

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

Archie Butler - For his supportiveness and kindness, assisting other students in the classroom. 😊

Abby Eagles - For her amazing attitude towards all of her learning tasks. 😊

Mac Van Horen – For a terrific Speaking and Listening 'Treasure Box' presentation. 😊

Audrie Pitman - For her consistency and dedication to reading at home. 😊

Joseph Rhue - His increased effort in the classroom, working alongside his peers and taking greater risks in his learning. 😊

Charlie-Dene Greenwood-Nicholson - For the focus he shows on all learning tasks. 😊

Ross' Report



We had a fabulous day at Cross Country yesterday with our students performing to their best and representing our school with huge spirit, friendship and teamwork. I was proud of everyone for the way that they ran, but even prouder of the feedback I received on the acts of kindness, sportsmanship and encouragement to others that our students demonstrated. Well done to our 40 competitors for the effort you put in and the values you displayed. At the end of the event, it was lovely to be presented with the handicap trophy for the second year in a row.

We have a pupil free day on Monday with no students attending school. Teachers will have this day to work on student reports. Kelly Club will provide care on Monday, but there needs to be a minimum of 10 bookings. If you require care, please contact Lynne on 0478 159 192 to book in your child. This is a great service to have, so we hope families are able to take advantage of it.

Next Wednesday we have a great incursion experience for the whole school. Students will need to pay \$8 (CSEF can be used) to participate in PLANKS - a fabulous interactive STEM based activity. All students will participate during the day. Then in the evening, there will be a session for all families to take part in - there is no cost to attend the Family Evening, and we would love to see as many families as possible participating and engaging with their children so they can show you what they learned during the day. There will be a BBQ and drinks to purchase at the Family Evening.

We have some staff taking some well earned long service leave in the coming weeks. Mel Kecskes will be away for the rest of the term and Anne Douglas will be taking Art and Library. From 27th May, Anne Tranter will be taking long service leave until early term 3 where Anne Fahey and Anne Douglas will share the prep class. We are fortunate to have experienced teachers, who know our school so well, to cover these absences and provide minimal disruption for our students.

We hope that our mum's enjoyed the special gift's students purchased for them at our stall last Friday. Thank you to Mel, Sam and Cath for assisting on the stall. We appreciate your help.



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



Congratulations to Wren Malone for being this week's Principal Award winner.



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
May	13 th – 17 th	Education Week
	Monday 20 th	Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day
	Wednesday 22 nd	PLANK incursion followed by Family Night
	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
	Friday 26 th	Enrolment for 2025 Foundation Students close
September	Friday 20 th	End Term 3
October	Monday 7 th	Start Term 4
December	Friday 20 th	End Term 4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Remi Mulraney, Nate Merritt, Jordyn Bond, Teddy Manning and Mila Kelly



Gr- 5-6 students enjoying cooking at the Euroa Secondary College Experience Day as part of their transition program.



Education

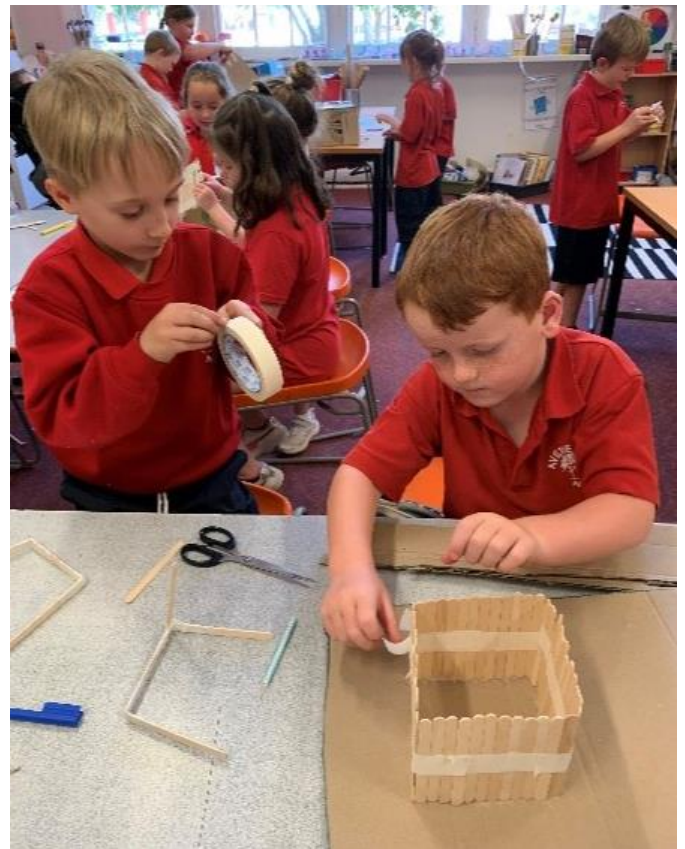
Design Technologies

Our Term 2 Design Technologies unit focused on students developing knowledge of the properties of materials and applying this to a design process.

Students were required to design and build a house that would withstand the 'Big Bad Wolf.' The purpose was to identify the materials that would be strong enough to withstand the force of the wind and carefully think about the most efficient way to join materials.

Students worked collaboratively to generate design ideas, draw their designs and then construct the structure. They then tested and evaluated their designs.

Some fabulous discussion was heard throughout the experience, negotiating, questioning and explaining possible changes to the designs.



This year's theme, *Spotlight on STEM*, highlights the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in our everyday lives, in the classroom and beyond.



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District Cross Country

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Student Reports

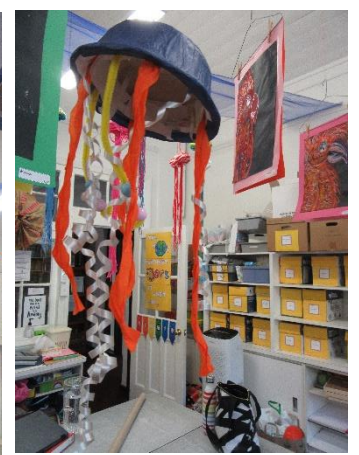
From the Art Room...

It has been a busy beginning of term two in the Art room! We have had two types of jellyfish appear from the roof, doughnuts on the wall and balloon dogs on the windowsill! There has been weaving, printing, painting, modelling, drawing and collaging all happening.

5/6 students working on a one-point perspective drawing and also creating mini-cacti from magiclay.



1/2 students adding layers to their paper mache and also stencilling around their bear.



3/4 students magiclay balloon dogs.



Prep loved listening to Pete the Cat and then creating our own painted head and cutting and pasting his facial features.



4/5 woven jellyfish and pulling some prints from their personally designed printing plate.



General Information

2024 TERM DATES

Term 2 - 15 April - 28 June

Term 3 - 15 July - 20 September

Term 4 - 7 October - 20 December

LOST PROPERTY – Parents are urged to check the lost property basket to see if any of the items in it belong to your child. Any unclaimed items, at the end of next week, will be washed and put in our 2nd hand uniform collection.



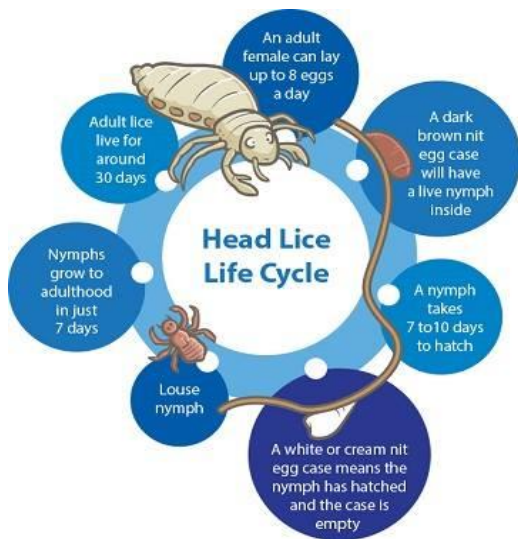
HOT LUNCHES FROM HOME – Students can bring along items that can be placed in our pie warmer ie pie, sausage roll wrapped in foil or soup, spaghetti bolognese in an ovenproof container. Please make sure that items are clearly marked with their name. Due to the popularity of hot lunches, days will be as follows:

- **Senior classes –Tuesday and Thursday**
- **Junior classes – Monday and Wednesday**



WANTED FOR THE ART ROOM – Ice-cream and margarine containers with lids.

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 classmaterials 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.



HEAD LICE - It has come to our attention that our 'unwanted' school friends are circulating again. We ask that parents please take the time to check their child/childrens hair regularly and treat if necessary to help us curb the spread of these 'unwanted' critters.

Steps to Check for Head Lice:

Step 1: Start with good lighting, whether that's bright sunlight or a lamp with an adjustable arm.

Step 2: Get your child's head wet with water, then sit them in a chair.

Step 3: Divide the hair into a few large sections, perhaps using clips or hair ties as needed.

Step 4: Use a fine-toothed comb to part your child's hair into smaller sections.

Step 5: Starting closest to the scalp, peer closely at the scalp to see if you find any lice or lice eggs. Check everywhere, not just behind the ears and nape of the neck! Lice and nits can be anywhere on your head. Using a

magnifying glass makes this MUCH easier; however, lice can be seen with the naked eye. A magnifying glass isn't necessary, but it is definitely helpful.

Step 6: Use a high-quality nit-removal comb — comb through the hair slowly and carefully and wipe the comb on a paper towel. How do you know if you have lice? If you inspect the paper towel and find lice or nits, you definitively know that your child has lice!

ENROLLING YOUR CHILD INTO FOUNDATION (PREP) IN 2025 – *Please pass this information on to anyone you know who might have foundation students in 2025.*

Steps to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for the 2025 school year

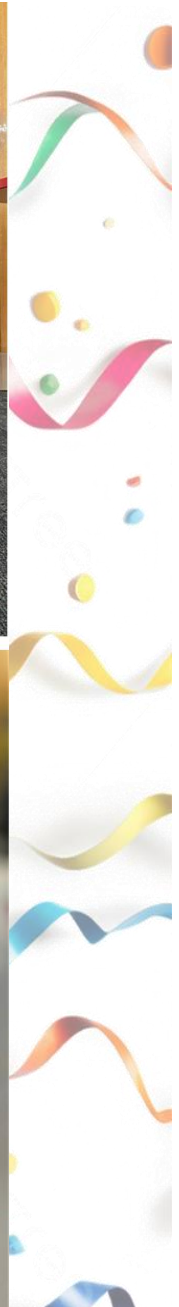
- To start primary school in 2025, your child will need to turn 5 years old by 30 April 2025. Schooling is compulsory for children who have turned 6 years old.
- If your child is starting Foundation (Prep) in 2025, you will be able to apply to enrol your child in a Victorian government primary school from the start of Term 2, 2024 (Monday 15 April 2024).

What you need to do:

- Use [Find my School](#) to locate your designated neighbourhood school (referred to as your local school) and other nearby government schools.
- Contact a government primary school to book a school tour or to learn more about the school and the enrolment application process.
- Obtain a copy of the Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents and Carers from the office or our website.
- Submit an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) by Friday 26 July 2024.
- You will be notified of the outcome of your application between Monday 29 July and Friday 9 August 2024. If you receive an enrolment offer, you should accept the offer by Friday 23 August 2024.
- Take part in information and transition sessions during Term 4, 2024.
- Your child will start Foundation (Prep) from Wednesday 29 January 2025.
- Enrolment applications submitted after 26 July 2024 will be processed by the school as they are received, in accordance with the Department of Education's Placement Policy.
- Your child has a right to enrol at their local school. Your child's local school is determined on the basis of their permanent residential address. Visit [Find my School](#) to locate your child's local school.

For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation at vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep. If you are seeking to enrol your child into Foundation next year, please contact our school office on 57 962264 or e-mail avenel.ps@education.vic.gov.au to request an [Enrolment Application](#) form or an [Enrolment Form](#).


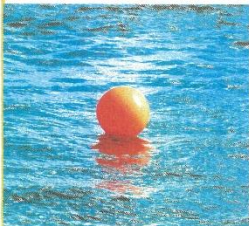

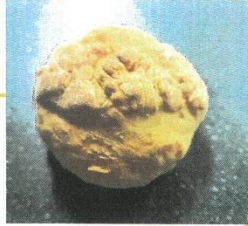


Happy 3rd Birthday, Bonnie!



Kelly Club News

Next week our focus is on science. We have lots of fun science type activities planned including test tube relays and fizzing lemonade scones.

Don't forget Monday 20th May is a pupil free day with no students required at school. Kelly Club will provide care on this day, **but** there needs to be a **minimum of 10 bookings**. If you require care, please contact Lynne on 0478 159 192 to book in your child. This is a great service to have, so we hope you take advantage of it.

		THEME: Science Challenge Week! Term 2 Week 6, 20th May 2024				Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Avenel
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
3:20 – 3:30 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	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 Fresh Fruit Platter	Intro & Afternoon Tea Rainbow Fresh Fruit Platter	Intro & Afternoon Tea Rainbow Fresh Fruit Platter	Intro & Afternoon Tea Rainbow Fresh Fruit Platter	
	DISCOVERY Lead Sinker 	SPORT Test Tube Relays 	COOKING Fizzing Lemonade Scones 	CRAFT Mini Planets 	GAME Burst The Atoms 	
3:45 – 4:30 pm						
4:30 – 4:45 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	
4:45 – 5:15 pm	Outside play	Outside play	Outside play	Outside play	Outside play	
5:15 – 6:00 pm	Quiet time	Quiet time	Quiet time	Quiet time	Quiet time	

E: Avenel@kellyclub.com.au kellyclub.com.au/Avenel P: 0478 159 192



PLANKS FAMILY EVENING & BBQ – REPLY SLIP

Family Name:

Number of adults attending:

Number of children attending:



Community Information

From Diagnosis to OAM

plus a Sibling's Perspective: A Personal Autism Journey

Seymour

Thursday 23 May 2024

6:30pm-9:30pm

(3 hour seminar including question time, doors open 6pm)

Daniel and Daniel's Dad (Daryl) will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living life as an Autistic individual.

Daniel's sister (Leash) will also be sharing the sibling perspective and is a qualified educator (may be prerecorded).

Topics include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

There will also be an opportunity for question time.

Early Bird
Tickets
until 9 May!



Presented by

Daniel Giles OAM
Order of Australia
Medal Recipient
& Autistic Self-Advocate

Daryl Giles
Daniel's Dad

Leash Purcell
Daniel's Sister
and Educator



Venue

The Seymour Club
1 Elizabeth St, Seymour VIC

Tickets (*includes \$0.50 booking fee for online bookings)

Autistic people, family & carers
\$30.50* early bird | \$35.50* regular

Professionals (Educators/Caseworkers/Therapists - incl. CPD cert.)
\$75.50* early bird | \$85.50* regular

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goulburn valley libraries

Join us for free and fun activities all week long!



Celebrate **Families Week** with GV Libraries this May.

Join us at any of our Rhyme & Story Time or Baby Rhyme Time sessions from Monday 13th May until Friday 17th May for some family themed fun.

Enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and craft as well as some special treats from Families Australia.

Why not bring the whole family!

These are all free activities. No bookings necessary. Suitable for children aged 0 to 6 years accompanied by parents or carers.

The Avenel Library will have colouring pages and special Families Week treats to take home available during opening hours from Tuesday 14th May until Friday 17th May.



2024-25 Pitch My Project - voting open until 24 May - support Avenel projects!

A reminder that voting for Strathbogie Shire Council's **2024-25 Pitch My Project** is open until 24 May and there are two Avenel projects you can vote for:

- **Avenel Memorial Hall** - to install a fixed standby generator so the Hall can operate effectively as Avenel's primary power outage and heat refuge location, by ensuring standby power and cooling can be provided quickly during simultaneous extreme heat and power outage.
- **Hughes Creek Bridge** - to engage an experienced heritage consultant to undertake a condition assessment of the Hughes Creek Bridge at Avenel, and to advise on works needed to repair, maintain and preserve the bridge.

Avenel Active encourages members and residents to **vote 1 for Avenel Memorial Hall** and **vote 2 for Hughes Creek Bridge**.

If you have difficulty voting let us know and we'll advise Council. **Voting closes 5pm, Friday, May 24.** Please show your support for Avenel projects and share with anyone who may be interested.

How to vote: Paper - Voting forms are available at the **Avenel Library** survey station or **Avenel Primary School**.

Online at Share Strathbogie - please note: to vote on Share Strathbogie you need an account and to vote for all 15 projects in your order of preference. You can create an account by clicking on the 'Log in / Join' link [Pitch My Project 24/25 | Share Strathbogie](#) at the top right of the screen
Email - email your preferences to info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au

Mail: Write to Strathbogie Shire Council at PO Box 177, Euroa VIC 3666.

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