

AVENEL PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR MISSION:

To inspire academic excellence, social and emotional growth and community contribution in a collaborative environment.

Newsletter No: 4

5th March 2025



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Students of the Week

Recognising and celebrating achievement of our values



Be a Learner

Beau Jeffery - For the effort and persistence he shows when working mathematically. 😊

Layla Smith - For careful and considered narrative writing. 😊

Nellie Van Horen - working with greater independence in all areas and persevering with challenging tasks. 😊

Olivia Van Dyk - For her focus on all learning tasks

Deakin Eaton - For showing a positive attitude & for giving everything a go throughout our first skateboarding session! 😊

Be a Mate

Kaylee Cambrey - For your kind and positive attitude. You're a great friend to all in the grade! 😊

Ross' Report



NAPLAN assessments for all grade 3 and 5 students in Australian primary schools starts next week. Our students have been preparing this week and information has been sent home to families. We encourage students to have a go but keep the process relaxed so students are calm and don't get anxious when completing the assessments. We are fully aware that NAPLAN is a one off test that shows how students perform in a very limited time. If you have any questions or concerns about your children completing NAPLAN, please contact me at school.

Congratulations to Aidan, Rayden, Clancy, Oliver and Ruby who competed in Seymour last week at the Division Swimming Championships. I am always super proud of our students and enjoy taking the opportunity to watch our representatives compete. Thanks to our families who took their children to the event and gave them heaps of encouragement. Our students were great swimmers and our relay team knocked an incredible 15 seconds off their time from Monday to Wednesday! Go Team Avenel!



Our four school captains and I travelled to Melbourne on Monday where they joined several thousand other students at the National Young Leaders Day. It was a great day and the students learnt a lot from the experience. Look out for their report in next week's newsletter.

We currently have 5 vacancies on our School Council for the Parent category. As we didn't receive 5 nominations, the nomination period has been extended until next Tuesday 11th March. Please see me at school if you have any questions.

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

NEW DATE

Please join us for a



Working Bee

When: Thursday 13th March—3.30pm onwards.

BYO Gardening Equipment

Jobs include

- Fluffing up soft fill in playground
- Cleaning up storage sheds
- Putting a barrier around the Oak Tree
- Gardening (general clean up)

NEW DATE

*Congratulations to
Blake Sheean
for being this
week's Principal
Award winner.*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONTH	DATE	EVENT
March	Monday 10 th	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Wednesday 12 ⁿ	Preps at school
**New date	Thursday 13th	Working Bee – 3.30pm
	18 th – 20 th	Swimming Program
April	Friday 4 th	Last Day Term 1 – Drawing of Easter Raffle
	Monday 21 st	Easter Monday
	Tuesday 22 nd	1st day Term 2
	Wednesday 23 rd	Junior Cross Country
	Thursday 24 th	Senior Cross Country
	Friday 25 th	Anzac Day
May	Friday 9 th	District Cross Country
	Thursday 15 th	School Photos
	Friday 16 th	Division Cross Country
June	Monday 9 th	Kings Birthday Holiday
	Friday 13 th	Regional Cross Country
	Tuesday 24 th	Whole School Production
July	Friday 4 th	Last Day Term 2 - 2.30pm dismissal.
	Monday 21 st	1 st day Term 3
	21 st – 25 th	Naidoc Week
	30 th – 1 st	Gr 5-6 Camp
August	11 th – 15 th	Science Week
	18 th – 22 nd	Book Week
	Friday 22 nd	Science Expo
	Friday 29 th	Gr 1-2 Sleepover
September	10 th – 12 th	3 Day Bike Hike
	Wednesday 17 th	Division Athletics
	Friday 19 th	Last day Term 3 – 2.30pm dismissal
October	Monday 6 th	1 st day Term 4
	6 th – 8 th	Gr 3-4 camp
	Friday 17 th	Regional Athletics
	Friday 24 th	Regional Basketball
November	Tuesday 4 th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
	November 12 th	Prep Excursion
	19 th – 21 st	Energy Breakthrough Maryborough
December	Thursday 11 th	Grade 6 Graduation
	Tuesday 16 th	Concert
	Wednesday 17 th	Triathlon
	Friday 19 th	Last day Term 4



ART WORK FROM THE 4/5W ROOM



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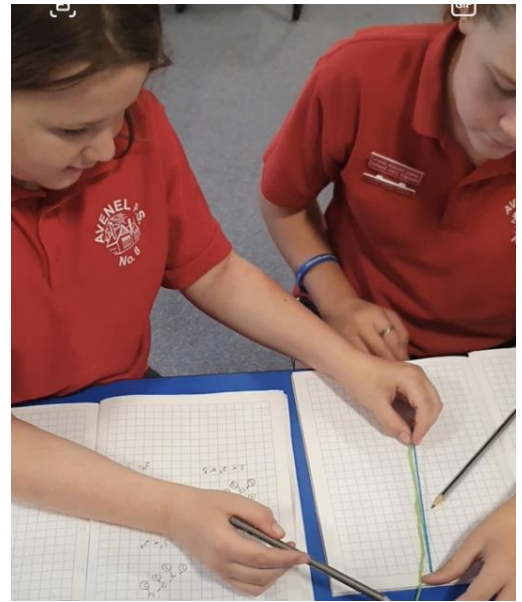
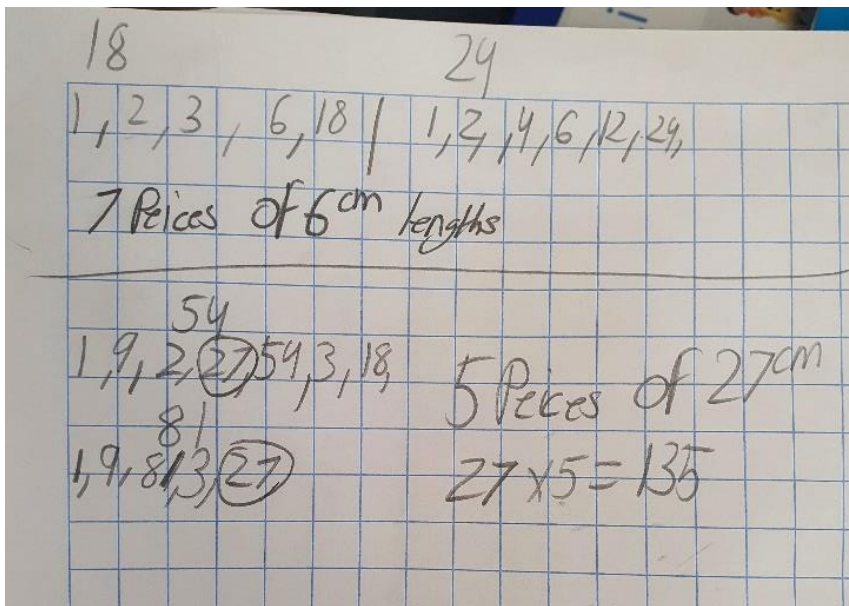
Making our Mathematicians Think!

Teaching and learning in mathematics are both fun and challenging. This year we aim to develop students' ability to understand and solve problems.

In 2025, our region will be part of a mathematics community of practice, working with other schools in our region to explore best practices in mathematics teaching and collaborate on a common theme - problem solving.

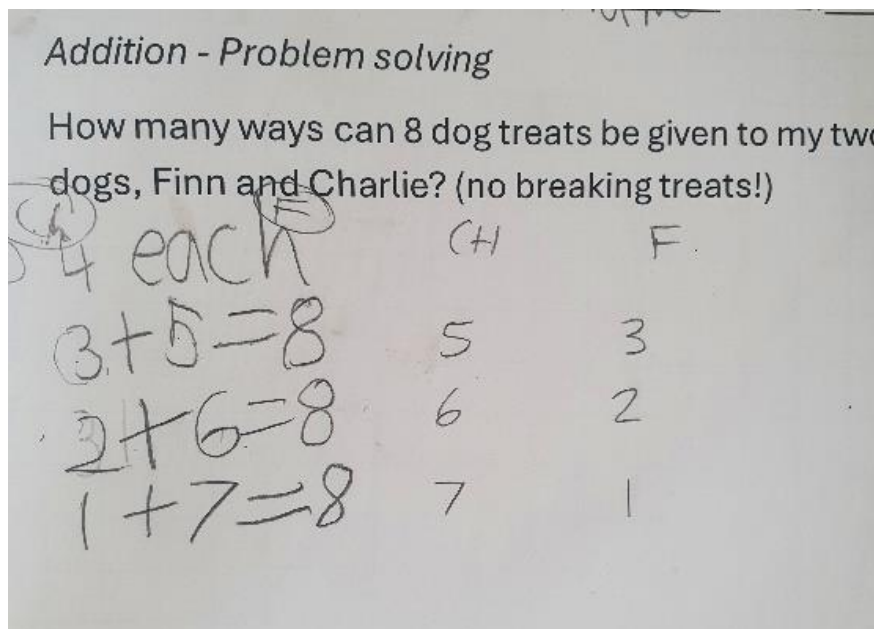
Problem-solving in mathematics requires proficiency with mathematical processes and the ability to understand and unpack problems, estimate, and reason. Solutions are often found through trial and error and engaging in discussion with peers.

One of our grade 6 groups has been exploring the use of knowledge of number properties to solve problems. They have collaborated, debated and justified to find solutions, stretching their thinking and application of skills. They have had to make models to explore concepts and work out ways to record their thinking.



Our grade 3/4 class has been exploring open-ended problems, challenging themselves to find as many solutions as possible, to a problem presented.

Students enjoy the opportunity to apply knowledge to problem-solving and work together to find solutions.



General Information

LAST CHANCE



CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUNDING (CSEF) – FOR NEW FAMILIES ONLY

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. Payment amounts this year are \$150 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. **If you applied for CSEF through our school last year,**

you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office and ask for an application form. You can find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page. Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE – Students who live 4.8 kilometres or more (closest point of property boundary in relation to the stop) from school or their bus stop, may be eligible for a conveyance allowance. Applications forms are available from the office and must be lodged with the School by Friday 21st February.

LUNCH ORDERS TERM 1 2025 - Please note that we are now back serving lunch orders Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. You can call the shop on 5796 2536, pop in or drop an envelope into the school with the order and money. 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 icipole.

We thank you for your assistance in making 2025 get off to a smooth start. If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to Shaun on 5796 2536 or email avenelcafe@gmail.com.

FOUNDATION (PREPS) – A reminder that Foundation (Prep) students **ARE** required at school on a Wednesday 12th March.

2025 TERM DATES

- 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

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION – School Council have set the Voluntary Contribution for this year at \$225 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 voluntary 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 'vol cont' and family name in the reference field.

BOOK CLUB – Issue 2 - This edition is all about Keeping the Reading Rolling, with engaging titles, some fresh picks for all ages, and some fantastic promotions to keep students excited about books.

In Book Club ...

- ***NEW* HUNGER GAMES - 'Sunrise on the Reaping'** on page 30— please note, all early orders for this title will be held due to the embargo date being March 19.
- **\$5 PROMO** code with every LOOP order, valid for use towards issue 3.
- Discover the hottest **New Bestsellers** starting on page 2.
- Meet our star of Issue 2, **Welcome to Miracle**.



Please get on board our latest fundraiser

to raise money to upgrade our vegie garden

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Fundraising with Bulbs

2025 CATALOGUE

Go online to place your order at:

www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/AVENELPS

80
YEARS
of experience
is ours.

by 11th April.

Please ask your friends, neighbours, relatives etc if they would like to brighten up their garden this Spring by purchasing some bulbs.



ROYAL BLUE & GOLD COLLECTION

A striking combination with a lasting show. In pots or gardens they are sure to turn heads.

This pack consists of:
9 x Bokassa Gold Tulips
25 x Blue De Caen Anemones

CODE: ZZCMGB

34 bulbs for \$49.50

Height: 20-50cm
Width: 10-20cm
Flowers: E-M Spr



TESSELAAR RAINBOW PACK

The perfect sampler pack for a colourful spring.

This pack consists of:
5 x Mixed Tulips
5 x Golden Daffodils
25 x Mixed Bedding Freesias
25 x Mixed Ranunculus
25 x Spring Star Flowers

CODE: QQQSRP

85 bulbs for \$64.50

Height: 10-60cm
Width: 10-20cm
Flowers: E-L Spr



Kelly Club News



Contact: Lynne Fulton
Phone: 0478 159 192
Email: avenel@kellyclub.com.au
Website: kellyclub.com.au/avenel



KELLY CLUB AVENEL UPDATE

What's been happening...

Avenel Kelly Club Newsletter

We had a magical **Harry Potter Week**, with the kids loving activities like **potion-making and broomstick straws**. This week, we've been busy preparing for our **Wizard of Oz** play, making props and having fun bringing the story to life. The game of **Find the Ruby Slipper in the Balloon** was a hit—going off with a bang!

We're reaching out to the community—if anyone has **Woolies Minecraft Cubees** they're not using, we'd love donations for our After School Care program. The children are excited to create their favorite **Minecraft blocks in 3D!**

Next week will be a **short week**, as Monday is a **public holiday**. We hope everyone enjoys the long weekend and comes back ready for more fun!

Thanks for your support, and we look forward to another exciting week at Kelly Club.

Avenel Kelly Club Team






40 What's happening next week!



THEME: Free Play Week

Term 1 Week 7 11th March 2025

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Avenel

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 - 8:30 am	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time
8:30 - 9:00 am	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
9:00 - 9:30 am	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Cheese toasties
9:30 - 10:00 am	COOKING Iced Biscuits Going through the Play 	CRAFT Stamping 	DISCOVERY CUBEES Creations 
10:00 - 10:15 am	Tidy Up / Pack up the space	Tidy Up / Pack up the space	Tidy Up / Pack up the space
10:15 - 10:45 am	OUTSIDE PLAY / Playground Sun cream	OUTSIDE PLAY / Oval Sun cream	OUTSIDE PLAY Sun cream
10:45 - 11:00 am	QUIET TIME/PLAY	QUIET TIME/PLAY	QUIET TIME/PLAY

E: Avenel@kellyclub.com.au

kellyclub.com.au/avenel

P: 0478 159 192



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.com.au

Community Information



Invitation: wawa Euroa wayilak Taungurung Cultural experience for curious kids

Avenel Active invites children and their guardians on a wawa Euroa Wayilak (young people) cultural experience, led by passionate Taungurung guides. This cultural experience provides children (aged 7-12 years) with a fun introduction to Taungurung culture.

Enjoy a Welcome Smoking Ceremony, guided walk to learn about the cultural use of plants for food, medicine and tools; bush food tastings. Light morning tea and an art class with take home souvenir, all within the beautiful bush setting of the Euroa Arboretum. Proudly hosted by Avenel Active thanks to funding from Strathbogie Shire Council. Only 15 places, so get in quick!

Date: Tuesday, 15th April 2025
Time: 10am - 12.00pm
Cost: No charge - covered by Avenel Active
Venue: Euroa Arboretum - 76 Euroa Main Rd, Euroa
Bookings essential - please register by **31 March** by emailing full names of adults and children, dietary requirements and child ages to: avenelactive@gmail.com.
 Contact Anne Douglas on **0400 594 838** for more details.

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**RSVP
31 MAR**

Come & support the 'Stationers' who are manning the Community Barbecue.

Purchase a raffle ticket in support of Avenel's Memorial Hall!

Delicious new food stalls!

Amazing French bakery.

SUNDAY 9 MARCH
9 am – 1 pm
JUBILEE PARK

McIvor Meats will be at our March Market!

Listen to The Yaks live music!!

Don't forget to bring along your knives and gardening tools to be sharpened!

1st Seymour Scout Group

Scouts are amazing!

Check them out!
 Joey Scouts are girls and boys aged 5-7
 Cub Scouts are aged 8-11
 Scouts are aged 11-15
 Venturers are aged 15-17
 Rovers are aged 18-25

They enjoy adventure, imagination, and being outdoors during their weekly meeting, and occasional sleepovers and camps.
 Less screens - and more action, more fun, more friends, and more social skills! Looks good on a resume too!
Enquiries:

Websites:
<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/locations/>
www.1stseymourscouts.org.au
 Email: gl.1stseymour@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Junior Netball and Football Season

Launch and Sign Up

Where: Avenel Recreational Reserve, Anderson St

Date: 28 Feb 2025

Time: 6PM start, Dinner served at 6:30PM with Drink or Juice provided.

Football:

Auskick

GVL-S under 10's

GVL-S under 12's

KDFL under 15's

KDFL under 18's

Netball:

Mini's

KDFL under 11's

KDFL under 13's

KDFL under 15's

KDFL under 17's

Meet the Coaches, Committee and Volunteers that want to see kids play sport in Avenel

President: Joseph Pollock – 0400 486 173
 Junior Football Coordinator: Julian Kelly – 0428 621 003
 Junior Netball Coordinator: Rian Martin – 0421 234 877

Become a Berry Street foster carer

Partner with us and support a local child or young person who is unable to live with their family.

Enquire today

berrystreet.org.au/fostercare

Ph. 5822 8100



COME AND TRY SESSIONS

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Seymour Sharks Swimming Club is a community orientated not-for-profit organisation that develops and nurtures individual swimmers across all squad levels.

We aim to instil a life-long love of swimming and to build a program of excellence in training, team unity, character development and family support where every swimmer has the opportunity to achieve their potential.

Our club is looking for new members that want to further develop their swimming skills.

- ◆ Improve swimming technique
- ◆ Increase fitness & endurance
- ◆ Prepare for school carnivals
- ◆ Be part of a club

Our club offers:

- ◆ Flexible training program - swimmers can choose the number of nights they attend.
- ◆ Experienced coaching staff with the skills and attributes to take your swimming to the next level



As a guide the minimum skills required for our squad program are as follows:

* Aged 8 or above.

* Ability to confidently complete 50m freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke with no stopping and correct breathing.

Contact us to organise your free trial session



Seymour Sharks Swim Club



seymour.sharkssc@gmail.com

AVENEL GOLF CLUB NEWS

Hi everyone, if you haven't been playing golf it's time to dust off the clubs, as **Opening Day** is fast approaching - **Saturday April 5th**. Needless to say, we need to have a few working bees to get the course ready.

A working bee has been set for **Saturday 16th March** from 10.00 am onwards. We'll have a sausage sizzle lunch and refreshments and then you can relax watch the Grand Prix on the big screen. If you are unable to help on the appointed days - feel free to go out to the course at any time and do what you can to help.

There's always lots of work to be done around the course including cleaning up to do under the trees and around the tee signs and markers - anything you can to do assist will be much appreciated. The front garden needs a good weed and the club house a clean-up. The sands need to be refreshed and oiled and the surrounds chipped and tidied.



AVENEL GOLF CLUB

Saturday 29 March
5-7 pm
Jubilee Park, Avenel

Avenel Community Picnic

Come together with other Avenel residents to enjoy a relaxed BYO picnic event with games & sport for the kids. Welcome newcomers to our great town.

- Picnic in the Park
Free BBQ & soft drinks
- Live music with The Skerricks
- Kids Games and try a New Sport



Proudly organised by
Avenel Active
www.avenelactive.au

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SHIRE COUNCIL

Event major sponsor



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Seymour's Annual



SHOW & SHINE

Labour Day, 10 March 2025

Kings Park, Seymour

8am Start (Stall Holders 6am)

Display Cars : \$10/car incl. all occupants
Spectators : Gold Coin Entry

*** ALL MAKES OF CARS**
*** SWAP MEET * MARKET**
*** KIDS' ENTERTAINMENT**

For SHOW CAR ENQUIRIES contact Judi on
0407 562 003 or secretary@seymouranddistrictcarclub.com.au

For ALL OTHER ENQUIRIES contact
Regina on 0417 329 981 or rbaallen@gmail.com



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WOODFORDIA INC. PRESENTS

Coming to a Small Town Near You

Festival of Small Halls

Autumn Tour 2025

Lucy Farrell (UK)

Hat Fitz and Cara (AUS)

Avenel Memorial Hall
 19 March 2025 | Doors open at 6.30pm
 Supper will be available for a donation.
 A bar will be available from Boxgrove Wines.

5th March - 30th March 2025
 Port Fairy Folk Festival to Regional Victoria
 WWW.FESTIVALOFSMALLHALLS.COM

WOODFORDIA INC. | Strathbogie SHIRE COUNCIL | VICTORIA State Government | Port Fairy Folk Festival 7-10 MARCH 2025

BECOME A CFA JUNIOR VOLUNTEER TODAY

Aged 11 to 15? Learn teamwork, leadership, first aid, emergency response skills, community service, and more

Where: Avenel CFA, 16 Queen St Avenel

When: 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 6.30pm-8pm

For more information call: Catherine 0429403777

What's on at Avenel Library

March 2025



Craft and Coffee: Felt Bird Bookmarks
 Wednesday 5th 2.00pm
 All equipment and materials are provided.

Rhyme & Story Time
 Wednesday 12th 10.30am
 Aimed at children under school age, but everyone is welcome.



Marvelous Movie Matinees: Hampstead (PG)
 Wednesday 12th 1.30pm
 Come along to watch the movie, then have a cuppa and a chat afterward.

Scrabble
 Wednesday 19th 2.00pm
 Put your spelling hats on and join in with the classic tabletop game.

Avenel Bookworms
 Wednesday 19th 10.30am
 Join the group to discuss a book you are currently reading, just finished, a favourite, or one you're looking forward to reading.

Digital Drop-in
 Wednesday 26th 10.30am
 Drop in and see a library staff member for help with your digital devices.



History Research Session: PROV
 Wednesday 26th 1.30pm
 An introduction to using PROV for your history research projects.

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



Libraries Change Lives

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

Avenel After-school Activities At Avenel Library Term 1 - 2025

January	29	Craft
February	5	Lego
	12	Nintendo Switch Gaming
	19	Tabletop Games and Puzzles
	26	STEM
March	5	Lego
	12	Nintendo Switch Gaming
	19	Tabletop Games and Puzzles
	26	Craft
April	2	Lego



1300 374 765
gvlibraries.com.au

School Lunch Orders Term 1 2025

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
Pie (Avenel Newsagency)	4.90	Iced Donut (<i>Limited Numbers</i>)	2.60
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
Chocolate milk	3.00		
Strawberry milk	3.00		
TOTAL			\$
Amount enclosed			\$

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