



## AVELEY NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Principal's Message, Helen Taylor

#### CLASS INFORMATION MEETINGS

Last week we held our class information meetings which was an opportunity for class teachers to share information about timetables, expectations for 2021, programs implemented across the whole school and in their class and the way in which you can support your child's education this year. If you were unable to make this meeting, class teachers will share a summary version of the key points through 'Connect'. We calculated over 40% parents attended and some were pleasantly surprised by a 'sausage sizzle' and conversation provided by our specialist teachers. Thanks to those who attended. Please make sure you make an appointment with your child's teacher for any further individualised information.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

10 March - Assembly

12 March - Crazy Sock Day

22 March - 1 April - Swimming Lessons

22 March - P&C AGM

29 March - Board Meeting

30 March - Summer interschool Carnival

31 March - Movie Night

#### CAMP AUSTRALIA/PLAYGROUNDS

The use of school playgrounds before and after school are not available to our students due to our teachers being in classrooms preparing for the day ahead and the fact that the playground in the Maali area has been licenced to Camp Australia for before and after school care. We do appreciate your cooperation and please be assured the students get to use them regularly during the day.

#### P & C COMMITTEE

Our P&C meet twice each term. The AGM is coming up on 22 March 2021 at 1.30pm. Come along, join in and give a little time to support our children and make our school community even greater.

#### PARKING

Just a reminder to all families to be courteous in our school car parks and the parking spaces around the school perimeter. Please be mindful of our neighbours. It's imperative that we leave the spaces designated for emergency vehicles and footpaths free to be used for the correct purpose. We appreciate those people who always do the right thing for the safety of our students.

**REMINDER: EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2.30PM**



## TERM DATES 2021

To assist the parents with planning for the year the 2021 Term dates are below. All current year and future years are available on the

Department of Education website:

[www.det.wa.edu.au/education/termdates/](http://www.det.wa.edu.au/education/termdates/)

Term 1 Monday 8 February – Thursday 1 April

Term 2 Monday 19 April - Friday 2 July

Term 3 Tuesday 20 July - Friday 24 September

Term 4 Monday 11 October - Thursday 16 December

School development days

Friday 4 June

Friday 29 October

Monday 19 July

Friday 17 December

## SCHOOL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Statements for 2021 Voluntary Contributions have recently been sent home. We appreciate your ongoing support, and this money greatly assists with the ongoing purchase of resources for our school and your children.

For families wishing to make payment you can do so either by EFTPOS machine or Direct Deposit into the school bank account as per details below:

**Account Name: Avey North Primary School**

**BSB: 066040**

**Account Number: 19903813**

**Reference: Student Surname and initial ( please remember to always put the initial.)**

If you have any queries regarding payment or would like to discuss a payment plan for the Voluntary

Contributions or incursions/excursion and swimming please do not hesitate to contact Wendy on 9297 7800 to discuss.

## THERAPY

Avey North Primary School is committed to collaborative partnerships between the school, the families and the therapists of our students. We value the contribution of therapists to the lives of our students and in achieving positive educational outcomes.

With the current restrictions around COVID-19, which are constantly changing, we will continue to review and adapt to align with Department of Education directives and Health Department updates. We have been advised by the Department of Education that Phase 4 restrictions have continued into 2021. This is an ongoing process and as restrictions are lifted we will be in a better position to look at the possibility of transitioning therapy into the school again. Our focus will be on our core business and at this stage there will not be an opportunity for regular therapy services in any form in the school as all staff will be needed to solely address our priorities and to support students at school.

Pre-planned meetings with Teachers or requests for Therapists to attend ANPS for observations for the purpose of a diagnosis can be arranged, subject to approval by Administration. For students that are attending regular therapy services off-site during school hours we ask that parents notify Administration.

## 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. Holidays taken during the school term are generally are not considered as an authorised absence.

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.

Each morning at Aveley North Primary School all students will be able to enter the classroom from 8.30am. 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 8.44am could you please come to the office so your child's attendance can be recorded as late. We will then give you a slip 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. Please notify the office if you are going to be late, 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 least let them know that we have been in contact with you and all is OK.

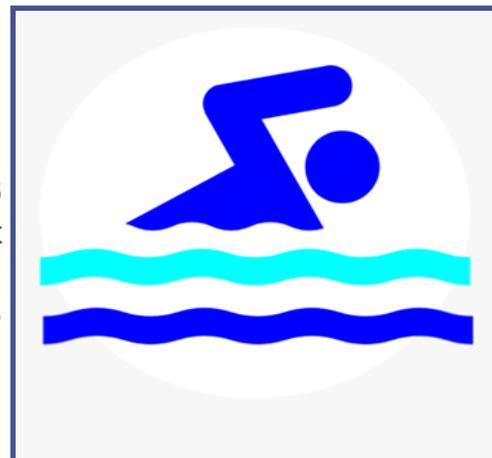
## SWIMMING LESSONS

As part of our Physical Education Program, the Pre-Primary to Year 6 Students will be participating in Interm Swimming lessons for 9 days at Swan Active Ballajura. The Second group will be attending swimming lessons from the 22 March to 1 April 2021. Classes in the second group are

classes are:

Maali 1      Maali 4      Ngoolark 2

Maali 3      Maali 5      Ngoolark 3



Children are required to bring bathers, towel, thongs (or something easy to wear on their feet), plastic bag for wet clothes and goggles for the pool if required. Students are expected to be in their school uniform when they arrive at school. Prior to the swimming lessons, students will change at school into their bathers, a throw-over hoody towel or t-shirt and thongs. They will travel on the bus to the pool in this attire.

Following the swimming lesson, students will return to school where they will change back into their uniform. This provides a safe and exclusive change area. Please ensure they have an extra snack in their lunchbox as they are often very hungry after the pool.

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## MARCH MUNCH 2021

Our school is participating in March Munch, where students challenge themselves to crunch on vegetables for Crunch&Sip® during the month of March. Crunch&Sip® is a set break during the school day for students to eat vegetables or fruit and drink water in the classroom. As only 6% of primary school kids in Australia eat enough vegetables, the program is encouraging kids to choose vegies for Crunch&Sip® to help boost this figure! Please send vegetables for your child to eat for Crunch&Sip® during March. Snow peas, a whole celery stick, cut up cucumber or capsicum, cauliflower florets, cherry tomatoes or carrot sticks are all great choices. For more information head to: [crunchandsip.com.au/event/1/march-munch-2021](http://crunchandsip.com.au/event/1/march-munch-2021)

### How to Crunch&Sip®: a guide for parents



Crunch&Sip® is an easy and practical way of getting kids to eat more vegetables and fruit.

#### To Crunch&Sip® every day, send your child to school with:

- A clean, clear bottle filled with water
- An extra serve of easy to eat vegetables or fruit

#### Preparing and storing Crunch&Sip®

- **Wash** all fruit and vegies. Get the kids involved in this!
- **Cut** fruit and veg into easy-to-eat pieces
- **Store** fruit and veg in a sealed container
- **Chill** in an insulated lunch bag for extra crunchiness
- **Include** a spoon or fork for juicy fruit and veg like mango, avocado and melon. This will stop sticky fingers in the classroom.
- **Time saving tips**
  - Prepare vegie sticks in advance! They will stay fresh in the fridge for several days if kept in an airtight container with a wet paper towel.
  - A whole carrot, apple or celery stick is perfect for older kids – no chopping required! Sugar snap peas, cherry tomatoes and grapes are good for little ones.



#### Crunch&Sip® inspiration

Are your kids tired of the same carrot sticks and apple for Crunch&Sip® each day? Choosing different coloured vegetables and fruits keeps it interesting and is good for you too!



Different coloured vegetables and fruit provide different vitamins, minerals and phytonutrients. This will help give your children the right balance of nutrients for good health. Eat a rainbow!

## SCHOOL LEADERS

We would like to announce our new leaders at Aveley North Primary School for 2021. We trust they will lead us admirably and confidently this year.

### House Captains

Marri - Teneille  
Angleen

Sheoak - Logan  
Aylah

Wattle - Josh  
Iva

Jarrah - Sam  
Zai

### Councillors

Khaiden

Bella

Brooke

Japjit



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