

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

Ivy Bassett - For being persistent when learning new maths goals. 😊

Camilla Bull - For applying her independent writing goal to her written pieces, highlighting evidence and understanding. 😊

Charlie Golightly - For his hard work and focus in all mathematical activities. 😊

Ella Fowles - For always contributing to class discussions and asking questions to gain greater insights on a topic. 😊

Olivia Van Dyk - For always working to the best of her ability on all learning tasks. 😊

Jameson Baxter - For working hard to complete all his class work within a specified time. 😊

Imogen O'Brien - For applying her knowledge of metre and rhyme to produce an entertaining limerick. 😊

Being a Mate

Dustin Cocks - For always encouraging his peers and friends to strive for success. 😊

Carrye's Report



Last week a group of Euroa Secondary students came to teach our grade 3/4s some athletics skills. We are thrilled with the efforts from our local secondary schools and their commitment building connections APS and I have loved watching the way the secondary and primary students have engaged.

On Friday our Preps celebrated 100 Days of School, the students dressed up as 100 year olds and celebrated the day with a variety of exciting activities all based around the number 100. The joy and excitement that came from the Prep rooms on the day was invigorating! Well done to all the staff and students involved.

This term the team from Gnarly Neighbours are back to teach our students skate boarding skills. This program has been a positive from day one, the staff are so patient and encouraging of our students and we have seen confidence blossom over the course of the year.

Fete preparations are well under way and we had 2 enormous signs delivered from Jon at Nagambie Signs over the week, look out for them on our fences in the coming days. If you have any suggestions or ideas for the fete or would like to join the committee please feel free to contact me at any time. Our next fete committee meeting will be Monday August 14th.

Our 5/6s have been working hard to remember their lines and songs and are now developing some choreography for the Wind in the Willows production set for Wednesday September the 13th, we will be releasing tickets in the coming weeks, keep your eyes peeled so you don't miss out.

Mrs Pearce is now in the third week of Kinder visits, these visits assist in our future students making connections with our school in preparation for their transition.

Last week I communicated that we were in the process of determining our capacity for running before and after school care at APS. There is quite a bit of work to be done to set up a program like this, so please be patient with us whilst we work through the process. We will share any progress with you as it arises.

If you are enrolling a student at Avenel Primary School or if you intend on moving schools next year, can you please contact Vicki in the office to let her know as we are currently submitting our enrolment projections for 2024 to the department.

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

Expression of Interest.

Mowing/Handyman required for Avenel Primary School.

We require a person on a casual basis for mowing school grounds and general maintenance, must have working with children check, own ABN and Public liability insurance. Please contact Carrye Malone at Avenel Primary School 03 5796 2264 for additional information.



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
August	3 rd	Gnarly Neighbours - Senior
	8 th	Student Progress Interviews – 3.30-6.30pm
	9 th	Student Progress Interviews – 3.30 – 5.00pm
	14 th	Science Week Commences; Fete committee meeting
	16 th	Family Science Experience Day 11.50am – 1.50pm
	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
	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 – Oliver Misiti, Jonah Kecskes and Adlyn Hunt



BONNIE UPDATE

This week saw Bonnie return for 2 days joining our students in their classrooms. These chilly mornings have seen her chasing the sun whenever she can. She loved having her bed in the warmest spot in 12B's room. In 34M, Bonnie was helping with Spelling practice and yesterday she and Coda, Alana's chihuahua, welcomed Jayden to school and had him laughing.

We are looking forward to welcoming Bonnie back to more rooms next week and she's loving how calm everyone is when they say hello to her of a morning in the office.



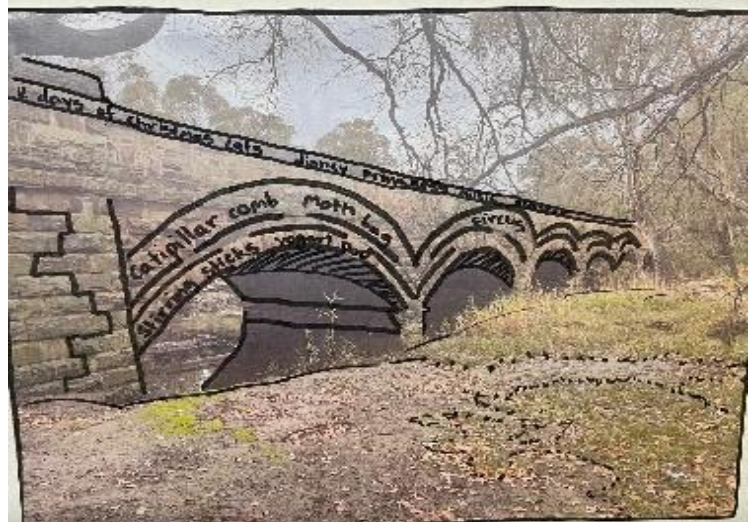
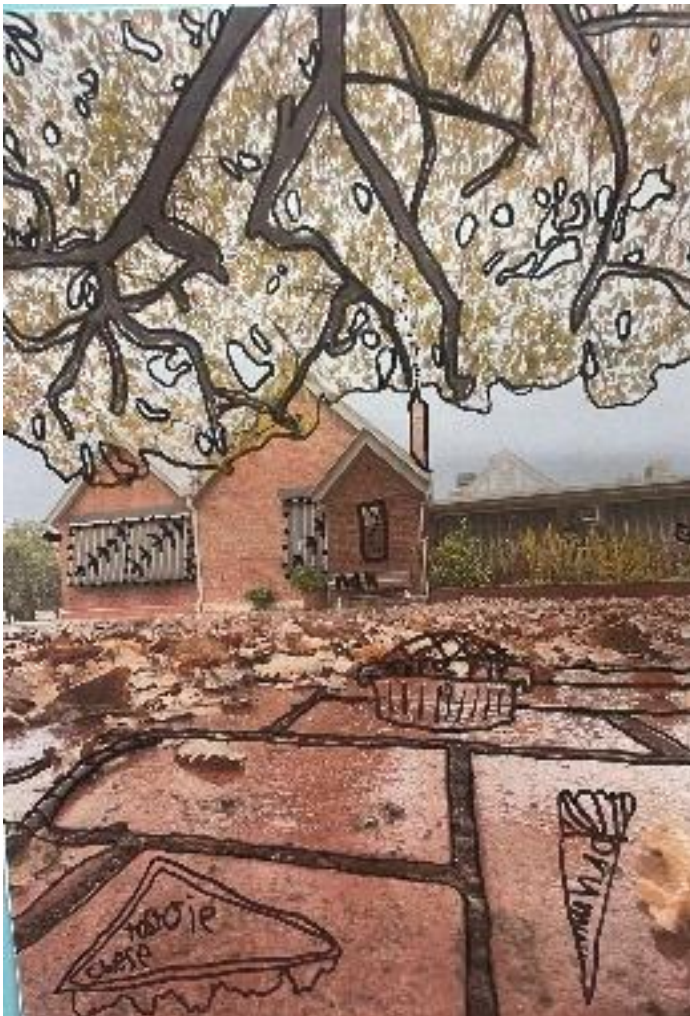
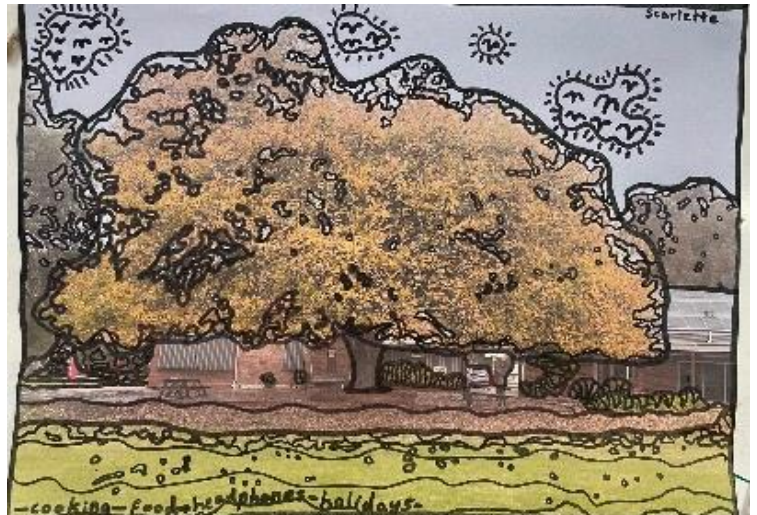
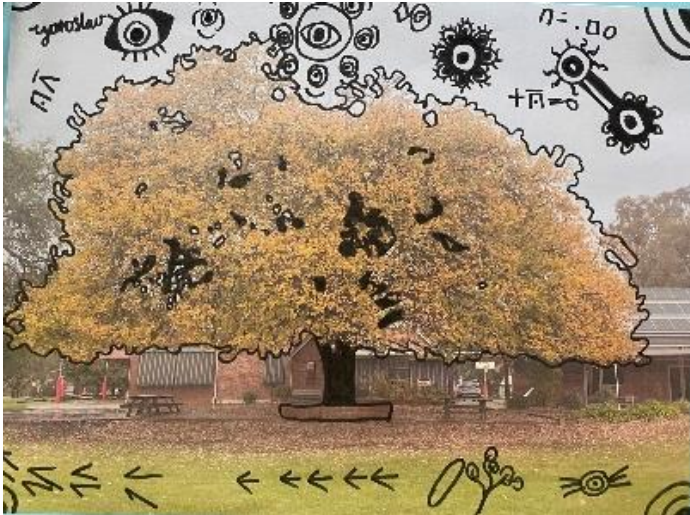
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Visual Art - NAIDOC Week

In the first week of term we celebrated NAIDOC week and our elders in the Art room. First our grade 5/6 students discussed who our elders are and why they are important. We talked about who our own personal elders are, what makes them special to us and brainstormed words to describe them.

We then looked at the work of Taungurung woman and artist Maddi Moser. Her exhibition entitled "Land Currents" showcased mixed media artworks that consisted of a photo, a colour overlay from hand-painted high-flow acrylics or watercolour and digital illustrations.

Using photos of our school, the oak tree and the old Hugh's creek bridge students used the words we brainstormed and then created artwork over the images.



Grade 3/4 students also discussed the theme of 'For our Elders', who our own elders are and why they hold a special place in our heart. We brainstormed words that represented those special people. Following this we looked at cross-hatching within some artworks. Cross hatching is prominently seen in the northern parts of Australia around Arnhem Land.

Children then traced around their hand, writing down the words of importance regarding their elder/s and then experimenting with cross hatching and the effects that can be created.



Our junior classes listened to the dreamtime story of the Rainbow Serpent. We looked at how First Nations People used symbols within their artwork and how these artworks were used to pass on stories and knowledge from generation to generation.

Grade 1/2 students cut out a cardboard shape and then wound wool around their card to create their own serpent.



Prep students practised their pattern skills and then challenged themselves cut in a spiral to create a spinning snake.



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.

AVENEL PRIMARY SCHOOL MUSIC CONCERT – Will take place next Thursday Aug 10th 2.30pm at school. Parents and community members welcome to attend. Thank you to those students who performed at the wonderful community concert at the hall last Sunday. There have been many compliments on the courage and competence of our fledgling musicians. 😊

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK! - Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. 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 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to 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. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

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.




Science week 2023

Family Challenge!

To build a Simple Rube Goldberg machine
In preparation we are seeking donations of the
following items:

- ♣ Kitchen rolls
- ♣ LEGO/duplo bricks
 - ♣ Pulleys
 - ♣ Gears/cogs
 - ♣ Cardboard
- ♣ Small sturdy boxes
- ♣ Marble runs or parts of
- ♣ Small toy cars
(matchbox/hot wheels)



BUILD A
RUBE
GOLDBERG
MACHINE



Student Reports

100 days of school

Last week our Prep classes celebrated their 100th day of school. This day has been in planning since their very first day of school as students took turns to mark each day. Together students developed a list of activities to do on the day and the vote to dress as a 100-year-old was decided.

It was a huge success. The excitement on the faces of each student and the constant remarks of “this is the best day ever” truly warmed our hearts and brought us so much joy!

We started our day with an assembly to recognise our 100th day, followed by a parade. In class there were lots of laughs as families watched on as we added a filter to our photo image to turn us into a 100-year-olds. The activities didn't stop there as we continued our 100 theme with 100-steps from the classroom, 100 piece puzzles, 100 piece cup pyramids, 100 daisy chains and more. We worked with our buddies to create 100-piece cheerio necklaces and skip counted by 10s as we made collections of 100 items from home.

An enormous thank you to all the families for getting on board and making this day a great success! A special mention to Carrye Malone for her support leading up to the event and on the day. From the Prep Team



Yes, we've made 100 days of school!!!



Community Information

You're invited

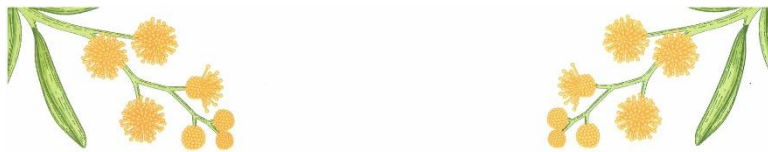
to the opening of the new
Jubilee Park play space

 **Thursday, August 10 | 12:30pm**
Jubilee Park, Avenel



Join Mayor Binks, in conjunction with Jubilee Park Committee of Management & Avenel Active Inc. to officially open the new Jubilee Park play space. Join us and create your very own decorated cupcake to enjoy.

Strathbogie
SHIRE COUNCIL



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



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.*

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



Media Release

Community art project for peace.

You can help Goulburn Valley Libraries contribute to the International Day of Peace by making origami paper cranes. Help us reach the target of 1,000 paper cranes: come along to one of our paper crane-making events or make them at home and drop them off to your local library.

Paper cranes originate in the ancient Japanese tradition of origami or paper folding. Today they are known as a symbol of peace. The connection between paper cranes and peace can be traced back to a young girl named Sadako Sasaki, who died of leukemia ten years after the atomic bombing. Her story is best known through the book *Sadako and the thousand paper cranes* by Eleanor Carr. Sadako's death triggered a campaign to build a monument to pray for world peace and in memory of children that died because of the bombing. Later, this story spread to the world and now approximately 10 million cranes are sent each year to the Children's Peace Monument.

We will display all cranes made until Thursday 29th September before sending them to Japan where they will be placed at the Children's Peace Monument that stands in Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima.

"We would like to see as many paper cranes as possible made and on display by the 21st of September, the International Day of Peace" says Bronwyn Cole, Program Co-ordinator for Goulburn Valley Libraries. "We want people from all our communities to contribute and then come in to see the display of what we hope will be thousands of paper cranes. Community members can make one paper crane or hundreds. Our libraries will be hosting origami crane making sessions throughout August and September so even if you have never made one before you will be able to contribute to the project".

Paper cranes can be dropped off at any Goulburn Valley Libraries branch, or to the Mobile Library from Tuesday 1st August until Thursday 21st September, the International Day of Peace. The paper cranes can be made out of any paper but squares should be no larger than 15cm by 15cm.

If you would like to join us at one of the origami paper crane-making sessions in the library please contact Goulburn Valley Libraries on 1300 374 765 or drop into your local branch. For more details about this community art project check out the Goulburn Valley Libraries website www.gvlibraries.com.au.

For more information:

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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

