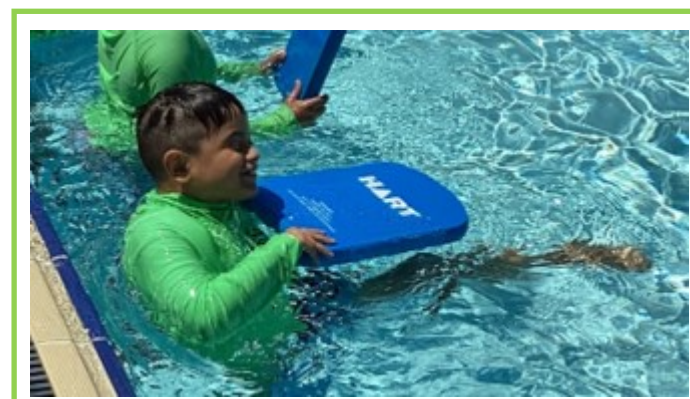
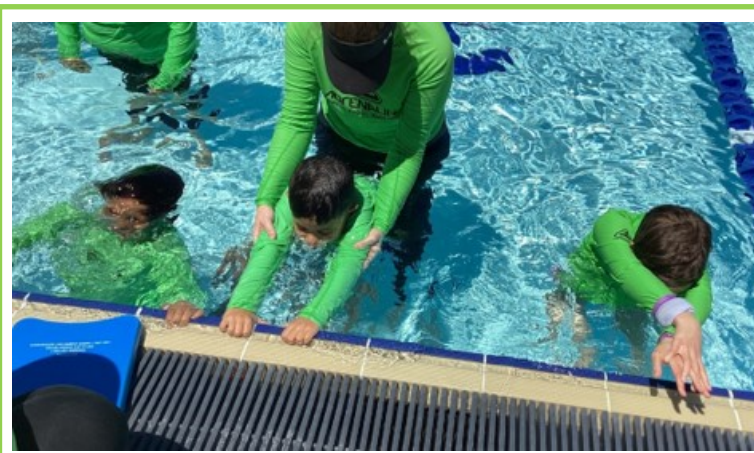


### Swimming Lessons

Thank you to Northam Aquatic Centre for their support during our swimming lessons over the last two weeks.

To our wonderful bus drivers Ms Maz, Ms Covek and Ms Sonia thank you.

Please enjoy the photos.



For more photos taken during our swimming lessons  
please see insert

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### A Message From the Principal



Dear parents, carers and community members,

Welcome to our current newsletter for Term 1, 2024. It has been a busy 2 weeks with swimming at the Primary Campus.

#### Swimming Lessons

Our Interm Swimming concludes on Friday and everyone at the Primary Campus is feeling the aftermath of 2 very hectic weeks for teachers, EAs and students. A big 'Thank You' to all the staff at Northam Aquatic Centre for supporting our students to participate in swimming. Swimming lessons provide our students with opportunities to practice physical, psychological, and social skills and acquire new skills in the processes. Thanks are also extended to Ms Maz and Ms Covek, and Ms Sonia for driving our students safely to swimming and then back to school. We have included some photos of the students at the swimming pool in this newsletter.

#### Individual Education Plans

Thank you to all the parents who have met with teachers to look at the Individual Education Plans (IEP) that have been meticulously created by the classroom teachers. This leads into teachers teaching the skills and concepts and then applying their task analysis testing programs to ensure the students achieve the desired outcomes. Finally, teachers write reports based on the results of the assessments. It was very encouraging to see all parents attend the IEP meeting to catch up and discuss their child's goals for Semester 1. Teachers are busy teaching to these goals and developing assessments to measure your child's progress.

#### School Buses

We have many students who access the School Bus Service which is operated by the Public Transport Authority. Parents/carers are reminded to **please inform your bus driver if their child is absent, has an appointment or are not catching the bus on any particular day.** Please also inform the school of any changes to avoid confusion.

#### Attendance

Term 1 is always a good time to be reminded of the importance of school attendance for children's progress in learning, wellbeing, and overall engagement. Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps them to build and maintain friendships with other children. To give students the best chance within their education and beyond, we work in partnership with families to encourage and support regular attendance at school. This includes being in attendance at school on time. Please ensure your child is at school and ready for learning by the allocated bell/siren time.

It is very important to notify the school if your child will be absent and to provide a reason for this absence.

- In the case of absence due to sickness over multiple days, parents are encouraged to provide the school with a doctor's certificate.
- Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary or in the case of a planned absence for more than 5 days, please contact the school.

If you are having difficulty with getting your child to school or arriving on time, let us know and we will work together to support your child's attendance at school.

Kind regards

Michelle O'Brien

Principal



School Diary

Friday 8 March	Last day Swimming Lessons –Primary
Thursday 21 March	School Council—2pm Primary Campus
Wednesday 27 March	Easter Stall—Primary Campus
Wednesday 27 March	Last Day Students Term 1
Thursday 28 March	SDD—No Students
Monday 15 April	Term 2 Starts—students back
Thursday 25 April	ANZAC DAY—No Students

Student Birthdays

March Birthdays  
Shirlee, Jaxon

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Primary Campus 9621 5250

Secondary Campus 9621 6316

Please note that if the secondary office is unattended, the phone will automatically divert to the Primary Campus.

Take care in the sun



STAY IN THE SHADE  
BETWEEN 11AM & 3PM



COVER UP



WEAR SUNGLASSES  
WHEN 100% UV  
PROTECTION



WEAR A  
BROAD BRIM HAT



USE SUN PROTECTION  
WITH AT LEAST SPF 15  
AND UVA & STAYS



Secondary Assistance Scheme and Abstudy Years 7 to 12

The Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS) is to assist low-income families with secondary schooling costs for students in Years 7 to 12.

The Secondary Assistance Scheme is intended to provide assistance to secondary students in meeting the costs of books and uniforms and includes eligible home-educated students. To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold a Centrelink Family Health Care Card, a Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or a Veterans’ Affairs Pensioner Concession card that represents a statement of income for the family.

The allowance consists of two components:

- \$115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian or school.
- \$235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the school.




Application is made by the parent or guardian for student/s registered for study in the secondary years. Application forms are available from Avonvale Education Support Centre offices. Applications must be received by the Schools on or before 27th March 2024.


Primary Room 1

Dear Room 1 Families,

Here we are in Term 1, and it is well and truly underway with many great things occurring. Our Primary Campus began swimming lessons last Monday. It is a busy and exciting time for the students, especially those who are commencing swimming lessons for the very first time. During these sessions, students also practice many life skills, such as sun safety and wearing sunscreen, they work towards learning to change their clothes and put on their swimming bathers and school swim rashie. Students are also learning about road safety when in a vehicle by sitting in the school bus with their seatbelts on. Everywhere we go, we continue to learn and practise our school values of: Good Listening, Good Work, and Good Attitude.



IEP meetings are also underway, thank you to those families who have had their meetings so far and look forward to those still to come. It is a great opportunity for us to discuss your child’s learning goals and areas of focus for them to work towards at school. As students work on their individual learning goals, they also participate in whole class activities. As a class, we are continuing to learn our letter sounds and correct letter and number formations. Our handwriting lessons begin with finger and hand warm-ups, and we are practicing writing on and in between the blue lines. In Mathematics, students have shown great enthusiasm for our new hands-on maths program which encourages them to build their understanding around all aspects of number and in particular the maths games that come with the program.



We would also like to welcome our new students in Room 1. They have settled in nicely with their own little area to work in as well as making great use of our sensory room. As the weather cools down, we have big plans to do more outside dramatic play sessions and more play-based activities. Arts and crafts are a favourite amongst the students, linking well known story books and nursery rhymes with fun, creative artworks. During the hot/extreme weather we had, our class was set up with construction areas on the mat including Duplo Lego, magnets, farm animals and cars and trains.

Thank you to families for keeping us up to date with information about your child in ways that may affect them whilst they are at school. We look forward to a great term ahead.

Please enjoy some photos from Room 1.

Kind Regards,  
Miss Covek and Mrs Hocking