

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

Annika Padgett - for her diligence to practise and memorise her lines and songs for the production. 😊

Ella Cross - For her focus and positive attitude towards all her personal learning goals. 😊

Kevin Traynor - For the focus he applies to his learning tasks. 😊

Maximilian Brown - For confidently presenting his poetry piece in front of the class. 😊

Zeke Newell - For his focus when manipulating models to solve mathematical problems. 😊

James Willcocks - For his increased resilience when facing new challenges. 😊

Riley Wall - for working hard on a series of complex mathematical problems and achieving success. 😊

Being a Mate

Caspar Leunig - For his warm encouragement of others in production rehearsals. 😊

Carrye's Report



Last Thursday our student leaders were invited to attend the official opening of the upgrade of Jubilee park. We were lucky enough to be involved in a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony delivered by Uncle Shane and celebrated with a BBQ lunch, cupcakes and of course a play on the new equipment. Have a read of the speech our captains Camilla and Koby delivered on the day.

Koby

Good afternoon special guests of the Avenel and surrounding communities. My name is Koby and this is Camilla and we are the Avenel Primary School Captains. We are honoured to be here today to be a part of the official opening of the Avenel Playground Upgrade. Avenel Primary school students were lucky enough to be a part of the process of choosing some of the new equipment you see here today, and it has been wonderful to see our vision come to life.

Camilla

We would like to thank the amazing community members for making this dream into a reality. We understand that a project like this cannot happen without the involvement of many people, and we are truly thankful for the community groups that banded together. Many thanks go to Avenel Jubilee Park Committee of management with support from Avenel Active and the Strathbogie Shire.



On Thursday afternoon our piano students performed a fabulous concert filled with all of their latest pieces they have learnt. We love celebrating all the talent at Avenel Primary School and this concert was no exception.



Our Grade 5s took to the roads to test out all the skills and road rules they have been learning in Bike Education, I was lucky enough to be riding at the back of the group and watched the great communication and road awareness unfold.



Today we will be celebrating Science Week by building our own Rube Goldberg machines with our family and friends. We look forward to sharing our creations with you in next weeks newsletter.

Next week is Book Week, we will have our dress up day on Wednesday 23rd, all friends and family are invited to come and watch our parade at approximately 9:10 in the main building.

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



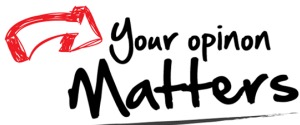
Avenel Primary School acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the land and acknowledges and pays respect to their elders, past and present.

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.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS – Orders for the current Book Club are due by 1st September.

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.



WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/ GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK! - By now you should have received an e-mail with the link to this year's parents/caregivers/guardians survey. The Parent/ Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered

by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. All families are invited to participate in the survey. The Survey will be open until **Friday 8 September 2023**. The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
August	21 st	Book Week Commences
	23 rd	Book Week Celebration Morning – Book Parade Theme - 'Read. Grow. Inspire.'
	24 th	Gnarly Neighbours - Junior
	31 st	Gnarly Neighbours - Senior
September	1 st	District Athletics Book Club orders due
	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 – Ivy Hender, Ellie Day, Sebastian Lewis, Rhiannan Jenkins, Murphy McMillan and Theodore Muggleton



Winter Scene Mirror Images

Education

Developing Mathematical Thinking – Reasoning

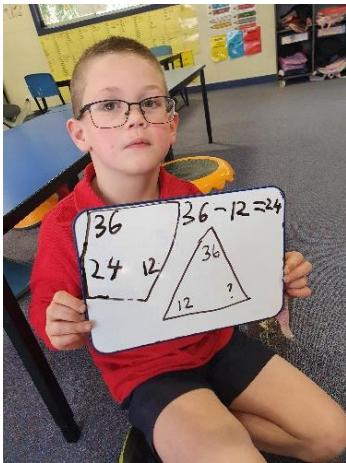
At Avenel Primary School, we pride ourselves on developing mathematicians who have a deep understanding of mathematical concepts and a love of mathematics through application and problem solving that allow students to connect their learning to real world tasks. The Victorian curriculum aims to ensure students develop mathematical and numeracy skills for everyday life and to appreciate mathematics; its history, ideas philosophy and application. At APS we address the four proficiencies – fluency, problem solving, understanding and reasoning across number, measurement and geometry and statistics and probability.

Let's unpack the idea of reasoning and what it looks like in the classroom.

Reasoning refers to the development of logical thinking and actions when working mathematically. Students practise reasoning when they explain their thinking, justify their answers, transfer their learning between contexts and prove that something is true or false.

What does this look like in a classroom?

In Grade 1/2 students have been developing their understanding of the connection between addition and subtraction. They used fact families to explore the relationship between operations.

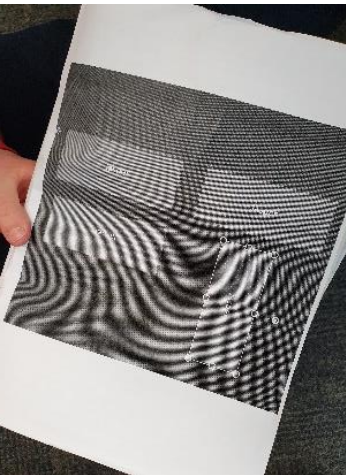
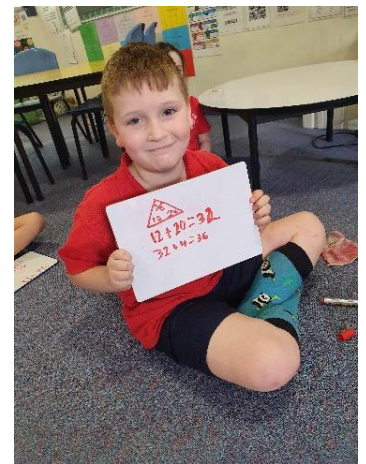


The task required students to find the missing number to complete the fact family. The focus is on the process and recording their thinking – how did you find the answer? Can you justify why your answer is correct?

Fletcher – “I knew that I could build up to find the difference between the 2 numbers. I added 20 to 12 to make 32 and then 4 more to find 36.”

Harley – “I subtracted 12 from 26 to find the difference.”

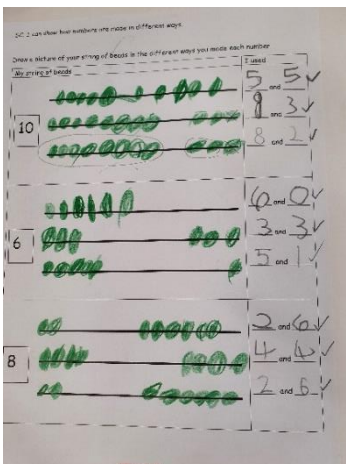
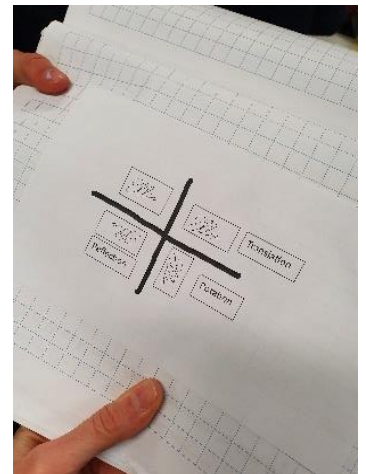
These students had to explain their process and record their thinking then also check their answers to make sure that they were correct.



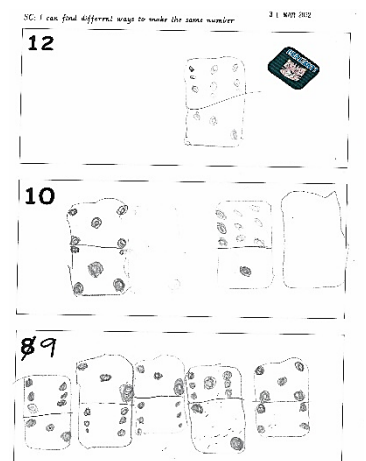
In Grade 5/6 students have been exploring shape transformations. They created diagrams to show their understanding of reflection, translation and transformation. The focus was then on explaining what mathematical understanding underpin this concept.

Griffin – “I think about a wheel turning and the 90 and 180 degree turns.”

This students' understanding of angles and connection to a real-world concept allowed him to explain how he came to his answer.

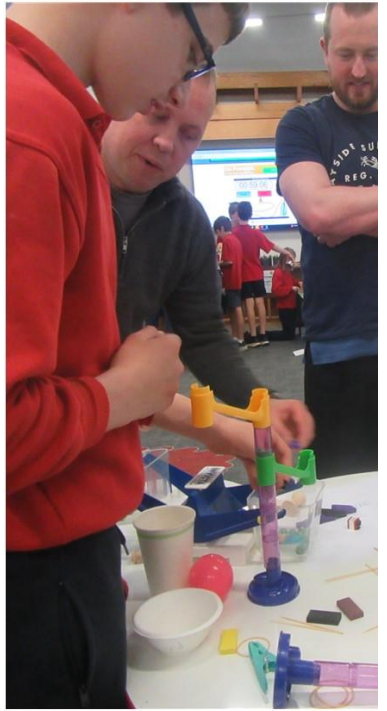


Foundation students were investigating the ways in which numbers can be made and were required to find multiple ways to make a number. They used materials to explore the concept, record their thinking diagrammatically and then check their responses for accuracy. You can see that this student has corrected his responses when testing and reflecting on his answers for accuracy.





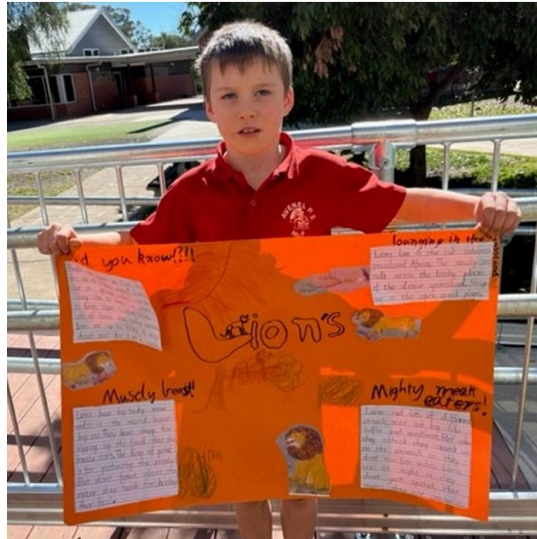
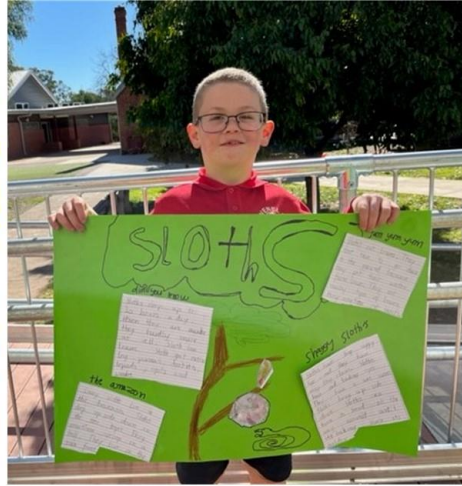
Having fun creating our own Rube Goldberg machines as part of Science Week.



Student Reports

Information Reports from 1/ 2B

Over the last two weeks, we have been working on information reports about animals. The students had a choice between sloths, lions, penguins, and ladybirds. They have gone through the writing process and published pieces that they are extremely proud of. Well Done Grade 1 and 2B!!!



Community Information



Australia Day - should it be on the 26th of January?

Students from Seymour College debate this topic.

Please come and support the students and consider this current issue. Have a chat and a cuppa afterwards.

A survey about the future of Avenel's Australia Day event will be distributed to all households in the 3664 postcode the following week.

Sunday, 20 August 2023, 2pm
Avenel Memorial Hall, 15 Queen St, Avenel



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.



Seeking expressions of interest for market stall holders for the

Avenel Primary School Fete on the 18th of November.

Stall holder must have own public liability insurance. Please contact the school office to express interest and for further information.



2023/24 UPCOMING TENNIS SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING

Anyone interested in playing Saturday afternoon senior competition tennis with the club in the forthcoming season are asked to message either Stephen Garner 0419 870 207 or Dee Wright 0419 438 949 as soon as possible so that we can organise how many teams we enter.

For those not interested in playing competitive tennis but would still like a hit we offer social membership @ \$25 per single or \$50 a family. **A reminder to social members that membership for the 2023/24 season is now due.** **Please note** that we are in the process of changing the locking system at the courts so only financial members will have access.

Members are advised that we will be holding a working bee on Sunday 10th September commencing 9.00am which will be followed by **Open Day**. All members of the community are welcome to come and have a hit. This is the same day as the Avenel Market so you can grab a bargain, coffee and lunch after your workout on the court!

A demonstration of the new craze in tennis 'Pickleball' will be given and anyone interested in learning more about the game or having a go are welcome to come and join in. If sufficient interest is shown, we may look at starting a fun social competition.

