

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

Jonah Kecskes - For his active participation and thoughtful and humorous insights in class discussions. 😊

Beau Jeffery - For his commitment and focus towards his maths fluency tasks. 😊

Alesha Thomas - For being a resourceful learner during guided reading. 😊

Lyanna Friedrich - For her effort and improvement with her handwriting. 😊

Mila Kelly - For her fantastic insight during class discussions showing understanding of other people's feelings. 😊

Marli Shiels - For being a great learner in literacy and maths. 😊

Ross' Report

This Friday it is World Teacher's Day. But because we have students and staff away this Friday, we will be celebrating next week on Wednesday 30th October. The theme is "hats off to teachers" so we are asking all students to wear their favourite hat to celebrate all of our wonderful teachers.



The grade 5s and 6s are heading off on the three-day Bike Hike today. Everyone will ride from Bonnie Doon to Tallarook over the three days and I know our students are up for the challenge. The 5/6 students and staff have been training for the last few months and are keen to achieve this together. This bike hike wouldn't be possible without the 5/6 team of staff and a number of parent helpers. We all thank you for allowing our students to have this opportunity.

Last Friday Charlotte and Caspar travelled to Albury to compete in the Regional Athletics Championships. They both ran extremely well against tough competition, proudly representing APS. Charlotte finished 7th in 1500m, Caspar finished 5th in 200m and Caspar received a silver medal for 2nd in hurdles. Caspar has now qualified for the State championships on the 6th November. It was an extremely challenging day with horrible weather - rainy, windy and cold conditions. But it didn't phase our runners at all as they put in a brilliant effort.

Our Kinder Transition program starts this Friday with our 2025 prep students having their first taste of school. All enrolled students have been sent the information, but if you know of anyone coming in 2025 who hasn't received the information, please ask them to contact the school.

We have had quite a few students who have come to school recently and complained of being unwell before they left home. Our number one priority is getting students to attend school every day, but they need to stay home if they are unwell. We trust parents to know their children and make the right call about whether they are able to attend school or not.

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
October	23 rd – 25 th	3 Day Bike Hike
	Friday 25 th	Kinder transition
	Tuesday 29 th	Prep excursion
	Wednesday 30 th	“Wear your favourite hat” World Teachers Day
November	Monday 4 th	Report Writing day – Pupil Free Day
	Tuesday 5 th	Melbourne Cup public holiday
	Wednesday 6 th	State Aths
	Friday 8 th	Kinder Transition
	12 th – 15 th	Gr 3-4 15 Mile Creek Camp
	Tuesday 12 th	School Council Meeting
	20 th – 22 nd	Energy Breakthrough
	Friday 22 nd	Kinder Transition
December	Thursday 5 th	Gr 6 Graduation
	Friday 6 th	1/2 Excursion and Sleepover
	Monday 9 th	School Captain Speeches & Interviews
	Tuesday 10 th	Statewide Transition Day
	Thursday 12 th	Volunteer Morning Tea
	Friday 13 th	Gr 6 Bid Day Out
	Saturday 14 th	Singing Group Avenel Market
	Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Concert/Awards night
	Thursday 19 th	Triathlon
	Friday 20 th	End Term 4 – 1.20pm dismissal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – Rome Smith-Williams, Neelix Newell, Harley Pearce, Tilly Eagles and Abby Eagles



***Congratulations** to Abby Eagles 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.

Education

PE and SPORT

At Avenel Primary School we have a strong PE curriculum which complements all of the learning at our school. Every class receives specialist PE lessons every week, with the lessons meeting the rationale as outlined below in the Victorian PE curriculum.

Integral to Physical Education is the acquisition of movement skills, concepts and strategies to enable students to confidently, competently and creatively participate in a range of physical activities. As a foundation for lifelong physical activity participation and enhanced performance, students develop proficiency in movement skills, physical activities and movement concepts and acquire an understanding of the science behind how the body moves. In doing so, they develop an appreciation of the significance of physical activity, outdoor recreation and sport both in Australian society and globally.

Our PE lessons are about inclusion, participation and learning new skills. We then provide a variety of sport opportunities for our students.

- All students, from P-6 participate in whole school sport activities, including swimming, cross country and athletics.
- Students in grades 3-6 who succeed in these sporting events are given the opportunity to represent our school at District, Division, Regional and State level. In 2024 we have has over 10 Avenel students represent the school at Regional level, while 2 students have progressed to State level.
- Our senior students participate in weekly sport sessions with their teachers, where they use the skills, concepts and strategies leant in PE and transfer them into a game situation.
- Any student who has a skill in another sporting area is encouraged to pursue this through School Sport Victoria competitions, including golf, tennis and equestrian events. We have also entered school teams in such sports as basketball and cricket.

At Avenel Primary School we have a great balance between all students being involved in sporting activities, getting the opportunity to participate and learn new skills with an emphasis on fun, while students who excel in sport can test their skills in a competitive situation.





From Science room



In Science throughout Term 4, students from Prep – Year 6 have started learning about Chemical Sciences. Junior classes have been looking at how different objects can be grouped and sorted based on how they look and feel. We have also tried poking, bending, cutting and twisting a range of everyday objects to see how different materials can be changed.

Meanwhile, students in Years 3-6 have been beginning to explore how different liquids, solids and gases behave. In Week 2, 3/4W and 4/5T did an experiment to learn about the different freezing points of honey, dish soap, water and milk. Year 6s have been learning about evaporation and condensation.

A highlight so far for all grades has been having fun making Oobleck. Oobleck is a sticky, 'non-Newtonian fluid' - that is, it is not quite a solid but also not quite a liquid! Your child might share with you what they noticed during the experiment, and how to make it at home. We can't wait to continue our investigations and Science learning about the Chemical Sciences throughout the term!



General Information

2024 TERM DATES

Term 4 - 7 October - 20 December

LUNCH ORDER – TERM 4 - Attached the Term 4 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.

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.

SCHOOL HATS – With the warmer, sunny days and higher UV levels students are reminded to bring their hats to school. Please note that hat prices are as follows:

- Slouch Hat - \$14.00
- Hybrid Hat - \$16.00

SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS - Scholarships are available for students who complete Grade 4 to Year 11 in 2024, and for students enrolled in Year 12 in 2024 who plan to do tertiary studies in 2025.

Student scholarships

The Department of Education administers a number of scholarships available to eligible students who are enrolled in Grade 4 to Year 12 in 2024.

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 now open, and close on Saturday 1 February 2025. For information on how to apply, refer to [Student scholarships](#).

PROTECTING AGAINST MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES - 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.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone [NURSE-ON-CALL](#): 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).



Where possible, you can also reduce the risk of mosquito bites by:

- removing any stagnant water to reduce mosquito breeding
- sealing any rainwater tanks or water-storage devices
- preventing mosquitoes from entering buildings by:
 - repairing holes in flyscreens
 - using knockdown sprays or electronic zappers
- cleaning guttering and storm water pits
- if camping, ensuring tents are properly fitted with mosquito netting.

When you notice a lot of mosquito activity, close windows and doors that do not have flyscreens, and use air purifiers. When the mosquito activity is reduced, consider re-opening doors and windows.

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.

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](#).

Find out more

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.

WANTED – Do you have any spare/no longer required small track pants, underpants, socks. If so, we would love to have them to replenish our spare uniform supply for when ‘accidents’ happen! 😊



***Congratulations**
to Amarlie for being a winner in the
recent GV Water
- A Watery Adventure
story competition -
conducted as part of Water Week.*

Kelly Club News

Last week we enjoyed Mind Body and Soul. We had 'What's in the Box' where the children had to describe what they felt in the box. We did 'brains on biscuits' with white chocolate and pink food colouring swirled on Marie biscuits. We painted rocks as calming stones, and we had a lot of outside time.

This week is Minecraft week. We have the Minecraft Lego back by request. We will be making Creeper Rice crisps. The iron on leads will be back to make Minecraft keyrings.

Next week we will be doing Halloween Week. We will be making Chocolate spiders, creating spooky craft, bobbing for apples and revisiting mummies again with toilet paper. Remember we still need a spare hat so we can all go outside.



THEME: Minecraft

Term 4 Week 4 28th October 20

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Avenel

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 - 8:30 am	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time
3:30 - 3:30 pm	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 Fresh fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Fresh fruit Jelly	Intro & Afternoon Tea Fresh fruit Dip and Biscuits	Intro & Afternoon Tea Fresh fruit Sandwiches
3:45 - 4:30 pm	COOKING Chocolate spiders 	CRAFT Spooky Craft 	DISCOVERY Bobbing for apples 	GAME MUMMY CHALLENGE 
4:30 - 4:45 pm	Tidy Up		Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:45 - 5:15 pm	Outside play Snack	Outside play Snack	Outside play Snack	Outside play Snack
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Quiet play	Quiet play	Quiet play	Quiet play

Community Information



18/10/2024

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

There will be a meeting held at **6pm, Tuesday 12th November 2024, Nagambie Rec Reserve** to elect the new 2025 committee for Tabilk Junior Football Netball Club.

Due to the lack of volunteers, the AGM held on 16/09/24 was unsuccessful. There been no nominations received since for most roles.

As stated in the TJFNC Constitution, a committee must consist of eight (8) roles:

- President
- Vice President x 2
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 3 x General Committee roles

If a 2025 committee is unable to be formed, a **special resolution is proposed, for vote by existing members** of the Association in attendance:

In the event of a committee not being formed, the club will amalgamate with either:

- Nagambie Lakers Football Netball Club; or
- Avenel Swans Football Netball Club.

- AND that The Financial assets will be distributed 70%/30% in favour of the voted club, on the condition that all funds are to be used solely for junior development. This financial split intends to reflect the financial requirements of establishing a junior program within an existing club and also recognizes Tabilk's formation purpose, of creating a junior club to service both towns.

Please contact tabilk.jfnc@outlook.com or President: Martin Garrett (0407820095) if you have any questions or would like to nominate.

Turn off your taps on
24 October 5pm-10pm
and join Australia in
improving water knowledge

REGISTER NOW!
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TAP OFF TUNE IN

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JOIN US FOR OUR
HALLOWEEN PARTY!
THURSDAY OCTOBER 31ST
6PM - 8PM

ALL AGES WELCOME!
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\$5 PER CHILD OR \$10 PER FAMILY

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Choose a job that makes a difference.
Join our team as a Lifeguard.

Enjoy working in a rewarding, purposeful role whilst contributing to the safety of the community.
No experience? No worries. We can help you to become a qualified lifeguard.



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- Free Training
- Free Venue Access
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Members of the Avenel community and surrounds are invited to the 2024 annual local music students

Christmas Concert.

When: Wednesday 11th December @ 6.00pm
Where: Avenel Hall
Dress: Your Christmas best!
Entry Free.

Families of performers to bring a plate please.

Avenel Cafe

Dine In or Take Away

School Lunch Orders Term 4 2024

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Sandwiches, Wraps and Rolls		Fried Food (FRIDAY ONLY)	
Wrap chicken, ham or Egg & salad	8.00	Hot Chips (Small)	6.50
Roll chicken, ham or Egg & salad	8.00	Dim Sim	1.50
Sandwich 1 filling	5.00	Potato Cake	1.50
Sandwich 2 fillings	5.50	Dino Nugget each	1.10
Sandwich 3 fillings	6.00	Battered hot dog	3.50
Sandwich Ham/chicken and salad	7.50	Cheese Burger	8.50
Sandwich Schnitzel and salad	10.50	Kids Pack (Ext SmI Chips & 3 Nugs)	6.50
Toasted Sandwich 1 filling	6.00	Kids Pack (2 Potato Cakes & 3 Nugs)	5.50
Toasted Sandwich 2 filling	6.50	Gravy	1.20
Toasted Sandwich 3 filling	7.00	Tomato Sauce	0.35
		Iced Donut (Limited Numbers)	2.60
Pie (Avenel Newsagency)	4.90		
Sausage Roll (Avenel Newsagency)	4.50		
Icy treats			
Fruit		Frozen Zooper Dooper	1.10
Piece of fresh fruit (Banana/apple/pear)	1.50	Lifesaver Ice Cream (Avenel Newsagency)	3.00
		Icypole (Avenel Newsagency)	1.75
Drinks			
Chocolate milk	3.00	Water	3.10
Strawberry milk	3.00	Apple juice	2.90
TOTAL			\$
Amount enclosed			\$

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