



Together We Succeed

AVELEY NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Mr Chris Brackenreg

FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL

What a way to start the school year? It has been very pleasing to see that our high attendance numbers and hard-working students are making our school a busy and productive place already. We again welcome our families for 2019 in what will be a special year. On Wednesday we held our first school assembly with the students and it was great to see so many parents in attendance.

The students are adapting well to learning the routines of our school and we are slowly developing and adjusting our processes to suit the new context of our school. They are building friendships and teachers are continually building their understanding and knowledge of your child's strengths. This will be a focus for our staff through this term and I would like to reiterate not to hesitate to meet with your classroom teacher to discuss how your child is settling in. To bring 360 students together for the first time from over 15 different schools is no small task but a challenge that we embrace with passion and enthusiasm. We are also very much aware that it will take time to establish strong processes and we ask for your understanding through this early part of our development.

OFFICIAL SCHOOL OPENING

On Wednesday 27 February the Hon. Suzanne Ellery MLC Minister for Education and Training will formally open Aveley North Primary School. To mark this occasion we invite you to your child's classroom at 2.20pm for an informal showcase of what has been happening in their classroom. The classroom teacher will also provide a written overview of the class procedures at the conclusion of the meeting to take away. It is anticipated that school will finish by 2.50pm this day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 27 - Official Opening
1.45pm - 2.30pm

March 4 - Labour Day
Holiday

March 20 - Harmony Day
Assembly

March 21 - Better Beginnings

April 10 - ANZAC DAY
Assembly

April 12 - Last day Term 1

April 29 - First day Term 2



TERM DATES 2019

To assist parents with planning for the year the 2019 Term dates are below. All term dates for the current year and future years are available on the Department of Education website: www.det.wa.edu.au/education/termdates/

Term 1	Monday 4 February – Friday 12 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
Term 4	Monday 14 October – Thursday 19 December

Remaining School Development Days

Friday 31 May; Monday 22 July; Friday 1 November and Friday 20 December.

Public Holidays 2019 (During school terms)

Labour Day	Monday 4 March
Western Australia Day	Monday 3 June

STUDENT CENSUS

This Friday we submit our student numbers to the Department of Education to ensure that our school receives the appropriate funding for our school operations in 2019. So far we have started the year with 363 students. This has exceeded our expectations and already we are building the positive foundations of a great school. We hope to see a steady increase in our numbers over this year as families move into the area. We receive funding on a per student basis for the actual numbers in the School and as such set classes to accommodate those numbers based on the funding received. We are aware that as a new school in a growing area, these numbers are likely to grow through the year. This is out of the school's direct control. When significant growth happens we can seek a review of funding to enable the establishment of additional classes. Whilst we don't undertake it this process lightly, there may be times where we need to restructure our classes. I would like to assure parents that if this happens we will communicate clearly with you and ensure transition to new classes are smooth and supportive.

ATTENDANCE/BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

The Department of Education's Student Attendance Policy requires parents/guardians to provide an acceptable explanation to the school for any absence of their children. The Act also defines health, religious and cultural observances as reasonable cause for a school absence and the absence would be recorded as 'authorised' by the Principal.

You may notify the school via SMS on **0439 694 415** or the classroom teacher of any absences from school. Please ensure that your contact details are also up to date to ensure timely reminders are received.

REMINDER: EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2.30PM

ATTENDANCE/BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

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Each morning at Aveley North PS all students will be able to enter the classroom from 8.30am where parents can undertake an activity with their child. Formal lessons start at 8:45 so it is important that all students arrive prior to this time and are settled in their class ready to start the morning routine. If you arrive after 8.50am could you please come to the Office so your child's attendance can be recorded. We will give you a slip then to give to your child's teacher. If a child goes straight to class, the teacher will ask the child to come to the front office to be registered as late.

In the afternoon the bell will go at 2.55pm and your child will be released. On Wednesdays this will be at 2.30pm and we will send a reminder SMS for the first few weeks as you adjust to this. If you are going to be late on the odd occasion can you please notify the Office so we can accommodate this. We understand that unexpected things can happen, however children can become distressed if they are left past the bell and all other children have left. We are able to at

SCHOOL BOARD ESTABLISHMENT

An advantage of being an Independent Public School is that Aveley North Primary School can establish a school board that is representative of the school community including staff, parents and school partners.

The School Board plays a major role in the accountability of Aveley North Primary School and represent the values and aspirations of our school community. Through the strong leadership and support of the Board, our school will enhance the educational opportunities of our students.

I will be sending out correspondence next week in regards to expanding on the inaugural Aveley North PS Board established in 2018. Please take the time to read these documents and consider nominating for a position on the school board. This will have full details about the process and a nomination form. There are 3 additional parent/community positions available. Elections will be held if we have more nominations than positions. The draft terms of reference can be obtained from the Principal.

Nominations have to be in by close of school Friday 1 March 2019.



P & C COMMITTEE

One of the most valuable roles and functions in a school is the support given to the school by a Parents and Citizens Association (P&C). We had strong support in 2018 as we established the Aveley North Primary School P&C.

The Aveley North P&C Association is a group that is open to all parents and affiliated citizens of our school. It will consist of various people from diverse backgrounds who all share one thing in common; a desire to give a little of our time to help Aveley North Primary School be the best that it can be – for our children. We know how important the relationship between the school and the community is in ensuring that our children receive the best possible care. In short, this collaboration is essential in order to enable the children to reach their full potential.

Our P & C members help out in many ways, from the P&C Executive and Committee Members who are involved on a daily basis within the school, to parents who work full time or have very young children and still find the time to help out with the occasional activity.

Can You help?

We will be looking for new members and volunteers to help out. Every little effort can really make a big difference. Volunteering is also an amazing way to get networking and make new friends in a new school community as well as to simply become more involved in the day to day running of our fantastic school.

How Do I Get Involved?

We will be sending correspondence to all families in coming weeks letting them know about the timing of our Annual General Meeting where we will establish the 2019 committee, formalise positions and begin to plan the future of Aveley North PS from a P&C perspective. As all positions are vacated in accordance with the guidelines, we will be looking for volunteers to step into these roles. If you have a special interest or skills in this area, please see Kylie Jones or myself for a quick chat. Key roles include President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Just a reminder to parents wishing to make payment, we have an EFTPOS machine in the office for your convenience if you would like to make payment of the 2019 Voluntary Contributions.



We will also be sending home reminder Statement's at the beginning of each term for the \$60.00 Voluntary Contributions to parents wanting to make payment. Payment can also be made through Direct Deposit as per details below

BSB: 066 040
Account Number: 19903813
Reference : *STUDENT* NAME

We appreciate your ongoing support, this money greatly assists with the ongoing purchase of resources for our school and your children.

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