

# AVONVALE EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE

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## A Message From the Principal



Dear parents, carers and community members

It's hard to believe that Week 10 is already upon us—Term 1 seems to have flown by in the blink of an eye! The pace of the first term never fails to surprise, and it's no wonder when you consider the enormous workload our teacher's shoulder during this time. From writing Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and developing curriculum, to conducting comprehensive assessments and testing, our staff have been working diligently to ensure that each student receives a personalised learning program tailored to their individual needs.

This is, of course, in addition to whole-class planning and assessment, ongoing communication with parents and external providers, and numerous after-school meetings. To top it all off, our primary staff have managed two full weeks of swimming lessons while navigating the challenges of another round of COVID and flu outbreaks among staff and students. These factors have put added pressure on those at school, and we are immensely grateful for everyone's flexibility and resilience during this time. We encourage all staff and families to consider getting the flu vaccine this season as a proactive measure.

We've also had the pleasure of welcoming several new students to both our primary and secondary campuses. A warm welcome to our new families—we look forward to partnering with you to support your child's learning journey.

### This term's highlights include:

- **In-term swimming lessons** at the primary campus: A huge thank you to the staff for the coordination and dedication it takes to provide students with this vital experience. Learning water safety skills is an essential part of our curriculum, and we appreciate everyone's efforts.
- **Secondary students attended a cricket excursion** to Kalamunda and a **TAFE excursion**, both offering valuable learning outside the classroom.
- **Developmental Disability WA workshops** were delivered to both students and parents, focusing on life after school—an important and thought-provoking topic for our community.
- **Easter Craft Stall**: Thank you to Ms Edwards for her ongoing leadership in making this event such a success. Our secondary students have showcased their Design and Technology skills beautifully through the planning and creation of items for sale, with support from primary students as well. The quality of the finished products has been very impressive! Please note: our **Mother's Day Stall** will be held in Week 2 of Term 2, with a note going home to parents in Week 1.
- We also celebrated **Harmony Week** and enjoyed the **Book Fair**, both wonderful opportunities to come together as a school community and celebrate diversity and a love of reading.

Our **School Council** met for the first time this year in Week 6. We extend a warm welcome to our newest member, **Dr Kumar Deep** who joins us as a parent representative.

Sadly, we say farewell to **Mr Daniel Jones**, who has been a valued member of our team during his time with us. We thank him for his contributions and wish him all the best in his future endeavours. In Term 2, secondary classes will be taught by **Ms Edwards** and **Ms Dayman**.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all our families for your continued support. It's been wonderful to see so many parents attending IEP meetings and engaging in meaningful conversations with teachers about student goals and progress. Your involvement is vital in helping our students achieve their best.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of **Term 2 on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**.

Kind regards

Michelle O'Brien  
Principal



To Parents, Carers and friends,

We have had an exceptionally busy (and fast) start to 2025 at our Secondary Campus. Its hard to know where to even start!

**Welcome:** Firstly, I will take the opportunity to welcome our new families as we have had four students starting with us this year! They have seamlessly settled into our class like they have always been there.

**Kalability Cricket Carnival:** Earlier this term, we took the big bus to Kalamunda to attend the Kalability Cricket Carnival for the first time. It was a wonderful day and great to get to know students from other schools around Perth. While the timeframe to arrive was very tight for us in the morning, and the cricket game itself just a little different to what we expected. The students had such great attitudes, showing comradery, compassion and of course just a little bit of competitiveness! We have our fingers crossed that we may get to attend a similar event organised by the same school for AFL in Term 2.

**Parent session:** On April 1<sup>st</sup>, parents were invited to attend a Workshop and Presentation on making connections, keeping friends and what our lives could look like after school. It was great to see some parents come along and those who attended came away with some ideas, direction and connections through networking too!. We really hope you enjoyed our scones, slice (how could you not) and muffins we made for you and look forward to organising our next event soon.

**Career Taster event:** On the 2<sup>nd</sup> April (busy week) we walked to the Northam TAFE and experience what's involved in being a Ranger in the Wheatbelt! It was so exciting. We got to check for microchips (on stuffed animals), have a go at catching dogs, cats and unwanted snakes (rubber ones thankfully) and administer parking fines as we pleased. We were given the extra treat of the local Ranger pop in to speak to us, and give us an insight into the scope of the job. There were a few whispers from a few of us about what a great job this would be.

**Harmony Week at NSHS:** We are very fortunate where we are here at Secondary because we celebrate Harmony Week with our School in Week10 and also get involved with NSHS celebrations in Week 9. Last Thursday, we explored the obstacle course some of the girls made. Using our best resilience and “give it a go” attitude, we challenged our bodies and our minds while also having lots of fun until the rain decided to wash it all away!

**Easter Stall:** Mrs Edwards has worked with all the students to produce some great Easter items that students were to able to purchase today, as Easter gifts. Well done Mrs Edwards and all the students for a successful outcome and some very happy customers.

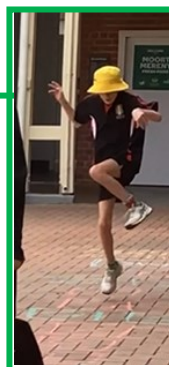
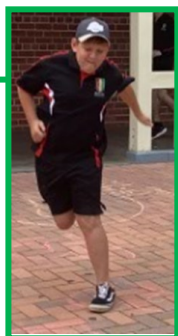
**Workshop:** Students have also travelled to the Primary Campus to attend wood working sessions with Mr Jason. They are developing some fine carpentry skills.

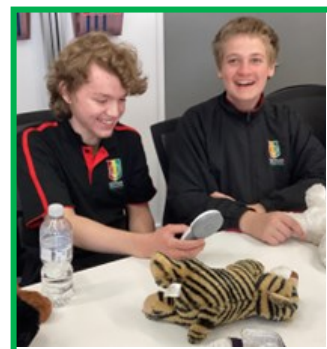
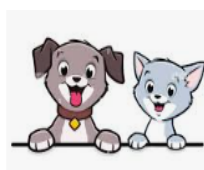
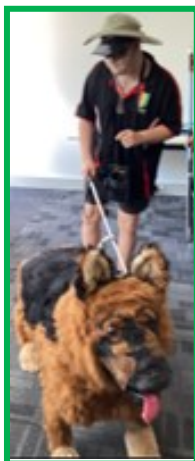
Overall we have had a busy and successful term. Thank you to staff and parents for all your support and enjoy your Easter break.

Kind Regards

Ms Dayman

Classroom Teacher





## School Diary

Monday 7 April to Friday 27 June	Premier's Reading Challenge
Friday 11 April	Last day Term 1
Monday 28 April	Term 2 begins
Wednesday 7 May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 30 May	Staff Development Day—NO STUDENTS
Monday 2 June	Public Holiday—NO STUDENTS
Thursday 5 June	School Council
Monday 23 June	School Photos



### Premier's Reading Challenge 2025

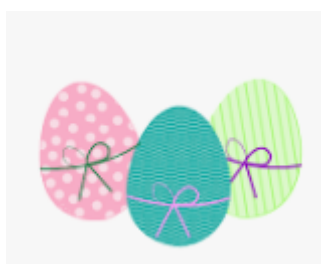
7 April to 27 June

This annual challenge is designed to make literacy fun and encourage all West Australian students to explore the joy of reading

Sign up and start your reading adventure

Registrations are now open, see website:

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au)



## Student Birthdays

### April Birthdays

*Tayla, Hunter*

