



## Aveley Primary School P & C Meeting

### Principal's Report – 13.02.2023

#### New School Year

To commence the 2023 school year, we have opened our doors to 671 students in K - Year 6, in 25 classrooms. There has been a smooth start and calm feeling as we move around the school. We continue to focus on our APS Behaviour Expectations and, as a staff, are focusing on 'sweating the small stuff'. The 'small stuff' includes minor behaviours such as basic manners, moving quietly throughout the school during instructional time and ensuring students move from the playground when the siren sounds.

We are also focusing on building trust with our students and providing opportunities for them demonstrate that they are able to make fair and equitable decisions without a staff member being present. Our aim is to reward trusted students with greater freedom, whilst still ensuring a duty of care is in place.

Thank you to all members of our school community for your support in ensuring a smooth start to 2023. We look forward to a positive year for all members of our school community.

#### New Staff

We welcome the following new teaching staff to our school for 2023.

- Ms Ellen Kilpatrick (PP:T4)
- Ms Jess Wright (Yr2:T6)
- Mrs Vicky Lade (Y3:T7)

School Board: The first meeting (scheduled for this afternoon) was postponed due to insufficient staff and parent representatives. Requests for nominations were readvertised last Friday and we now have the people we need. The first School Board meeting will be held next Monday evening at 5pm.

COVID Update: As communicated via *Connect* last Tuesday (7 Feb), schools now follow the general health advice in line with the Department of Health.

Extra Curricula Activities: Once again, our school will be providing a range of extra curriculum opportunities for students during lunchtimes. These include a running club, Minecraft Education, Numero and Mathletics. Students will be nominating this week to commence activities next week.

Outgoing P & C Executive: On behalf of the school community I would like to sincerely thank the outgoing P & C Executive for their time and support and wish our incoming team all the best.

New Artwork: New Artwork design and descriptions shared. Originals displayed in front office.

What's coming up?

- On-Entry for Pre-primary students in the next two weeks.
- Thursday 23 Feb: Junior Assembly,
- Friday 3 March: SDD, no students. Staff participating in Visible Learning (VL) PL
- Monday 6 March: Public holiday, Labour Day
- Thursday 9 March: Senior Assembly
- Wednesday 15 March: NAPLAN commences for students in Years 3 & 5
- Tuesday 21 March: Harmony Day
- Thursday 23 March: Junior Assembly,
- Friday 24 March: Ride to School Day
- Friday 24 March: EISA Summer Carnival
- Wednesday 29 – 31 March: Year 6 Camp
- Friday 31 March Free Dress
- Friday 31 March: P & C Movie Night
- Thursday 6 April: ANZAC Service and last day Term 1

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