

# 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

**Ragnar Ekberg** - For the effort and commitment he puts into his maths learning tasks. 😊

**Alice Cram** - For adding more supporting details to her information reports. 😊

**Evie Wylie** - For achieving success when working with decimals by ordering and comparing them. 😊

**Sebastian Croft Papi** - For perseverance when creating his Rube Goldberg machine. 😊

**Remi Mulraney** - For her improved effort with her handwriting in writing fluency this week. 😊

### Being a Mate

**Jonah Kecskes** - For his collaboration and support to his peers during the science week activities. 😊

### Give Something Back

**Marlee Eagles** - For her 100% effort and dedication in all of her learning tasks. 😊

**Leon Stockman** - For his attention to detail and taking care to keep our learning spaces organised and tidy. 😊



# Carrye's Report



Last week was Science Week, Avenel Primary School celebrated by inviting friends and family in to build Rube Goldberg machines. The main building was a buzz with budding scientists and the creations were nothing short of spectacular. A big thank you goes to Mrs Barri for her tremendous organisation and to all of you that donated goods and came to join us.

It must be official if the signs are up! Preparations are well under way and we are looking forward to what will be a spectacular fete in November.



Today we had just the best fun celebrating Book Week, our member for Euroa, Annabelle Cleeland MP came in to read us a story, we enjoyed a fabulous parade and then enjoyed reading a number of the shortlisted books with different teachers. Ms Brooks did an incredible job of organising the celebration and the effort that families put in to the costumes is much appreciated.



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I am sure you are keeping up with the media around NAPLAN and we are looking forward to sharing some of Avenel Primary Schools results with you in the coming months, it was very encouraging to be sent an email from the Victorian Department of Education today which applauded the efforts of Victorian school leaders, teachers and support staff, I would like to share this letter addressed to parents and carers with our community today:

Your feedback is always welcome at [carrye.malone@education.vic.gov.au](mailto: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.*

Dear parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments held earlier this year had a very high participation rate from Victorian students, with participation levels returning to pre-COVID levels.

Last month, families with children in grades 3 or 5 or years 7 or 9 who participated in the assessments received their results through an individual NAPLAN report.

Today, the statewide results have been released, and I am pleased to have this opportunity to provide some information about Victoria's performance.

There are a total of 20 tests each year across grades 3 and 5 and years 7 and 9 that assess student achievement in reading, writing, numeracy, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Of the 20 tests, Victoria was ranked first or second in 16, more than any other state or territory, and an improvement on the 2022 results when the equivalent figure was 12.

NAPLAN results for Grade 3 are of particular importance because the first 3 years of schooling establish the foundation for further success. Victorian Grade 3 students achieved the highest results in the country for both reading and numeracy.

In secondary schools, Victoria had the lowest proportion of students needing additional support in both years 7 and 9 in both reading and numeracy compared to all other states and territories.

The results have also highlighted the fact that we need to continue our efforts to close the gap between advantaged and disadvantaged students. While Aboriginal students in Victoria achieved higher results on average than in other states and territories, the gap between the performance of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students is still too large, as is the gap between the average performance of metropolitan students and that of regional students.

Overall, however, while we are clearly focused on the areas where further improvement is needed, these are excellent results. They are a tribute to the outstanding work of teachers, principals and staff in the schools across our state.

No one would suggest our schools are perfect. Education is always an unfinished business. But on the evidence of today's release of the statewide NAPLAN results, Victorian teachers and school principals are doing a great job.

Dr David Howes  
Deputy Secretary, Schools and Regional Services

# General Information

**FATHER'S/SPECIAL PERSON DAY STALL** – We will be conducting our father's/special person day stall next Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a small surprise from between \$1 and \$10.00's. The stall will be conducted from 9.00am. If you are available to help, please contact the office.

**DISTRICT ATHLETICS SPORTS** – Please note that the date for District Aths Sports has been changed to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**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 classmaterials 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 1<sup>st</sup> September.



## **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

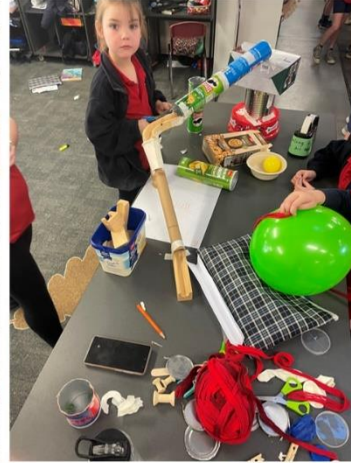
MONTH	DATE	EVENT
August	24 <sup>th</sup>	Gnarly Neighbours - Junior
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Gnarly Neighbours - Senior
September	1 <sup>st</sup>	Book Club orders due
	8 <sup>th</sup>	District Athletics
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 5-6 Production
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Term 3
October	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Day Term 4
	18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	3 day bike hike
November	13 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 3-4 camp
	18 <sup>th</sup>	School Fete
	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Energy Break Through
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Smile Squad Dental Van visit
December	20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day Term 4

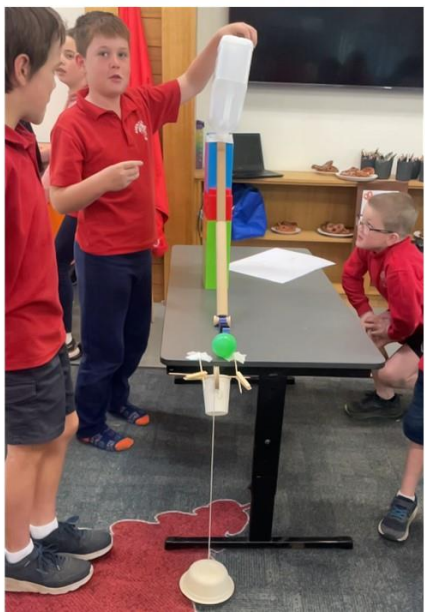
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** – Jayden and Bodhi Hore, Rayden Hannigan





# Science Week





Some of the amazing Rube Goldberg machines created during our Science Week Experience Session.

# Education

## Term 3 Science – The way things move and why.

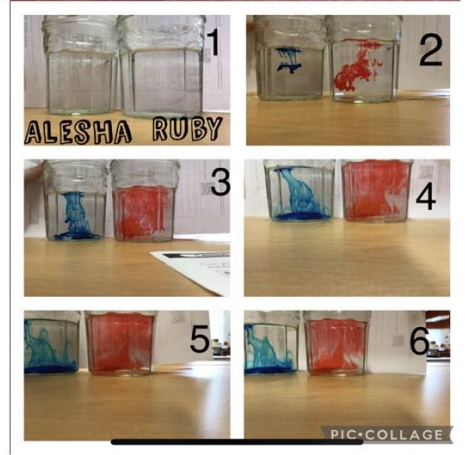
Science in term 3 has been focused on physics. The way things move and why.

The preps have been testing objects and watching how they move. They have been exploring how objects swing, roll, bounce, spin and slide.

The grade 1/2 students have been learning about how push, pull and gravity. They have conducted a number of experiments testing these forces and how they affect our everyday lives.

The grade 3/4s have been studied heat energy and how it moves. They have experimented with various items and tested how much heat can be created through movement.

The grade 5/6 are investigating light, learning terms such as reflection, refraction, and absorption. We tested how light travels through objects and how we see the colour of the objects around us.

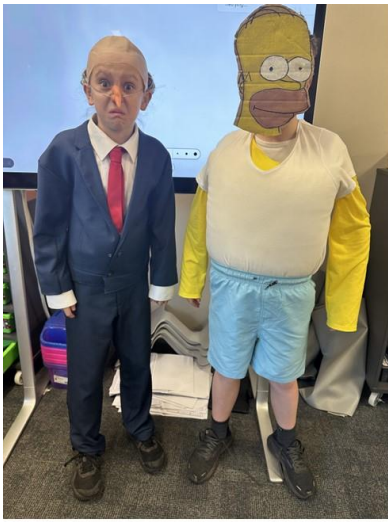


# Student Reports

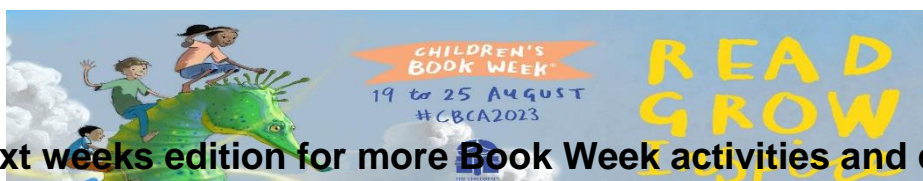
Our year 5/6 students are mere weeks away from performance day and we are all so proud of them. They have spent tireless hours memorising lines, songs and choreography and what is coming together is nothing short of spectacular. When we first introduced the *Wind in the Willows* musical, many had never heard of the story; now they are all experts on the intricate details of the storyline and the personality traits of Toad, Ratty, Mole and Badger. This is the largest 5/6 cast we have ever had the pleasure of working with and we can't wait for everyone to experience their talents. Tickets are only available to families of the students for the night performance but if you are interested in coming along to the matinee, please contact the office. All students will have the pleasure of seeing the performance at the matinee on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.

## Lights, Camera, Action





**BOOK WEEK  
2023**



See next weeks edition for more Book Week activities and costumes.



# Community Information

## Avenel's Weekly Community Bus Get Me to the Shops!



Don't drive?  
Need help with  
shopping?

Enjoy social  
shopping with  
Avenel Active!

- Every Thursday morning
- Avenel to Seymour \$5 return
- Door-to-door transport from your home
- Pick up around 9.15am, return around 11.30am
- For shopping, appointments, library, swimming or meeting friends
- Join us for coffee and chat before returning to Avenel
- All residents welcome

For bookings call Jim Billings 0433 270 101

## ATTENTION CRICKETERS

The 2023 Cricket season is fast approaching! The Avenel cricket club will be holding an information and registration session in the coming weeks to gauge this year's numbers and new recruits.

The junior program this year will consist of an under 11's, 13's and 16's side. We are fortunate enough again this year to have a level 2 Australian accredited coach with us - Jamie Macrae - who will be running the Blasters program aimed at kids 5-10 years of age. This was a fantastic success last season, and we are looking forward to sharing it again this summer! We strongly encourage all children and adults that have an interest in learning new skills or becoming involved in a wonderful team sport to get involved!

Keep an eye on the school newsletter or the Avenel cricket club facebook page for more updates in the coming weeks.



## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

