

# AVENEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## OUR MISSION:

To inspire academic excellence, social and emotional growth and community contribution in a collaborative environment.

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## Students of the Week

Recognising and celebrating achievement of our values.



### Be a Learner

**John McAllister** - For showing a huge improvement in his writing by taking risks and applying learning goals. 😊

**Aspa King** - For actively and confidently engaging in conversations during Literature Circles and for using correct metalanguage. 😊

**Hunter Friedrich** - For carrying out a range of division strategies precisely and recording and explaining his thinking in a methodical and accurate manner. 😊

**Ruby Hart** - For being a learner by using arrays when solving division and multiplication problems. 😊

**Makenleigh Martin** - For her persistence and willingness to take on feedback when learning new mathematical concepts about place value. 😊

**Beau Allison** - For his persistence and determination, using his sound knowledge and decoding skills to read unknown words. 😊

### Be a Mate

**Ace Wheeler** - For showing the school value of being a mate through the care and concern he exhibits towards others. 😊

**Mac Van Horen** - For the sportsmanship he showed during the Junior Athletics, cheering and encouraging others. 😊

### Give Something Back

**Koby Sidebottom** - For demonstrating maturity in the classroom and being a positive role model for others in the class. 😊

# Ross' Report

It has been a huge week in the Avenel community, our area and right across the state of Victoria. We were very fortunate at school to not suffer any damage from the floods. We know that many people in the community were not so lucky and our thoughts and best wishes go out to them at this time. Thanks to all families for their support last Thursday and Friday where we had a modified day and then a school closure day as everyone dealt with this disaster. We always have a "safety first" priority and ensure that our students' and families' wellbeing is the number one priority. Our school is always available to support families and the wider community in any way we can.



With the recent events, we had no choice but to postpone the Bike Hike that was due to start today. We have rescheduled the event and hopefully we will be able to go ahead at that time. The grade 3-6 camp planned for the start of November is still right to go ahead at this stage. If anything changes, we will notify families as soon as we can.

Many of the school's talented musicians will be on display this Sunday with a community concert at the Avenel Hall. The School's Singing Group will also be performing. This is an open concert for all members of the community and it starts at 2:00pm. I hope to see you there.

Our Kinder Transition program starts this Friday with students enrolled in 2023 Prep at Avenel Primary School coming to school for their first session. They will have 4 sessions throughout term 4, gradually increasing in time until the day a full day in December. If you know of anyone who has a 2023 prep, and hasn't enrolled them yet, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible so they can be part of the Transition Program.

Your feedback is always welcome at [ross.davis@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:ross.davis@education.vic.gov.au) or 0403 565 119.

## Please keep a look out for our trailer



The Avenel Primary School 5x7ft trailer – Registration No – YO 9438 – disappeared sometime between 5.00pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October and 6.30pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. It has a red tray and 900m cage. If you see it around, please report it to the police and notify the school. Thank you.

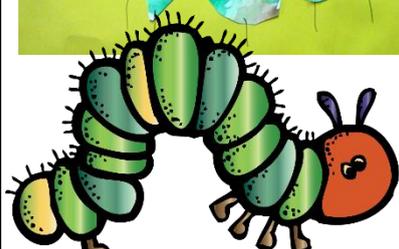


*Avenel Primary School acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the land and acknowledges and pays respect to their elders, past and present.*

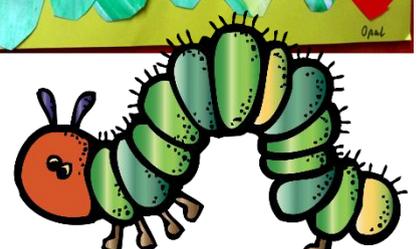
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
October	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Transition 9.00am-10.00am
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bookclub orders due
	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Pupil Free Day – Report Writing
November	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
	1 <sup>st</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Somers Camp
	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 3-6 Charnwood Outdoor Ed Camp
	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Transition 9.00am – 11.00am
	9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	3 Day Bike Hike
	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Peaceful Piano Concert
	17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 5-6 Energy Breakthrough - Maryborough
	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	School Dental Van Visit & School Council Meeting
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Family Night – Colour Run
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	School Captain Speeches & voting
December	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School Captain Interviews & Transition 9.00 – 11.30am
	5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming Program
	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 6 Graduation
	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Statewide Transition
	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Concert – 6.00pm
	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Term 4 – 1.20pm dismissal

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – Angus Gowers, Rome Smith-Williams and Neelix



*Very hungry caterpillars  
by Prep*



# Education

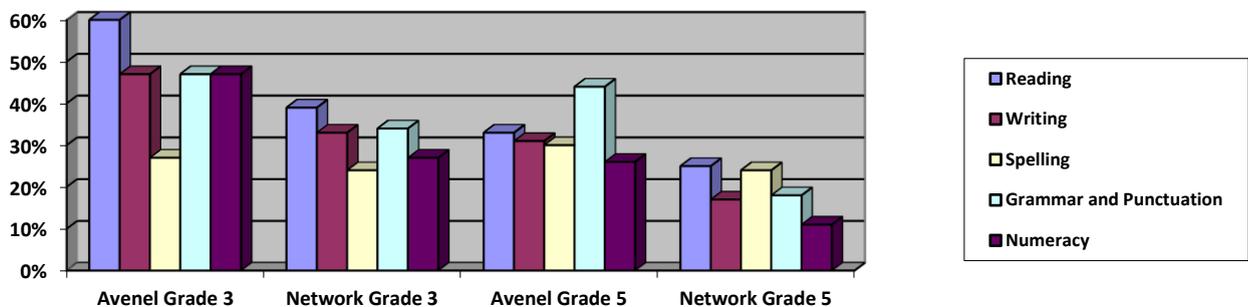
## Our Data!

At Avenel Primary School we are continually looking at a variety of sources of data to monitor our school's progress. We have student achievement data through NAPLAN, parent and student survey results. We are delighted with the high level of results achieved which validates the fabulous work being completed at our school.

### NAPLAN

One of the key measures of NAPLAN is the number of students achieving results in the top 2 bands of each area. Students in the top 2 bands are performing well above the expected level for their year group. The table below shows the percentage of Avenel Primary School students in the top 2 bands compared with schools in our Network (schools in our local area). It is fabulous and reaffirming of our practices to see such amazing results.

Area	Avenel Grade 3	Network Grade 3	Avenel Grade 5	Network Grade 5
Reading	60%	39%	33%	25%
Writing	47%	33%	31%	17%
Spelling	27%	24%	30%	24%
Grammar and Punctuation	47%	34%	44%	18%
Numeracy	47%	27%	26%	11%

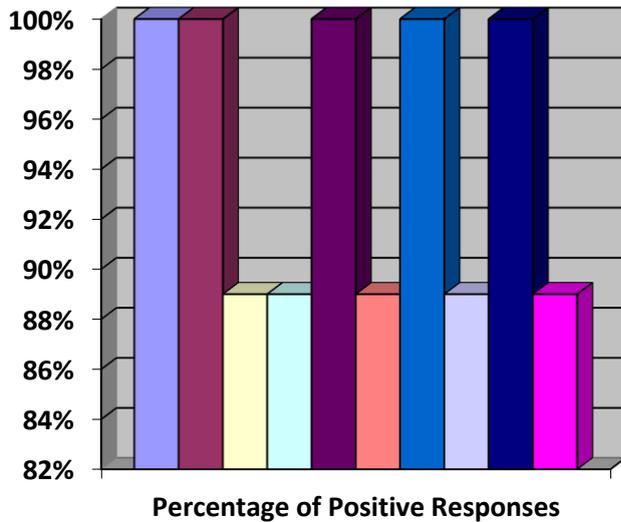


It is clear from the above results that our school is outperforming other local schools, and by quite significant margins in many areas.

### PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Every year a random group of parents are selected to participate in the Parent Opinion Survey to gather their views on the school. The table below shows the percentage of parents who gave a positive response to the following areas

Area	Percentage of Positive Responses
This school has a strong relationship with the local community	100%
I feel comfortable about approaching this school with any concerns I might have	100%
This school has clean and well-maintained facilities and grounds	89%
This school always aims to improve the quality of education it provides	89%
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his/her best	100%
Teachers are enthusiastic and positive about teaching	89%
The school provides my child with opportunities to build his/her confidence	100%
This school treats my child with respect	89%
This school gives my child opportunities to participate in school activities	100%
My child feels accepted by other students at school	89%



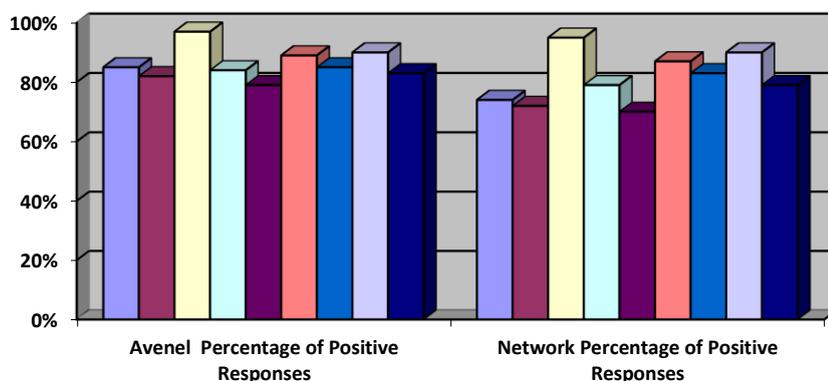
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These parent results demonstrate the fabulous support and positive endorsement we receive from our parent community in acknowledging the fantastic work at our school.

## STUDENT ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY

All grade 4-6 students complete an anonymous survey, recording their attitudes towards all aspects of school. The table below shows the percentage of students who gave a positive response to the following areas, and a comparison between our school and Network Schools.

Area	Avenel Percentage of Positive Responses	Network Percentage of Positive Responses
Not Experiencing Bullying	85%	74%
Subjective Physical Health	82%	72%
High Expectations for Success	97%	95%
Effective Classroom Behaviour	84%	79%
Community Connections	79%	70%
Self Regulation and Goal Setting	89%	87%
Respect for Diversity	85%	83%
Sense of Inclusion	90%	90%
Teacher Concern	83%	79%



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Once again, our high data from our students provides evidence that our school is a high performing school, with engaged students, happy at school and ready to learn.

# General Information

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS** - The Department of Education and Training administers a number of scholarships that are available to eligible students who are currently enrolled in Grade 4 to Year 12 in 2022. Applicants for these scholarships will be evaluated on their:

- participation in school activities
- community involvement
- academic record for the current year.

Scholarships are either one-off payments or cover the duration of the student's course or annual study.

Many of these scholarships have specific eligibility criteria so please refer to individual applications for more information. Applications are open and close on Wednesday 1 February 2023. For more information and a list of available scholarships, see the [2022 Student scholarships for Grade 4 – Year 12](#) fact sheet.

**Eligibility** - Students must be enrolled in Victorian schools and must be Australian citizens or permanent residents. Some scholarships are available specifically to Victorian government school students while others are available to students across all sectors.

Scholarships may be targeted to students experiencing financial hardship, and trusts may have particular eligibility criteria.

## **Can students apply for more than one scholarship?**

Students are encouraged to carefully identify and apply for all scholarships where they meet the criteria.

## **How much are the scholarships worth?**

Grade 4 to Year 11 scholarships are one-off payments between \$300 and \$1,000.

**Scholarships available to primary school students** - For information on specific eligibility requirements, please visit [student scholarships](#).

## **John and Maud Askew Primary Scholarships**

- Grade 4 and 5 students valued at \$500 each
- Grade 6 students valued at \$1,000 each

## **George Wilson Robertson Scholarships**

- Grade 6 students valued at \$1,075 each

For information on how to apply, refer to [Student scholarships](#).



**ART ROOM REQUEST** – Please send along pringles tubes and cardboard cylinders for art use this term. Thanks.

**CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION** - Federal Member for Nicholls Mr Sam Birrell is inviting primary school students to take part in his Christmas Card competition. The competition calls on students to draw a picture for Sam's 2022 Christmas card which will be sent to hundreds of constituents and Members of Parliament. The template is attached to this Newsletter – students are being asked to **“Draw what Christmas means to them”**. Please note entries close on Friday November 4. Completed entries can be returned to this email or via our office at 426 Wyndham Street Shepparton.

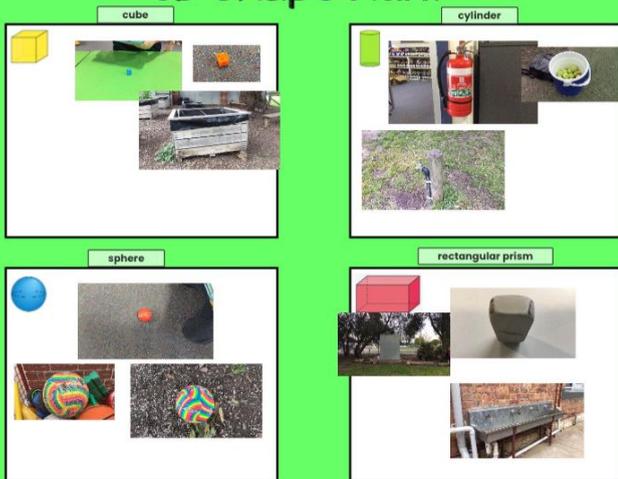
**TERM 4 – LUNCH ORDERS** – Avenel Cafe has launched the term 4 lunch order list which includes price increases in line with changes that occurred in the shop in July. Whilst every effort is taken to ensure these are kept to a minimum, we have had to make adjustments in line with what is occurring in the market. This also reflects that market price increases have been sustained now for quite a while. Don't forget to use the new Term 4 order form (copy attached) when ordering lunches next term. **Please make sure you ring lunch orders through before 10.00am.** If you have any concerns, please direct these to Shaun at the Cafe on 57962536 or [avenelcafe@gmail.com](mailto:avenelcafe@gmail.com).

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS** - Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. We want to thank you for all your support, whether that's through fundraising or volunteering your time. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. School Council has set the Voluntary Contributions for this year of \$240.00. This voluntary contribution can be paid at the office with cash or Eftpos or by direct debit to Avenel Primary School BSB 063 545 Account 1007 6513.

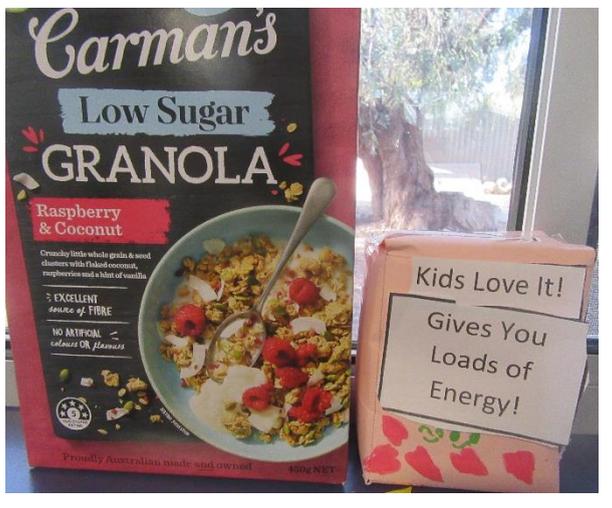
# Student Report

Grade 1/2O has been working on developing their knowledge of three-dimensional shapes. We explored three-dimensional shapes in the learning environments, identified two-dimensional shapes within three-dimensional shapes and described the properties of the three-dimensional shapes by using the language of faces, vertices and edges. We finally used nets to create a rectangular prism and we turned the rectangular prisms to become cereal boxes. These cereal boxes link into our reading and writing task, where we hoped to persuade an audience on how great our food taste.

## 3D Shape Hunt



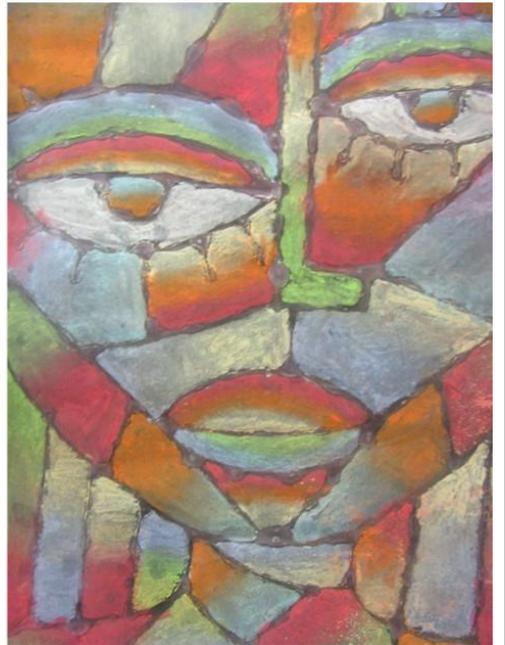
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*Portraits based on the work of Sandra Silberzweig*



# Community Information



AVENEL GOLF CLUB

MELBOURNE CUP

**CALCUTTA**

MONDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2022



\$80 per table draws a horse

Prize money 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and last

Cold Buffet Tea available from 6pm - \$10 per head

Calcutta commences @ 7:30pm

Contact : Alex Smith 0488 127 747

OR

e-mail [avenelgolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:avenelgolfclub@gmail.com)

MC/Auctioneer/Story Teller – Bill Shelton

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL BY 24<sup>th</sup> October**

**All accounts must be settled on the night (we have EFTPOS)**

## NOW SHOWING

22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> – Ticket to Paradise

28<sup>th</sup> – League of Super Pets – 6.30pm and 29<sup>th</sup> -  
11.00am sensory screening

29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> - Beast

Adults: \$10

Children: \$10

Children (under 5 years): free

Pre-paid tickets: \$8 (cannot be used for charity screenings)

Tickets can be purchased at the ticket box prior to the screening, or online until 4pm on the Friday before the screening.

Pre-paid cinema tickets can be purchased from Council's Euroa offices at 109 Binney St, Euroa from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

More information @

<https://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/things-to-do/euroa-community-cinema/>

## Local Music Students Pianos and Singing Concert

When—Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

At 2.00pm

Where—Avenel Hall

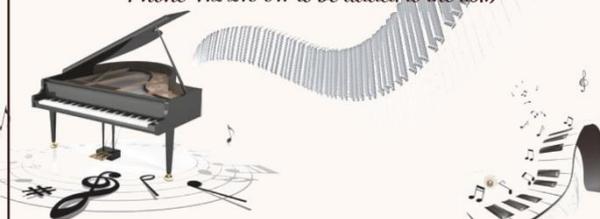
*A free event for the community.*

*All welcome.*

*Tea/Coffee/Cordial provided.*

*(Additional performers of any instruments welcome.*

*Phone 412 210 017 to be added to the list.)*



## EUROA TENNIS CLUB

# JUNIOR TENNIS

2022/2023 SEASON

### • Junior competition

For those who are interested in improving their skills through competitive tennis.

### COMMENCES 7TH OCTOBER

Come and try/registration night.

Regular programs begin 14<sup>th</sup> October



IMPORTANT – we need an indication of intention to play! Please send to [membership@eltc.com.au](mailto:membership@eltc.com.au) with your Child's details (Name & DOB, Parent/Guardian Name – email and phone contacts). Needed prior to 7<sup>th</sup> October please.

Thank you to our

# Energy Breakthrough Sponsors

Your support of our students is greatly appreciated.

## AVENEL TENNIS CLUB

ARE LOOKING FOR A 2ND HAND FRIDGE.  
 IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO UPGRADE YOURS AND WOULD LIKE TO OFF LOAD YOUR OLD ONE PLEASE CONTACT  
 STEPHEN GARNER 0419 870 207 or  
 DEE WRIGHT 0419 438 949

## An invitation to all Community opening of GV static library and reading spaces Community HUB.

23 Queens Street. Avenel

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm**

**Note change of date.**

(formerly Neighbourhood House /Old Police residence).

Light refreshments provided.



GOLD COIN DONATION REQUESTED UPON ENTRY

# HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE

START AT **4PM** AT **LONGWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PREPARE FOR A FRIGHTFUL AFTERNOON!

Our school will once again be transformed into a haunted house for your entertainment.

Trick or treating will be encouraged all along Hurley street. Crafts for those not ready for a fright will be made available.

WIN PRIZES FOR THE BEST COSTUME!

SCAN ME

Longwood Primary School  
 1-21 Hurley Street Longwood

### PEOPLE OUTDOORS

## CAMPS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY

Adventure for All!

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- School Holiday Camps

All meals, activities, transport and accommodation included. Central pick up point.

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 Ballarat - 0455 514 879



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# SAM BIRRELL'S Christmas Card Drawing Competition



Name		Age
Address		
Phone	School & Class	

I \_\_\_\_\_ consent to my child  
(Parent/Guardian Full name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Child's Full Name)

submitting an entry which will be distributed by the Federal Member for Nicholls, Sam Birrell, child's first name and age will appear.

I agree to my child's first name and entry being sent to local people, community groups and businesses.  
Entries will also be displayed on social media and if required via local news outlets.

No, I do not consent

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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