## Term 2 Update



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## Diary Dates

Queen's Birthday: Monday 11th June

Student Free Day: Tuesday 12th June

Pedal Prix: Friday 17th June

Cheltenham Exchange: 24th June-28th June

End of Term 2: Friday 6th July EARLY DISMISSAL-2pm First Day of Term 3: Monday 23rd July

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## From the Principal...

#### Student Free Day

College

Tuesday June 12 will be a Student Free day, in which our staff will plan for improved learning and teaching across the school. I recognise the inconvenience that such days can create for families, and thank you for the cooperation that ensures that our educators have these opportunities to learn. On Tuesday we will be continuing work begun in our after school staff meetings to prepare reports for semester 1, consistent with Australian Government requirements and consistent across the school.

#### **Reconciliation Week**

We celebrated Reconciliation week in a number of ways last week, and you will see more details later in this newsletter. Meeting as a whole school, preschool to year 12, in our assembly on Wednesday May 30 was an opportunity to celebrate our stories together and continue to build a culture of respect. I sincerely thank the students who led us, and the staff members who supported them in such a positive, optimistic and well-attended event.

#### UNIFORM

Avenues College has a clearly stated Uniform Policy. This policy was approved by the Governing Council, on behalf of all parents/carers and students. It requires that all students in Years R-12 wear approved college uniform. The College recognises the diversity of its community and respects the cultural and religious beliefs of its members. Therefore, there will be times when special allowances are required and parents/carers are asked to contact the College when this is the case. The policy recognises the important role of smart and appropriate college clothing for a strong sense of wellbeing and safety. A number of our senior girls are currently working with Devon Clothing to source another choice in long pants - we'll keep you posted!

#### Student Responsibilities:

- All students are expected to be in full uniform.
- The prescribed Avenues College uniform is the only acceptable school uniform.
- All items are to be purchased through Devon Clothing.
- Students who come to school out of uniform are expected to bring a note from parents/carers.
- Failure to do so will mean they are required to undertake a Lunchtime Detention. Parents are asked to:

- Support the College Uniform Policy.
- Check that their child is in uniform when they leave for school each day.
- Contact the College if their child refuses to dress in uniform and work together with us to ensure the child wears our uniform.
- Supply their child with a diary note for a 'one day's' uniform exemption.
- Ensure all items are labelled with their child's name.
- Refer to the Uniform Policy before purchasing any items.

#### AVENUES COLLEGE PROCESS FOR YEARS 8-12 STUDENTS NOT WEARING **CORRECT UNIFORM**

1. Student without a note from parent/carer: Consequence: Detention issued Action: Phone call to parent/carer and Letter 1 sent home

2. Student out of uniform again: Consequence: Detention issued Action: Phone call to parent/carer and Letter 2 sent home

3. Student out of uniform again: Consequence: Detention issued Action: Phone call to parent/carer and Letter 3 sent home Suspension for not following reasonable instructions

Robyn McLean, Principal

Avenues College Birth to Year 12



## Taking Action Against Bullying

At Avenues College we are dedicated to supporting our students and families and will continue to ensure that we provide safe and supportive learning environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence.

**Bullying Behaviour and Teenagers** is a valuable resource from **ReachOut.com** that provides helpful tips for parents to use to support their child if they are being bullied or if they are concerned their child is displaying bullying behaviours.

#### If your child is being bullied:

- Tell them that bullying is never okay and reassure them that it's not their fault.
- Find out what, when and where the bullying occurred and who was involved.
- Discuss ways to stop giving power to the person doing the bullying. For example, by walking away, or ignoring them and their behaviour.
- Reassure them that you will help to stop the bullying from continuing. It can be helpful to discuss any personal experiences you've had with bullying behaviour and how you dealt with it.
- Familiarise yourself with the college's current anti-bullying policy and procedures.
- Contact Avenues College to ensure that teachers are aware of the problem and follow our clear process for reporting bullying addressing it.

#### If you think your child is showing bullying behaviours:

- Ask them about it. Were they aware of what they're doing and that it's unacceptable? Try and get them to do the talking. Listen carefully and try not to jump to conclusions or judgements.
- Show your concern for the person who is being bullied and support your child to 'take a walk in their shoes.' Ask them to imagine how it would feel if one of their friends acted like that towards them and talk through that without shaming them.
- Ask them what they would like to do next. If they can't come up with anything, ask whether they think starting with an apology might be helpful. Figure out how that apology will happen, i.e. in person, via email or through a meeting with a teacher.
- Report the problem to the college, and work with teachers to develop a plan to prevent it from happening again.

#### Don't forget:

- Be calm so you have the headspace to deal with the conversation.
- 'Going off' can make everyone more upset.
- Don't ever suggest retaliation as a response to bullying (because it doesn't work).
- Don't chat when tensions are running high.
- Set expectations at home by role-modelling respectful behaviour.
- Seek support through the college.
   Learn more at: parents.au.reachout.com/bullying

For further information please contact:

Mari Terreri, Dean of Wellbeing, Students and Engagement (B-12) Narelle Christensen, Student Wellbeing Leader, Primary Years (R-7) Vanessa Guerin, Student Wellbeing Leader, Secondary Years (8-12)



## Cheltenham Exchange

#### The 2018 Exchange is just around the corner!

#### Students are training hard and are ready to compete!

The 54th annual Exchange will take place in Melbourne this year at Cheltenham Secondary College on June 24th– 28th.

The team will compete in various sports and events such as;

Captains Games, Running Relay, Bocce, Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, Football, Netball, Table Tennis, Badminton, Indoor Cricket, Hockey, Touch, Chess, Jigsaw, It's Academic, Dramatic Games, Debate, Music.

#### The Exchange Trophies & Point System

#### The Captain's Games Plate:

Will be based on the result of 3 activities; Bocce, Ball Games, Running Relay. The college which wins **2 of the 3 events** will secure the plate.

#### The Exchange Cup:

Is based on the number of students attending each college. The winner is defined by the official census enrolment of the college multiplied by the number of events, divided by the total number of students at both colleges. This year Avenues College will approximately need **8 points** to win this trophy.

#### The Exchange Shield:

Is based on the team which wins the most points in a straight "first past the post" tally. As there are 27 points to be scored during this year's competition. The first college to score **14 points** will be the winner.



#### GOOD LUCK to our whole team and GO Avenues!

## B-12 Reconciliation Week Celebrations

On Wednesday 30th May Avenues College celebrated Reconciliation Week with a Bush Tucker morning tea in the Parndendi Café, a B-12 assembly followed by a B-12 BBQ.

#### Highlights of the day included :

- Amazing culinary delights created by the Year 11 Food & Hospitality students and our Aboriginal Education Worker
- Music and dramatic performances by children from our pre-school, Beatty Avenue Campus and Year 12 student Elisha Umuhuri
- A presentation by Years 8-10 Student Voice about our community's cultural diversity, and a film about the opportunities Anangu students have when they come to Wiltja through programs and activities at school and boarding
- A message from Year 12 student Jaydan for future generations about the importance of getting an education
- Lunchtime music performances by Years 8-12 students

A big thankyou to all who made the day a huge success.

#### Mari Terreri



#### Pedal Prix

#### Season 2018 Begins

The Pedal Prix team looks forward to an exciting year ahead as we compete at 3 rounds of the Australian HPV Super Series. This year we have entered a Middle School team to be part of the series. This means that students from years 7 to 10 will be able to race at these events. The Pedal Prix team will be a selected group of 14 riders and 2 pit crew members. The team is open to both genders.

#### Write 4 Fun National Competition

A huge congratulations to the following students: Amelie Van Balen Emily Brandon Taleah Oster Steph Westerholm



These four students have been chosen for the final round. Their writing was judged against over 10,000 entries nationally and were found to be in the top 20%. We wish them luck in the next round!

#### Student Services

#### Absences

If your child is late or needs to leave early, please write them a note in their diary with the date and your signature. Alternatively you may phone the college and let us know. We would prefer this to text messages.

#### **Personal Details**

If you have recently changed address or phone numbers or those of an emergency contact please let us know as soon as possible so we can update your details.

#### **Medical conditions**

If your child has a medical condition/allergy, could you please supply us with a health care plan from your GP

#### One Schools Rubbish Another Schools Treasure

Early in term 2, representatives from Rotary arrived with a van to take away the 'old' Windsor and Gilles Plains uniforms. It took the two guys quite a few trips to move the 110 bags of uniform away. The bags were only about 1/2 full so that they didn't rip when they were moved. Packing the 4 rolls of garbage bags was completed by staff and Governing Council member, John McCallum.

The uniforms had been returned from students, new uniforms that were never issued and covered the history of the blue and yellow era of uniforms at Windsor Gardens and the green and yellow from Gilles Plains. It was a history lesson as we delved into the back of cupboards to release them for packing.

The best part is that Rotary will arrange for them to be taken to needy schools overseas, so they will be put to good use by other students on their own learning journey.

We packed the clothes into garbage bags because they pack more efficiently into a container for shipping.

Thank you to staff, John and Rotary for arranging the repurpose of our old uniforms - one small step for sustainability.



## The "Mud Patch"

Today we started digging in what will be our Mud Patch. We have some brand new shovels to use! We dug and dug and dug and......found all sorts of mini-beasts and roots!

"I think we will find some treasure" said Isaac

"Look at this huge root" said William

"This soil is different" said Noah

"Look I found a snake (millipede)" said Avinaaz

"Keep digging. We have to dig until we find out what it is" said Sana

"Look a beetle" said Dayne

"I think it is a Velociraptor bone" said Aidan

"We are digging" said Belinda

"I found a worm" said Jenneken

We found something hard and it was an old tree root.....soon our imaginations had turned it into a dinosaur bone and we needed brushes like archaeologists to get a good look at it!









## Music Night

I was glad to receive this email from a happy parent. Robyn Mclean–  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Principal}}$ 

I just got home from the music concert and I needed to let you know how fantastic the performances were tonight.

I was so proud to be a parent of an Avenues student. Particularly one that played tonight.

For a small school, The Avenues has an incredible amount of musical talent and boy do they kick you know what.

Thank you for putting tonight on. It really was an amazing night. I look forward to the next, and the next, and the next... Kind Regards,

Kirsty





## SAASTA

Congratulations to our very own Year 12 student

#### Ambah Kowcun

represented South who Australia the U/18 in National Championships held in Sydney during the holidays. Ambah is an amazing talent on the court more importantly, but а grounded and inspirational young woman off the court. We love watching her amazing journey.

## SAASTA

Avenues College would also like to congratulate one of our Year 11 students, Colleen Karpany, who this year has been selected as one of four of our Aboriginal senior girls to be accepted into the First Aboriginal Women's AFL Academy based at Port Adelaide Football Club and run in partnership with the SAASTA program. We are also very proud that through Colleen's dedication, enthusiasm and strong support with fellow team mates she was selected as one of the Teams Leadership Group.

Introducing the 2018 Women's Aboriginal AFL Academy Leadership Group- Charlotte Birch, Doreena Hansen, Lauren Pickering, Tanay Giles, Shahleena Martin, Colleen Karpany and Tesharna Maher <u>#WAAA #pafc #saasta #futureleaders</u>



#### SAASTA

Avenues College B-12 school would like to congratulate the following students who are doing amazing things in representing our school positively and working hard towards achieving their SACE.

These students are part of our awesome Aboriginal Education Team and have been accepted into the following programs where they will achieve particular Certificates ranging from Cert II in Business to Cert III in Fitness.

Well done everyone-we are so proud of you all !!

McLeod Centre Of Excellence – Cert III Business (Year 11/12)

Ambah Kowcun, Keauna Graham, Colleen Karpany, Emma Steeds ,Olivia Herbener–Smith, Keleia West, Aaliyah Geurds-Gurney.

McLeod Centre Of Excellence – Cert II Business Youth Leadership (Year 10)

Kitanah-Lee Wanganeen, Shanelle Miller-Ryder, Nigel Lawrie, Vondoussa Warrior-Long, Roger Eyles, Kyeisha Love, Nikki Narkle.



Avenues College SAASTA Academy – Cert III Sport and Recreation

Jaydan Agius-LeBois, Callum Narkle, Ambah Kowcun, Keauna Graham, Darnell Miller, Joshua Oostings, Amber Phillips, Keleia West, Arthur James, Ransford Flentjar

Aboriginal Mens Elite AFL Academy (PAFC/SAASTA) - Cert III Fitness

Callum Narkle

Aboriginal Womens Elite AFL Academy (PAFC/SAASTA) - Cert III Fitness

Colleen Karpany, Olivia Herbener-Smith, Lashaye Vincent, Chelsea Phillips

SAASTA Aboriginal Elite Basketball Academy - Cert III Fitness

Jaydan Agius-LeBois, Ambah Kowcun



#### Plastic In Our Ocean

During NAPLAN week the years 2's, 4's and 6's did a mini project on the effects of plastic in our ocean. This comprised of research and art activities. We found out that the plastic is killing sea animals and can also poison humans who eat contaminated sea food.

Over 1 million seabirds and 100,000 sea mammals are killed every year. About 8 million metric tonnes of plastic waste enters the ocean. So you can see the *plastic has become the oceans enemy*.







You can help by: Avoid using items packed in plastic Use cloth shopping bags Bring a reusable mug when you order coffee **SAY NO TO STRAWS** Avoid disposable tableware or use the compostable kind. Bring your own container for takeout and left overs Educate others



#### Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

All schools are required to collect information about the numbers of students that they provide adjustments to under the Disability Discrimination Act (1992) and Disability Standards of Education (2005). From 2018, this data will be used as the basis for national funding.

The NCCD involves the collection of;

- The number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students
- The level of adjustment provided to students
- Student's type of disability if known

Under the model the definition of disability is broad and includes learning difficulties, health and mental health conditions.

If your child is identified for inclusion in the collection, the required information will be included in this year's data collection.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact Cathy Tune on 8261 2733. Further information can be found at:

http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

#### Psychology and Bio Medical Excursion

P.A.R.T.Y. Program at the new Royal Adelaide Hospital

On Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>, students from the Psychology and Biomedical class headed into the city to attend a program at the new Royal Adelaide Hospital. The P.A.R.T.Y (Preventing Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth) Program aims to inform students about the potential consequences of risk-taking behaviour, and allows them a glimpse of behind the scenes of a busy hospital.

Vanessa Guerin – Psychology Teacher











Senior Boys Rugby League Carnival - Winners





Senior Girls KO football – Round 1 Winners



## Senior Boys Basketball Carnival





### Senior Girls Netball Carnival – Winners

Junior Girls Netball Carnival



#### <u>E-Sports League</u>

Avenues College has joined the Australia-wide High School eSports League, with two teams made up of students from Years 10, 11 and 12, and interest also being shown by Year 9s. The League aims to cultivate fair play and the importance of teamwork and strategy. It is also very competitive, and while our two teams are up against many others from schools that have been in training for considerably longer, our students have shown a keen fighting spirit. Our AC Team A have played their first game last Thursday, when the tournament opened. The games will continue with weekly matches until the season ends in August.

We wish our Avenues College teams the best for their first season.

Mr Vukovich

## Gemini Swim School

#### We have vacancies!

Babies from 6 Months - Learn to Swim Program - Squad

Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre Hydrotherapy Pool 33 Degrees 07:15am to 09:50am Saturday Mornings

One Child \$13/Lesson Discounts for more than one child

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# **FOR KIDS**<sup>M</sup>

Breakfast is available in the Parndendi Café from 8am on... MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS!

Delicious breakfast options include cheese toasties, yogurt, fruit, toast and milo.





College families are reminded of the Before and After school care program which is now available at our Beatty Avenue site.

The operating hours are Mon—Fri 7am—8.30am and 3pm—6pm.

Breakfast is provided in the mornings.

We offer a warm, safe and friendly environment for children to relax and enjoy a variety of activities.

All enquiries can be directed to 0412 567 671 or email

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