

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 Week 6 and our second newsletter for the term! It has been a busy and productive start to the year and I want to thank our staff, students, and families for their ongoing support and engagement.

Our teachers are currently focused on writing **Individual Education Plans (IEPs)** and meeting with parents to discuss the goals set for students. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to ensure each child's learning needs and aspirations are well-supported. We appreciate the collaboration between families and teachers in shaping these plans to create the best possible learning experiences.

Next week, we begin our **swimming program**, we ask parents to **please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled** to avoid any mix-ups. A big thank you to our staff for their commitment to organising and supporting our students to participate. Our swimming session start at **12:45 PM**, as we have five School Bus Service buses required for student pick-up in the afternoon, it will be a tight turnaround especially on Thursday's early close. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation in ensuring a smooth process. A special thank you to **Ms. Covek** for her efforts in organising everything required to keep our students safe during the program.

Looking ahead, our **School Council** will hold its first meeting for 2025 tomorrow. This is an important opportunity to discuss school priorities and future directions. We are grateful for the dedication of our School Council members, who play a key role in supporting our school community. If you are interested in becoming a member of our School Council please contact the office.

Thank you all for your ongoing commitment to our students' learning and well-being. Wishing you a great week ahead!

Kind regards

Michelle O'Brien
Principal



School Diary

Thursday 13 March	School Council Meeting
Monday 17 March to Friday 28 March	Swimming Lessons (Primary only)
Monday 17 March to Sunday 23rd March	Harmony Week
Tuesday 1 April	My Life After School—parent session
Wednesday 2 April	Year 9 Career Taster “Be a Ranger”
Wednesday 9 April	Easter Stall
Friday 11 April	Last day Term 1
Monday 28 April	Term 2 begins

*For further enquiries contact the school
Avonvale Education Support Centre
Cnr Perina and Mudalla Way, Northam,
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Student Birthdays

March Birthdays

Byron, Jaxon

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.



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:

- \$300 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 28th March 2025.

Room 1 Primary

Dear Room 1 Families,

Welcome to Term 1, 2025! Officially halfway through already, where has the time gone?! We would like to warmly welcome our new students and families to Avonvale ESC, and we look forward to an amazing year ahead. Swimming lessons will commence beginning of Week 7 and it is a busy and exciting time for the students, especially those who are commencing swimming lessons for the very first time. This is a great opportunity for students to practice many life skills, such as learning to change their clothes and put on their swimming bathers and school swim rashie; as well as learning about road safety and how to be sun smart.

As the new school year kicks off, our Room 1 students are focusing on a key area of development that will help them in so many aspects of their learning: fine motor skills! These skills are essential for tasks like writing and scissor skills and we're excited to support our little learners as they build hand strength and dexterity. The students have been engaging in a variety of fun and creative activities such as painting, peeling stickers, using spray bottles, threading, small object manipulation, using tongs, playdough and collage work, which are all designed to help strengthen the muscles in their hands and fingers. By improving their fine motor skills, they are preparing themselves for the many tasks that they will encounter in the classroom, from forming letters and numbers to cutting shapes with scissors.

IEP meetings are also underway, thank you to those families who have had their meetings so far and we look forward to the ones still to come. If you have yet to return your note, please do so at your earliest convenience. 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 and beyond.

The student's communication book is a great way to let us know about anything that may affect them whilst they are at school or any other information that may be of importance. Please make use of this book and regularly check for information that we may need to communicate to you.

We look forward to a great term and year ahead.

Please enjoy some of Room 1s photos and happy snaps.

Kind Regards

Mrs Hocking and Ms Covek





Did you know:

Missing one day a week of school from Year 1 to Year 11 is the equivalent of missing 2 years and one term of schooling

Grandcarers Support Group



Are you a Grandcarer? You're Not Alone!

Being a grandparent carer is a unique and often challenging experience. You're not alone in navigating this journey.



We invite you to join the Wheatbelt Grandcarer's Support Group. This will be an opportunity to meet and connect with local grandparents / carers and find out about the supports and resources available to you while caring for your child.

Grandparent / carers only. Morning tea provided.

When: Wednesdays | 9:30am-11:30am

26 Mar, 30 Apr, 21 May, 25 Jun, 30 Jul, 27 Aug, 24 Sep, 29 Oct and 26 Nov 2025

Where: Wanslea Northam - 20 Gairdner Street

For more information

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