

Campus Pets

Last term, Cupcake and I were welcomed into our new home at Avonvale Education Support Centre. At first we were shy and a little hesitant to meet everyone, but pretty soon, we were popping out of the warmth and security of our tunnel and happily eyeing off all of our new friends. We were given prime position in the front office, and on show for everyone. Each recess and lunch time, we ooh and ahh at as everyone walked slowly by, hoping to catch us out of our hidey-hole. Everyone in the centre was keen to get to know us better. We both worried that our cuteness would not be enough and that we may have to become circus guinea pigs, and entertain the staff and students by walking tightropes and doing acrobats. Boy, were we happy to discover that all our new friends required from us were cuddles and to teach them a couple of tips on how to care for pets.

One of the Room 3 students, took the reins and led the staff and students in the ways of the guinea pig. He showed them how to pick us up carefully and how to start with gentle strokes behind our ears, under the chin and down our backs (a favourite of Cupcakes!) when petting us. We are so lucky as Ms Covek created a detailed roster to teach our friends to love and care for us each day. Our blankets are always washed, cage is cleaned, fresh drinking water and of course, a bevy of fresh salads to munch on during the day. Sometimes, Mrs O'Brien pops by to give a little bit extra (Don't tell Ms Covek)Cupcake and I will never say no to more celery sticks and lettuce leaves, as we have quite the appetite.

We now have a special enclosure that is set up outside for us to play in the fresh air. It is amazing, as there is edible grass for days and days. It really feels like our home now and we are just part of the big AESC family. We are looking forward to spending more time with our friends, more cuddles and of course more carrots.

Love Belle



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A Message From the Principal



Dear parents, carers and community members

Apologise for the delay but due to circumstances beyond our control the newsletter was unavailable last week.

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of Term 2! It has been another busy and productive term at Avonvale ESC, with students continuing to make steady progress in their learning and development.

A key focus this term has been on the completion of student reports, which are due to go home in **Week 10**. These reports reflect the learning goals and individual achievements of each student, and I want to thank our staff for the time, care, and professionalism they have shown in preparing them.

We were also delighted to welcome some new faces to our **Primary Campus** this term. Bell and Cupcake—our school Guinea Pigs—have joined us and are already proving to be very popular additions! Please see the student article in this newsletter for more about how they are supporting wellbeing and engagement in our school.

I am also very pleased to announce that Ms Covek has been appointed **Deputy Principal for the remainder of the year**. Her leadership, experience, and support of students and staff have already had a positive impact across the school. Congratulations Ms Covek.

Thank you to our students, families, and staff for another term of strong collaboration, care, and commitment. I hope you all enjoy a safe and restful holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for Term 3.

Kind regards

Michelle O'Brien

Principal



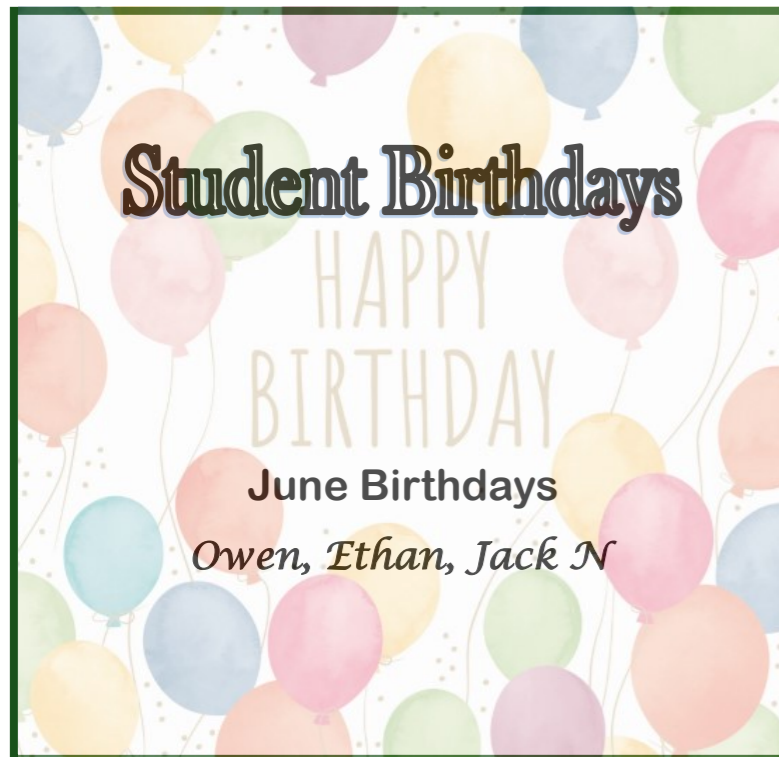
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School Diary

Friday 6 June	Walk Safely to School
Monday 23 June	School Photos
Friday 27 June	Premier's Reading Challenge Ends
Monday 30 June	Reports home to Parents
Friday 4 July	Last Day Term 2
Monday 21 July	SDD—No Students
Tuesday 22 July	First Day Term 3—Students Back



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.

School Photos
Monday 23 June



Did you know:

Being dropped off or picked up just 10 minutes early every day adds up to nearly 1 ½ weeks lost in the year.

Room 2 Primary

The first semester in Room 2 at Avonvale Education Support Centre has been filled with learning, creativity and joyful moments. As the seasons changed outside, our students grew in confidence and skills inside the classroom.

We began the term with warm, sunny days that soon gave way to crisp air and falling leaves. The change in weather brought excitement with students noticing signs of the seasons and talking about rain, clouds and cooler mornings.

In English, Room 2 focused on reading and writing. Students practiced sounding out words, forming sentences and sharing their ideas through simple stories and drawings. Their writing has come to life with growing confidence.

Math lessons were hands-on and fun, especially as we learned about addition and money. Using real coins, play shops and counting games, the students began to understand how numbers work in everyday life.

In Civics, we explored what it means to be a good citizen—being kind, helping others and taking care of our classroom and community. Students have also enjoyed role-playing and discussing how small actions make a big difference.

Art was a favourite time for many! We have had lots of fun exploring colour and texture with paint, leaves, paper and other material. The changing season has inspired beautiful autumn themed artwork now displayed proudly in our room.

As we move into colder weather and prepare for the next term, we're excited for what's to come.

Room 2 has had a fantastic start and we look forward to more learning, fun, and discovery in the term ahead.

Kind regards

Jelly Rubin

Classroom Teacher

