

# AVENEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## OUR MISSION:

To inspire academic excellence, social and emotional growth and community contribution in a collaborative environment.

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After Hours Number - 0403 565 119



## Students of the Week

Recognising and celebrating achievement of our values



### Be a Learner

**Blake Ackerley** - For his fantastic word choice and use of imagery in his writing piece, the Most Disgusting Sandwich in the world. 😊

**Isla Currie** - For her engagement and focus when completing her work. 😊

**Immy O'Brien** - For always being ready for learning. 😊

**Remy Dean** - Her enthusiasm getting started on her learning tasks and showing great pride in her work. 😊

**Jordyn Boyd** - For the focus and dedication he shows on his learning tasks. 😊

### Be a Mate

**Lyanna Friedrich** - taking time to spend with a Prep student who had been struggling to negotiate friendships. 😊



# Ross' Report



We were disappointed that the Swimming Sports had to be postponed today when the power wasn't on this morning. We have rescheduled for next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Everything will run the same as today was planning to. We are looking forward to our Swimming Sports (take 2) and hope to see lots of parents and community members in attendance.

The grade 1 students had a fantastic time at the Avenel Library listening to guest speaker and author Suesea Spray. She engaged our students with fabulous stories and song and read her book to the students. They then enjoyed a craft activity, making their own little boat. Thanks to the Avenel and Goulburn Valley Libraries for organising this experience and to Anne Douglas for allowing our grade 1s to take part.



We are still seeking 1 nomination for a parent representative on School Council. Please see Ross if you are interested. The nominations have been extended and will now close next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 4:00pm.



Some Melbourne Football Club players came out to our school yesterday as part of the AFL Community Camps. The senior students listened to some advice from the players and then were able to ask them some of their own questions. It was finished off with some fun games inside. They were great with the kids and loved meeting Bonnie too.



We had a great Leadership Assembly on Monday morning when Annabelle Cleeland, our state MP, came out to present our student leaders with their badges. Annabelle interviewed our school captains on their thoughts on Leadership and then made her own speech to the assembly. I am very proud of all our student leaders and know they will take on their role with great enthusiasm and passion.

Junior School Council have already organised their first fundraiser for 2024, with zooper doopers on sale at lunch times, starting from tomorrow. They will cost \$1. Thanks to Shaun from the Avenel Café who has donated the zooper doopers for the JSC to sell.



*Congratulations to Teddy Manning for being this week's Principal Award winner.*

Your feedback is always welcome at [ross.davis@education.vic.gov.au](mailto: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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
February	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Young Leaders Day Melbourne (Mr D and Student Leaders) Bookclub orders due
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Student Progress Interviews – 2.10pm – 5.00pm
	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	School Swimming Carnival Student Progress Interviews – 3.30pm – 5.00pm
	Wednesday 21	No Preps
	Thursday 22nd	District Swimming - Seymour
	Wednesday 28th	No Preps School Council AGM – 6.00pm
March	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Division Swimming - Wangaratta, No Preps
	Tuesday 5th	School Photos
	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Swimming – Shepparton No Preps
	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Preps at school</b>
	13 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN testing Gr 3 and Gr 5
	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Family Night – Colour Run
	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 1 – 2.20pm dismissal. Drawing of Easter Raffle

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY –

Zach Ezard, Aidan McMahon, Alice Golightly, Edward Aldridge and Sebastian Croft-Papi



Uniforms from our old stock which we desperately need to get rid of.  
Please come into the office and collect.

### Trackpants

Size 8	2
Size 14	1
Size Sm	5
Size Med	5

### Cargo Pants

Size 4	1
Size 6	10
Size 8	6
Size 10	8
Size 12	3
Size 14	4
Size 16	4

### Red Windcheater

Size 16	1
<b>Fleece Jackets</b>	
Size 16Y	1
Size Sm	3
Size Med	2

### Vests

Size 4	1
Size 6	7
Size 8	3
Size 10	1
Size 14	6

### Skorts

Size 6	3
Size 8	2
Size 10	2
Size 12	2
Size 14	1



# *Congratulations to our Leaders for 2024*



**School Captains:**

**Immy McAllister & Charlotte Jeffery**

**School Vice Captains:**

**Wren Malone & Bailey-Rose Lippert**



**Junior School Council:** Immy McAllister, Charlotte Jeffery, Wren Malone, Bailey Lippert, James Davies, Archie Butler, Mia Stockman, Evie Wylie, Hunter Friedrich, Aspa King, Maggie Aldridge, Layla Smith, Abby Eagles, Beau Jeffery, Zach Ezard, Ace Wheeler, Alesha Thomas, Mac Van Horen, Ruby Hannigan





House Captains - *Richardson:* Alex Bull, Tilly Eagles, Oakleigh Kanters  
*Hughes:* Caspar Leunig & Maggie Aldridge



Friend-O-Leaders: Isla Currie, Mia Stockman, Immy McAllister, Abby Eagles, Wren Malone, Charlotte Jeffery, Oliver Misi, Audrie Halpin, Tilly Eagles, Rayden Hannigan, Neelix Newell, Hudson O'Brien, Aspa King, Evie Wylie, Shakyrah Rhue, Maggie Aldridge, Bailey Lippert, Ella King, Aidan McMahon, Ella Bond



# Wellbeing

## Putting right foot forward, because Every Day Counts!

Getting your child up, dressed, fed and off to school isn't always easy. But it's super important for their education. There are no safe number of days for missing school. Every day missed can put a student behind – with their studies, with their friends and with their connection to school.

Illness is a valid reason to stay at home. But there are very few other reasons... and every day missed adds up:

- Missing a day a fortnight adds up to four weeks a year – or an entire year of education by Year 12
- A child missing a day a week will miss 2 ½ years of school – placing them well behind their peers
- Even missing 30 minutes a day adds up to four weeks a year

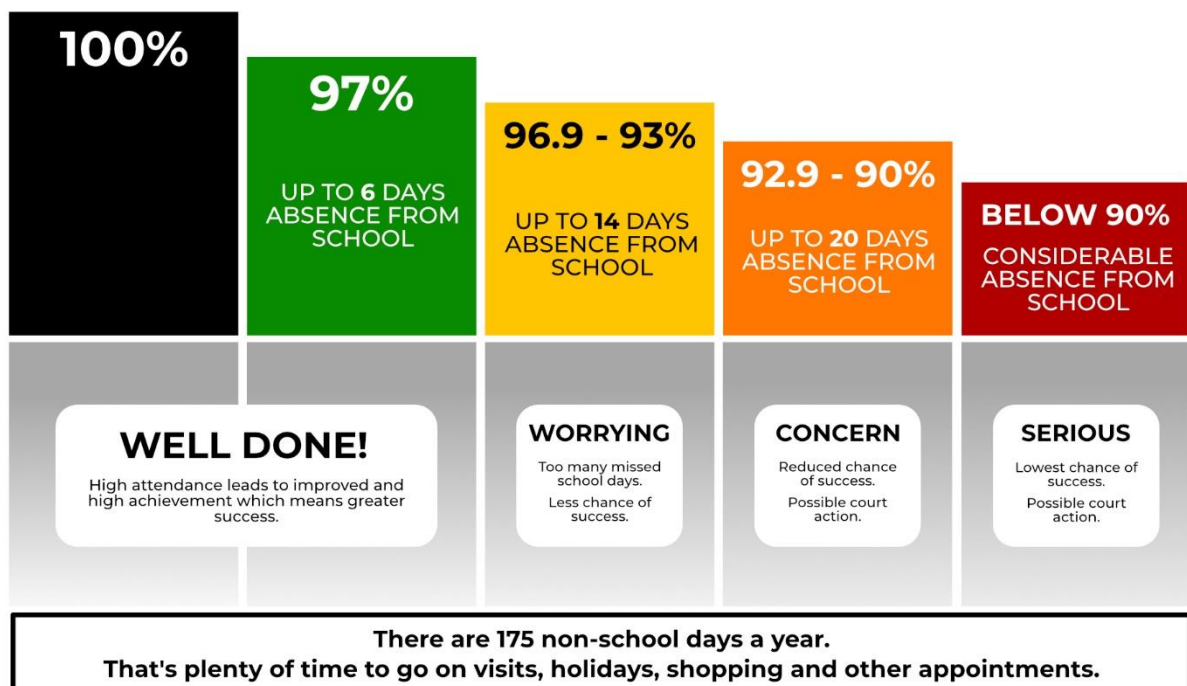
We encourage parents and carers to set routines and talk positively about the importance of attending school every day. Try to avoid doctor or dentist visits during the school day and plan family holidays for the term break (if possible). We always want to positively work in partnership with our families. Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

If you would like more information on attendance, please click on this link. [Every Day Counts](#)

***Because Every Day Counts.***

## WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



# Student Reports

## Show and Tell

This year the 1/2 students were super excited to start show and tell. There are so many benefits for students who participate in show and tell. Public speaking builds confidence and self-esteem in students. It enhances their communication skills, giving students opportunities to articulate their thoughts clearly, organise their ideas and use appropriate body language and tone.

When students listen to their peers during show and tell sessions, they learn the importance of active listening and empathy as they learn to appreciate different perspectives and stories, enhancing their ability to connect with others on a deeper level.

Below is our class show and tell timetable. Some great show and tell ideas that have been presented so far this year are photos from a recent holiday, bringing in a pet, sharing a favourite story or boardgame, fresh produce from the garden to share and of course our favourite toy! Please see the 1/2 staff if you would like to arrange a time to bring in a pet or with any other questions.

<b>Monday</b>	Abbie	Indie	Mila	Remi	Jayden
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tilda	Opal	Audrey	Blake	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Georgie	Ollie	Remy	Rome	
<b>Thursday</b>	Scarlett	Zeke	Joseph	Annabel	
<b>Friday</b>	Austin	Max	Amelia	Penny	Ragnar





# General Information

**FOUNDATION (PREPS)** – A reminder that Foundation (Prep) students **ARE NOT** required at school on a Wednesday until the 13<sup>th</sup> March.

**BOOK CLUB** – Please return bookclub orders by 16<sup>th</sup> February.

**LUNCH ORDERS TERM 12024** - Welcome to all students new and returning. Please find attached the lunch order form for 2024. You can either call into the shop after 8:30am, call the shop or drop off a sealed envelope with your child/rens lunch orders into the office. If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to Shaun on 5796 2536 or email [avenelcafe@gmail.com](mailto:avenelcafe@gmail.com).

## 2024 TERM DATES

Term 1 - 29 January (teachers) (31st January Gr 1-6 students start & 1<sup>st</sup> Feb Preps) - 28 March

Term 2 - 15 April - 28 June

Term 3 - 15 July - 20 September

Term 4 - 7 October - 20 December

**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 still recovering from Christmas and holidays! 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.

**CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER RATING DAYS – SCHOOL PROCEDURES** - Given the prevalence of bushfires across Victoria, it is timely to communicate our school's procedures for declared **Catastrophic fire danger rating** days. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the Bushfire at Risk Register – this list is compiled using information provided by the CFA and contains close to 500 schools across Victoria. On a declared **Catastrophic fire danger rating**, our school will be closed. Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days' notice of a potential Catastrophic day closure by SMS. A **Catastrophic fire danger rating** day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the **Catastrophic fire danger rating**, we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.

This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days when the school is closed due to a forecast **Catastrophic fire danger rating** day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a **Catastrophic fire danger rating** day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- Our bus run will be cancelled.

**COMPASS LOGIN – PARENT INFORMATION UPDATE** - For families who are new to our school, you will have been given details for the Compass school administration system. The Compass system provides a range of home/school communication tools. As a first step, we need all of our new parents and families to log in to the Compass system and verify their contact details.

**ABSENCES – NOTIFYING OUR OFFICE** - We remind all parents to please make contact with our office or submit an absence note via Compass if your child is absent from school. Department of Education procedures require us to make "same day" contact with families who have a child absent from school. In the case of unexplained absences, it is a departmental requirement that we obtain a parental explanation for the absence; accordingly, if your child is absent and we have not been advised of the reason, we will send home an absence statement for you to record the reason for the absence.

## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUNDING (CSEF) – FOR NEW FAMILIES ONLY

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care



Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$150 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

***If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.***

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office and ask for an application form. You can find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

**CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE** – Students who live 4.8 kilometres or more (closest point of property boundary in relation to the stop) from school or their bus stop, may be eligible for a conveyance allowance. Applications forms are available from the office and must be lodged with the School by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

**CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS AND STUDENT INFORMATION** – If your contact details or emergency contacts have changed from what was previously advised please contact the school office so that we can update our records.

**VISY RECYCLING CENTRE at Avenel Café.** At school, students place the containers collected from lunch and snack time into the red container provided outside the big building which will then be taken to the shop, with the funds going into the school's bank account towards Junior School Council fund raising.

**ZOOPER DOOPER** **\$1 FOR A ZOOPER DOOPER AT THE OAK TREE STARTING ON 15TH FEBRUARY.**



**\$1**





# Community Information

Library Bus timetable.

## Week One

MONDAY	
Toolamba	2:00pm - 3:00pm
TUESDAY	
Katunga PS	11:45am - 1:00pm
Strathmerton	2:30pm - 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY	
Avenel PS	10:30am - 12noon
Avenel Library	1:15pm - 3:45pm
THURSDAY	
Tungamah PS	10:15am - 11:45am
Tungamah	12:30pm - 2:00pm
St James	2:45pm - 4:00pm
FRIDAY	
Barmah	10:00am - 11:00am
Bearii	12:15pm - 1:15pm
Tallygaroopna	3:00pm - 4:15pm
SATURDAY	
Murchison	10:00am - 12noon

## Week Two

MONDAY	
Closed	
TUESDAY	
Katandra West	12:45am - 2:00pm
Dookie	3:00pm - 4:00pm
WEDNESDAY	
Longwood	10:30am - 11:30am
Avenel Library	1:15pm - 3:45pm
THURSDAY	
Katamatite PS	10:30am - 11:30am
Katamatite	11:30am - 1:00pm
Tungamah	2:30pm - 4:00pm
FRIDAY	
Murchison	10:00am - 12noon
Merrigum	2:00pm - 4:00pm
SATURDAY	
Strathbogie	10:00am - 12noon

## January - June 2024



**CFA**  
cfa.vic.gov.au

Begins 12<sup>th</sup> February.

# BECOME A CFA JUNIOR VOLUNTEER TODAY

Aged 11 to 15? Have fun, learn new skills and give back to the community

**Where:** Avenel CFA Station, 16 Queen St Avenel  
**When:** 2nd Monday of the month 6.30pm-8pm  
**For more information call:** Alan 0407 835 282

**goulburn valley libraries**

# Digital Drop-in

Drop in and see a library staff member for some device help on a range of topics.

Topics include:

- Computers
- Smartphones and tablets.
- Email and social media
- eLibrary resources

Bring your own device to these sessions.

**Avenel Library**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**  
**2.00pm**

Bookings are preferred. Email [avenel@gvlibraries.com.au](mailto:avenel@gvlibraries.com.au) or call 1300 374 765.

**Libraries Change Lives**

Tel: 1300 374 765  
[www.gvlibraries.com.au](http://www.gvlibraries.com.au)





**Avenel**  
Football Netball Club

# JUNIOR NETBALL TRAINING 2024

UNDER 17'S, UNDER 15'S, UNDER 13'S  
& UNDER 11'S

Welcoming New Players –

Training is on Thursdays at Avenel Recreation Reserve.

U11's & U13's – 5:00pm – 6:00pm

U15's & U17's – 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ash via Avenel Swan on Facebook Messenger.

**KELLY CLUB**  
GET READY TO JOIN THE FUN  
ENROLMENTS OPEN FROM DECEMBER 1  
0478159192  
SCAN ME  
avenel@kellyclub.com.au

### KELLY CLUB NEWS –

Enrolments can be made by scanning the QR code on the flyer otherwise you can go directly to the enrolment page here:

[https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollme nt\\_v2/centre/56ogGCAR4I24356EhkxM9 xfaGq](https://prodadmin.myxplor.com/enrollme nt_v2/centre/56ogGCAR4I24356EhkxM9 xfaGq)

WOODFRAPPA INC. PRESENTS  
Coming to a Small Town Near You  
**Festival of Small Halls**  
Avenel Memorial Hall  
Autumn Tour 2024  
Wed 20th March. 6.30 - 7pm Start.  
\$5.00 Ticket (subsidised)  
Supper Plate \$10.00 (CASH ONLY)  
Bar Prices - Drinks.  
Port Fairy Folk Festival  
www.festivalofsmallhalls.com

## Junior Football & Netball

Register now!



### Football

<https://www.playhq.com/af/register/5dc499>

- Under 9's (born 2015 – 30/04/2017)
- Under 10's (born 2014)
- Under 12's (born 2012)
- Under 14's (born 2010)

### Netball

<https://registration.netballconnect.com/appRegistrationForm>

- Under 11's (born 2013)
- Under 13's (born 2011)

Training is set to start at the beginning of March.

Follow our Facebook page for important updates.

**LONGWOOD FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB**  
JUNIOR INFORMATION NIGHT & SEASON LAUNCH  
February 15th - 5.30pm  
Event Program  
5.30pm - All Junior Netball  
5.30pm - U/10's kick around and games  
5.30pm - U/15 Football training commences  
6.45/7pm - Information and Registration  
7pm - BBQ Dinner and Drinks @ JC Bar  
Club Information  
✓ BBQ Dinner  
✓ Membership Info  
✓ Active Kids Grants  
Contact President Ricki Shiner  
0411 152 536

**FEBRUARY COMMUNITY CHOICE WINNER IS:**

**WISH** [PG]

**Saturday 24 February, 8pm & Sunday 25 February, 4pm**

All tickets \$12 ea | under 5 years old free  
Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/wish-ecc>

[PG] Mild themes and fantasy violence | Adventure, Animation, Comedy, Musical | 95 minutes

Walt Disney Animation Studios' "Wish" is an all-new musical-comedy welcoming audiences to the magical kingdom of Rosas, where Asha, a sharp-witted idealist, makes a wish.

Cast: Alan Tudyk, Victor Garber, Chris Pine, Angeliqe Cabral, Rami Youssef, Natasha Rothwell, Ariana DeBose, Harvey Guillén, Jon Rudnitsky, Della Saba, Niko Vargas, Jennifer Kumiyama.

**SHARE STRATHBOGIE** Strathbogrie SHIRE COUNCIL  
Children under 13yrs must be with an adult

**Location:**  
Euroa Community Cinema  
18 Bury St, Euroa  
Telephone: 1800 065 993  
[www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au](http://www.strathbogrie.vic.gov.au)



**LONGWOOD BEER WINE & CIDER FESTIVAL**

Beer - Wine - Cider - Spirits  
Food Vendors - Kid's Activities  
Live Music

# For the Love of Ale 2024

**SATURDAY FEB 24 2024 2PM - 8PM**  
**LONGWOOD - VICTORIA**

**BROOKE TAYLOR**  
**IAIN ARCHIBALD BAND - SUNDAY LEMONADE**  
**SWIM STATE - NEALE WILLIAMS**

Tickets & Info: [longwoodfortheloveofale.com.au](http://longwoodfortheloveofale.com.au)





Seymour & Kilmore Toyota



## Seymour's Annual



# SHOW & SHINE

**Labour Day, 11 March 2024**

**King's Park, Seymour**

**8am Start (Stall Holders 6am)**

**Display Cars : \$10/car incl. all occupants**

**Spectators : Gold Coin Entry**

\* ALL MAKES OF CARS  
\* SWAP MEET \* MARKET  
\* KIDS' ENTERTAINMENT

For all enquiries contact:  
[secretary@seymouranddistrictcarclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@seymouranddistrictcarclub.com.au)  
or Judy on 0407 562 003



Proudly sponsored by Shannons

The Go Nagambie on Water Festival celebrates people, produce & culture of our great region on the shores of Lake Nagambie!

The Go Nagambie on Water Festival has been exhibiting the best of Nagambie's stunning natural resources and community spirit every year since 2008 and in 2024 the event is set to be bigger and better than ever.

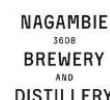
Featuring a diverse selection of family-friendly activities set around the stunning Lake Nagambie, the festival invites Nagambie locals and visitors alike to participate in a variety of fun and interactive outdoor events.

# NAGAMBIE'S COOLEST FESTIVAL

## SAT 24TH FEB 2024, 10AM - 6PM

### BUCKLEY PARK | JACOBSONS OUTLOOK | BLAYNEY RESERVE

Costa Community Canoe Challenge • Beer Automotive & Kelvingrove Floating Golf Shootout  
Go Adventure Nagambie: Goulburn Gallop • Nagambie Waterways Club 2 Pub Swim • Food Trucks  
Tahbilk Great Grape Stomp • Ezy Sailing • Wacky Water & Go Adventure Nagambie: Stay and Play  
Nagambie Brewery Stars Down Under Water Ski & Stunt Show • Mitchelton Boardwalk Run • Market Stalls





## Notice of election and call for nominations

<b>An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of</b>
AVENEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

<b>Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on</b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2024

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

<b>Membership category</b>
Parent member

<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Year</b>
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2024
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2026

<b>Number of positions:</b>	2
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<b>Membership category</b>
School employee member

<b>Term of office</b>	<b>Year</b>
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2024
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2026

<b>Number of positions:</b>	1
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Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

<b>Principal signature</b>


### What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad direction of a school, in accordance with Ministerial Order 1280 Constitution of Government School Councils, and the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**. In doing this, a school council may directly influence the quality of education for students.

### Why is parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### Do I need special experience to be on school council?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role, however, in order to successfully perform their duties, councillors may need to gain some new skills and knowledge.

It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

