

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

Zach Ezard - For his great word choices in his information reports. 😊

Edward Aldridge - For enormous effort in class and individual lessons. 😊

Max Eagles - For his kindness on our 1/2 excursion, always helping others and using his manners. 😊

James Willcocks - For his resilience and independence during our excursion. 😊

Riley Williams - For great work in addition and subtraction. 😊

Be a Mate

Wren Malone - For being a reliable friend-o-leader, looking out for younger students and helping them with their friendships. 😊

Ross' Report



Our grade 1s and 2s enjoyed their major excursion and sleepover at school last Friday. The students travelled to Echuca and they didn't let the hot weather stop them from having a great day. They participated in a variety of activities including a trip on a paddle steamer. They then had a sleepover at school which was a lot of fun and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the 1/2 staff team for all of their efforts with this excursion and to all the families who assisted with setting up for the sleepover and preparing dinner.

We welcomed Zanni from the Kids Teaching Kids program to our assembly on Monday to present the school with this year's KTK book which concludes another successful year from our grade 4 KTK participants. It was great to see our students acknowledged, along with Mr Willis for all of their hard work this year. The book is on display in the office if you would like to have a look at the great KTK work from this year.



The Singing Group have their 2 end of year performances coming up this week. This evening at 6pm in the Hall, there will be Fleur's Christmas Concert. As well as the Singing Group, students who learn piano with Fleur will be performing. All families and the Avenel community are welcome to attend. At the Avenel Twilight market, the Singing Group will be performing their major act for the year. They will be singing at 4:00pm in front of the tennis club rooms. Come along to see them perform and enjoy the twilight market too.

Congratulations to our grade 6 students who celebrated their completion of primary education with a lovely evening at Fowles last week for their graduation. It was wonderful to hear from every student and to hear their own personal reflection of their time at Avenel Primary School. Thanks to Carrye for organising the night and to Dee who put together the amazing photo presentation highlighting the students time at primary school.

The school was very settled yesterday with our transition day and trial of the 2025 classes. The students adapted to a different environment and teacher with ease and enjoyed the experience. The final class allocations will be sent out to families next week.

Our annual Christmas Concert is on next week, with the performances and awards happening on the oval. Families are welcome to arrive from 5pm and you can bring your own picnic dinner. Please bring your own chairs and make yourself comfortable, with the concert commencing at 6pm.

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



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.

Leadership

Transition

Effective schools have strong transitions in place for students coming into prep, moving onto secondary school as well as transitioning between year levels within the school. At Avenel Primary School we have many systems in place to ensure this is done effectively.

Some key elements of our transition program are as follows:

- Our staff and students visit Avenel Kinder throughout the year so that the kinder children get to know us and learn about our school.
- We invite the kinder to participate in special events throughout the year, for example, the school's book week parade so that they get used to the surroundings at school.
- All of our senior students visit both Seymour College and Euroa Secondary College to get a taste of what secondary schools are like and experience some "high school" lessons
- Local secondary schools visit Avenel PS, with both staff and students, where they make presentations to our students, run mini lessons and answer questions about secondary schools.
- All grade 6 students are given the opportunity to visit their Secondary School of choice for the orientation days.
- Our incoming prep students have 4 sessions at our school to experience school life. The first sessions are shorter to allow them to settle in, and it culminates in a full day at school.
- We provide a lot of mixed aged/class activities so that students get used to working with other students and staff which makes transition smoother for all students. Some of these activities include Create It subjects, multi age end of term days and Sports Days

By implementing all of these strategies we give all students the best possible chance to succeed at the next stage of their schooling.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
December	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
January 2025	Thursday 30 th	Students commence Term 1

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – No student birthdays this week but if it is your birthday then we hope you enjoy your special day. 😊



Congratulations
to
*Ivy Hender for being this week's
Principal Award winners.*



1/2 Excursion & Sleepover

Last week, our year 1/2 classes went on a fantastic adventure to Echuca. They braved the extreme heat, which turned into a very windy storm minutes after we departed.

One of the biggest highlights was our bus trip! We sang songs and played I Spy and 20 Questions. The students also loved having a good old chat.

On arrival, we split into two groups, one starting on the PS Pevensey Paddle Steamer and two beginning the day with an educational tour.

Students participated in a replica 1850s -1900s classroom experience where they could dress in old-fashioned costumes, learn old-style handwriting, play various old-fashioned school games and learn about the rich history of the Port of Echuca founded by Henry Hopwood. Mila, Amelia, Olivia and Rome were keen to get dressed and experience what school was like 170 years ago. Their enthusiasm inspired many more students to join in the fun! When asked to present their hands for inspection, the look on some students' faces as Ms Clarke marched up and down the line with her long, wooden cane was absolutely priceless!

On board the PS Pevensey Paddle Steamer, students learnt how Australia's inland river system connected a fledging colony to its growing cities and the outside world. Students also toured old-fashioned living quarters aboard the paddle steamer, viewed the engine systems, and learned how they operated.

Austin, Yutaka, Olive, and James were quite fascinated with the engine and asked very inquisitive questions. We learnt how the wheel's outer edge is fitted with numerous, regularly spaced paddle blades called floats or buckets. The bottom quarter of the wheel travels underwater. Meanwhile, the engine rotates the paddle wheel in the water to produce thrust forward or backward as required.

Back at school, students were super excited to start their sleepover! They were welcomed with the smell of dinner cooking, their beds made, and a play with the ENTIRE school to themselves! What a treat!

Thank you to all our parent helpers and Mr D for his assistance on the night! The sleepover was a huge success, and we are sure our current year 1s can't wait to do it again next year!





Georgie Olive Archie Austin Olivia Annabel Joseph
Rebecca Ragnar Yutaka Marie Amelia Daisy Zani
Daniella Jahliia Lara Bodhi Rome Lyanna Mila



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



CHICKENS - Can you help our chickens have their best xmas holiday ever? They'd **LOVE** some local families to take turns visiting them to say hello, collect the eggs, top up their feed and refresh their water. A few volunteers will mean just one or two visits over the break. A visit every couple of days will reward you with fresh eggs. Feed is provided. Can you help? Txt Mr Willis 0427 826 312.

LUNCH ORDERS IN 2025 - For the first 3 weeks of 2025, lunch orders will only be available on Friday. Please note you can call the shop on 5796 2536, pop in or drop an envelope into the school with the order and money.

We ask that you do this after 8:30 only until Shaun returns week commencing 17 February. Orders must be placed by 10am, this includes payment.

Orders will receive a coloured dot. This means the child will need to see one of the Avenel Cafe Staff to get either a drink, donut or icypole.

We thank you for your assistance in trying to make 2025 get off to a smooth start.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - Please return your sold raffle tickets as soon as possible so that we have them ready for the draw next Thursday.

We would appreciate donations for the raffle. These can be left at the office.

The raffle will be dawn at our End of Year Concert/Awards night on the 18th December. Please contact the office if you are willing to take on this fundraising effort. Thank you.



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 - \$15.00
- Hybrid Hat - \$17.00

Kelly Club News

Seymour College has its holiday program up and are taking bookings from the 10th December. See flyer of activities attached to this Newsletter.



DEC-JAN 2024/2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAM

SEYMOUR COLLEGE
29 STEWART ST, SEYMOUR, VIC 3660 (ENTER VIA GATE 2, LOCO ST)



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WEEK 1

<p>Mon 6th Jan</p>	<p>AROUND THE WORLD</p> <p>Join us on a global adventure Around The World! Each activity lets children "travel" to a different country, exploring diverse cultures through hands-on crafts, games, and delicious snacks such as world trivia quiz, baking pretzels, and world flags.</p> <p>FULL FEE \$58.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$6</p>
<p>Tues 7th Jan</p>	<p>H2 GO</p> <p>Get ready to make a splash at the ultimate water fight extravaganza! It's time to cool off and have a blast with wet and wild fun! Whether you're dodging water balloons in a water balloon tag, racing to fill buckets in the exciting water bucket relays, there's plenty of ways to get soaked!</p> <p>FULL FEE \$58.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$6</p>
<p>Wed 8th Jan</p>	<p>ZORB BALLS</p> <p>Wear your runners, ready for a rolling running adventure. Slip on your sneakers and get ready for an exciting, high-energy adventure as you roll through the course inside a Zorb Ball! Inside the Zorb Ball. Wear in closed shoes and bring a hat, water bottle and a packed lunch.</p> <p>FULL FEE \$88.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$9</p>
<p>Thur 9th Jan</p>	<p>MELBOURNE MUSEUM</p> <p>Join us for a fun filled day at Melbourne Museum. Dive into creative play through interactive performances, hands-on experiences, and workshops that bring the museum to life. From crafting your own ant antennae to exploring a giant ant expedition, this summer promises endless fun.</p> <p>FULL FEE \$98.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$10</p>
<p>Fri 10th Jan</p>	<p>THE ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN: KIDS VS STAFF</p> <p>Get ready to compete against the educators and prove that kids rule in this epic showdown of skills and determination! We've got a range of exciting challenges lined up to test your abilities, including dodgeball, the paper plane challenge and a bridge-building contest plus more!</p> <p>FULL FEE \$58.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$6</p>

WEEK 2

<p>Mon 13th Jan</p>	<p>PEDAL KARTS</p> <p>Gear up for an unforgettable incursion with Pedal Karts and a refreshing Slushie Machine – the perfect combo of excitement and cool treats! Bring enclosed shoes and a hat.</p> <p>FULL FEE \$88.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$9</p>
<p>Tues 14th Jan</p>	<p>COLOUR ME CRAZY</p> <p>Wear your craziest clothes and try out your wackiest hairstyle—it's time to get wild! We've got a day packed with outrageous fun, including a crazy fashion show, face painting to add to the fun, along with DIY party poppers, a game of crazy musical statues and so many more surprises!</p> <p>FULL FEE \$58.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$6</p>
<p>Wed 15th Jan</p>	<p>TINY CHEF - ESSENDON</p> <p>Let's go on an exciting trip to The Tiny Chef in Essendon! The kids will have a blast making their own pizzas and decorating cupcakes. This hands-on experience will spark their creativity and culinary skills while having tons of fun. It's the perfect day for little chefs to shine!</p> <p>FULL FEE \$98.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$10</p>
<p>Thur 16th Jan</p>	<p>ISLAND BEACH BASH</p> <p>Get ready to make a splash at Kelly Club's Island Beach Bash! The sun is shining, the waves are calling, and it's time for a beach day like no other. Dive into endless fun as we play beach games, build epic sandcastles, and cool off with water-filled challenges.</p> <p>FULL FEE \$58.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$6</p>
<p>Fri 17th Jan</p>	<p>COSTUME DAY</p> <p>Get ready for our Costume Day! We can't wait to see you all dressed up in your favorite costumes and ready to dive into the fun. Join us for an exciting day of creativity as we build new character costumes, create comic strip masterpieces and wrap it all up with our very own costume parade!</p> <p>FULL FEE \$58.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$6</p>



JANUARY 2025 HOLIDAY PROGRAM

SEYMOUR COLLEGE
AT 29 STEWART ST, SEYMOUR, VIC 3660 (ENTER VIA LOCO ST)



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WEEK 3

<p>Mon 20th Jan</p>	<p>SLIMETASTIC</p> <p>Let's have a slimetastic time making all kinds of slime! Get ready for a day filled with squishy, stretchy fun as we experiment with slime and play some super silly slime games. We'll make stress balls, create gooey marshmallow slime, and dive into the magic of oobleck!</p> <p>FULL FEE \$58.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$6</p>
<p>Tues 21th Jan</p>	<p>ART ATTACK</p> <p>Let's get creative and create a masterpiece, we will spend the day creating some amazing arts before ending the day with an art show, to show case all our amazing art work.</p> <p>FULL FEE \$58.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$6</p>
<p>Wed 22th Jan</p>	<p>GAME SHOW DAY</p> <p>Join us for an awesome excursion to Readings Cinema, Warrn Ponds to watch the movie Moana 2. Please remember movie snacks, a big lunch, drink bottle, shoes and a hat.</p> <p>FULL FEE \$58.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$6 \$40 extra for the day.</p>
<p>Thur 23th Jan</p>	<p>REBOUND ULTIMATE TRAMPOLINE PARK</p> <p>Join us for an awesome trip day to Trampoline park! Whether you love playing dodgeball, racing on a ninja course, or diving into a giant foam pit, there's something for everyone! Remember to wear enclosed shoes.</p> <p>FULL FEE \$98.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$10</p>
<p>Fri 24th Jan</p>	<p>SILENT DISCO</p> <p>Get ready to come dressed in your best and join us for a silent disco incursion like no other! Along with the disco fun, we'll be playing musical chairs, making delicious s'mores, crafting paper plate dream catchers and so much more.</p> <p>FULL FEE \$88.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$9</p>

WEEK 4

<p>Mon 27th Jan</p>	<p>AUSTRALIA DAY</p> <p>HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY.</p> <p>FULL FEE \$58.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$6</p>
<p>Tues 28th Jan</p>	<p>BACK TO SCHOOL</p> <p>We're sending the school holidays off in style with a fun-filled celebration packed with games, face painting, and big goodbye waves to the new friends we've made! We'll be baking pencil cookies, racing in a backpack relay race and crafting first day of school photo frames.</p> <p>FULL FEE \$58.00 AFTER MAX CCS* \$6</p>
<p>Wed 29th Jan</p>	<p>SCHOOL DAY</p> <p>FULL FEE \$ AFTER MAX CCS* \$</p>
<p>Thur 30th Jan</p>	<p>SCHOOL DAY</p> <p>FULL FEE \$ AFTER MAX CCS* \$</p>
<p>Fri 31st Jan</p>	<p>SCHOOL DAY</p> <p>FULL FEE \$ AFTER MAX CCS* \$</p>

Contact: Sarah Burton Email: seymourcollege@kellyclub.com.au Phone: 0411 934 329

Further information: www.kellyclub.com.au/hp#info

*Childcare subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childcare Subsidy for eligibility and entitlement.

ENROL NOW AT
Kelly Club Holiday Program



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.




What's on at Avenel Library

December 2024

Craft and Coffee - Embroidered Gift Tags

Wednesday 4th 2.00pm
 All equipment provided. All welcome.



Rhyme and Story Time

Wednesday 11th 10.30am
 Aimed at children under school age, but everyone is welcome. Stories, songs, rhymes and craft.

Movie Afternoon - Seducing Doctor Lewis

Wednesday 11th 1.30pm
 Please note, this film is a Canadian French film with English subtitles. A new factory is promised to the residents of the tiny fishing village St. Marie-La-Mauderne, provided they can lure a doctor to take up full-time residency on the island. Inspired, the villagers devise a scheme to make Dr. Christopher Lewis a local.

Scrabble

Wednesday 18th 2.00pm
 Join in with the classic tabletop game.



Avenel After-school Activities

Every Wednesday of the school term
 4.00pm to 5.00pm
 Please see flyer for more information.



The library will be closed from December 25th and will re-open on January 2nd.
 Enjoy the holiday period. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Libraries Change Lives

Tel: 1300 374 765
www.gvlibraries.com.au



Is happening on a Monday night at Avenel Tennis Club from 6.00pm. It doesn't matter if you have never played before, just rock up and see what it's all about and have some **FUN!!!**



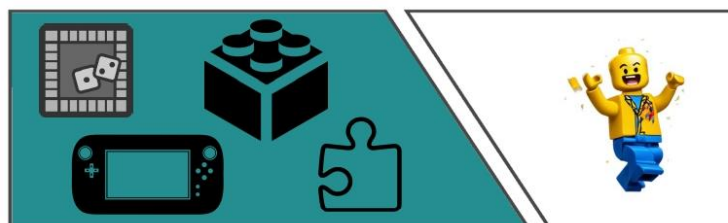
Welcome to Avenel After-school Activities

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	



AVENEL AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

26 JANUARY 2025.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
URGENTLY.**

**AS THE PREVIOUS ORGANISERS
HAVE STEPPED DOWN THE
COMMITTEE ARE CALLING FOR
VOLUNTEERS.**

**IF YOU ARE WILLING TO ASSIST,
PLEASE CONTACT FLEUR SMITH
ON 0412 210017. AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.**

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.

**Santa will be arriving at
6.00pm**

See you there.

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

CHRISTMAS CHRONICLES

ON THE BIG SCREEN

JUBILEE PARK
22ND DECEMBER COMMENCING
7.30PM

BYO BEAN BAGS/RUG/LOW CHAIR.



Scrabble Group

Avenel Library

The 3rd Wednesday of every month
at 2.00pm.



VICSWIM is back for 2025!

Bookings are now open for January 2025.

VICSWIM has provided Victorians with fun and educational aquatic holiday programs since 1976. VICSWIM focuses on learn to swim and water safety skills, both in pools and open water venues across the state.



VICSWIM seeks to ensure that all Victorians have the opportunity to access water safety, survival and swimming programs for children, that maximise safety and attitudes ensuring confidence and the ability to enjoy aquatic environments.

The program is a low cost, 5 day intensive summer program teaching swimming and water safety to children from 4 years of age. Each program consists of 5 x 30 minute lessons starting at the same time each day throughout the week. **Sessions will be held at the Euroa pool from Tuesday 13th – 17th January and the Avenel Pool from Tuesday 13th – 17th January (dates to be confirmed).**

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	
		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.

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