



WELCOME LETTER TERM 4 FROM THE PRINCIPAL

11 October 2010

Dear Avondale Families,

I hope that all families have had a relaxing break and are looking forward to the start of Term 4.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome new families starting at Avondale Grammar (6 students) throughout the course of the term. A warm welcome back also to all parents and students from two weeks of rest and relaxation. It was lovely seeing so many happy, smiling faces this morning. Throughout the course of the term please don't hesitate to organise appointments with relevant teachers if any concerns arise. ***Remember if it is important to you, it is important to us.***

Term 4 promises to be yet another busy ten weeks for the children at Avondale Grammar School. Some of the highlights and events for the term include the Cross Country Carnival (Thursday 14 October), the French / Mandarin Assembly (Friday 15 October), school photos over two days (Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 October), the Twilight Swimming Carnival (Tuesday 19 October 6 – 9pm), the Loose Cannons Drama Incursion (Thursday 21 October) and the Wind In the Willows Drama Production (Wednesday 8 & Thursday 9 December), the Carols Concert (Tuesday 14 December TBC) and Final Assembly 2010 (Wednesday 15 December). It is also a reporting term when Semester 2 reports are prepared and distributed.

We have a number of staffing announcements to note. In the enrolments department we welcome Mrs Angela Hall. Angela has a wealth of experience in different company and executive roles. She also brings with her strong links to the UK community. Angela takes the place of Miss Abi and is also the key person with whom to speak regarding ECAs. Mrs Sinden continues to recover well and during her ongoing absence IS will be well looked after by Mrs Schwartzentruber. Mrs Walker is absent on family leave for the first three days of Term 4 and during this time Miss Shoba will work across both Year 1 classes assisting Mrs Dundas and Mrs Schwartzentruber. In preschool we welcome to the team Miss Gloryfel Lubaton who replaces Miss Faz who has left us to prepare for her 'O' level exams in late October. Mr Perkowsky is unfortunately making a slow recovery from his shoulder surgery and he will not return to Avondale fulltime until Week 3. He has however promised to come along in support for both the Cross Country and the Swimming carnivals. In his absence Ms Claire Papalucca will continue to take PE classes.

Over the two week holiday period there has been a great deal of work done behind the scenes. Touch-up painting has been completed throughout the school, the preschool sandboxes have been mounted on their new stands and the sand replaced, another chair trolley has been purchased for the multi purpose hall and the entire school has been comprehensively fumigated inside and out, a task that will now be carried out during every holiday period. A bed for unwell children has been installed in the Director's Office and there is a baby change table and a nappy bin available for use in the disabled toilet.

In other news Avondale has now completed all technical drawings for signage, shade cloth and the additional playfield space to the satisfaction of our landlords LHN and all these documents will be submitted to the Singapore Land Authority early in Week 1. Also, thanks to the generosity of the Parents Association we have purchased some new Mimio sets for the school. As other ICT purchases are made with PA funds we will keep you up to date.

I hope your children have another exciting and productive term at Avondale Grammar School – I look forward to speaking to all families throughout the course of the term.

Warm Regards,

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