

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



Audrey Doherty - For her dedication and persistence when completing her maths fluency. 😊

Cheri Hutchins - For her understanding and awareness as herself as a learning when setting new maths goals. 😊

Gabby Mancini - For showing improved focus and attention detail when completing her learning tasks. 😊

Miranda Hutchins - For her hard work to produce and accurate retell and summary in reading. 😊

Tillie Chiswell - For approaching term 3 with enthusiasm. 😊

Minseo Bae - For always representing Avenel Primary with pride, demonstrating politeness and respecting others. 😊

Harley Pearce - For his hard work and dedication to completing his number fluency goal. 😊

Darcy Misiti - For the dedication he is showing on his maths learning tasks. 😊

Carrye's Report



Last week our students celebrated NAIDOC week in a variety of different ways, it was lovely to share in some of their learning around indigenous histories, storytelling and artwork and hear about the importance of elders.



Our school council president, Sam Hull, spent a couple of days last week refurbishing the chook house to give our chooks a roost and little extra night-time shelter. The renovations look great, and the chooks are definitely enjoying the artwork. Big thanks to Sam for all his work.



This term we have welcomed Alana Wheeler to our school as part of our well-being support team, Alana will be working at APS 2 days a week one-on-one and with small groups to complement our RRRR program focusing on emotional literacy, strengths and problem-solving strategies. Please check your child's bag in case there is a permission note lurking in their somewhere.

This week also see the start of our Bike Ed program for the Grade 5s in preparation for the Term 4 Bike Hike and after school training begins for our Energy Breakthrough teams on Thursday. I look forward to sharing their progress with you in the coming weeks.

Your feedback is always welcome at carrye.malone@education.vic.gov.au or 0400 245 336.



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
July	21 st	Flinders Quartet Concert – 12.50pm
	27 th	Gnarly Neighbours - Junior
	31 st	Bookclub Orders due
August	3 rd	Gnarly Neighbours - Senior
	8 th	Parent Teacher Interviews – 3.30-6.30
	9 th	Parent Teacher Interviews
	14 th	Science Week Commences
	16 th	Family Science Experience Day 11.50am – 1.50pm
	21 st	Book Week Commences
	23 rd	Book Week Celebration Morning – Theme - 'Read. Grow. Inspire.'
	24 th	Gnarly Neighbours - Junior
	31 st	Gnarly Neighbours - Senior
September	1 st	District Athletics
	13 th	Gr 5-6 Production
	15 th	Last day Term 3
October	2 nd	1 st Day Term 4
	18 th – 20 th	3 day bike hike
November	13 th 14 th & 15 th	Gr 3-4 camp
	18 th	School Fete
	22 nd – 24 th	Energy Break Through
	27 th	Smile Squad Dental Van visit
December	20 th	Last day Term 4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Lyanna Friedrich, Jack Stirling, Scarlette Windahl, Isla Currie



Avenel Odd Job Organisation

We are looking to form a volunteer committee of Avenel adults that would be willing to assist us with odd jobs and maintenance around the school.

How it would work: when jobs arise around the school the group will be contacted and those that were available to help (no obligation) would organise to get the job done. If you think this could be the volunteer role for you, please contact the office to leave your contact details.



Education

VICTORIAN HIGH ABILITY PROGRAM (VHAP)

Virtual School Victoria is delivering the Victorian High-Ability Program (VHAP) to high-ability students in Years 5-8, at all Victorian State Schools.

VHAP consists of ten-week online courses in Mathematics and English for both primary and secondary levels. Students engage in synchronous Webex classes with their teachers. They can also engage with the course material on VSV Online outside of the class time.

VHAP started in Term 4, 2020, as part of the State Government's \$60.2 million investment in the new Student Excellence Program. Due to the success of the program, VHAP has been extended and will now continue through to Term 4, 2025. By the end of 2025, it is expected that 85,000 students will participate in this exciting new challenge and extension program.

The VHAP classroom provides students with the opportunity to:

- explore and express their ideas freely
- make their own decisions about their work
- be inspired and challenged by each other
- gain confidence in their choices and abilities
- feel excited by their learning.

In the VHAP English course, we explore links between reality and fiction by observing the world around us and our journeys into fictional worlds. VHAP English empowers students through cultivating confidence and a willingness to take academic risks.

In the VHAP maths course, students embrace the “why” of maths, not just the “what”. Students and teachers dive into the philosophical implications of mathematical topics.

There are opportunities for differentiation within the course. Students can choose to work at a pace comfortable for them or be extended.

VHAP promotes development of key skills such as teamwork, collaboration and resilience.

The program is a safe space for high-ability students to stretch their wings, encounter change and challenge, and confront fears around making “mistakes.”

The participants in this program are selected by the Department of Education based on their NAPLAN results and the Victorian Curriculum levels submitted to the department based on teacher judgement. Last term we had 3 students enrolled in VHAP, for Maths; Jonah Kecskes and Annika Padgett and in English we had Wren Malone.

Jonah and Annika explored different number systems and enjoyed the collaborative discussions and being able to connect with students from other school.

Wren explored a number of writing strategies and worked on her final submission themed around ‘the hero’s journey’, below is an excerpt of her drafted story titled ‘Esmay’.

23 A large man in a black suit arrived at the gate
 He punched in the code and allowed us to drive
 in. As soon as I stepped out of the car
 the man ~~stare~~ snatched Ksmay out of my
 hands and slowly started walking off
 23 Before I knew it ~~my legs~~ I thrust
 myself towards him, ~~my~~ my finger
 nails dug into his flesh, I was screa-
 ming for him to give her back, when
~~suddenly~~ a set of hands held my back
~~my~~ face was in my hands and hot
 tears were streaming down my face
 Suddenly the hands turned my face
 towards them and she gave me a

Comforting smile "Everything's okay, he's
 just getting her set up in the nursery"
 Well now I felt stupid. "S...S...S...Sorry." I
 mumbled. Then she guided me to the office,
 "So you are?" she asked
 "Lindsay."
 "And what are you to her?"
 "The midwife."
 "Her parents are?"
 Dead
 Then everything fell dead silent, My heart w
 racing, but before anyone could say anything

This term we have 1 student in Maths; Wren Malone and 4 students in English; Koen Mulraney, Jonah Kecskes, Ellie Day and Griffin Boote, we look forward to seeing what they produce.



Student Reports

Grade 5/6 – Excursion to Anastasia the musical

As of last term, our grade fives and sixes' have started eagerly rehearsing for our upcoming production. Studying the ins and outs of characters, rehearsing lines and becoming aware of stage directions our students have taken on their characters with excitement.

To accompany our teaching and learning of the production, our grade 5/6's made their way to the Westside performing arts centre in Mooroopna to view the Notre Dame College production of Anastasia. Students were able to enjoy the production but also see how the lighting and music are cued, the timing between scene changeovers and the use of props on the stage.

The students loved watching the production and it created more excitement for them to keep rehearsing their own.



General Information

SUBJECT CONTRIBUTION – School Council have set the Subject Contribution for this year at \$245 per student. This amount is usually paid in Term 1 but other arrangements can be made if you are struggling to make payment. The subject contribution payment covers the cost of subject expenses and class materials which have been purchased by the school and will be distributed to students throughout the year. This contribution can be paid either by cash or EFPOS at the school or by direct deposit to the school account BSB 063 545 Account No 10076513. Please insert 'sub cont' and family name in the reference field.

LUNCH ORDERS - Attached the Term 3 lunch order form which should be used when placing lunch orders 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.

SCHOOL PREPARATIONS FOR THE BUSHFIRE SEASON

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).

All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the Northern Country district.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated our Emergency Management Plan and are currently working through maintenance works that will assist in being prepared for the threat of fire.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **Northern Country fire district**.

What is the department's policy?

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in the **Northern Country fire district**.

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by Compass.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.



- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletter, checking our website <https://www.avenelps.vic.edu.au/> and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is relocated, undertaking learning from home and/or closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

BOOKCLUB – Orders for the current bookclub are due by 31st July. Thank you.

CHILD SAFETY AND WELLBEING AT AVENEL PRIMARY SCHOOL: INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES AND THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The Victorian Government has announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Avenel Primary School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view at <https://www.avenelps.vic.edu.au/>. We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact carrye.malone@education.vic.gov.au or alternatively contact the office.

WANTED: USED TOY DONATIONS

We are looking for high quality toys, books and games to sell at our school fete on November the 18th. If you would like to donate any items that are in an excellent yet used condition, please bring them in to the office ensuring they are clean and ready to sell. Big sellers include Beanie Boos, Hot Wheels cars, Nerf Guns and Barbies.





BONNIE UPDATE – It has been great to be back at school this term. At present I'm only attending for 1 day a week and increasing my days as the term progresses. One of the highlights of my day is playing hide and seek in the oak leaves with students at playtime. Do you know how hard it is to find my ball in them at present! I think the students are happy to have me back in the classroom working with them. Best of all I love the tummy rubs they give me; I really have missed them. 😊

Community Information

CLOTH NAPPY WORKSHOP

with Emma Avery

LEARN HOW TO:

CHOOSE, WASH AND FIT CLOTH NAPPIES

Free Workshops:

Euroa Library Rear entrance, Library Lane	Avenel Memorial Hall 15 Queen St
Monday 10 July 10.30am-12.30pm	Monday 24 July 10.30am-12.30pm
*Bookings: https://events.humanitix.com/free-cloth-nappy-workshop-euroa 	*Bookings: https://events.humanitix.com/avenel-free-cloth-nappy-workshop 

*Maximum 25 participants per workshop (babies and children welcome, not counted in booking numbers)

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AVENEL TENNIS CLUB NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When - Monday 7th August
Where – Avenel Tennis Clubrooms
Time – 7.00pm
All members and parents of junior members invited to attend.
New members welcome to join us.

It is vital that club and interested members of the general public attend this meeting as we will be discussing the ongoing future of the club.

*Please spread the word so that we have a good attendance?
Thank you.*

AVENEL WINTER CONCERT 2023

FRIDAY, 21ST JULY 2023
AVENEL MEMORIAL HALL

6pm dinner. Concert starts 7pm
Tickets: Early bird \$45
After 30 June \$50

BOOKINGS VIA TRYBOOKING:
<https://www.trybooking.com/>

BOOK NOW

FLINDERS QUARTET

One of Australia's most loved chamber ensembles is thrilled to return to Avenel for a concert with guest violinist Natsuko Yoshimoto.

They bring with them young, up and coming performers, the Piccolo String Quartet, winners of the 2022 Musica Viva Strike a Chord Flinders Quartet Mentorship Prize.

Proceeds from this concert will support local Avenel community projects.



We are pleased to announce that the Flinders Quartet and the Piccolo String Quartet will be doing a short performance at the school for our students on the 21st July @ 12.50pm. The TryBooking page is found at- <https://www.trybooking.com/CIMMZ>. Children under 15 are free!

EUROA SECONDARY COLLEGE
WELCOMES ALL STUDENTS TO
PARTICIPATE IN A...

WRITING COMPETITION

There are 3 Categories:

1. Primary Students (150-600 words)
2. Junior Sub School (400-1000 words)
3. Senior Sub School (600-1200 words)

Students are to write a Creative Short Story based on the theme of RESPECT or CHALLENGE.

Stories are due on Monday 14th August.

There will be a panel of judges to choose the best story in each category.

There are prizes to be won in each category!

Stories will be published and given back to all participating schools and in the local newspaper.

Submit your completed story to and contact Will Lawson if you have any questions: William.Lawson@education.vic.gov.au

Come and hear our local

Avenel Junior Pianists At their recital

When—Sunday 30th July

At 2.00pm

Where—Avenel Hall

A free event for the community.

All welcome.



THE BOITE SCHOOLS CHORUS 2023
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HALL
1PM + 7.30PM

26TH AUGUST

BALLARAT
MOUNT CLEAR
SEC COLLEGE
1PM + 7PM



WWW.BOITE.COM.AU

FUNDRAISER

Apple Slicer, Peeler and Corer



The hype around apples has never been so high! Mrs Barri introduced the students to the school apple corer this week and the queues for a springy apple have gotten bigger each day! The excitement is so high we thought we might take this opportunity to carry out our own fundraiser so you can own one at home! You can have one of these nifty little gadgets for the bargain price of \$20! Fill out the form below and make your payment at the office and your order will be placed for delivery in approximately 2 weeks. All funds raised will go directly to Avenel Primary School.

Name: _____

Apple Slicer, Peeler and Corer @\$20 each

Total: \$ _____

Payment Type: bank transfer/cash

Euroa Community Cinema

TICKETS \$12 Pre-school children free

Available at the cinema or website below

www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au EFTPOS available
 Location: 1B Bury St, Euroa
 Telephone: 1800 065 993 (BH) Children under 13yrs must be with an adult

JESUS REVOLUTION

Saturday 1 July, 7:30pm | Sunday 2 July, 4pm

The true story of a national spiritual awakening in the early 1970s and its origins within a community of teenage hippies in Southern California.

Cast: Kelsey Grammer, DeVon Franklin, Jackson Robert Scott, Julia Campbell
 M | Drama | 120 minutes



THE LITTLE MERMAID (\$5 School Holiday movie)

Wednesday 5 July, 11am (Sensory Screening) and 3pm

The Little Mermaid is visionary filmmaker Rob Marshall's live-action reimagining of the studio's Oscar®-winning animated musical classic. Ariel, a young mermaid, makes a deal with a sea witch to trade her beautiful voice for human legs so she can discover the world above water and impress a prince.

PG | Family, Fantasy, Musical | 135 minutes



JOHN FARNHAM: FINDING THE VOICE

Saturday 8 July, 7:30pm | Sunday 9 July, 4pm

The untold story of an Australian icon, this authorised biopic covers the highs and lows of Farnham's career, culminating in the recording of the album Whispering Jack.

Cast: Olivia Newton-John, Céline Dion, Robbie Williams, John Farnham, Gaynor Wheatley, Jimmy Barnes, Daryl Braithwaite, Richard Marx
 M | Documentary | 95 minutes



BANK OF DAVE

Saturday 15 July, 7:30pm | Sunday 16 July, 4pm

Based on the true-life experiences of Dave Fishwick, 'Bank of Dave' tells the story of how a working class Burnley man and self-made millionaire fought to set up a community bank.

Cast: Hugh Bonneville, Jo Hartley, Phoebe Dynevor, Joel Fry
 M | Comedy, Drama | 108 minutes



SWEET AS

Saturday 22 July, 7:30pm | Sunday 23 July, 4pm

In remote Pilbara country in Western Australia, troubled 16-year-old Indigenous girl, Murra, finds herself abandoned after an explosive incident with her addict mother.

Cast: Shantae Barnes-Cowan, Mark Coles Smith, Ngaire Pigram, Carlos Sanson Jr
 M | Drama | 88 minutes | Australian film



The Euroa Community Cinema is supported by Strathbogie Shire Council and is operated by a dedicated group of volunteers. If you have a suggestion for a movie, please let us know by email at - euroa.cinema@strathbogie.vic.gov.au
 Visit Facebook for local cinema news - facebook.com/euroacommunitycinema

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Euroa Community Cinema

Visit our social media for all the latest cinema news

facebook.com/euroacommunitycinema
 Instagram: @euroacommunitycinema

FAST X (Community Choice movie)

Saturday 29 July, 7:30pm | Sunday 30 July, 4pm

The end of the road begins. Fast X, the tenth film in the Fast & Furious Saga, launches the final chapters of one of cinema's most storied and popular global franchises.

Cast: Vin Diesel, Helen Mirren, Brie Larson, Jason Momoa, Sung Kang, Alan Ritchson, Scott Eastwood, Charlize Theron, Michelle Rodriguez
 M | Action, Thriller | 141 minutes



YOU HURT MY FEELINGS

Saturday 5 August, 7:30pm | Sunday 6 August, 4pm

A novelist's longstanding marriage is suddenly upended when she overhears her husband giving his honest reaction to her latest book.

Cast: Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Tobias Menzies, Michaela Watkins, Owen Teague, Jeannie Berlin, Arian Moayed, David Cross, Amber Tamblyn
 MA 15+ | Comedy, Drama | 93 minutes



THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY

Saturday 12 August, 7:30pm | Sunday 13 August, 4pm

THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY is the story of an unremarkable man who sets off on a remarkable journey. Harold lives a life without purpose until he learns an old friend is dying and vows that in walking across England to see her, his journey can keep her alive.

Cast: Jim Broadbent, Penelope Wilton, Earl Cave
 M | Drama | 108 minutes



NO HARD FEELINGS

Saturday 19 August, 7:30pm | Sunday 20 August, 4pm

Maddie thinks she's found the answer to her financial troubles when she discovers an intriguing job listing: wealthy helicopter parents looking for someone to "date" their introverted 19-year-old son, Percy, and bring him out of his shell before he leaves for college.

Cast: Jennifer Lawrence, Andrew Barth Feldman, Laura Benanti
 MA 15+ | Comedy | 103 minutes



AUGUST COMMUNITY CHOICE - Voting opens June 29

Saturday 26 August, 7:30pm | Sunday 27 August, 4pm

Voting closes 14 July | winner will be announced 15 July on our website and social media

Vote by visiting this link or phoning 1800 065 993 (BH)

<https://share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/>

VOTING OPENS JUNE 29



Euroa Community Cinema project on Share Strathbogie:

To complete our general survey, share your feedback on the cinema and vote for which movies you'd like to see screened in the future, scan the QR code or visit www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au



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The Avenel Market Committee are looking for community groups to run the Market BBQ on Sunday 13th August.

If your group would like to earn some extra money, or for more information regarding this event, please contact the Market Committee.



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