or after school. It is therefore important that we have up-to-date contact details for your children, please notify the front office if these have changed.

EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2.30PM



Honour Certificate Recipients

Panav Thakkar	Т6
Zavier Pieri	Т6
Keely McKinney	T7
Ruby Paton	T7
Aubrey Gavrilovic	Т8
Jensen Hillier	Т8
Jett Feaver	Т9
Zoe Hardy	Т9
Astin Roia	T10
Chloe Watt	T10
Charlee Cooper	T11
Jadyn Mianulli	T11
Sofie Jasinska	T12
Evangeline Innes	T12
Layla Greenaway	H10
Tate Freestone	H10
Mitchell Groves	H11
Tseyon Kibret	H11
Daniela Cooper	H12
Gian Empleo	H12
Gabriella Behrendt	H13
Jett Frendo	H13
Shai Johnson	G6
Tammin Dobby	G6
Bailey Brown	G7
Summer McDonnell	G7
Hayden Gericke	G8
Zayyaan Jacobs	G8
Lexie Boffa	G9
Yong Deng	G9



While it is acknowledged that this may be a stressful time for the community, parents are reminded that schools open and close all of the time and that the reason for any school closure will be to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

NAPLAN - CANCELLED FOR 2020

The decision to not proceed with NAPLAN in 2020 has now been taken. This will assist school leaders, teachers and support staff to focus on the wellbeing of students and continuity of education, including potential online and remote learning.

UPDATES & REMINDERS

(Further information will be communicated with families as it becomes available).

- Staggered break times: As our students do not sit in one area as a whole group to eat, <u>there will be no changes to recess and lunch times</u>. There will be some changes to high traffic play spaces, for example the senior playground. These will be monitored and adjusted accordingly.
- The APS ANZAC Service is cancelled. Teachers will complete some ANZAC related tasks and share these with families. We will also add some items to our school's web page.
- The EISA Summer Carnival is cancelled. At this stage, Junior and Senior Sport will continue.
- All assemblies for the <u>remainder of this semester (Terms 1 & 2)</u> are cancelled. Staff will continue to award Honour Certificates.
- Year 6 Camp has been postponed.

SCOLIOSIS - NATIONAL SELF-DETECTION PROGRAM

Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is a significant health problem, particularly for adolescent girls. As recommended by the Spine Society of Australia, a Self-Detection Fact Sheet has been forwarded home to all families of current Year 5 students. A copy has also been attached to this newsletter and further information is available here, www.scoliosis-australia.org

EARTH HOUR - 2020

Earth Hour is a global event organized by The World Wild Fund for Nature. It encourages people across the world to turn off the lights for one hour to symbolize the commitment to Mother Earth. This year's Earth Hour is between 8:30-9:30 pm (local time) on Saturday, 28 March 2020. Join millions of



people in over 190 countries to send a strong message to protect our Earth, its natural landscapes and unique wildlife. More information is available here <u>https://www.earthhour.org.au/</u>.



HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is observed annually on 21 March in Australia. Harmony Day is intended to celebrate the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australia and promote a tolerant and culturally diverse society. Initially celebrated in 1999, Harmony Day coincides with the UN's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which was established in 1966 with the aim of eradicating racism and racially-fuelled hate crime.

Harmony Day is represented by an orange ribbon, and participants are encouraged to wear orange due to connotations of social communication, freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australia prides itself on being a multi-cultural society. Following are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity:

- nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.
- we identify with over 300 ancestries.
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia.
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia.
- more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.
- people from over 200 countries make up our Australian community and over 300 languages are spoken in our homes? Apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi. According to the 2016 Census, in Ellenbrook 75.4% of people only spoke English at home. Other languages spoken at home included Punjabi 1.6%, Arabic 1.1%, Afrikaans 1.1%, Dinka 0.9% and Hindi 0.8%.

The continuing message of Harmony Day is 'Everybody Belongs' and its annual observance aims to encourage inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural background, and celebrate core Australian values.

YOU CAN DO IT

The You Can Do It Program teaches children the social and emotional skills they need to be confident and relate to other people; to be persistent, be organised and cope with life's disappointments and strong emotions. Its unique contribution is in identifying the social and emotional capabilities that all young people need to acquire in order to be successful in school, experience well-being, and have positive relationships including making contributions to others and the community (good citizenship).

You Can Do It uses five puppets in Early Childhood Stages to teach its social-emotional skills. These are: Connie Confidence, Pete Persistence, Oscar Organisation, Gabby Get along and Ricky Resilience. This week I will introduce you to 2 of the characters. Next fortnight we will meet the rest of the crew.

When Connie Confidence visits children she tells them: 'I am good at doing many things. I can learn to do just about anything. I know it is okay to make mistakes when I am learning something new. I am good at making friends and meeting new people. I look and sound confident. I look at people when I speak to them. I use a strong voice, not too loud and not too soft, so people can hear what I'm saying.' Confident ways of behaving are taught and reinforced through numerous activities with Connie and in conversation with children.





Pete Persistence teaches the children: 'I never give up. No task is too difficult for me. I like trying hard. I know I do my best when I am persistent.' Pete Persistence teaches all of us to enthusiastically just 'keep at it' when things can appear tough.

See you next fortnight! Chris Spencer.









BALI SISTER SCHOOL UPDATE

Since last year, the program on Sustainability in SD Kaba-Kaba with EcoBali has been doing very well. The one year project of garbage management is running smoothly and we are hoping that our school will be able to continue funding this program.

The badminton court built in SD Cepaka is finally completed. The staff and students of the school would like to convey their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to Aveley Primary School for their kindness and generosity in sponsoring this project. The students are making full use of this facility and enjoying themselves tremendously.

Ibu Yang

TRIPLE P – POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

Triple P is designed to give parents the skills they need to raise confident, healthy children and to build stronger family relationships.

All parents and carers are invited to attend free Triple P seminars at Aveley Primary School this term. The seminars will include a presentation and time for discussion and questions. Parents may attend one, two or all three sessions.

- When: Thursdays 19 and 26 March and 2 April 2020
- Time: 9am - 11am
- Venue: Aveley Primary School
- Cost: Free – however bookings are essential

Please contact the front office on 6296 5466 or email aveley.ps@education.wa.edu.au to register your attendance.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photo day is coming! School photos this year will be held on Wednesday 29. Thursday 30 April and Friday 1 May 2020Approximately two weeks prior to the photo day every student will receive a Kapture Photography personalised flyer to bring home. The only method of ordering your photos is online through the Kapture website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time.

Sibling orders can ONLY be placed online. Late requests cannot be granted.

You have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please note sibling orders will close in most instances at 12-midday sharp, one business day before the first photo date. We suggest you place your sibling order as soon as you receive your flyer with your order instructions as places are limited.

Log on to kapture.com.au for your sibling photo order cut-off date and time.

You can place an order online for class or individual photographs at any time for the remainder of the current school year. However, a \$20 fee will apply if you order more than 10 days after photography.

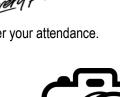
If your child is in a sports or special group photo, you can use the same school code on your information flyer to view and order these photos on the Kapture website, around the time that school photos are ready to be delivered. Please note class groups, individual and sibling portraits are not available to view online prior to purchase.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enguiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should **NOT** be included in the photo shoot -please contact the school office.







AVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

In recent lights of this horrible virus going around we please urge parents to remain calm, the school will continue to update you all on a regular basis. As of Monday all P&C Meetings will cease until further notice.

If there is anything you are unsure of please feel free to contact the P&C or the school for further clarification.

COOKIE DOUGH

As of Monday, 2 March we have launched our most recent fundraiser selling Billy G's Cookie dough. The funds raised from the cookie dough will go towards the new amphitheatre by the outdoor classroom. Your children should of come home with pamphlets giving you instruction on how to set up your online fundraising page and how to share this with family and friends The closing date for orders is Friday, 3 April so please make sure your orders are in before then.

We will keep you updated on this fundraiser if this becomes affected by the COVID-19 virus. At the moment now we are not affected and are continuing as normal, so please start sharing and getting your orders in.

The expected delivery date for the cookie dough will be Monday, 4 May but we will give you more information as we get closer to that date.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Entertainment Book have restructured so that they are no longer selling hard copy books. All purchases are now are a digital Membership. The bonus is that it no longer operates from June to June, it will be available to use as soon as you purchase it. Another bonus at the moment is if you buy an Entertainment Membership between 1st - 31st March, you will receive a \$10 JB Hi-Fi eGift Card, plus up to 3 months extra Memberships FREE on Single & Multi City Memberships* Use the link provided to purchase your entertainment Membership now; https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/91183e

SCHOOL BANKING

We have received notification from the Commonwealth Bank to cease all school banking from 20 March until the start of term 2. They also said that start date will remain flexible as the situation continues to change. Our primary goal will always be to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our school communities.

We thank you for your understanding and will keep you updated when we hear from the Commonwealth Bank about when we will be able to open up school banking again.

CANTEEN NEWS

We would like to let you know that during this time of uncertainty the canteen will remain open and would like to let you all know our staff in the canteen are always following the food safety and hygiene regulations and this time is no different. We have put a notice on flexischools but will continue to keep you updated if anything changes for our canteen.

For all canteen information, please keep an eye out in the newsletters and their Facebook page "Aveley Primary School P and C Canteen". This is where you will find the current menu for the term as well as any other information they share with you.

Please make sure you download the Flexischools app to make order your schools lunch a breeze.

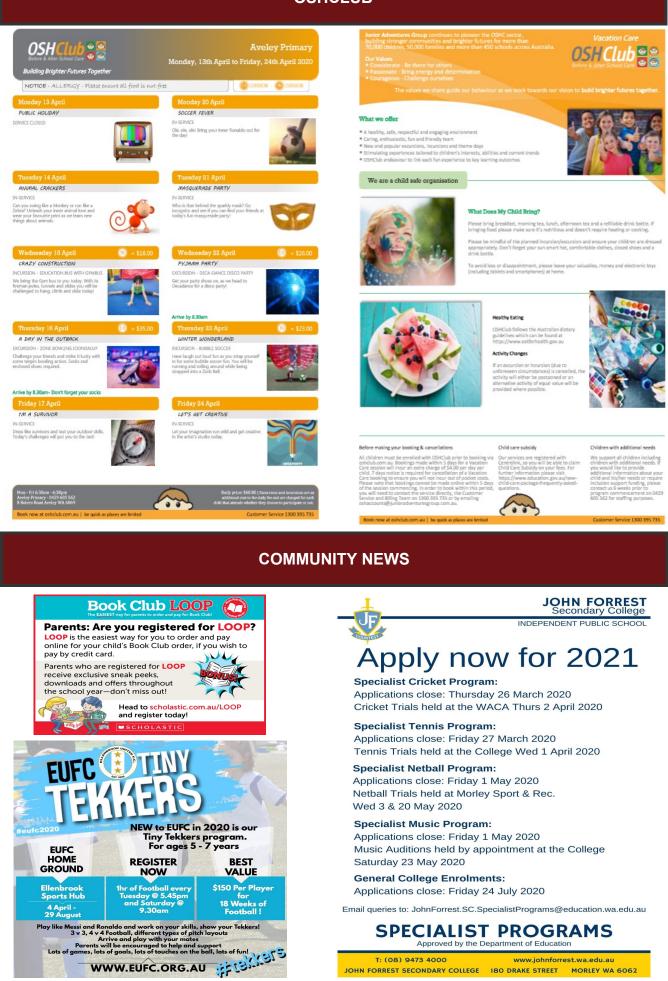
Helen and Laura would also like to put a call out for volunteers. Help is required on Fridays and you will only be needed from 12-1:30pm to help with the packaging of lunches and delivering them to the classrooms for the little kids. If we have any parents or family members of students that could spare this time, please contact Helen via Facebook or e-mail the P and C and we can pass on the information <u>Aveleypandc@hotmail.com</u>







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