

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

Caspar Leunig - For confronting challenges head on and taking risks in all areas of his schooling. 😊

Isla Currie - For using a range of sentence types and varied word choice in her narrative. 😊

Indie Trim - For her persistence with her new maths fluency goal. 😊

Alexander Rhue - For showing great effort and improved focus while learning. 😊

Be a Mate

Mac Van Horen - For being a considerate and friendly classmate. 😊

Give Something Back

Teddy Manning - For putting others first and offering to help whenever it's needed. 😊

Ross' Report



Our school acknowledged Remembrance Day on Monday by attending the local service in Avenel. All classes walked to the cenotaph at Jubilee Park with the staff and observed the ceremony. It is an important day for our country and we were proud to attend.



Last week Caspar travelled to Albert Park to Lakeside Stadium to compete in the School Sport Victoria State Track and Field Championships. Caspar qualified to compete in the 80 metres hurdles after winning the silver medal at Regionals. Well done to Caspar who finished 14th in the State. Caspar was only 1 second away from finishing in the top 8 and making the final. Well done Caspar on this amazing achievement.



16 senior students travelled to Mooroopna last week to compete in Regional T20 Blast Cricket Competition. We had a boys team and a girls team competing and they both put up a great effort against some much larger schools. Some highlights from the day were Maggie hitting repeated 6s, Aidan's remarkable 1 handed catch, Mia destroying a bat with one big hit, Finn's superb hat-trick and the boys winning their last game of the day.



Cricket 

Our grade 3s and 4s have made a great start to their 4-day 15 Mile Creek Camp. I am sure they will continue to have a wonderful time and will share some great stories when they return. Thanks to Mr Willis, Mrs Tobin and Bree who have organised and are attending the camp, along with two very brave parent helpers, David and Belinda. If you haven't liked our school Facebook and Instagram pages, jump online to see some great shots of our campers.



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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
November	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
	26 th , 27 th , 28 th	School Swimming Program
	Tuesday 26 th	Cricket Clinic Gr 3-6
December	Monday 2 nd	School Council meeting
	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 Big 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 – Ella Cross

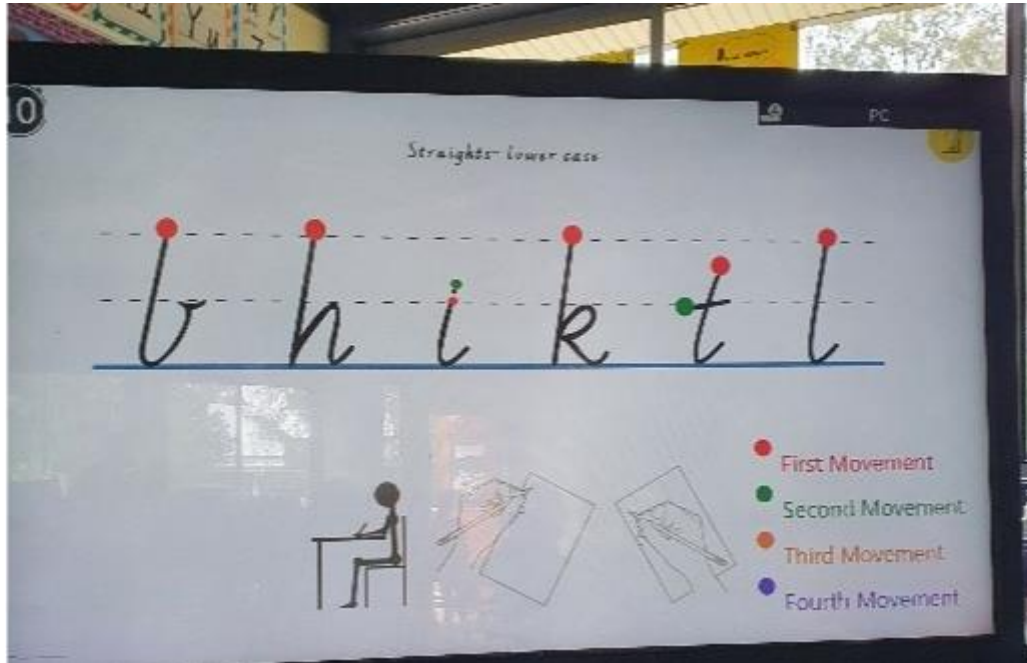


Avenel Primary School acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the land and acknowledges and pays respect to their elders, past and present.

Education

Writing Success at APS – What does writing instruction look like across the school?

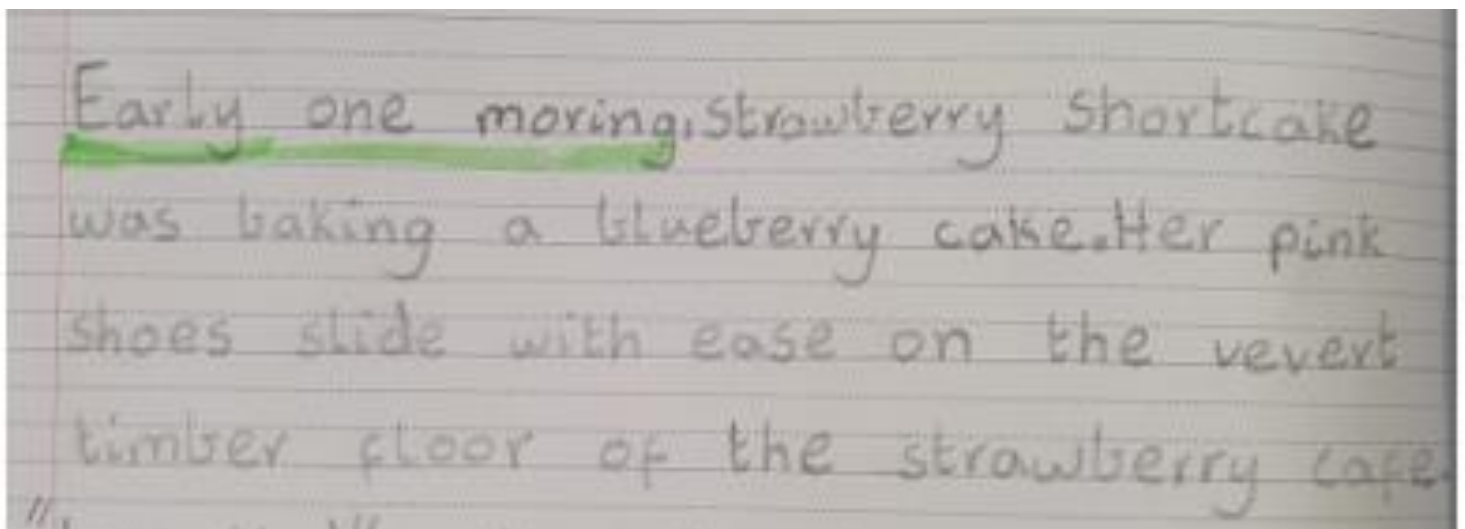
Learning to write is complex, has many facets, and entails many layers of skills. Across the school, we develop skills sequentially, initially focusing on writing simple words and sentences, and then progressively building the skills that support the creation of complete texts.



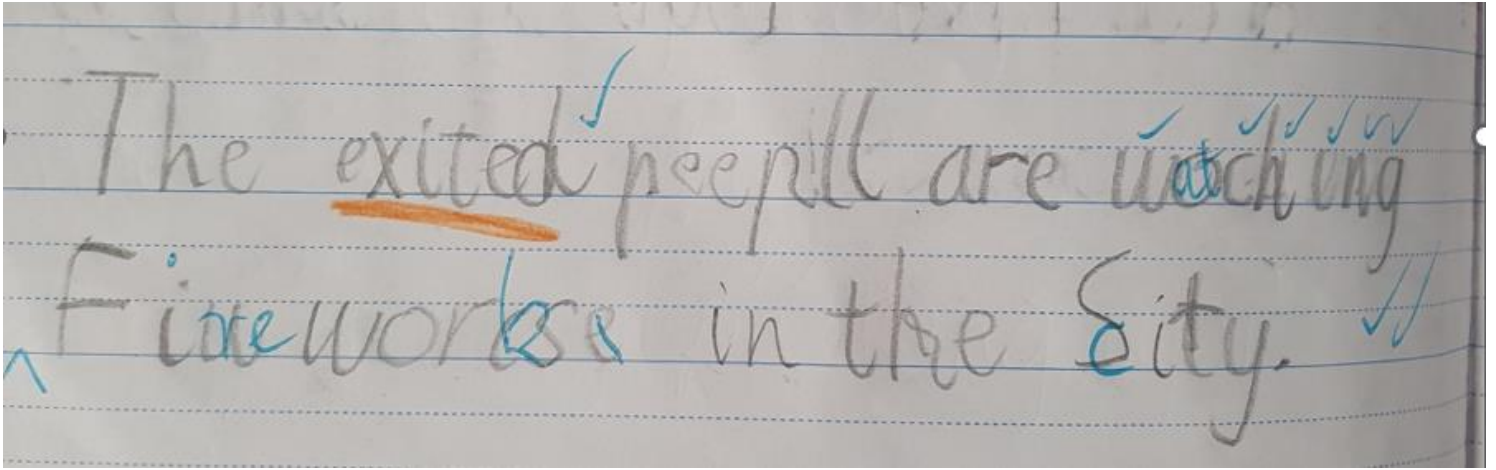
At APS explicit writing instruction involves:

- Handwriting
- Phonics, morphology and spelling strategies
- Vocabulary development and specific word choice
- Understanding and using different parts of speech
- Grammatical conventions, including exploring different sentence types and their purposes
- Punctuation and its purpose and effect
- Text type features
- Idea generation and development
- Understanding purpose and audience

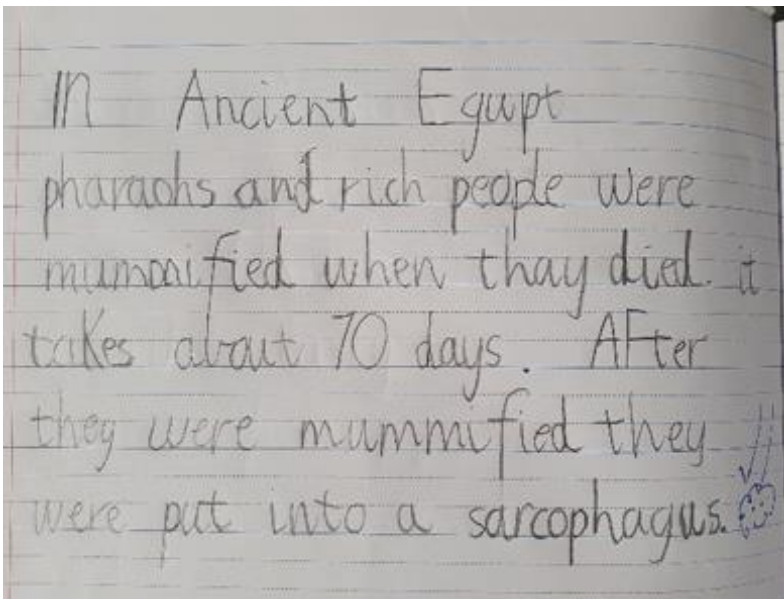
Our students have produced some amazing writing samples that reflect the skills that have been taught in the classroom.



Senior students have been learning to use complex sentences and to create descriptions through specific word choices.



Junior students have been working on expanding sentences through the use of adjectives.



This example shows the focus on topic-specific vocabulary in crafting text.

We are seeing the results of explicit writing instruction across the school and are celebrating the growth evident in our student's work.



Congratulations
to
***Mia Stockman for being this week's
Principal Award winners.***

Library

Each week, our students have the opportunity to step into the magical world of books through their Library Specialist class. During these weekly sessions, every class spends time exploring a range of literature and borrowing books to enjoy throughout the week. These sessions are not only a chance to select books for independent reading but also an engaging time to dive deep into a variety of texts.

In Library Specialist class, students participate in interactive and enriching lessons that expand their understanding of different text types, structures, and features. These explorations encourage students to broaden their reading horizons and deepen their appreciation for various genres and authors. Whether it's a captivating mystery, a humorous tale, or an inspiring biography, each story opens new doors to imagination and understanding.

The weekly library sessions have quickly become a highlight for our students—a time to get lost in books, spark curiosity, and engage with literature in meaningful ways. We look forward to seeing their love for reading continue to grow with each session!



General Information

2024 TERM DATES

Term 4 - 7 October - 20 December

SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS - Parent and carer School Saving Bonus code distribution

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus – a one-off \$400 support for government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will receive an e-mail from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

The School Saving Bonus will help families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more. If you have multiple children enrolled in Victorian government schools for 2025, you will receive one School Saving Bonus code email per child. These emails might arrive on different days. Please make sure to check your spam/junk email folder.

Parents and carers can use the School Saving Bonus code in store at school-nominated suppliers. Parents and carers can also choose to access the School Saving Bonus online system, where they can allocate part or all the \$400 bonus to use at school nominated-online suppliers or for school activities. To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus>. A step-by-step user guide will be available on the webpage on 26 November.

If you have not received your School Saving Bonus code via email by Friday 29 November, please contact the Department of Education by emailing school. saving.bonus@education.vic.gov.au.



LUNCH ORDERS AT BEGINNING OF 2025 – Important update for Avenel Cafe

Shaun is well and truly into his 9th year at the shop. Whilst this is exciting, he does need a break. Shaun is taking much needed annual leave and as a result **the shop will be closed in the first two weeks of February**, that is week commencing 3/2 and 10/2. Lunch orders will be operating on Friday only for these two weeks. No other cafe services will be available.

Grace and Tina have kindly offered to run lunch orders so we can bed down the procedures for next year. Please be patient and kind, what they are doing is outstanding.

We are providing as much notice as possible. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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.

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 - \$15.00
- Hybrid Hat - \$17.00

WANTED - Juicer for breakfast club.

If you have one you no longer use, we would love to take it off your hands to make fresh juice available at Breakfast Club.



Community Information

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.



JUNIOR & SENIOR NETBALL PRE-SEASON DATES!

Wednesday 20th November - Avenel Rec Reserve 6pm
Wednesday 27th November - Avenel Rec Reserve 6pm
Wednesday 4th December - Avenel Rec Reserve 6pm
Wednesday 11th December - Avenel Rec Reserve 6pm

Please bring runners, towel & drink bottle!

ALL are welcome to these pre-season training sessions.

Please contact Nic Hanson on 0413 085 347 or contact Avenel Swan Facebook page directly

AVENEL KINDER SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT US!

LOVE OUR LOCAL RAFFLE 2024



Tickets \$5 each
or 3 for \$10 via the QR code below



TICKETS DRAWN TUESDAY 10TH



We would appreciate your help to prepare our pool ready for opening on 1st December. 😊

Working Bee

Avenel Pool

Saturday 16th November
From 10.00am onwards.

AIR FORCE CADETS

The Air Force Cadets are now RECRUITING!

FROM 01 OCTOBER 2024
TO 31 MARCH 2025

APPLY ONLINE

airforcecadets.gov.au

@airforcecadets

The Australian Air Force Cadets No. 419 Squadron in Shepparton are now recruiting for their 2025 intake. There will be an information evening in Shepparton on Friday 29th Nov 24 .

If you're between 12 - 15 (must be in high school and turning 13 in 2025) and have an interest in aviation, drones, STEM, leadership and personal development, fieldcraft, a career in the Australian Defence Force, or just want to make new friends, we're keen to have you join our ranks. You'll learn many new skills and have a lot of fun along the way.

We are sponsored by the Royal Australian Air Force and you will have the opportunity to fly and visit Defence Bases in Victoria, and so much more

To register to attend the information evening or for more information email:

co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au

Expressions of interest to join can be completed at:

www.airforcecadets.gov.au/how-to-join



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Your savings doubled (up to \$500)

What can the \$500 be spent on?



Textbooks and tablets



Uniforms and shoes



Vocational education



Lessons and activities



Textbooks and supplies



Gear and assistance

Can I join Saver Plus?

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:



Be 18 years or older



Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card



Have a child in school, starting school next year, or finishing year 12



Have regular income (yours or your partner's)



Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Ready to start saving? Let's talk.

saverplus.org.au | saverplus@bsd.org.au | 1300 610 355

*This financial advice is provided for general information only. It is not intended to be a recommendation or offer of financial products.

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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 Sml 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 (<i>Limited Numbers</i>)	2.60
Pie (Avenel Newsagency)	4.90		
Sausage Roll (Avenel Newsagency)	4.50		
		Icy treats	
		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			\$

Available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Term 4 2024.

Please note: whether you are paying with cash in an envelope in the office drop off, in store or by phone, payment **must** be received at 10:00am on the morning of the order to ensure delivery.

Feel free to keep this copy at home and just simply write your lunch orders on an envelope with your money for order.

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