

AVONVALE EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

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A Message From the Principal



Dear parents, carers and community members

As we prepare for a busy and exciting Term, I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to making our 1st semester of 2024 such a success. Term 3 is always a pivotal part in our year as students settle into their routines and consolidate the learning from Semester 1. The collaboration between students, parents, and teachers is crucial for achieving the best outcomes for students. When parents and teachers work together, they create a supportive and cohesive environment that fosters student success. I encourage you to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns about their learning as this collaboration among all parties is key to creating an enriching educational experience for our community. With this in mind we look forward to meeting with you at your child's school to discuss their learning and potential goals for improvement and progress. Please ensure you check your child's communication on Wednesdays for your meeting booking note.

Just a safety reminder! All schools are a smoke free zone

The Department of Education policy states the following:

The Department of Education recognises that exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) is a proven health hazard. Smoke-free workplaces provide workers, students and visitors with a safe and healthy working and learning environment, protecting health and decrease their risk of developing smoking related illnesses. (Work Health and Safety Policy, DOE)

It has been brought to my attention that people have observed adults smoking in the school carpark, so this is just a reminder that this is not acceptable on a school site. Thank you for keeping our students safe and complying with the Work Health and Safety Policy of the Education Department.

Aussie of the Month

This term we are commencing our Aussie of the Month awards, one Primary and one Secondary recipient. This will be awarded in week 9. I will forward more information in the coming weeks.

Northam Senior High School Access

Please take note of the following information regarding access to our secondary site. The new pedestrian gates that were installed at Northam Senior High School last term are now being locked during the following times. Gates 1 through 5 will be locked at 9.15am and opened again at 2.40pm and 2.15pm on Thursday early close. Please see map of gate and disabled parking bay locations included in the newsletter.

If you need to pick up your child during the school day, please park at the front of the school and use NSHS Reception entrance. Alternatively, you can ring our secondary office on 9621 6316 for assistance.

This term we have some exciting events planned so don't forget to check out our Term Planner. We have attached revised copy to this newsletter.

Kind regards

Michelle O'Brien

Principal



School Diary

Tuesday 30 July	World Friendship Day
Sunday 4 to Saturday 10 August	Dental Health Week
Monday 5 to Sunday 11 August	Keep Australia Beautiful Week
Saturday 10 to Sunday 18 August	National Science Week
Monday 12 August	IEP Meetings with parents begin
Saturday 17 to Friday 23 August	Children's Book Week
Thursday 22 August	SDD—No Students
Wednesday 28 August	Father's Day Stall
Thursday 29 August	School Council 2pm
Sunday 8 September	International Literacy Day
Wednesday 11 September	Aussie of the Month presentation
Thursday 12 September	R U OK Day
Saturday 14 September	Northam Agricultural Show
Thursday 19 September	Talk like a Pirate Day
Friday 20 September	Last Day Students



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WA Country Health Service

School Community Health Nurse

Undescended testes

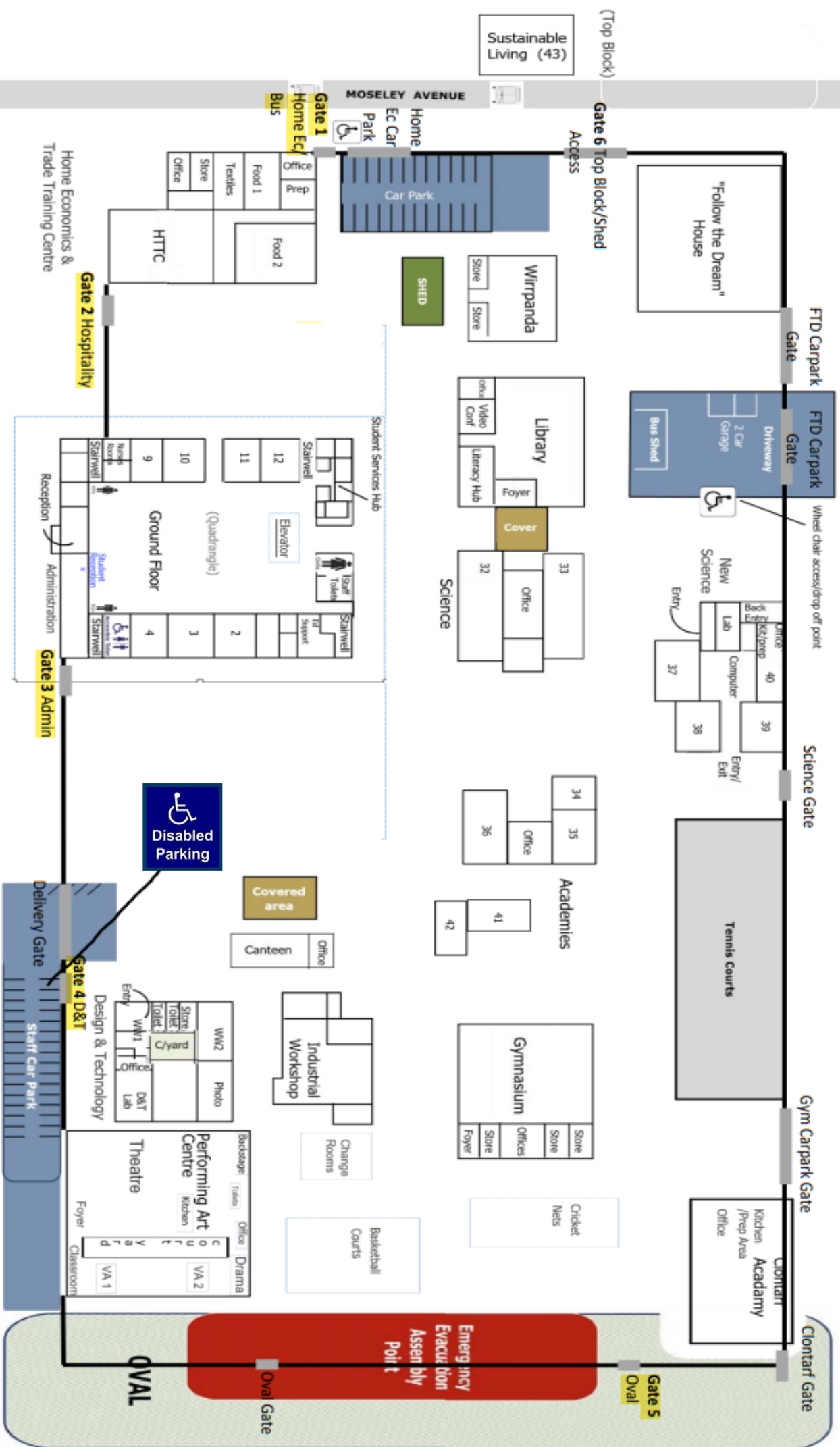
Screening for undescended testes is recommended for boys at school entry (~4-5 years of age). Around 2-4% of boys have an undescended testes at birth. Sometimes, the teste (also known as testicle) is in the scrotum at birth but is pulled up into the groin or abdomen at around 4-10 years of age. This happens because the cord that attaches the testicle to the abdomen doesn't grow at the same rate as the child.

Undescended testes don't fully sit within the scrotum. The condition isn't painful but can increase the risk of several other health issues such as decreased fertility and testicular cancer. For those boys who develop an undescended testicle later in childhood, the 'ascending' testicle often needs surgery between 5 years and 10 years.

Please read through the information about undescended testicles provided by [Raising Children Network](#) and encourage your child to check themselves as described there.

If you have any concerns, please contact your General Practitioner or Community Health Nurse, **Georgia Falconer** on **9690 1320**.





Term 3 Parent Planner

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	SAT	SUN
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	15 Term 3 Students Back	16	17	18 2.30pm Early Close	19	20	21
2	22	23	24 Newsletter	25 2.30pm Early Close	26	27	28
3	29	30 World Friendship Day	31	1 August 2.30pm Early Close	2	3	4
4	5 Dental Health Week 4 th – 10 th	6 Keep Australia Beautiful Week 5 th – 11 th	7	8 2.30pm Early Close	9	10	11 
5	12 IEP Meetings with Parents Begin National Science Week 10 th – 18 th	13	14	15 2.30pm Early Close	16	17	18
6	19 Children's Book Week 17 th – 23 rd	20	21 Newsletter	22 Staff Development Day NO STUDENTS	23	24	25
7	26	27	28 Father's Day Stall	29 2pm School Council 2.30pm Early Close	30	31 	1 Sept
8	2	3	4	5 2.30pm Early Close	6	7	8
9	9 International Literacy Day 8 th September	10	11 Aussie of the Month Presentation	12 R U OK Day 2.30pm Early Close	13	14  SHOW	15
10	16	17	18 Newsletter	19 Talk Like a Pirate Day 2.30pm Early Close	20 Students last day	21	22
	23 King's Birthday	24	25	26	27	28	29