

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

Beau Jeffrey - For his engagement and participation during class time. 😊

Fletcher Boote - For working on a series of complex mathematical problems and solving them. 😊

Nellie Van Horen - For the persistence she is showing on her mathematical learning tasks. 😊

Jasper Elston - For his determination and persistence to try Gnarly Neighbours and then working his way up to the ramps in session 1. 😊

Nova Wylie - For her positive attitude towards practising her learning goals. 😊

Lyanna Friedrich - For demonstrating qualities of a good learner by asking questions and joining in class discussions. 😊

Being a Mate

Finnegan Hull - For being thoughtful and courteous in his interactions with his peers. 😊

Give something back

Layla Smith - For picking up rubbish in the school yard and setting a leading example for her peers. 😊

Carrye's Report



Last week I was lucky enough to be sitting in the big chair to celebrate my first ever Principal's Day. The team at APS surprised me with a gorgeous morning tea, gifts and a beautiful card signed by all the students. There were lots of lovely messages but I have to say the message of "I like you more than nuggies" really warmed my heart!

Last week a group of our talented singers made their way to Melbourne Town Hall to be a part of the Boite choir, Mrs K reported back on how beautifully they sang and what an amazing experience it was. It was so exciting to see them on SBS as well! Well done to all those students and staff involved!



Our budding thespians took to the the big stage at the Avenel Hall this week for their first rehearsal on site. The performance is really coming along and as we start to collect costumes and props are being made, the excitement is beginning to build.



Last week Miss Phelps and Mrs Tobin spent two days in Shepparton learning about all things numeracy. They will attend 4 more days like these and we are looking forward to them sharing their new knowledge, resources and ideas to further enhance our Mathematics teaching.

The grade 5s have been learning new skills in Bike Education with Mr Sawyer over the last few weeks. This week they will be heading out on the roads to test their road rule knowledge and learn how to travel safely in large groups.

Today we hosted a group of Mental Health and Wellbeing leaders from different schools for a meeting at Avenel Primary School. Mental Health and Wellbeing Leaders in schools is part of the Victorian state governments Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHIPS) initiative. It is so wonderful that money and resources are being injected into such an important area.



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
August	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 – Chayton Wise, James Willcocks, Ella King, Penelope Jenkins and Rebecca Malane



Education

Boîte Schools Chorus

The Boîte Schools Chorus is an un-auditioned choir project for schools and community youth choirs. Since 2004 the Boîte Schools Chorus has involved over 9,000 students from across Victoria in 42 concerts in Melbourne, Frankston, Ballarat, Bairnsdale & Albury. The Boite Schools Chorus project invites students into a new world through song, builds confidence, broadens horizons and develops valuable performance and interpersonal skills.

Each year the chorus focuses on a different cultural theme. The Boite Schools Chorus returned this year with *Maiem: Songs from The Torres Straits*. Working with Stella Savy and in collaboration with Meriam educator and musician Deb Lowah Clark and Meriam cultural advisor, musician and thespian Luke Captain, The Boite offered school communities across Victoria the exciting opportunity to learn about Zenadth Kes - the Torres Strait Islands.

Immersed in the songs and stories of the Torres Strait Islands, The Boite Schools Chorus 'Maiem' we listened, learned, experienced and performed songs that share the richness and diversity of the Torres Strait Islands peoples. Students discovered the purpose of songs, movements that connect to that purpose, and the importance of communicating storying and intentions during the production, rehearsals and performances.

The Torres Strait Islands are regularly mentioned when referencing Australia's First peoples. But few of us know anything about these glorious islands. *Maiem: Songs from The Torres Straits* gave us an insight into who the Torres Strait Islander people are and their unique culture and history.

After months of rehearsing at school and at home, on Thursday 3rd August, Ross and I had the pleasure of accompanying 12 of our amazing students on the train to Melbourne Town Hall. We were joined by many other schools to combine and create the Boîte Schools Chorus for this year.

The morning was spent rehearsing and after a short break it was concert time. With just under 300 students, voices filled the Melbourne Town Hall magnificently. It was an amazing experience, and I feel very fortunate to have taken part in such a wonderful event.

Mel Kecskes

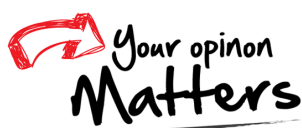


General Information

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 August 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.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN JUBILEE PARK

– Our student leaders have been invited to speak/represent the school at the Avenel playground opening tomorrow at 12.30pm. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend this opening.

THANK YOU EUROA SECONDARY COLLEGE - Over the last 3 weeks, the Sport and Recreation students from Euroa Secondary College have been teaching the 3/4 students the finer points of different athletics events. All have enjoyed giving each sport a go and learning new skills.

- My favourite thing was learning hurdles. **Immy**
- I really like how I tried hop skip jump. **Matilda**
- It was fun how I got to do the races for everything that was running and also the throwing. **Rayden**
- It was very fun. We learnt lots of stuff like the Vortex. **Tilly**



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)

You are invited to a
Science Week Event
Wednesday 16th August 2023
at 11.50am to 1.50pm

**BUILD A
RUBE
GOLDBERG
MACHINE**

**Family/Friends BUILDING
Challenge!**

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Scan me!



Student Reports

THE WEEK SO FAR IN PREP TK

Our word of the week this week is 'car'. This is the first time our word of the week contained a digraph (/ar/), two letters making one sound. On Monday we made delicious 'Mars Bar Cars'. We discussed many words that we use to describe cars, delicious not being one used very often. We also practiced our work with sound deletion by adding new letters to the beginning of words with /ar/ to make new words.

In science this week we learnt about forces of motion. We made spinners to demonstrate a spinning motion.



Community Information



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



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



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.



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 VICTORIA State Government AVENEL ACTIVE



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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 Program Co-ordinator, Goulburn Valley Libraries
 Tel: 1300 374 765
 Email: bronwync@gvlibraries.com.au

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.



Avenel Cafe

Dine In or Take Away

School Lunch Orders Term 3 2023

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Sandwiches, Wraps and Rolls		Fried Food (FRIDAY ONLY)	
Wrap chicken, ham or Egg & salad	7.00	Hot Chips (Small)	5.50
Roll chicken, ham or Egg & salad	7.00	Dim Sim	1.40
Sandwich 1 filling	4.00	Potato Cake	1.30
Sandwich 2 fillings	4.50	Dino Nugget each	1.00
Sandwich 3 fillings	5.00	Battered hot dog	3.30
Sandwich Ham/chicken and salad	6.50	Cheese Burger	8.00
Sandwich Schnitzel and salad	9.50	Kids Pack (Ext Sml Chips & 3 Nugs)	5.70
Toasted Sandwich 1 filling	5.00	Kids Pack (2 Potato Cakes & 3 Nugs)	4.70
Toasted Sandwich 2 filling	5.50	Gravy	1.10
Toasted Sandwich 3 filling	6.00	Tomato Sauce	0.30
Pie (Avenel Newsagency)	4.90	Iced Donut (<i>Limited Numbers</i>)	2.50
Sausage Roll (Avenel Newsagency)	4.50		
		Icy treats	
		Frozen Zooper Dooper	1.00
Piece of fresh fruit (Banana/apple/pear)	1.40	Lifesaver Ice Cream (Avenel Newsagency)	2.60
		Icypole (Avenel Newsagency)	1.50
Dairy		Drinks	
Chocolate milk	2.80	Water	3.00
Strawberry milk	2.80	Apple juice	2.70
TOTAL			\$
Amount enclosed			\$

Available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Term 3 2023.

Please note: whether you are paying with cash in an envelope in the office drop off, in store or by phone, payment must be received at 10:00am on the morning of the order to ensure delivery.

Chip Shortage: This has extended beyond term 1. As a result of the price of chips has increased.

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