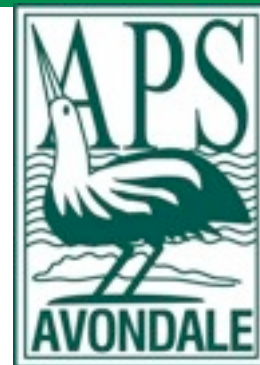


AVONDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's news

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are now nearly half way through the second term. The recent three-yearly Board elections have occurred and I would like to formally congratulate the elected trustees: Rachel Barrie and David McCallum who have been re-elected, and new trustees Helen Macdonald, Elizabeth Mahuika and Darrel Lancaster who are new appointments. Mrs Viv Mundy was re-elected unopposed as the staff rep.

As Board members they have the responsibility to represent both the communities interests at Avondale school as well as meeting the schools' governance requirements.

It is the Boards responsibility, through its principal and staff to set the strategic direction of the school, approve and monitor the annual budget, monitor student achievement and be good employers. It is the board's role to

ensure that policies and procedures are developed and implemented, because boards are ultimately responsible to the Government for meeting accountability requirements referred to in the National Administration Guidelines.

Regards Mark Scown (Principal)



An Autumn tree.
Bailey Rm 7

"Our core business is learning and teaching."

School News

Y3 Trip to Ferrymead

The Year 3 Syndicate have been studying an inquiry unit called "Stepping Back in Time". As part of this unit they went to visit Ferrymead Historic Park and participated in a range of hands-on experiences. The children dressed up in period costumes for the morning and visited Mrs Grey's house, Mr. Hill's general store, the bakery and the school house. The following are two children's recollections from their trip.



Room 12 went to Ferrymead. We went to the school house. We met Miss Black. We were not allowed to chat, talk or whisper, and the girls went in before the boys. Miss Black was our teacher. We had ink pens not pencils. No paper just little black boards. There was nothing to play with. The bell rang and we lined up. One group of boys and one line of girls. Inside the classroom was a big blackboard with a song about a king. We sat on wooden chairs and there were

wooden desks as well. The boys took off their hats and put them on hooks, the girls left theirs on. Oh and about the ink pens, they make a mess, such an awful mess. (Alecca Rm 12)

On Thursday the Year 3 syndicate went to Ferrymead for the day to learn about life 100 years ago. First I scrubbed a table. You needed to dip the brush in the soapy water. You also needed to do a little scrub on the sand soap and it made the brown wooden table all soapy and bubbly. Next I did the dishes. We had to use something metal that had the left over soaps in it and we had to shake it to make the water bubbly just like the sink we have at home with the dish washing liquid. Then I made the bed. We took everything off except the bright white sheets. After that I did the ironing. We used an old cloth so people wouldn't burn their hands. It was so hot I burnt my hand. Finally I did the washing. We used a washing board. I liked this trip because I learnt something new. (Phoebe Rm 11).



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Transport Expo

Last Thursday the Y3 syndicate held a Transport Expo at school, as part of their inquiry unit on "Stepping Back in Time."



Mr Skerton brought along his 1927 Model T Roadster Pick-up, the last of the Model T's and his colleague, Mr Smith brought along his 1911 Tourer, the oldest Model T on the road in New Zealand.

Mr Skerton presented a very informative talk and answered lots of questions about cars and transport of long ago.

The Y3 syndicate would like to thank our caretaker, Mr Rusty Skerton and Mr. Smith for making this event possible.

Kapa Haka Uniforms

Urgent request for any Kapa Haka uniforms that may still be at home. If there are any uniforms still at home please bring them back to school so we can get them ready for this years events.

PTA NEWS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Julie Newson and Rachel Barrie for their dedication and hard work for the PTA in their positions as Chairperson and Treasurer. They have, between them, worked for over eight years as valued team members and have been a huge contribution to the smooth running of the PTA. Their friendship and support to those of us who have taken on their roles has been invaluable.

As some of you may be aware we have undertaken to hold a school gala in October of this year. In the coming weeks there will a flyer coming out asking for help and ideas that you may have to make this a success.

We are always on the lookout for parents/caregivers who are keen to join our small, but enthusiastic team of volunteers. If you would like to know more please feel free to contact me via the school office and I can meet with you.

Fili Coxhill PTA Chairperson

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AVONDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Declaration of Parent Election Results

Parent Representative Votes;

BARRIE, Rachel	57
LANCASTER, Darrel	41
MACDONALD, Helen	39
MAHUIKA, Elizabeth	37
McCALLUM, David	42
McDONNELL, Christeen	22
YOUNG, Vicki	29

I hereby declare the following duly elected;

Rachel Barrie
Darrel Lancaster
Helen Macdonald
Elizabeth Mahuika
David McCallum

Vicki Renwick
RETURNING OFFICER

Street Style Hip Hop Classes

We run classes for Primary and Secondary School children. These classes comprise of fun and Hip Hop dance. All classes are based around having fun and making friends in a positive environment. Classes are held on Mondays at the Burwood Christian Centre. Commencing from 4pm onwards.

If you are interested please contact Michelle on 3898957 or 027540912.

Sports Results

Last week was the first week for winter sports. Three teams played and two had byes. The Rugby League team had a resounding victory 62-6, unfortunately the Hockey and Netball B team were not so lucky.

We wish them all good success for this Friday.

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to the 24 children who have been selected for the North East Zone Cross Country to be held Tuesday 25th May at Rawhiti Domain, 9am-12pm.

PTA News

PTA Key Dates

Term 2:

24-May-10	Movie voucher Fundraising
11-Jun-10	Orders to be in for Movie Vouchers
14-Jun-10	PTA Meeting 7pm
30-Jun-10	Delivery of Movie Vouchers