

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

Mia Stockman – For taking the initiative to seek new learning goals and working through these in a focused and determined manner. 😊

James Davies – For working particularly diligently in spelling resulting in 18/18 on his spelling test. 😊

Matilda Wintle – For keeping her workspace tidy and organised for learning. 😊

Abby Eagles – For applying her prior knowledge to identify fractions in chance and probability during mathematics. 😊

Tilda Fowles - For her improvement in reading and her hard work in her tutoring group with Mrs Sawyer. 😊

Kaylee Cambrey - For her focus and positive attitude towards all her personal learning goals. 😊

Lara Cambrey - For the improved focus she is showing when she is working on her sounds and her reading task. 😊

Gabby Mancini – For the persistence she is showing on her maths tasks. 😊

Ross' Report



It was fabulous to see so many excited grade 5 and 6 students heading off to Bright today to start their 3 day Bike Hike. It has been a long preparation with many training and safety sessions at school to ensure a successful trip. I know that our students will show a lot of perseverance and determination to complete the three days of riding and there will be a wonderful sense of achievement as they finish the final stage.

A big thank you to all of the families who made a donation to the JSC Bake and Produce stall on Saturday. We had a large number of items that were well received by the local community. Thanks to our JSC volunteers who assisted at the stall on Saturday morning - Tilly, Ruby, Camilla, Rubie, Cheri and Neo. The JSC raised over \$600 which goes into their kitty to spend at the end of the year on improvements to the school and donations to charity.

This Friday we have our first Kinder Transition session for our 2024 Prep enrolments. It will be lovely to welcome them to the school and allow them the opportunity to experience our school and prepare them for a smooth start to primary school life next year. If you know of anyone who is planning to come to Avenel PS in 2024, please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible so that they can take part in all of the transition sessions that are so important for our new students.

Your feedback is always welcome at ross.davis@education.vic.gov.au or 0403 565 119.



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.

Education

SCHOOL REVIEW

Schools undertake a school review every 4 years to inform the directions of the school's 4 year School Strategic Plan (SSP) (a legislative requirement for all schools). Over the past 4 years, Avenel PS has had a strong focus from its SSP around Improving Literacy and Numeracy results of all students and improving student wellbeing. The first component of the review is the pre-review self-evaluation (PRSE) where schools review their data and other evidence to form a collective view of current practice and areas for improvement. The school has spent time getting the evidence from all teachers and the PRSE document is completed by Ross after gaining all of this valuable information.

This is followed by a review conducted by a panel, utilising the expertise of challenge partners and convened by an independent school reviewer. Our school reviewer, Sharyne, will spend 3 days at Avenel Primary School getting to know our school and talking to all stakeholders. As part of this process there will be an opportunity for parents to have their say on the school's performance. Look out in the newsletter over the next few weeks for the date and time of this parent forum. The panel will also consist of the school's leadership team, challenge partners, who are 2 principals from nearby schools, our school council president Sam and our Senior Education Improvement Leader from the Department of Education.

Concurrent with this panel process, the school reviewer undertakes an assessment of the school's compliance with the Minimum Standards for Curriculum and Student Learning as well as an audit of the school's policies and procedures around a number of key areas which our staff and School Council have worked on to ensure our school is compliant.

At the end of the process the school will receive a report on its progress and will set the direction of the school for the next four years.



General Information



AVENEL PRIMARY SCHOOL - CLEANING CONTRACT

Avenel Primary School is seeking quotes from suitably qualified contractors to undertake cleaning duties at the school. The Contract is for the period 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2026. Interested parties are asked to obtain a copy of the relevant documentation from Mr Ross Davis – phone 03 5796 2264.

To be eligible to be appointed under this contract the cleaning contractor must have Panel Status with the Department of Education and Training. Tenders are required to be submitted by Monday November 6th, 2023. A school tour for potential applicants will occur on Thursday, October 26th 2023 at 4:00pm. The lowest or any quote will not necessarily be accepted.

Ross Davis, Principal

BOOK CLUB – Closing date for the current Book Club is 23rd October.

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.

HAT PRICE INCREASE – Please note that hat prices have increased as follows:

- Slouch Hat - \$14.00



- Hybrid Hat - \$15.00



WANTED IN THE ART ROOM - Plastic lids like the picture below - not milk bottle ones. Also wanted cardboard tubes from paper towel/gladwrap etc. There will be a box in the office for these to be dropped into.



HEADLICE - There have been several cases of our 'unwanted school friends' reported. To help us curb the spread of these unwanted visitors we ask that you take the time to check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat where necessary. Students are not allowed to return to school until they have been fully treated.

More information on how to control headlice can be found at

[Treating and controlling Head Lice -](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/files/factsheets)

[Health.vic - https://www.health.vic.gov.au > files > factsheets](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/files/factsheets)

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS - The Department of Education administers a number of scholarships that are available to eligible students who are enrolled in Grade 4 to Year 12 in 2023.

Applicants for these scholarships will be evaluated on their:

- participation in school activities
- community involvement
- academic achievement.

Scholarships are either one-off payments or cover the duration of the student's course or annual study. Many of these scholarships have specific eligibility criteria so please refer to individual applications for more information. Applications are open and close on Thursday 1 February 2024.

For more information and a list of available scholarships, refer to the 2024 Student scholarships for Grade 4 – Year 12 fact sheet - [Student scholarships for Grade 4 – Year 12 fact sheet](#). For information on how to apply, refer to [Student scholarships](#).

FETE RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are seeking a donation from each family to add to the raffle prizes for this year's Fete. The raffle traditionally brings in a huge revenue for our fete and we hope to make this year's raffle bigger and better than ever. We ask that each family provides a new quality item to be included in the prize bundle. Some suggestions are:

- Food items
- Household goods
- Home décor
- Self-care
- Beverages
- Toys
- Arts and Crafts
- Gardening items

Please bring your donation to the office by the 20th of October.

Many thanks,
Carrye Malone



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
October	18 th – 20 th	3 day bike hike
	20 th	Kinder Transition
	27 th	Gr 1-2 Excursion & Sleepover
November	6 th	Report Writing Day – Pupil Free
	7 th	Melbourne Cup public holiday
	10 th	Kinder Transition
	13 th 14 th & 15 th	Gr 3-4 camp
	14 th	School Council
	15 th	Prep excursion
	18 th	School Fete
	22 nd – 24 th	Energy Break Through
	24 th	Kinder Transition
	27 th	Smile Squad Dental Van visit
December	6 th	Volunteer morning tea
	7 th	Gr 6 Gradation
	9 th	Singing group at Avenel Market
	11 th	School Captains Speeches & interviews
	12 th	State Wide Transition
	13 th , 14 th 15 th	Swimming Program
	14 th	School Council Dinner
	18 th	Concert Night – 6.00pm
	19 th	Triathlon
	20 th	Last day Term 4



\$20 a ticket.

Grand Prize \$1000

Contact the office to buy a ticket for this year's Fete's Pony Poo Lotto. Each square costs \$20, if the pony poos in your square you take out the \$1000 prize.

Get in early to secure the number square you want!

PROTECTING AGAINST MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

Victoria's mosquito season started this month and will extend to late April 2024.

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and increased risk of illnesses from mosquito bites. While the overall risk is low, some mosquitoes carry diseases that make people sick. The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.

Families can protect against mosquito bites by:

- covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
- applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when leaving home
- limiting outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active.

To reduce the risk of illness linked to mosquitos, such as [Buruli ulcer](#), promptly wash any new scratches or cuts with soap and clean water and apply a topical antiseptic and dressing. Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone [NURSE-ON-CALL](#): 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours). Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines



Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes and can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.

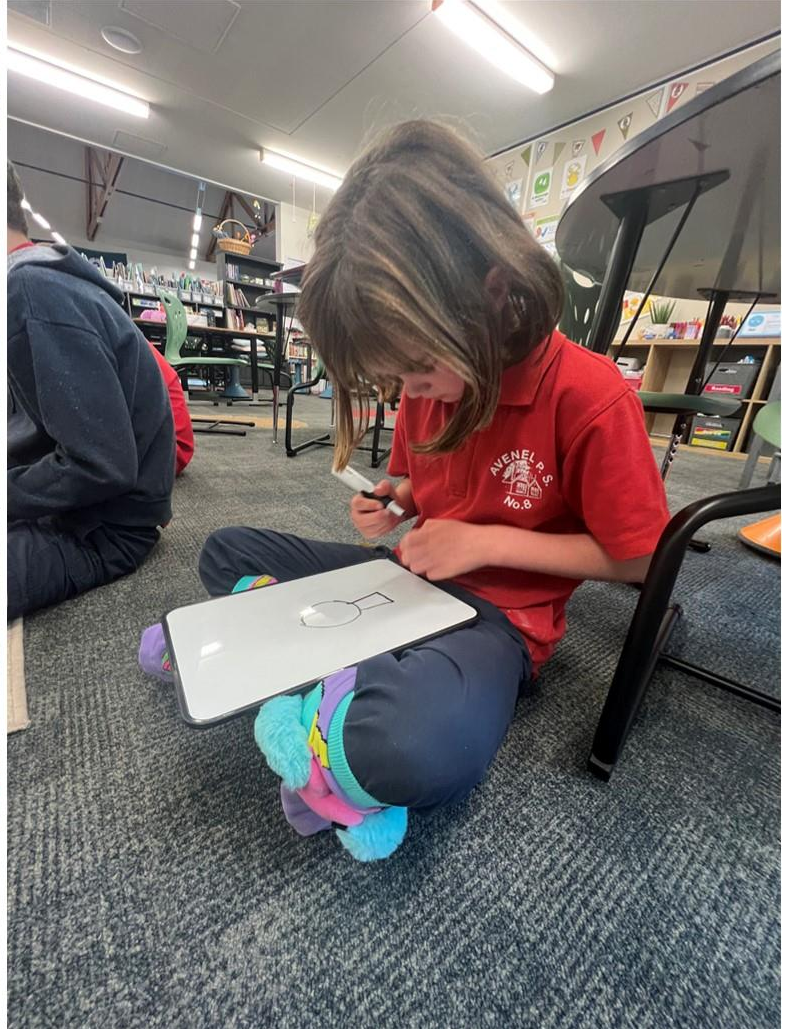
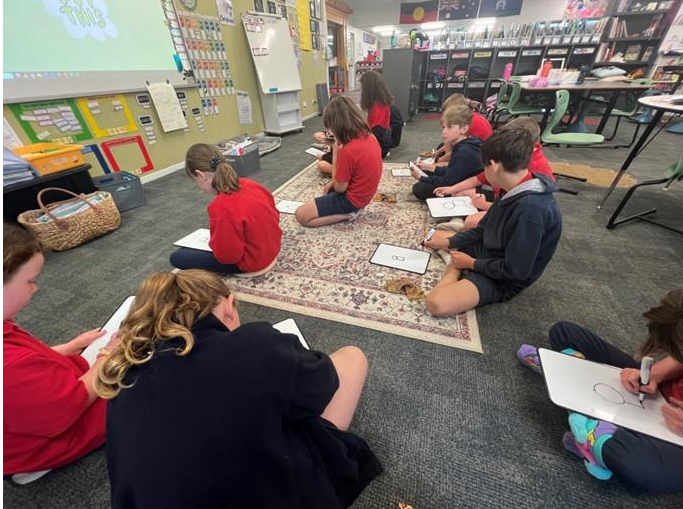
Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines are available to protect Victorians at higher risk of the virus. The Victorian Department of Health encourages eligible people who live or work in high-risk local government areas to get vaccinated ahead of summer, which brings an increased mosquito presence. For more information, including what is considered a high risk area and eligibility for a free vaccine, refer to the Department of Health's [Japanese encephalitis webpage](#).

For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages: • [Mosquitoes can carry diseases](#) • [Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease](#), including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and resources translated into other languages • [Japanese encephalitis](#) • [Buruli ulcer](#).

Student Reports

Year **34M** have been enjoying completing **Listen and Draw activities**.

These activities require students to slow down after recess breaks and listen carefully to instructions to complete the drawing. The seemingly simple activity gives students an opportunity to practice their mathematical knowledge of shape, size, direction and location; their knowledge of prepositional phrases or where items are in location to another; and their fine motor skills, supporting handwriting skills.



Bonnie

Bonnie has been so excited to be back at school this term. She's been back visiting classrooms and spending time with Alana, focusing on student Wellbeing. To welcome her back for the term, there were some new toys for her, including a squeaky burger which was her favourite.



Community Information



Attention Junior Cricket Players.

Due to this weeks school bike hike junior cricket training this Thursday will be cancelled. Blasters cricket will still run as normal. Under 13s first game will be this Saturday. Details have not yet been finalised but will be sent out to parents via the messenger group chat. If there are any questions or you are having difficulty registering your child please don't hesitate to get in touch with Jamie Kanters on 0409500762.

wellways

Unlock mental wellness at our 'Mental Health and Wellbeing' workshop. Explore mindfulness, stress management, and tackle unhelpful thoughts. Gain practical tools to enhance your mental health and thrive. Join us on this transformative journey towards wellbeing.

Mental Health and Well-Being Workshop

JOIN FREE

Contact Suma to RSVP on 0468657066

20, Oct, 2023 | 1:30 pm
Nagambie Lakes Community House
363 High St, Nagambie

HALLOWEEN PARTY

TUESDAY, 31 OCT

Proudly supported by

FUN | MUSIC | GAMES

Mechanics Hall, Nagambie

6pm- 8pm

Entry: \$5 per child or \$10 max for a family (supervising adult/s free)

Photo opportunity: \$2 per child or \$5 per family. Images will be edited as below.

All ages welcome

Children's Week 2023
21-29 October

- ★ Fun in the Park with Start Outdoors
Jubilee Park, Avenel | 21 Oct, 10am - noon
Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/fun-in-the-park-at-jubilee-park>
- ★ Come and Play with GV Libraries
Avenel Library | 21 Oct, 10am - noon
More information: 1300 374 765 or avenel@gvlibraries.com.au
- ★ Nature Art with Euroa Arboretum
Euroa Arboretum | 22 Oct, 10am - noon
Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/nature-art-at-the-arboretum>

Strathbogie SHIRE COUNCIL | THE EDUCATION STATE | VICTORIA State Government | Department of Education

Little Athletics Victoria | Nagambie Little Athletics

SEASON 2023-24

NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS

WE ARE LITTLE ATHLETICS

Nagambie Little Athletics - Registrations open!
Season will commence on Saturday 21st October 9am at St Joseph's Primary School in Nagambie
www.lavic.com.au/membership
Clare Garrett – 0439 269 182
Facebook – Nagambie Little Athletics

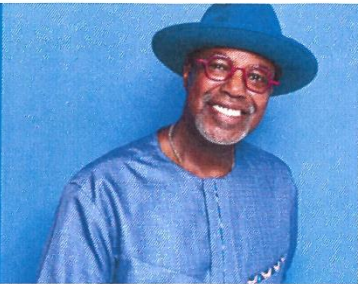
The Nagambie Branch of the Bendigo Bank has opened its [Community Grants](#) program, with applications due by Friday 27 October. (You can find the link to the application form by entering 'Nagambie' into the search bar on the linked page or scroll down the webpage to the second last grant opportunity on the list).

The key information regarding applications is:

- make sure your project proposal demonstrates community need and is broadly benefiting the community, not only your organisation
- break down your budget into as much detail as possible
- grants for purely sporting activities cannot be funded due to tax rules around sport not being a charitable activity but if your sporting club is proposing a project that benefits the community more broadly, particularly by meeting the needs of disadvantaged communities, it may still be able to be funded.
- talk to the grants contact before making your application is strongly recommended. The contact is Charleen Warburton, marketing@heathcotenagambie.community Mobile: 0408 572 808

The grants program can fund projects from under \$10k in value to potentially larger projects or feasibility studies in the order of \$100-150k. The key is demonstrating community need and benefit.

Victorian Seniors Festival 2023



Free Movie Screening

Date: 23rd October 2023 | Time: 10:30 AM

Venue: Avenel Memorial Hall

Join us for a free screening of the heartwarming movie 'The Intern' (M) and enjoy morning tea with friends.

'The Intern' (M) is a film about a retired executive who becomes a senior intern, forming an unexpected friendship with a young CEO. Together they navigate work and life challenges.

Book your spot via:

https://events.humanitix.com/the_intern

WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR AFTERNOON TEA

CHINA & LACE

The Lions Club of Seymour Goulburn

Proudly raising funds for our community

Sunday 12th November 2023
Seymour Bowling Club, Tallarook Street
1.30 - 4.00pm
Tickets: \$25 per person
To make a booking please call:
Leonie: 0439 308 055; or
Regina: 0417 329 981

COMPLIMENTARY DRINK ON ARRIVAL
RAFFLE AND LUCKY GIFT DRAWS
FASHION PARADE

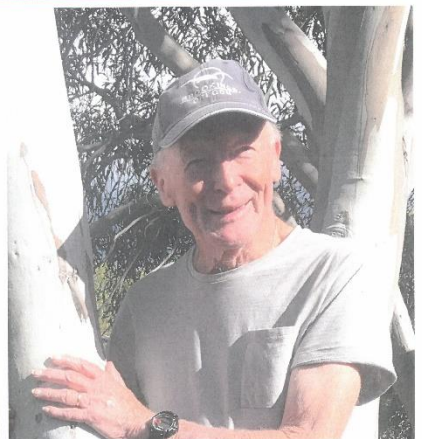
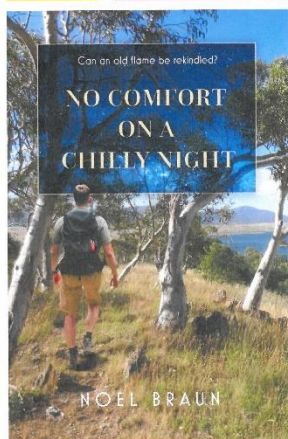
Author Talk

Noel Braun

Many of Noel's books are based on his experiences trekking the Camino de Santiago. His seventh and latest book, a work of fiction, is no exception. Join us at the library to talk books, writing, trekking the Camino and adventure.

Avenel Library
Wednesday
25th October
1.30pm

Bookings preferred
Call 1300 374 765
Email avenel@gvlibraries.com.au



AVENEL PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

Saturday 18th November



10am-2pm

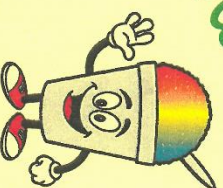


School Oval

Jumping
Castle



Market Stalls



BBQ & Coffee Van



Showbags

Live Music

Carnival Games



Pony Rides



Bric-a-brac

Pedal Cars



Face Painting



Ninja Course



Dunking Tank



Popcorn & Fairy Floss



AND MUCH MORE! For further info phone 5796 2264

Avenel Cafe

Dine In or Take Away

School Lunch Orders Term 4 2023

Name: _____ Grade: _____

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

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