Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to be writing my first newsletter as the official Principal of Arcadia Vale Public School! It has been very affirming to receive the support of the Director, Colleague Principals, our staff and students and members of the parent community. I am excited and feel very privileged to be leading our school community. My focus as Principal is to always put the children at the centre of all decision-making to ensure that we provide opportunities and support that enables a positive and rewarding school experience for all students. I am very keen to work in partnership with parents and the community, so please communicate openly with me.

This Thursday evening at 6pm we will be holding a Parent Information evening to share our new Student Wellbeing Policy. This policy has been developed with the support of the director and through collaboration with students and the staff. Our policy details our behaviour expectations, how we will support students to meet these expectations and how we will address unacceptable behaviours. It also outlines a new reward system to affirm students and new processes for creating Student Leadership teams. We hope that you will join us to gain a deeper understanding of this important policy which underpins a lot of the work that we do.

Next Tuesday evening at 6pm we will be holding a Parent Information night for families who are or who may be interested in enrolling a child in Kindergarten next year. If you know of a family with a Kinder child for 2016, please encourage them to come along to hear what our great school has to offer. We will give them a very warm welcome.

Kind regards
Kim Witt

Mrs Fawkes was delighted with how smoothly our swimming program began last week. The children were enthusiastic and cooperative. It was a huge help having one of our dads join us to supervise the boys in the change room. Thank you Mr Miller! It makes a big difference when all items of clothing and children’s belongings are labelled, thank you for your cooperation in this regard. Our program will continue for the next eight weeks.
Writing Competition

Our writing competitions are continuing. Our topic for Week 10 of last term was ‘Sharks’. The Winners were:

Kindergarten
The evil shark is attacking a person. The person ran and ran. The shark has sharp teeth. It swims through the water. It sees a seagull. The seagull flew away.
Yarran Mason

Year 1
Sharks are the ultimate killing machine. IF they see a fish, they will swim after it because sharks like to have a nice big fish for dinner. Sharks can take a chunk out of you in one bite. In two bites a shark can eat your whole stomach.
Ryan Milekovic

Year 2
The aggressive, courageous shark breached with fury, his prey had escaped again. Then he saw darting in the gloomy, grey water a large school of fish. His dorsal fin sliced through the water like a sword as he viciously darted forward. The panicked fish swam any way they could. He opened his mouth to show rows and rows of teeth.
Dhirrali Mason

Year 3
Sharks are very intelligent creatures. They hunt for their prey and have a long rocket like body for cutting through the water. They have little, white fish that swim under them for camouflage.
Braidy Chadwick

Year 4
At midnight the blood thirsty carnivore swam through the ocean looking for its first victim. Aggressively, the powerful shark attacked, ripping apart the seal’s flesh. The blood swept through the water attracting other sharks to the feast.
Maliyan Mason

Year 5
Deep in the ocean, a blood thirst shark is hiding in a ship wreck waiting patiently for its next victim. He spots a seal near the surface playing in the water. He swims like a bullet towards the seal and BOOM! He breaks the surface with a full body breach. The seal is now dead.
Reef Parker

Year 6
An intimidating shadow emerged from its rocky lair. A trace of blood tugged at his nose. The shark smiled.
Bethany Fisher

What’s on at Arcadia Vale PS

Week 2
Thursday 15 Oct. – Parent Information Night
Wellbeing Policy
Friday 16 Oct. - Swimming
Free Water Program

Week 3
Tuesday 20 Oct. – Kinder Orientation Parent Information Evening
Wednesday 21 Oct. 2016 Kinder Orientation
Friday 23 Oct. Swimming
Yr 6 Spring Fair

Long Service Leave

Mr Breyley Smith is currently taking two weeks long service leave to support his daughter, Annabel through her HSC Exams. Year 3/4 will be taught by Mr Penland and Mr Collier during his absence. We wish all of our former students and members of the Arcadia Vale community completing their HSC all the best!

The Toronto Learning Community Band will be rehearsing in our school hall again on Thursday afternoon.
Children in the band need to bring their instruments.

Lost Property

Lost property is located in the back of the 2/3 room. We have a huge pile of jumpers without names. Could you please check that your child has their jumper at home. Finding owners for lost property is quite a challenge, often children try to disown their belongings even when they are labelled!
Head Lice!

They’re back!!!

Please check your child’s hair regularly and treat accordingly. Primary children are perfectly capable of combing their hair with a nit comb each day. It is soooo much easier to get rid of a few than an infestation. We all need to do our bit to keep our classrooms as headlice free as possible.

A challenge for you...

This is the writing stimulus we provided for the children this week as part of our writing competition. The emphasis was to be creative and to write a few sentences that would grab the audience’s attention and make them want to keep reading. Have a go! We would love to read what you come up with.

Dance – Term 4 Dance fee notes have gone home today. Please check your dancer’s bag.

Flute Lessons

We have a clash between our Swimming program and flute lessons. Unfortunately, this can’t be avoided. Mr Breyley-Smith is organising catch up lessons for later in the term.

Wangi RSL

Kids Free DISCO NIGHT

Every Thursday 5.30pm to 7.30pm.
Celebrate your child’s birthday at our free disco, just bring the cake!
No Mess Mum!
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