

AVENEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR MISSION:

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

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Ross' Report



Welcome back to term 2 with another great term ahead. We are looking forward to continuing the learning in every class and consolidating the work and processes established in term 1. There are plenty of extra curricula activities too, with cross country, a family evening, 5/6 transition visits to secondary schools and the continuation of Lunch Time Clubs, Breakfast Club and Singing Group.

Our 5/6s have enjoyed a great start to the term with their camp to Sovereign Hill. This is another extra curricula opportunity offered to our students and provides a wonderful experience for our students. I look forward to getting a full report, and seeing an update in next week's newsletter.



Good luck to Wren who is competing in the State Swimming Championships in Melbourne this week. Wren is competing in backstroke and we wish her all the best.

The Junior School Council organised a great day at the end of last term with "Old School- 90s" as the theme. The dress-up effort of the students (and staff) was amazing and certainly added to the spirit of the day. The themed activities included yo-yos, frisbees, 90s music and god's eyes. With the special lunch, which is always supported by Shaun from the Avenel Café, it was a successful fundraiser. The end of the term assembly finished with the traditional Easter Raffle with many draws and tickets sold. Thanks for everyone's generosity, and the support of Cath and the CFA, we were able to make our annual donation to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Over the past 2 years we have had a very successful fundraiser, the Avenel Stampede which has allowed the school to provide the latest resources and equipment for our students including iPads and laptops. We need a few families who would be prepared to volunteer their time to plan this year's event. If you are able to join the organising committee for the Stampede, please let me or Vicki know. We will need to form a committee to enable this very successful and beneficial event to go ahead.

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



Well done James for spotting this very spikey visitor at school today. We hope that you stay long enough to eat all the ants around that area of the school ground.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
April	Wednesday 17 th	Gr 5-6 Ballarat Excursion
	Friday 19 th	State Swimming Championships
	Thursday 25 th	Anzac Day
May	Wednesday 1 st	P-2 Cross Country
	Friday 3 rd	3-6 Cross Country
	Monday 6 th	Working Bee after school
	Wednesday 8 th	ESC Experience Day – Gr 5-6
	13 th – 17 th	Education Week
	Tuesday 14 th	District Cross Country – Seymour School Council – 5.30pm
	Monday 20 th	Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day
	Friday 24 th	Division Cross Country - Yea
	27 th – 31 st	Reconciliation Week
June	Monday 10 th	Kings Birthday Holiday
	Tuesday 11 th	School Council – 5.30pm
	Friday 14 th	Regional Cross Country - Winton
	Friday 28 th	End Term 2
July	Monday 15 th	Start Term 3
September	Friday 20 th	End Term 3
October	Monday 7 th	Start Term 4
December	Friday 20 th	End Term 4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Tilda Fowles, Jackson Harland and Elly Basset



We need you to



VOLUNTEER

your time to help us plan this year's Avenel Stampede. If you are able to join the organizing committee, please let Mr D or Vicki know. Thank you.



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

Curriculum - What's Happening in Term 2???

Term 2 is full of exciting curriculum experiences! Our major foci for Term 2 include History, Dance, Music, Media Art and Drama and Design Technologies.

HISTORY

The history curriculum aims to develop an interest in historical events and a knowledge and understanding of how history shapes society. Outcomes are built on as student progress through the years of schooling. Each team is exploring history outcomes at a different level with a specific focus.

Foundation - 2	3 - 4	5 - 6
Investigating personal and family histories and comparing how life has changed over time.	Exploring the First Fleet through stories of the journey and the reason for travel.	Exploring the Gold Rush and Eureka Stockade and reflecting on camp experiences.
Identifying significant historical events or places in the local community.	Investigating the perspective on arrival and the interactions with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.	Investigating the influence of migration on Australian society and development of relationships with other countries.

'THE ARTS'

We also have Dance, Music, Drama and Media Art included through our multi-age 'Create It' lessons. These lessons are targeted at student collaboration through a creative medium to address these 'arts based' curriculum outcomes.



DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES

Design Technology encourages students to develop knowledge and skills to attempt design challenges and create and evaluate design solutions. Students are set a design challenge and are required to plan, create, test and evaluate in line with the design process.



Keep an eye on the newsletter in future weeks to see what all this looks like and what our students are learning and creating!

Student Reports

Junior School Council

The Junior School Council (JSC) at Avenel Primary School is made up of representatives from each class in grade 3 and above. The students elected self nominate themselves, present a speech to their classmates and are elected by a peer voting system. The students are expected to represent their class, not just themselves, seeking feedback, suggestions and advice to pass onto the other members of the JSC.

The JSC has three main jobs. They provide feedback about the positive parts of the school, they organise fundraisers and they suggest things to improve about the school. The majority of the organisation occurs at weekly meetings, but the reps also work in their own time, either in breaks or at home, to complete tasks that need to be done.



At the end of each year, the Junior School Council decides on how they are going to spend the money they have raised. Over the past 4 years, the JSC have raised over \$15000. Some of this money had been donated to charities, both locally and larger Australian organisations and they have supported a Victorian school which was impacted by bushfires. The money has also contributed to the school with the construction of a GaGa Pit, new sports equipment, an enclosure to house the school chooks, new EB training bikes and the big screen TV in the main building.

In 2024 the Junior School Council have organised two fundraisers so far, selling zooper doopers and an Old School 90s activity day, which included a special lunch. We have already raised \$1400 this year. A big part of this is thanks to Shaun from the Avenel Café who donated all the zooper doopers and the hot dogs for our special lunch which enabled us to have successful fundraisers.

Some comments from JSC members this year:

- "I love JSC because I personally think it has made me more confident. It has also helped me with public speaking." **Layla**
- "Since I have been on JSC I have improved at helping other people when we are doing fundraisers. I have also learnt to be an encouraging helper." **Ace**
- "I've really loved being in JSC. It is one of the best leadership roles and has helped me with public speaking and organising fundraisers. It's a great opportunity for kids to be a leader." **Beau**
- "I like JSC because it gives me ideas of what we can do to improve the school. I also like helping out with activities and fundraising." **Mac**
- "JSC is fun because you learn a lot of new skills. The students and teachers in JSC are really kind and encourage you to take part." **Zach**
- "I like JSC because I can help people who need help and I am a good friend. I am there for others and I enjoy making up and leading activities for the school. I am getting better at public speaking." **Ruby**



General Information

2024 TERM DATES

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.

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.

ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL. Thank you to everyone who supported our Good Friday Appeal Raffle at the end of last term by either donating items for the raffle or purchasing tickets. We raised **\$1,434.00** for this wonderful cause 😊.

Congratulations to the winners of the Raffle: Max Day, Kevin Traynor, James Wilcox, Harley Pearce, L Grey, Anthony Boleman, Rubie Trim, Nick Fredrick, Ella Fowles, Kelly Frost, Tillie Chiswell, Scarlet Kirby, Brea, Evie Wylie, Mack Wheeler, Julie Cambrey, Indie Trim, Amarlie Pederson, Amelia VanDyk, Otto Leunig, Levi Kelly, Wendy Davis, Nova Wylie, Mia Stokman, Bodhi Hore, Mr Sawyer, Win Harnett, Clancy Hull, James Davies, Daniel Fredrick, Harry Cross, Lucy Golightly, Hockley Family, Fletcher Boote, Aiden McMahon, Kecskes family, Alice Golightly.



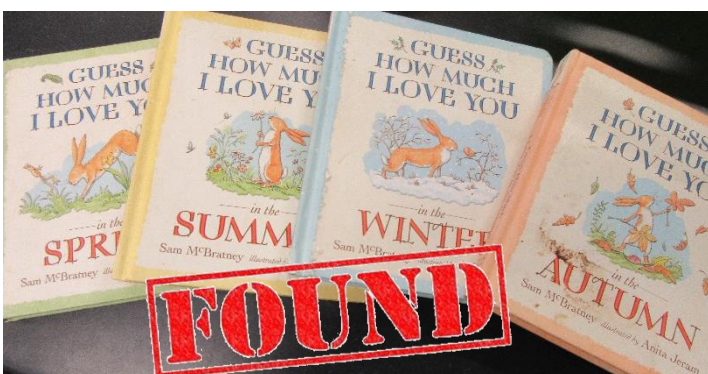
I hope everyone had a safe and happy term break. Thanks to the families that supported the Seymour Kelly Club Holiday Program. It was great to see the children having fun and making new friendships.

This term I'm hoping that we can keep the numbers growing and keep having fun. This week's program was about different cultures, so we had Turkish bread and butter and painting Monday. Tuesday was Tacos and soccer outside. Wednesday is Korean snacks followed by making Flags or some origami paper folding. Thursday we are making Pao de Queijo. I've never heard of them but I'm willing to give them a go.

Please see attached next week's program Sergeants and Soldiers for ANZAC week.

		THEME: Sergeant & Soldiers			Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Avenel
		Term 2 Week 2, 22nd April 2024			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
3:20 - 3:30 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time		
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Rainbow fresh fruit Platter	Intro & Afternoon Tea Rainbow Fruit Platter Toast	Intro & Afternoon Tea Rainbow Fresh fruit and Yoghurt		
3:45 - 4:30 pm	COOKING Cheese & Vegemite Scrolls 	CRAFT Felt Poppy Badges 	GAME Army Territories 		
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up		
4:45 - 5:30 pm	Outside Time Games and activities	Outside Time Games and activities	Outside Time Games and activities		
5:30 - 6:00 pm	Quiet Time	Quiet time	Quiet time		

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These books were found at the Oak tree. If they belong to you, they can be collected from the office. Thank you.

Community Information

Euroa Secondary College invites you to participate in our annual....

WRITING COMPETITION



DATE: 1st March until 31st May.

WHAT TO WRITE: A short story between 600-2000 words.

THEME: "Including Others".

PRIZE: \$50 voucher for each division winner.

There are 3 divisions:

- Primary School
- Junior School @ ESC
- Senior School @ ESC

EUROA HOCKEY

2024

Senior - Men
and Women

Junior - u10s,
u12s, u14s
and u16s.

GVHA COMPETITION TERM 2 AND 3

Please contact Euroa Hockey Club on 0401642753 if interested in playing for Euroa in the Shepparton (GVHA) Competition.

Details regarding local junior development will be available soon.

Discovery Night

2024

Join us,
no need to book

Monday 29th April

Discover the educational opportunities available for your child at Euroa Secondary College.

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CHALLENGE
EMPOWERMENT
RESILIENCE
RESPECT



5pm BBQ outside Sports Stadium
5.30pm Welcome to families
5.45 - 7pm A practical experience of secondary college.

For information P: 5795 2512 Teagan Kohn or E: teagan.kohn@education.vic.gov.au


Seymour
College



OPEN DAY

THURSDAY 2ND MAY 2024

School Tours from 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Information Session 5:00pm to 5:30pm
Seymour College Library

Welcome from Student Leaders
Acknowledgement of Country
A student's journey - Prep to Year 12
Principal's Welcome

Foundation / Year 7 / Inclusive Ed / Pathways Info Sessions

Book in via the following link:
<https://events.humanitix.com/seymour-college-open-day>

KINDER
ENROLMENTS
2025

APPLY NOW!

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All GRPSA services will offer 15 hours of free kinder for 3 and 4 year olds in 2025. Applications close June 30, 2024 for all GRPSA services. Apply on our website now to avoid disappointment.

Disclaimer: with exception to Eileen Taylor Kindergarten who only offer 4Y0.
All 2025 session times/days are to be confirmed.

 KINDERGARTEN
Play, laugh...
...learn, grow!

