

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

Evie Wylie - For working diligently to improve her number understanding and recall previously learnt strategies. 😊

Sophie Pitman - For encouraging and supporting her friends in challenging situations. 😊

Austin Phoenix - For his focus and concentration on all learning tasks this week. 😊

Nellie Van Horen - For enhancing her focus during independent work. 😊

Be a Mate

Shun Ikeda - For being a great camp mate. 😊

Ross' Report



Well done to our 3/4 campers on achieving a successful 4 day experience at 15 Mile Creek Camp last week. There were many highlights, but the Rock Climbing Wall, Archery and water activities were some of the moments that our students enjoyed. Thanks to Belinda and Dave who were our fabulous parent helpers and attended for the four days. We also had three staff who organised, planned and attended the camp - Dave, Hayley and Bree. Many families would be aware that a lot of schools are not offering the camps they used to due to the current school agreement and the extra charge that has to be passed onto families to cover staff costs. But at Avenel Primary School, our staff forego this so that the costs remain as low as possible and our students get the camp experience. I thank them for their willingness to provide these opportunities for our students.

Speaking of these amazing extra curricula experiences, Energy Breakthrough is on this week with 14 students from grade 5 and 6 heading to Maryborough to participate in the event. This has been a huge amount of work for the students and staff involved and I know they will gain a lot from the experience.

We are pleased to be able to take the whole school to the Seymour Indoor Pool for our Swimming Program this year. It has been problematic over the past few years, so the three days will go ahead and won't be dependent on weather, the availability of instructors or lifeguards or if the Avenel Pool is open. The cost of the lessons and transport is covered by the Department of Education. We will be leaving at 9:00, as soon as the roll is marked, so students need to be at school on time, or parents will be required to take their children to Seymour as no students will remain at school.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
November	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
	Friday 29 th	Go Blue
December	Monday 2 nd	School Council meeting; Bookclub orders due
	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 – Harry Cross, Charlie Golightly and Austin Phoenix



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

Swimming Program

Swimming and water safety is included in the Health and Physical Education curriculum from prep to grade 6. This requires schools to ensure that they are implementing a swimming and water safety program that meets the requirements of the curriculum.

At Avenel Primary School we are providing a 3 day intensive swimming program with students working with qualified instructors in small groups at the Seymour Indoor Pool.

The aims of our school-run swimming, water safety and lifesaving programs are

- Children will learn the core survival swimming skills as a minimum, preparing them for unexpected entry into (open) water.
- Children will learn personal safety when it comes to assisting someone in trouble.
- Children will learn a valuable skill for life.
- Children will increase their self-awareness, good decision making and leadership capabilities.
- Children will be empowered to take personal responsibility for their actions.
- Children will become the influencers to keep family and friends safe.

Swimming and water safety skills have also been found to provide health benefits for children, including social, psychological and physical wellbeing.

For more water safety tips for families, please follow this link

<https://lsv.com.au/toolkit/img/swim-city-img/Water-Safety-messages-for-newsletter-content.pdf>



Gr 3-4 15 Mile Creek Camp

Years 3 and 4 visited Fifteen Mile Creek Outdoor School, Greta, last week. Outdoor School is a residential school run by the Victorian Department of Education and led by trained and qualified outdoor education teachers. Learning programs taught students to deal with challenges both individually and in teams, with a focus on resilience and emotional intelligence.

My favourite camp experiences was –

CANOEING: Paddling the canoe was hard. It hurt my arms. **LEON**

ARCHERY: We shot a combat bow from a distance to a target. **JANELLE**

ORIENTEERING: We had to find places hidden around the school by following a map. **MAC**

FLYING FOX: It was fun going over the creek, higher than the trees. **CHARLOTTE**

BIKE RIDING: We rode on three good bush tracks over three hours. **HARLEY**

CAMP FIRE: It was fun going on an adventure to find a marshmallow stick. **SOPHIE**

ROGAINING: We went out in the bush on our own without adults. **CHARLIE**

ROCK CLIMBING: Even though the rock climbing was high it was great fun. The rope and harness kept us safe.
LAYLA

Years 3 and 4 students send a big **"THANKS"** to our parent helpers Belinda and Dave, to Bree, Mrs Tobin and Mr Willis. All gave up their own time to make camp happen. Three cheers!





General Information

2024 TERM DATES

Term 4 - 7 October - 20 December

2025 TERM DATES

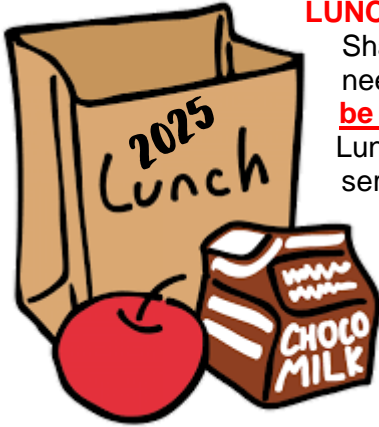
Term dates for 2025 are included so that parents can plan holidays around them so that students don't miss out on vital learning time.

Term 1 – 30th January (**Students commence**) – 4th April

Term 2 – 22nd April – 4th July

Term 3 – 21st July – 19th September

Term 4 – 6th October – 19th December



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

BOOKCLUB ORDERS – Due back 2nd December

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.



Congratulations

to

*Kaylee Cambrey for being this week's
Principal Award winners.*

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.

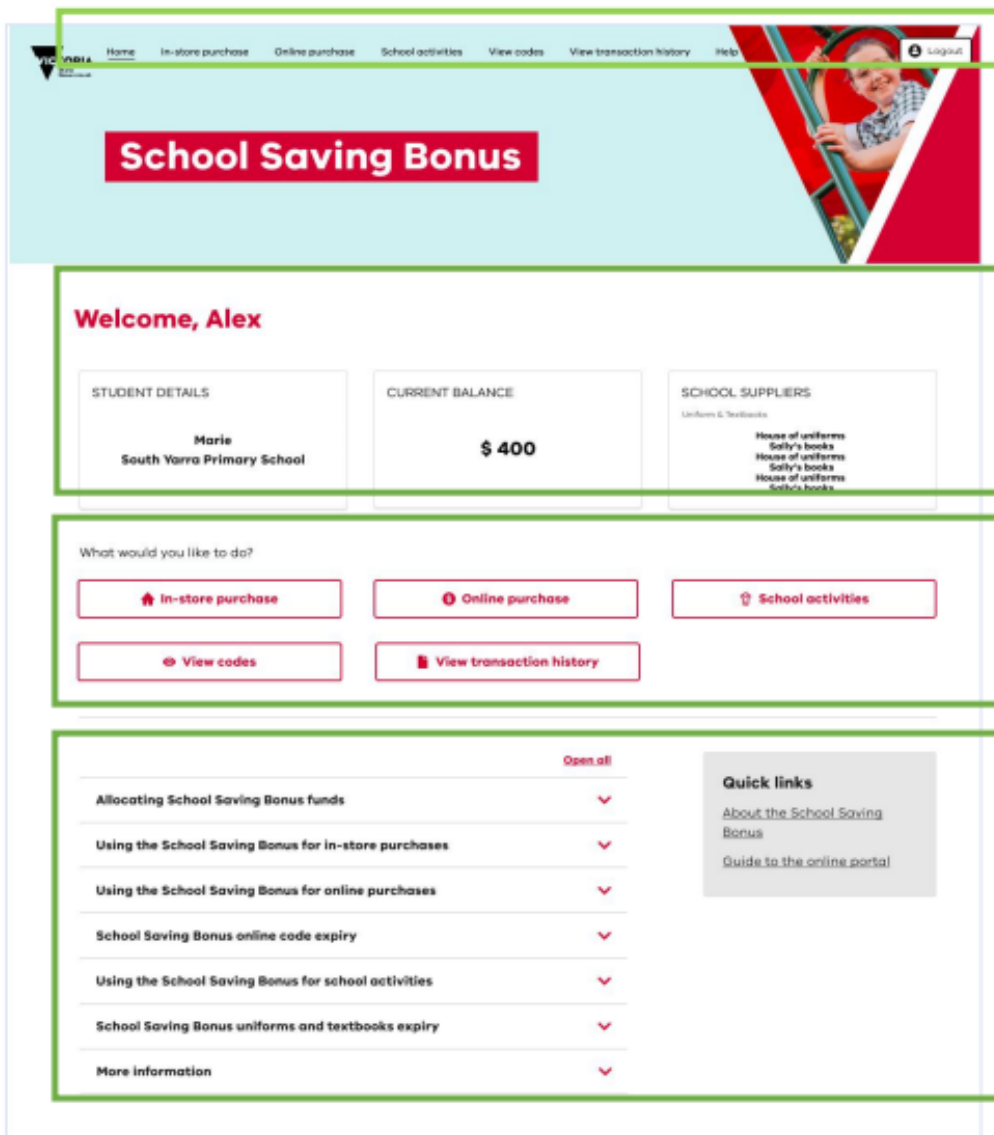
From Tuesday 26 November 2024, you will receive an e-mail from the Department of Education with your unique \$400 School Saving Bonus code.

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.

This is what you will see when you open the app.

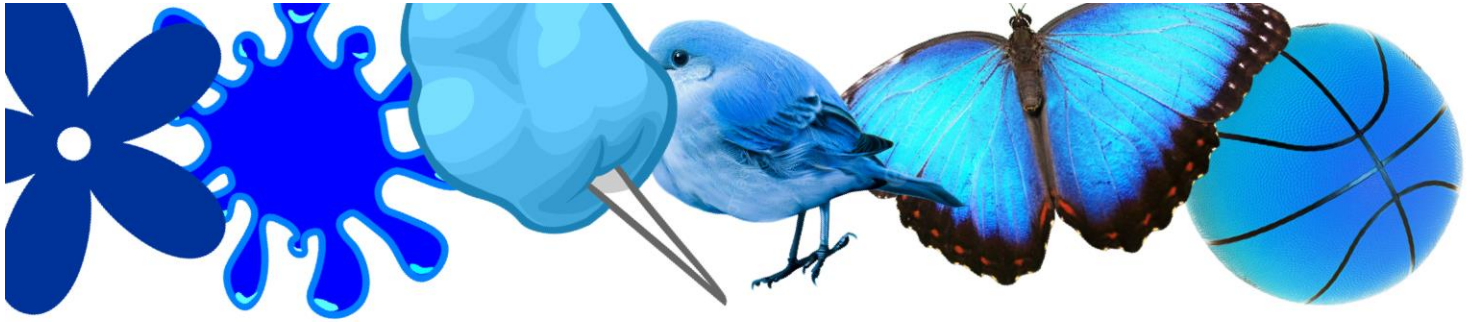


Quick links to key actions and the option to log out.

Links your child's details, current School Saving Bonus balance and school suppliers.

These links let you choose how to spend the bonus. Learn more about these links in the 'How to use your School Saving Bonus' section of this guide.

Click on drop down arrows to learn more or follow the quick links.



GO BLUE DAY

FRIDAY
29th
November

WEAR A BLUE SHIRT 

We would like to encourage you to wear blue to support research for type 1 diabetes

GUESS THE AMOUNT OF JELLY BEANS COMPETITION

GOLD COIN DONATION



\$5 DESSERT BAR, BUILD YOUR OWN BLUE DESSERT

WEAR A BLUE HAT 

Kelly Club News

It sounds like the Gr 3-4 class had fun at camp. Kelly Club this week is a relaxed week of free play where the children choose from the resources what they would like to play with and how they play with them within reason. It is wonderful to see the children packing up when asked. Next Week is a Theme week of Harry Potter - Monday we will be making a butterbeer from the Harry Potter Story. Tuesday we will be mixing potions with different colored water and smells from the garden. Wednesday we will be playing Quiddich with pool noodles and a ball to see who can score the winning goal. Thursday we will be making our own magic wand and trying out some magic spells from the Harry Potter Book of Spells. In the weeks that follow we will be thinking about Christmas and making some decorations to take home for the Christmas tree. Kelly Club will be joining the new 25 prep session handing out booklets to welcome new members.

 KELLY CLUB		THEME: Free Play Week Term 4 Week 7 18th November 2024				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	Intro & Afternoon Tea Fresh fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Fresh fruit Sandwiches			
3:45 - 4:30 pm	DISCOVERY Lego 	CRAFT Barbies 	GAMES Cricket 	CRAFT Bead Melts 			
4:30 - 4:45 pm	Tidy Up	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			
E: Avenel@kellyclub.com.au		kellyclub.com.au/avenel		P: 0478 159 192			

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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 065 347 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




Welcome to Avenel After-school Activities




Beat the after-school boredom

Every Wednesday of the school term, between 4pm and 5pm, the Avenel Library will be transformed into a space of fun and creativity.

See the schedule of activities overleaf. It's all FREE!

Activities are designed for school-aged children. Some parental supervision may be required.



November - December

November	6	Lego 
	13	Build a Catapult
	20	Nintendo Switch Gaming
	27	Tabletop Games and Puzzles
December	4	Lego 
	11	Christmas Craft
	18	Nintendo Switch Gaming



Are You Summer Ready in Avenel?

With Summer fast approaching and the weather heating up we all need to ensure our individual Emergency action plans are up to date and how we can support our more vulnerable people in the community in the heat.

Avenel LEAP (local emergency action plan group) along with Avenel CFA, local ambulance officers and community members are conducting a '**Are you prepared for Summer**' community awareness session at the Avenel Memorial Hall on Sunday 24th November 4:30-5:30pm with a free sausage sizzle & icy poles for the kids afterwards.

The session will cover as part of the Avenel local emergency action plan - Where the defib machines can be found in the town as new ones have been purchased and placed in town, CPR & Defib awareness information. What to do in the 1st 72 hours in an emergency as you can handle an emergency better if you are prepared. As we know the power can be inconsistent at times in our local area so Avenel has identified where can you find a cooler space on a hot day. There are many people in our community who do not have aircon and would greatly benefit with relief at the Avenel library or Avenel Memorial Hall during these times. The CFA community Engagement trailer will be onsite with lots of info from our local CFA volunteers.

Thanks to Strathbogie Shire through the LEAP program for providing some funding to run a sausage sizzle and icy poles for everyone.

Please encourage others who would also benefit from this event & bring them along. There are many new residents who may not be aware of what is available and what a household action plan is.



Lions Club of Seymour-Goulburn presents

Carols in the Park

Sunday 8th December at Goulburn Park, Seymour

4pm Start, Concert at 6pm

Pre-Show Entertainment,
Children's Activities,
A visit from Santa,
Guest Performers Chris & Shanae Watson,
The Australian Army Band,
Mitchell Shire Concert Band,
Food Trucks & Lions BBQ.



Save the date ...

**AVENEL CHRISTMAS
TWILIGHT MARKET**
SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER
4.00PM – 8.15PM.

Great opportunity to finish off the Christmas shopping from the huge variety of stalls.
Plenty of yummy food and drinks on offer.
Plus, live entertainment including the Avenel Primary School choir.
See you there.



Scrabble Group

Avenel Library
The 3rd Wednesday of every month
at 2.00pm.



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 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	
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
Dairy			
Chocolate milk	3.00	Drinks	
Strawberry milk	3.00	Water	3.10
		Apple juice	2.90
TOTAL			\$
Amount enclosed			\$

Available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Term 4 2024.

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