Term 1 2016 Calendar

7-11 March  Parent Teacher Conferences this week
11 March  Second Instalment School Charges will be deducted via Compass for those that chose a part payment option.
15 March  Uniform Shop Open 8.45am
15 March  Sibling Photos 9.00am
15 March  Bookings Open on Compass for Years 1-6 Parent Teacher Meetings 12.00pm onwards and will close at 12pm on Friday 18th Feb.
15 March  School Council Meeting 7.30pm
18 March  Grand Fair-2nd Hand Goods Drop Off Day 9.00-3.00pm

20 March  Grand Fair

21 March  Whole School CURRICULUM DAY
(All students Prep-6 do not attend school on this day)

Parent/Teacher Conferences 9am-8pm for Years 1-6 only.
Years 1 and 2-parents and teachers attend meeting.
Years 3-6- parents, teacher and student attend.

24 March  End Term 1 at 2.30pm

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Principal’s Report

On Wednesday, Ms Nelson, Max and I were lucky enough to attend the National Young Leaders day in the city. Out of all of the speakers, Dylan Parker was my favourite. He talked about his experience as a professional paper plane thrower. As School Captain, I will take his advice to “Try new things everyday” and that “small things lead to bigger things” and I will encourage students to all do that too. **Sasha G**

Last Wednesday, Sasha, Ms Nelson and I went to the National Young Leaders Day at the Melbourne Convention Centre. There were around 4000 students and there were four guest speakers. One of my favourites was Nathan Dusty Want. He really inspired me about what a good leader does. He said that if you ‘master all the little things, you will achieve high’. That quote really inspired me. **Max M**

Parent Teacher Conferences

The Term 1 Parent Teacher Conferences for Years 1-6 will be conducted on Monday 21st March (Curriculum Day) between 9am-8pm. Students from year 3-6 are required to attend with their parent/s. These Conferences discuss your child’s progress to date and set goals for Term 2. The interviews are to be booked online through Compass, bookings will go live on Tuesday 15th March at 12pm and will close on Friday 18th March at 12pm. Please ensure you book prior to the close time to allow teachers to prepare for your interview, especially as they will be at the Fair on Sunday also.

**Natalie Nelson**
**Principal**

Student’s Report

Forensic Science Day

‘On Friday the 4th of March, the year 5 and 6’s had a fabulous forensics day. There were three groups and three activities. We were forensic artists in the Year 5 Rooms with Miss French and Mr Purdy, crime scene investigators in the Hall with Miss Simon and Mrs Bevis and crime writers in the library with Mrs Wreford. With the art work we learnt about the job of a forensic artist and we all had a turn of making our own faces on the computer.

In the Library, with Mrs Wreford and the crime writing, we read a book called ‘The Pair’, a book about a cat burglar. Then we had our own chance to make a crazy crime story. Now let’s move to the Hall with Miss Simon and Mrs Bevis. Someone had broken into our local jewellery store. We had to find out who committed the terrible crime. We went through many different activities such as fingerprints and chromatography. It was an amazingly awesome day and I wish we could do it again!’

**Emilie M and Nick B**
Prep Students—Shapes

SMILE News

This week the students read a story of how everyone, all over the world, carries an invisible bucket with them. The way that we treat others can fill their buckets when we are kind, or we can dip from their buckets when we use unkind words and actions. When you smile at someone or do something nice, you are filling your own bucket as well as others. So if I tell...is good at singing, my bucket is filling also. It’s really important that we always try to have a full bucket, as a full bucket helps you feel good about yourself. Other people can fill or dip from our buckets too. Placing your lid on your bucket so no one can dip out of your bucket is called resilience.

You can access the story at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=clftwDkztw
Questions to ask you child:
    How can you fill your bucket?
    How can you fill someone else’s bucket?
    What would you do if you were a bucket dipper in your family?
    How can you fill dad’s bucket?
    How can you fill mum’s bucket?
Smile Awards – these will be presented in Assembly on Monday 11th April—Term 2.

Ethan P PMD For showing great responsibility in the POD by collecting the bin and wheeling it out for others to use. Well done Ethan!
Hannah D 1TD For always trying her best with her work.
Maia S 1ET For being a friendly and happy member of 1ET. Your beautiful smile lights up our classroom.
Alish B 1SN For being such an enthusiastic reader at school and at home. Keep up the fantastic effort Alisha!
Gianluca C 1LC For working so hard to improve his English and doing a wonderful job of his reading.
Janelle C 2AA For your consistent effort to revise your writing, using a variety of tools to expand your vocabulary and including many interesting words in your pieces.
Isaac S 2RR For always being so organised with his weekly Show and Share tasks and sharing them with confidence and enthusiasm.
Alex O 2VC For always being a kind and caring friend to others and volunteering to help without needing to be asked.
Eve P 3DS For going beyond the classroom program and finding extra information at home.
Meera D 3KE For always taking pride in her work and being such a diligent student.
Yoav G 3KE For being enthusiastic, interested and focused on all aspects of his class work, especially writing.
Lauren T 3KT For always displaying excellent listening skills and being a positive role model for others.
Dexter C 3KT For always being interested and alert and a great contributor in all class discussions.
Hannah C 4DW For her enthusiastic and dedicated attitude towards her learning.
Nicholas R 4DW For making responsible learning choices and being a great role model in and out of the classroom.
Spencer M 4EM For demonstrating a mature approach to his learning. It is evident that he has worked hard on all teacher set tasks, completing them thoroughly and neatly. Well done!
Charlotte N 4KH For leading by example in the classroom by demonstrating respect, responsibility and resilience.
Benji M 4KH For using his initiative in the classroom to help others.
Cate G 5DF For her excellent attitude and hard work when participating in class activities and discussions.
Jasmine F 6CS For being a thoughtful friend to all and looking out for others.
Rory N 6SW For using terrific investigative skills in maths to explore square and triangular numbers.
Tom Z 6SW For being an organised and responsible group leader in reading rotations. Great job!

Second Instalment of School Charges

The second instalment of School Charges will be automatically deducted through Compass on Friday March 11th. Families who have paid at the Office can pay the balance of their School Charges on or before Friday 18th March at the Office.

For any queries on the above, contact our Business Manager, Trish Griechen
Ex Student News

Avila College recently held its annual High Achievers Assembly which was attended by students, staff, parents, friends and "Year 12 2015" graduates.

Students from the 2015 cohort were recognised for their excellent academic results.

At Avila College, we appreciate that education is a life long journey that begins in primary school. Learning patterns and work ethics are established in the early days of a child’s schooling and good habits are the hallmark of a good student.

We would like to acknowledge the contributions of the staff of Ashburton Primary School. They assisted Gabriella Macpherson-Caldeira in achieving her best in VCE last year. She was acknowledged during the Avila College High Achievers Assembly and can now look forward to a very exciting future.

Louise Gunther
Principal
Avila College

Butterflies in the Garden

On Friday while we were weeding in the butterfly garden we found numerous little butterflies. They appear to be a light mauve/pink colour all over. I have tried identifying them with no luck.

Do you know an expert that could look for us?

Meanwhile have a look for yourselves, they are very pretty and delicate.

Julie Gilbert
Smash-a-Plate - Plates needed!
It's time to get rid of those chipped plates and mugs lurking in the cupboard.
Donate them to Smash-a-Plate at the next 2nd Hand Drop-Off day this Sunday 6th March between 11am-2pm. On Fair Day, test your ball skills by seeing how many plates you can smash!

Lob-A-Choc
As their Grand Fair contribution, Grade 5 & 6 families are asked to contribute a family block of non-nut containing chocolate. There is a box in the office for chocolate donations. If you prefer, a donation of $4 for the purchase of chocolate for the Lob-a-Choc stall is welcomed (please hand this in at the office). We welcome and greatly appreciate family block non-nut chocolate donations from all year levels. The more chocolate we have the more fun lob-a-choc will be!
Thank you to those of you that have already donated.
We look forward to seeing your children, or you, trying to win the chocolate back at the fair.
Sarah Quin and Fiona Noonan, Lob-a-Choc convenors

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY
The new Library Space is working well upstairs in the main building. Since it is on the same level as the Year 4’s many parents have had an opportunity to see it. Anyone is welcome if they would like to pop in and see for themselves.
The library is opened the first half of lunch time this year on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Bec Campbell of Year 6 last year donated a collection of books as recognition of her enjoyment of the school library. The series is “The wolves of the beyond” by Kathryn Lasky which Bec loved and now more students have the opportunity to read the entire series.
The Fitchett family with Amelia in Year 6 last year gave a $100 Dymock’s voucher to the library. I am looking forward to buying books the children have requested.
Happy reading
Dianne Gardiner

VOLUNTEERING
We are relying on each family to help out for a minimum of 2 hours on Fair Day - Many hands make light work! Volunteering is booked online or via the office:
www.vols.pt/eEVvijv
You can volunteer your time on any stall or if you are not sure where to help out - here is a guide:

Preps & Year 6s Shopping Stalls:
Cakes, Marmaladies, Plant Stall, Silent Auction, Sweets Stall, Tickets & Info

Year 1s and 2s Kids Stalls:
Face Painting, Glamsters & Gangsters, Haunted House, Knock ’em Down, Lob-a-choc, Mystery Bottles, Pirate Dig, Plaster Painting, Show Bags, Smash-a-plate

Year 3s Food Stalls:
Drinks & Icy Poles, Fairy Floss, Souvlakis, French Fries, Sausage, Sizzle, Sushi, Snow Cones

Year 4s & 5s 2nd Hand Stalls
If you have any questions contact Sarah on 0411 021 028

Many Hands Make LIGHT Work
**ACTIVE HOLIDAYS...**

- Come join us for an exciting day of games and challenges with loads of new clothing and equipment giveaways.

**EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2016**

- **Monday 4th April**
  - **Shooting Stars**: Basketball, European Handball and Netball
- **Tuesday 5th April**
  - **Triple Treat Tuesday**: Ultimate Freestyle, Shopping (featuring Mrs Roberts) and P.E. classics.
- **Wednesday 6th April**
  - **BMX Bandits, Battleball and more**: Bike skills and games.

**Registration from 9am and pick up at 4pm**

**WHO:** Suitable for all age groups and abilities

**WHERE:** Ashburton Primary School - Gymnasium

**COST:** 1 day = $55, 2 days = $100 & 3 days = $145

*A great way to enjoy your Easter Holidays!*

**ACTIVE HOLIDAYS is accepted for the Children Benefit (up to 85% rebate, available). Please contact us for further details.**

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**Your local Auskick is back... Register for Auskick 2016**

Get your kids involved in Auskick and enjoy your local Auskick centre. Contact your local Auskick centre to find out more information about the Auskick sessions, and all children registered and paid will receive a free kit. The session is designed for children aged 5-10 years.

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**Creative Dance and Drama April Holiday Program 2016**

What: Creative Dance and Drama workshops facilitated by Georgia Lombard

- Participants will be involved in a variety of dance/drama activities in the workshops.
- Each workshop is different so children can attend multiple days.
- Every workshop concludes with a performance.

**When:**

- Tuesday 5th April - Prep - Year 2 - Dance/Drama
- Wednesday 6th April - Year 2 & 6 - Drama
- Thursday 7th April - Year 2 - Dance/Drama

The workshops commence at 9am and finish at 4pm.

**Where:** Ashburton Primary School Hall, Fakenham Rd, Ashburton

**Who:** Children in Prep - Year 6

**Cost:** $15 per day per child

**Registration forms can be collected from the office or visit the Creative Dance and Drama website and request a form via the contact page.**

If you have any questions or require more information about the workshops please visit creativedanceanddrama.co.nz and go to the contact page.
ASHBURTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRAND FAIR
Sunday 20th March 2016

THIS WEEK’S TO DO LIST
1. Buy kids ride wristbands by this Friday to get early bird discounted price
2. Return RAFFLE TICKETS by this Friday - all tickets and stubs even if unsold.
3. Read the March Fair Newsletter that goes home this week - jam packed with information about the Fair.
4. Book the time & stall you are helping on Fair Day through Volunteer Spot (www.vols.pt/eEVjv) or the school office.
5. Years Prep, 1 & 2 - cake stall packs will go out this Friday.
6. Years 3 & 4 - don’t forget your Sweets Stall donations.
7. Years 5 & 6 - don’t forget to donate a family-sized block of nut-free chocolate.

Please note: donations from other year levels are most welcome. Extra cake packs will be in the office.

Important Dates

2nd Hand Goods drop-off Day
Friday 18th March 9am - 3pm

Grand Fair Day
Sunday 20th March 10am - 4pm
11 days to go!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THANK YOU
Special thanks to the 2nd Hand convenors and all the parents who helped and those who de-cluttered their house and dropped stuff off, at the 2nd Hand Goods drop off day on Sunday.

Looks like the Gym will be full of bargains on Fair Day.
If you didn’t make it on Sunday, you can drop your unwanted items into the Gym on Friday 18th March between 9am and 3pm

Icy Pole Fridays - ONLY 2 weeks left!
$1 each
One icy pole per child
All proceeds go directly to 2016 Grand Fair.
Thanks Cheryl & Carolyn

Buy your Ride wristband -
Buy online at www.trybooking.com.au/CPU or manually at the School Office
Early Bird Price ends midnight 11th March

All booking enquiries to Peta on 0407 784 721

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