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WOW

Best start of term, ever ! Following an incredible term 1 when preschool students settled into their learning very quickly, term 2 is proving to be more amazing. The Botanic Gardens excursion was brilliant, the next day we made pumpkin soup with the pumpkin they gave us and some children enjoyed it.



Walking to Bunnings to work with tools was SO GOOD and the children chose items to buy with money saved from recycle drink containers. We now have a Terracotta Rabbit to hide in the bushes with the Dragon Who Protects Us and some seeds to plant to attract Butterflies.

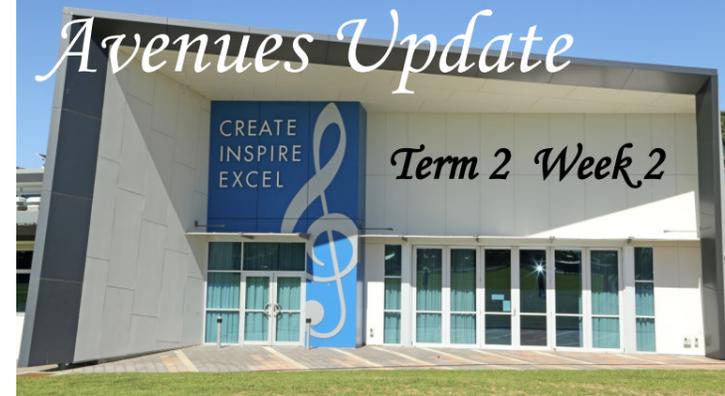


THANKYOU

We are delighted to welcome Nishti, Shinyoung and Shaylah who are all volunteering in the preschool this term. Volunteers make a significant contribution to children's learning and know they will enjoy their time with us also.

POLICY REVIEW

Less exciting is the current review of our Fees and Healthy Food Policies. Please have a read and give us any feedback – we value your thoughts. You may not be aware for example that we ask families not to send birthday cake or lollies for children's birthday celebrations. Follow up Allyson's email to read the policy in full.



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome

Term 2 has started with as much or even more energy than Term 1! We have some exciting developments and events to look forward to but I would like to begin with a very warm welcome to our two new families. Ishaal has joined our Year 1 class with her sister, Hamdaa attending our Preschool and Naifeisa and Yimuran have joined our Year 4/5 and Year 1 classes respectively. I am sure you will join me in welcoming the children and their families to our school community and wish them every enjoyment and they settle in and become a part of Avenues College.

Instrumental Lessons

Towards the end of Term 1 we began planning for the possibility of Instrumental lessons for our students in Years 5, 6 and 7. It was amazing to see this opportunity being grasped with both hands by many students who have been supported by their families in making a commitment to this program. We now have a number of students who will be learning the violin, the piano and the drums and we welcome Beth, Grant and Rob as our Instrumental teachers. I have included the Instrumental information with this newsletter as this may be something your child would like to try into the future. If your child/ren are not yet in Year 5 but you are interested in this possibility please come to see me as we may be able to make individual arrangements. This is another great development in our Music program and I would like to thank Josh for his ongoing enthusiasm and effort in developing the children's skills and knowledge.

NAPLAN

Next week our year 3, 5 and 7 students will complete NAPLAN testing. This is undertaken across Australia each year with a focus on Writing, Language Conventions, Reading and Numeracy. Tests will be conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings in students' usual classrooms with their regular teachers. There will also be a catch up opportunity on Friday for students who have been absent during the week.

Curriculum Overviews

Last week you would have received a Curriculum Overview from your child's teacher. These are a snapshot of the major learning that will be undertaken this term. In addition we will have a focus on Reconciliation Week which will be celebrated in Week 5. This year we have introduced a dedicated term for Integrated Studies where students learn through Literacy, Media and Drama as they explore Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives, past and present. Year 4/5 students were involved in this in Term 1 and are currently putting the 'final touches' to their scripted Dreaming stories. Currently our 6/7 students are focusing on the NAIDOC Week theme 'Because of her we can' exploring influential females within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. We look forward to sharing students' learning products over the term.

Dental Clinic – Grow up Smiling

Last year we were able to secure the services of 'Grow up Smiling' - a mobile dental clinic - for our children. If you used this service last year you should have received a letter from them regarding the service this year. If you are new to our school community or perhaps didn't use this service last year, there will once again be an opportunity in Week 5 of this term. Specific information will come out in Weeks 3 or 4 when we receive it from Grow up Smiling. I would urge everybody to utilise this free service for the children. Please keep an eye out for the information and don't hesitate to ask Lisa or me any questions you may have.

Kind regards
Chan

Chan Welfare
Head of Primary Years

Diary Dates

- **15/16/17th April** **NAPLAN**
- **26th May** **National Sorry Day**
- **27th May - 3rd June** **Reconciliation Week**
- **28th May - 1st June** **School Dentist**
- **11th June** **Public Holiday Queens Birthday**
- **12th June** **Pupil Free Day**
- **6th July** **Last day of Term 2**

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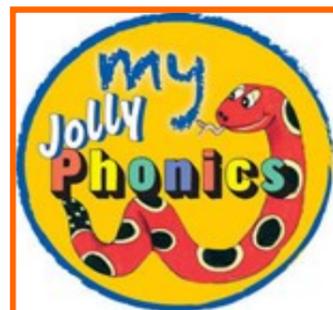
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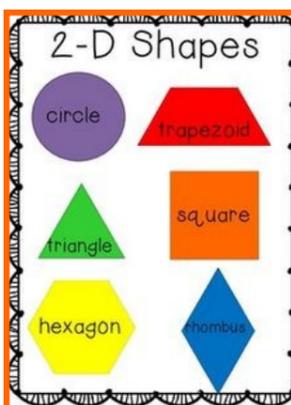
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YEAR 1 CLASS

We are back in Term 2 eager to learn new things in Year 1. In literacy, children are building their vocabulary with Jolly Phonics grammar 1. We are following weekly spelling lists and parents are expressing their approval with taking part in children's homework. Children practise their spelling words with different activities which is a great start towards improving vocabulary. We are focusing on different reading comprehension strategies on a daily basis. Children have set their goal to write more and more every day and they are working hard to become independent writers.



In Numeracy we have begun a unit on Shapes. This term our focus is 2D shapes and children are articulating their prior knowledge on 2D shapes. We are finding 2D objects around us. We discussed different shapes and the number of sides of shapes. Children loved explaining every shape and they came up with unique shapes like Crescent, Loveheart, diamond and star. We did some craft, making some 2D shape animals with paper and glued it on beautiful fluorescent paper. The children loved doing this activity.



Avenues College Children's Centre would like to invite you to take part in our **Family First Aid information session.**

Having **First Aid** knowledge is invaluable for both you, your family and the community. Our **Family First Aid Information Session** will give you the confidence to respond to an emergency situation.

Please contact Erica to secure your space in our **Free Family First Aid Information Session**



Family First Aid

Learn lifesaving responses to keep your child safe

When: 22 May 2018 5:30—7:30pm

Where: Avenues College Children's Centre

Booking essential
Crèche is available but spaces are limited
Call or email Erica on 8261 3339
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Free Two Day Workshop for Parents and Carers

Modbury
15 & 16 May 2018

Positive Partnerships is coming to a location near you!

Join us for 2 days of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person's learning.

What will you gain by attending this workshop?

- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school
- Information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with other parents/carers
- An understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child

Workshop details

Venue: Sfera's Park Suites and Convention Centre
191 Reservoir Road
Modbury SA 5091

When: Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 May 2018
9.30 am – 2.30 pm (Registration from 8.45 am)

Catering: Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration.

Register Online: positivepartnerships.com.au Registrations open 22 March 2018 and close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited!

Questions? If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships Infoline : 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

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FRIDAY 18TH MAY
Active Kids are Smarter Kids

Australian children are becoming less active. One substantial contributor is the decline in walking and/or taking public transport to school. Children who are regularly physically active are healthier, perform better academically and less likely to be obese or overweight, which can lead to the long-term and costly risks of heart disease and diabetes etc.. Walking regularly is the best exercise because you can build it into your daily routine.

If you walk to school on Friday 18th May please see the yard duty teacher for a sticker to wear on your uniform.

Why it's good to walk to School?

It's fun – you can meet friends and see things you would miss in a car

It's good for the environment

It's a healthier alternative than driving