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Principal's Message

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TERM 1 UPDATE

I am truly excited about the start of this term. 2018 was an exhilarating year and looking back so much was achieved in such a short time. 2019 has started well and there is a great feel to the school. We have a wonderful group of new students across the school. Our student body has settled into the pattern very well and it is a great joy to move around classes and the yard to see our friendly, respectful students working hard and enjoying their day. Their adoption of our values of respect, responsibility, resilience and excellence in achievement is really noticeable. More importantly I see students engaged in their learning.

I am absolutely delighted by the quality of our staff. Aveley North PS started in tremendous style in 2018, and in 2019 we have added even greater depth to the enthusiasm that exists. Their dedication to our students to make each day a success for each child is wonderful to see.

One of our key priorities is to build a culture of excellence in teaching and learning. I can say with great confidence that our work in developing a whole school approach across the curriculum, particularly in English and Maths is developing well. In addition we have developed our interventions for students who need support in all aspects of their learning.



DATES TO REMEMBER

March 20 - HARMONY DAY–
Kindy Blue, Lilac, Green, Amber

March 21 - HARMONY DAY
Assembly Yrs P-6, Kindy Orange
and Kindy Teal

March 21 - Better Beginnings

March 27 - HARMONY DAY–
Kindy Purple and Kindy Navy

March 27 - P&C AGM 1.30pm

March 27 - Kwenda 1 Assembly
Yrs P-6

April 1 - School Board Meeting
1.30pm

April 10 - ANZAC DAY
Assembly

April 12 - Last day Term 1

April 29 - First day Term 2

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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.

Remaining Public Holidays 2019 (During school terms)

Western Australia Day Monday 3 June

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.

We will be holding the Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 27 March at 1.30pm**. Here 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. In particular if you would be willing to nominate for one of these positions, could you please let Kylie or myself know in the Office.

FACTION T-SHIRTS

It is great to see our students wearing their faction T-Shirt on Fridays. We ask that students only wear this on Fridays as it coincides with our whole school sport program where students are involved across a range of sports and in many cases with their faction. They do not wear it, though, on the day their class has PE. Given that we have kindergarten groups attending part time, we have scheduled their faction shirt day to be on the Wednesday that they attend school so they too are included in earning points for their faction.

AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES – PLAYGROUND USE

Playing on the playground equipment in the Early Childhood area or in the school grounds after school is to be limited to no more than 5 minutes as our OSH partner, CAMP Australia, has the license to use this area before and after school. They are finding there is a need to restructure their program on some days as children remain in the playground for an extended time. We value being able to bring this service to our school community and would appreciate your support with this.

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SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

We have been fortunate to continue our partnership with Youthcare to provide a chaplaincy service at Aveley North PS this year. This is a service for the school community. A chaplain is a highly trained and accredited person, working within a school as an accessible and approachable individual for students, teachers, and parents.

Chaplains are part of the school community and those associated with it. They conduct interactive non-religious programs to offer first hand support and practical guidance to help parents and guardians. They also work with teachers and principals to further help students, to discuss individual concerns and support whole school programs.

A chaplain provides a non-judgemental service based on the core values of compassion, respect and service. I have the pleasure of introducing Mandy Di Labio to our community. Mandy is an experienced in-school Chaplain and has been encouraging students in building confidence, resilience and supporting students and families through grief and loss. She enjoys working with the community in ensuring the best outcomes for all students.

We welcome Mandy to our school community.

SCHOOL BOARD

You will have received some information recently in relation to the next stage of the School Board formation for community members. I would like to thank those community members who nominated for the 2 vacant community positions on the inaugural Aveley North PS Board. It is an enviable position to be in with 7 people nominating for the available positions. In this information there was a short overview provided by each of our nominees. We have just completed the voting process to determine these positions. We hope to be able to share this information with the community in the near future.



HARMONY DAY

On Thursday 21 March we will be celebrating Harmony Day to acknowledge the cultural diversity of our school and our school community. At Aveley North PS we have students and families from many parts of the world and we are very lucky to be able to learn about so many different cultures and to be able to recognise and value the way in which our many cultures shape our school. We will use the first part of the day to undertake rotational activities for the PP - Year 6 classes and Kindy Orange and Teal, with each block allocated a country and one activity for students to be able to explore that culture.

We are asking children to wear the traditional dress of their culture or something orange. Orange is the colour that represents Harmony Day throughout the world. Harmony Day is now a national day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds enrich our community. Kindergarten will celebrate Harmony Day with modified activities on Wednesday 20 and 27 March. Teachers will provide more information about this through 'Connect' for the respective classes.

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SCHOOL WEBSITE

As we have already indicated to parents previously the school website is a good resource to find our information in regards to the school. We endeavour to add information regularly to keep it as up to date as possible.

This is another form of communicating with our community and parents, so please take the time to have a look around the site and pass the information on to family and friends.

BUSH FIRE PLAN

The School has been placed on the register of schools requiring a specific bush fire plan. Part of this requirement includes informing the community about this and placing the plan on the school website. The Plan outlines required actions to prepare the school before the bushfire season. The Plan also outlines activities to be undertaken by staff and students at the different levels of a bushfire emergency including:

- on days of Total Fire Ban;
- Catastrophic fire danger rating;
- when there is a fire in the local district;
- when a bushfire is threatening or impacting on the site; and
- during the period immediately after a bushfire has impacted on the site (known as the 'Recovery Phase').



The Bushfire Plan for Aveley North PS has been placed on the website and reviewed and updated each year to ensure accuracy.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We held a Scholastic Book Fair on Tuesday 5 March and Thursday 7 March 2019, in the school Library. Students had the opportunity to purchase a book, or donate a book to our foundation Library. With your help the book fair sold \$1049 worth of books. This earned the school a commission of \$365. Mrs Chivers will be delighted to choose some wonderful new books to add to the library collection. We also had 13 books donated from some very generous families. A very big thank you to everyone for your support.



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