

# AVONVALE EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

*Inspiring Dreams, Celebrating Success*

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## A Message From the Principal



Dear parents, carers and community members

Welcome to our Week 6 newsletter for Term 3.

### Cold Weather

With the cold weather still upon us, please remember to ensure your child/children are provided or wearing clothes that will keep them warm.

This term students and staff have come down with a number of colds and flus. Please remember to encourage your children to wash their hands regularly and keep any children who are not well at home. If your child presents at school unwell or staff consider the student unfit for school, we will call to inform you of your child's condition. Please remember to inform the school if your child is going to be absent from school.

### Book Week

Week 6 is National Book Week.

On Monday, students at the primary campus, came to school dressed as their favourite book character. Thank you to the staff who wore some wonderful costumes and the parents who sent their children in some book related costumes. Look out for the Book Fair next term in Week 2.

### Athletics Carnivals

Next week is the annual Avonvale Primary School Athletics Carnival at the Primary Campus. Events will be held on Monday and the main events on Friday. Notes will go home this Wednesday.

The NSHS Athletics Carnival is held on Wednesday 4th September, Week 8. Notes will be going home this Wednesday also.

### New Families

I would like to welcome our new families to our school. We look forward to working together on this exciting journey of shared learning, growth and experiences. Also, don't forget enrolments for kindergarten are now being taken for 2025.

### Contributions and Charges

Voluntary Contributions and Charges are exceptionally important to financially ensure the smooth running of our school. The monies collected are spent directly on the students of this year and it helps the school in providing resources across all year groups. Thank you to those parents who have paid their 2024 contributions.

### School Development Day

This Thursday staff are undertaking some Professional Learning. On this day students do not attend school. Some staff are completing their first aid qualifications and teachers are developing their teaching and assessment capabilities in the area of mathematics—addition and subtraction by working with "Top Ten Mathematics"

Kind regards

Michelle O'Brien  
Principal



## School Diary

Thursday 22 August	Staff Development Day—NO STUDENTS
Monday 26 August	NPS Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 28 August	Father's Day Stall
Friday 30 August	NPS Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 4 September	NSHS Athletics Carnival
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 Term 3
Monday 7 October	First Day Term 4

## Student Birthdays

### September Birthdays

*Jordan H, Jack R, Pieter, Jack A*

## Staff Development Day

**Thursday 22 August**

**No Students to attend**

### No hat No play

We are a sun smart school and as such, the Centre has a "no hat no play policy". Students need to wear a hat during recess and lunchtime as well as any additional outside activities including swimming.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



### **Drop off and Pick up times**

**Drop off time is between 8.30am and 8.55am**

**Pick up 3.00pm**

### **Did you know:**

There are around 175 days a year not spent at school, so plenty of time for shopping, holidays and appointments

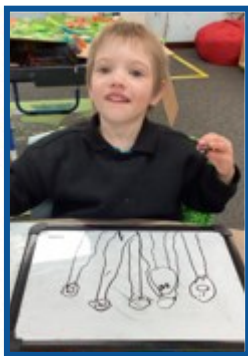
## Room 3 Primary

Dear families,

We are well and truly halfway through the year and students in Room 3 have had a great year learning school routines as well as learning through play.

Our play themes change every few weeks and they integrate English, Maths, Science, The Arts, Health and Physical Education. Some themes we have explored are Transport, The Garden, Dinosaurs, Fairy Tales and The Jungle. We have also celebrated NAIDOC Week, Science Week and Book Week.

In our learning activities, the students experience painting, drawing, collage, playdough creation, construction, talking and listening to others, listening to stories, dancing and making music, imaginative play, and outside exploration. As students have become more familiar with school staff, the routines and each other, speaking and listening skills have increased and current focus is on taking turns, using manners such as "please" and "thank you", asking to use something that another person is using, and asking for help.



Students had so many smiles on their faces when playing in the 'flower shop', where they took turns to be the shop keeper and be in charge of the cash register and serve the customers!



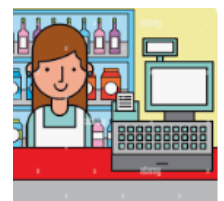
Earlier this term we took advantage of the beautiful sunny days to take our learning outside where students practiced their skills in sharing and turn taking, storytelling, playing with the equipment and talking about what they built (which includes the use of the school iPad communication application to press buttons to help communicate their ideas). Well done!



I look forward to more exploring and adventures for the rest of the year with Room 3!

Kind regards,

Miss Covek







## 2024 BOOK WEEK



**Save your seat!**



### 2025 School Bus Transport Assistance

- Will your child be enrolled in an educational support school or centre in 2025?

Apply before November 15, 2024 at [schoolbuses.wa.gov.au](https://schoolbuses.wa.gov.au)



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