

AVONVALE EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

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A Message From the Principal



Dear parents, carers and community members,

It is hard to believe that Week 10 has arrived – and with it, some welcome sunny days. As always, this term has been full of learning, events, and community spirit.

We have held Individual Education Plan (IEP) meetings, and I would like to sincerely thank those parents who were able to attend. These meetings take significant preparation, including assessment, placement testing, and careful planning to develop each student's goals. We greatly appreciate the time families invest in working in partnership with us.

This term has also seen students involved in many exciting opportunities, including:

Primary and High School Athletics Carnivals – congratulations to all our students who participated with such enthusiasm.

Northam Agricultural Show – our school's display was a wonderful showcase of student learning and creativity. Thank you to the staff who set up and packed away the display.

Book Week – always a highlight, with students dressing up and celebrating their love of stories. Thank you, Ms E, for your wonderful activities.

Zero2Hero Day, Father's Day Stall, and EA Appreciation Day – special events that build community spirit and celebrate important values. Thank you to the teachers for organizing some great activities.

Star Kick excursion and incursion, along with our Employment Buddies Program, providing valuable experiences beyond the classroom. Thank you Ms Covek for coordinating this.

Alongside these special events, our students have continued to engage in everyday curriculum learning as well as gardening, woodwork, and creative projects.

Staff have also been busy, not only teaching and supporting students daily, but also participating in professional learning sessions, masterclasses on behaviour, and after-school planning meetings to ensure our programs remain high quality and inclusive.

We would like to thank parents for their ongoing support in ensuring students arrive on time, prepared, and ready to learn. This term, we have had a number of student and staff absences due to illness. Please remember to keep your child at home if they are unwell, as this helps them recover and ensures classrooms remain healthy learning spaces. If a teacher contacts you to let you know your child is unwell, please be assured this is done with care for your child's wellbeing.

If your child is absent, please notify the school by phone or by emailing

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We ask that emails are sent to the school address rather than individual teachers to ensure communication is received promptly.

As the weather warms up, please also remember our No Hat, No Play policy to help keep students sun safe.

Looking Ahead to Term 4

We already have a number of exciting activities organised for Term 4 to keep students engaged and inspired. These include:

- A **Dinosaur Dig experience**
- **Worm farms incursion**
- A visit from **West Oz Wildlife**
- **Kalability Soccer Carnival**
- A special **Bee Education Incursion**
- **LEGO Challenge excursion**
- Our **12 Days of Christmas** celebrations
- **World Teachers' Day** acknowledgements
- The annual **Christmas Stall**
- **Graduation /End of Year celebration event**

Alongside these events, students will continue to enjoy their regular learning programs and special curriculum opportunities, making Term 4 a busy and rewarding end to the year.

Home Reading Program

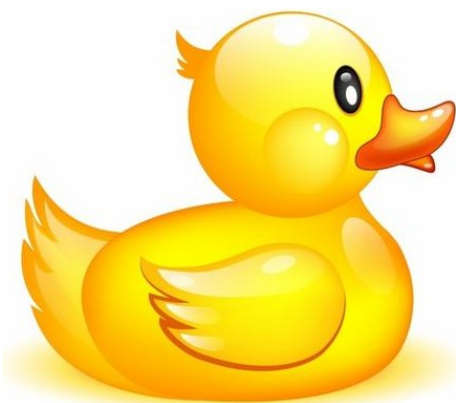
Our **Home Reading Program** will now begin in **Term 4**.

Unfortunately, the start of it this term was delayed due to staff absences, ICT outages, and several other unavoidable interruptions.

We appreciate your patience and understanding, and we are looking forward to launching the program next term so that students can enjoy reading at home and continue to build their literacy skills with the support of their families.

Thank you once again for your support throughout the term. I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable break, and I look forward to seeing everyone return ready for another term of learning and growth.

Warm regards
Michelle O'Brien



Duck Hunting

Our successful duck hunters over the last two weeks have been Daisy at the High School and Charles at the Primary Campus. The staff duck at the High School was spotted by both Corrina and Kaylene but the duck at the Primary Campus is still in hiding.

Hello, Room 1 Families,

As we come to the end of Term 3, it's been an exciting and busy time for Room 1! Our theme this term, *Under the Ocean*, has inspired all sorts of wonderful creativity and learning opportunities. The students have had an amazing time exploring the wonders beneath the sea through a variety of fun and engaging art projects. From colourful jellyfish and playful turtles to detailed paper plate aquariums and friendly octopuses, our classroom has turned into an underwater world of imagination! These projects have also helped us continue to strengthen our fine motor skills.

This term also saw the exciting start of **Music** classes, which quickly became a favourite among students. Students have thoroughly enjoyed exploring different instruments and discovering how they can make sounds by tapping, striking, shaking, or plucking. It has been so much fun watching everyone take turns playing instruments and following simple rhythm patterns and beats.

Our **Kindy students** have continued to thrive in their outdoor learning program and play-based activities. The roleplay areas have been a big hit – we've had budding vets, doctors, construction workers, and shopkeepers bringing their imaginations to life! Alongside these creative activities, the students have been working on their gross motor skills through obstacle courses and tricycle riding, developing strength, balance, and coordination.

In **Maths**, we've been focusing on understanding the concepts of *one more/one less* and *two more/two less*. The students are also working on simple addition equations and will soon begin creating their own addition stories to help them better understand how numbers work in real-life situations.

During **English**, the students have been practising how to blend the sounds they've learned to form simple CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. It's been so rewarding to watch their confidence grow as they realise that combining sounds creates words! This important skill will help lay the foundation for reading as we prepare to launch our **Home Reading Program** at the beginning of Term 4.

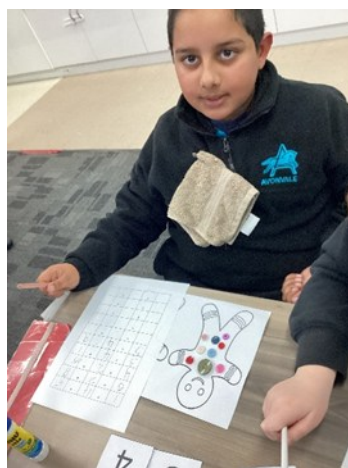
A heartfelt **thank you** to all the parents and carers for your continued support. Your involvement helps our students grow, learn, and become the best they can be.

Please enjoy some snapshots of what Room 1 has been up to this term – we're so proud of all their hard work and creativity!

Have a safe and restful break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back for a fantastic Term 4!

Warm regards,

Mrs Hocking, Room 1 Teacher







School Diary

Tuesday 14 October	Students Return
Wednesday 15 October	Book Fair/Dinosaur Incursion
Wednesday 22 October	Worm Incursion
Monday 3 November	Lego League Excursion
Wednesday 5 November	Kalability Soccer Excursion
Tuesday 11 November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 20 November	Bee Incursion
Tuesday 2 December	12 Days of Christmas Starts
Thursday 18 December	Students Last Day of Term



Student Birthdays

October Birthdays

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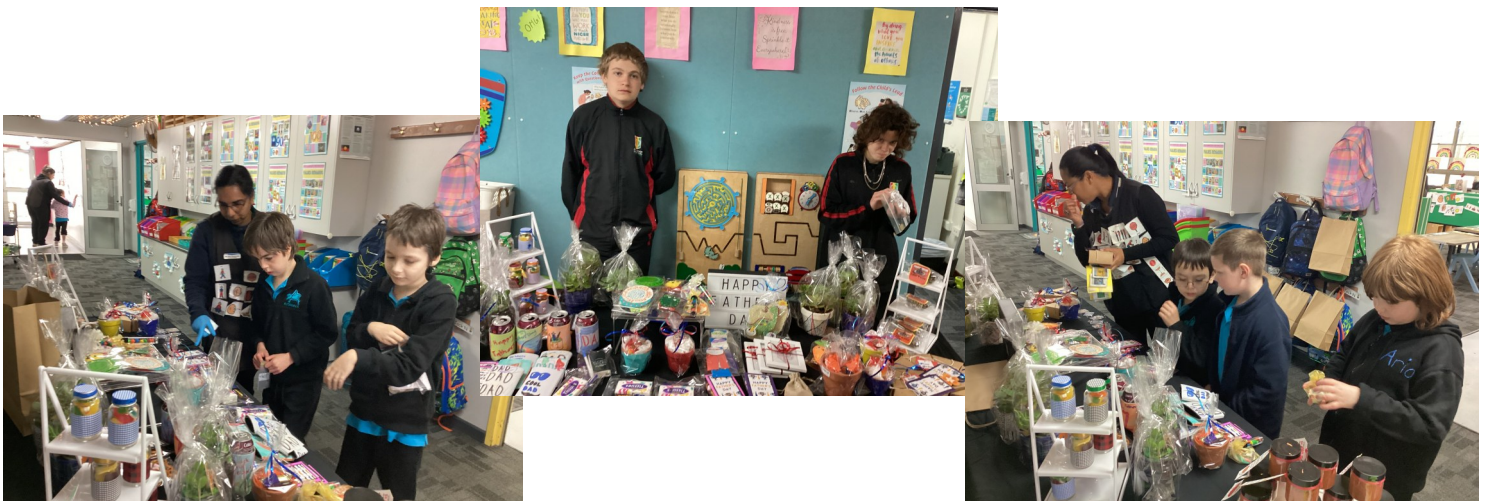
Father's Day Stall Success!

In the lead-up to Father's Day, our students put their creativity and entrepreneurial skills to the test by planning, crafting, and selling a wonderful range of gifts at our annual Father's Day Stall.

From homemade biscuits to thoughtful, student-created presents, every item was made with care and love. It was fantastic to see the pride on students' faces as they selected or sold gifts for the special father figures in their lives.

A big thank you to all who supported the stall; students, staff and families—whether by donating materials, helping in the creation process or sending students along with spending money. Your support made it all possible and helped create a memorable experience for our students.

We hope all our dads and carers had a fantastic Father's Day!



athletics Carnival

On the 4th September, students from Room 3 participated in the Avonvale Athletics Carnival. Students donned their faction colours and competed in running and team game events. Everybody's favourite event was the tug-o-war and the relays.

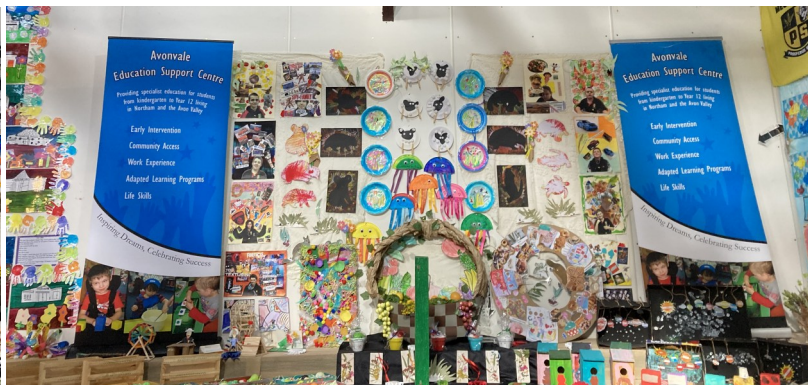
Everyone had a great time and it was lovely to see all students from both schools encouraging each other and making new friends.

We congratulate Jack Ascriczi for winning the silver medal for the Year 5 Boys.



Northam Show

This year the theme for the Northam Agricultural Show was '100 Years of the Pavilion'. Students from both Primary and Secondary, created artwork to reflect this. Secondary students brainstormed all of the different things they can do and see at the show, making some awesome 3D models of the Pavilion and fairground rides. Primary classrooms each had a number and using ideas from the yearly competitions in the pavilion each year, decorated them. Room 3 had the number 1 and created a collage of different art mediums. Room 2 had a 0 and created a 3D basket with fruit and vegetables. Room 1 decorated the other 0 using cakes and delicious biscuits and slices. Our school display also included some of the amazing things we have completed.



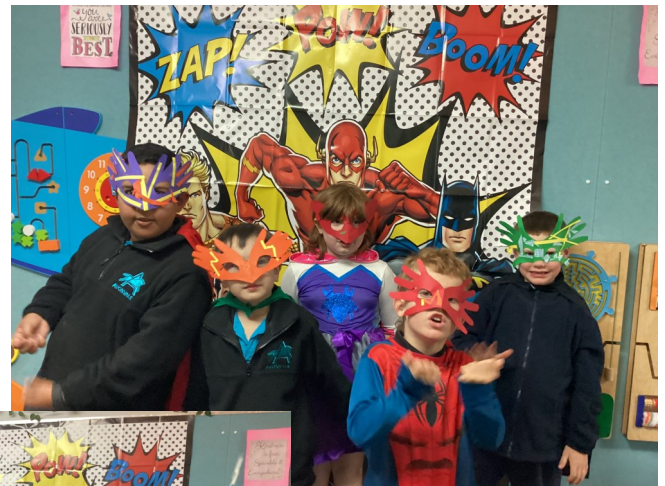
Zero2Hero

On Friday the 5th September, we celebrated zero2hero Day! This is our second year dressing up for this annual mental health awareness day that encourages all to stand up for themselves and others.

Over the day, students participated in some hands-on activities designing their own masks, making little straw superheroes, painting rocks and exploring the different types of heroes in the community and in comics. All money raised on zero3hero Day goes towards supporting school programs and mental health leadership camps and we thank our students for their contributions.

Students enjoyed dressing up and it was great to see community super heroes as well as ones from the DC Comics. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Edwards and Ms Vine, for design and creating some amazing super hero capes for our students to wear this year and in years to come.

We look forward to celebrating this event each year.





Starkick Excursion



Starkick All Abilities program has been supporting and providing opportunity for children with a disability to play football at community clubs across Western Australia. They hold this annual festival and invite Education Support Schools or Centres to join a one-day carnival that focuses on participation, fun and friendship. The carnival is intended for Year 3 to Year 6 students from Education Support Schools or Centres.

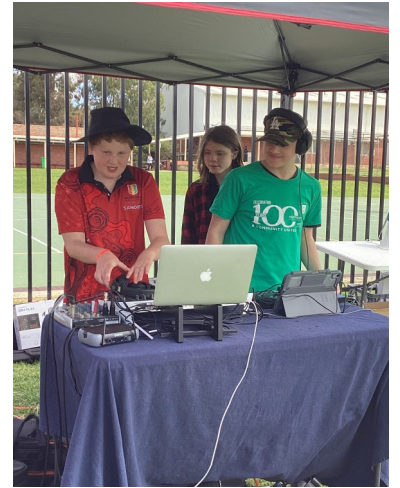
Starkick visited our Primary Campus for an incursion with all of our Primary students and then a week later, our Year 3 to Year 6 students travelled to Perth with staff to participate in the carnival. The carnival had 15 Education Support Schools with over 200 students attending. Our students proudly represented our school, playing together, showing good sportsmanship and even arriving to school early so that we could make the carnival on time. Thank you to our families for ensuring that your child could be part of this experience and bringing them to school early. It was very well worth it. All students had a fantastic day!

Starkick Visits Avonvale ESC



Northam Senior High School Athletics Carnival

This month, our students proudly participated in the NSHS Athletics Carnival, embracing the spirit of competition and teamwork. It was wonderful to see everyone giving their best in races and events, earning valuable points for their factions. The weather was perfect, and the day ran smoothly from start to finish. We were especially grateful for the delicious lunch provided by the NSHS Bushrangers, as part of our shared school-hours program. A highlight was the mixed AESC/NSHS relay team, and some of us even got to take on the roles of MC and DJ—adding extra fun to a fantastic day!





School Community Health Nurse



Undescended testes

Screening for undescended testes is recommended for boys at school entry, typically around 4 to 5 years of age. Sometimes, the testes (also known as testicles) are in the scrotum at birth but may move up into the groin or abdomen at around 4-10 years of age. This happens because the cord that attaches the testis to the abdomen doesn't grow at the same rate as the child.

Undescended testes do not fully descend into the scrotum and can affect one or both testes. Parents or guardians can encourage older children to check for absence of testes in the scrotum themselves. The condition is not painful but can lead to complications such as twisting of the testis, a groin hernia, reduced fertility, and testicular cancer.

For further details on undescended testes, please see the following link:

[Undescended testicle: 0-18 years | Raising Children Network](#)

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 swim-



Parking at the primary campus

Reminder to parents the carpark at the front

entrance of the school is for ACROD Permit Holders only.



Our Values

Learning – We believe that all students have the capacity to learn.

Excellence – The standards and expectations that we set challenge all at Avonvale ESC to give their best.

Equity – We strive to create a learning environment that is free of discrimination, abuse and exploitation.

Care – Our relationships are based on trust, mutual respect and the acceptance of responsibility.