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BOOK FAIR CELEBRATION AND SALES

As part of the Book Fair celebrations and to raise funds for the P&C all children and staff were invited to come dressed as their favourite book character and asked to donate a gold coin. We enjoyed a tremendous turn out with every class filled with a magnificent variety of characters. There were two winners from each class for the best costume who received a prize from the Prize Box.

The winners for best costume were:

- * Rm 1 Kindy Albert and Austin Cox
- * Rm 3 PP Temily Willis and Samuel White
- * Rm 4 P/1 Lila Weenink and Caleb Taylor
- * Rm 5 P/1 Harrison Cory and Zander Mattiucci
- * Rm 6 Yr 1/2 Finley Hearn and Diesel King
- * Rm 8 Yr 1/2 Kennedy Ford and Cooper Avins
- * Rm 11 Yr 2/3 Chelsea Chamberlain and Riley Anderson
- * Rm 13 Yr 3 Dylan Cox and Georgina Rogers
- * Rm 10 Yr 3/4 Charli Guiver and Oliver Cocliff
- * Rm 15 Yr 4 Rielke Cocliff and Holly Smith
- * Rm 14 Yr 5/6 Gabby Bingham and Aryan Menon

The Book Fair which was set up in the Library to sell books and stationery items was a fantastic success with sales exceeding our expectations. This is the second year that we have run the Book Fair and the first time that the P&C have run it for the school. The school received a commission on all of the sales made and with this the Library Officer Mrs Heggs was able to purchase many much needed books to boost our library resources.

I would like to give a special thanks to all the families who generously purchased and donated books to the library.

Mrs Helen Fiebig
 Deputy Principal



HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Rogan Howard	Sapphire Falconer	Charli Grenfell
Declan Beverley	Hayden Baker	Liam Hoskin
Kate Spargo	Harrison Owen	Harrison Cory
Alexis Jones	Jorja Thomas	Carrigan Holst
Ella Avins	Seth Samuel	Connor McEwen
Kaelan Pollock	Antonia Rodriguez	Caden Elmer
Gabrielle Bartlett	Jack Beedham-Giblin	Emily Kriskovich
Ella Barone	Carla Javier	Lachlan Bray
	Aryan Menon	

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 30 May	Assembly—Hovea 11
Monday, 3 June	Western Australia Day
Monday, 10 June	P&C Meeting at 9AM

EARLY CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2.30PM

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORY TIME

On Wednesday, 22 May the whole school participated in the National Simultaneous Story Time with each class reading 'The Wrong Book' by Nick Bland. Aveley Primary School is proud to support this initiative to encourage our children to read and enjoy books. The feedback from the classroom teachers and children is that they enjoyed this funny book. This is the 13th year that this event has been run Nationally by the Australian Library and Information Association. Each year they select an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes and address key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades 1 to 6.

Last year over 380,000 children across Australia took part.

You can participate in and enjoy this book by logging on to the Australian Library and Information Association website.

MAGNIFYING MICROSCOPES PROJECT ROTARY CLUB OF SWAN VALLEY

At the assembly on Thursday 16 May, Ms Oliver the President of Rotary, Swan Valley, presented to the school 30 magnifying microscopes as part of The Magnifying Microscope Project. This is an initiative that allows school children to explore and discover the wonders of science and the natural world and was in response to the dream of Professor Beazley which was for every school child in Western Australia to have access to a magnifying microscope because our State is vast and has so much still to be discovered.

To assist students to know how to use the magnifying microscopes properly and to show teachers some fun activities, on Monday, 20 May we had the Water Corporation of WA in to run activities using microscopes for all of the children from years 3 to 6. The Water Corp also made a donation to the school of a set of activity books.

Mrs Helen Fiebig
Deputy Principal



EXCITING NEWS

In our attempt to keep pace with technology the school has launched its very own app. There are two things we would like you to do. First go to your phone or tablet's app store and search for the app. It's called '**Aveley Primary School**'. Once you have downloaded it we would then love you to share the app with a friend or relative. The app should work on all smartphone platforms. If there is anything you feel should be included in the app that we have overlooked please don't hesitate to contact me and we will try to include the information. You can get my email address from the staff directory within the app.



Mr Adam Marchant
Deputy Principal

AVELEY READING OLYMPICS



BRONZE	BRONZE	BRONZE
Blake Johnson	Kye Venrooy	Quinlan Guest
Jireh Handley	Montana Heggs	Riley Anderson
Heath Anderson	Isabella Wong	Kaden Ford
Brooke Elmar	Holly Smith	Caden Elmar
Ella Barone	Hannah Bunko	Grace Smith
Grace Venrooy	Imogen Handley	Jack Johnson
Kennedy Ford	Colby Jackson	Sameer Hourani
Emily Lythgoe	Jasmin Baker	Noorah Hourani
Chelsea Cusack	Kayla Cusack	Ben Spargo
Alex Cusack	Heath Paterson	

AVELEY ACHIEVEMENT PASSPORTS

Congratulations to the following students who have been recipients of prizes from the Treasure Chest, for every 20 reward stamps in their **Aveley Achievement Passports**.

Please note High Achiever Award Badges will be presented at Monday Muster

Liam Hoskin	Jorja McGowan	Jireh Handley
Samuel White	Capri Manning	Zander Mattiucci
Charity Thomas	Chelsea Chamberlain	Brooke Elmar
	Aidan Paterson	
		
Jed Spencer	HIGH ACHIEVER AWARDS	Sasha Wimsett



THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL SELF

In childhood, a coherent self-concept develops. It is also a period of social expansion. It is the age when children first form loyal friendships – peer relationships based on mutual trust and support. At the same time students develop a genuine understanding of what it means to be part of a group and adhere to group norms. There is an increased understanding of self – the concepts of ‘self’ becomes more psychological. Now students describe themselves in terms of thoughts, feelings, abilities and attributes. They begin to see themselves as unique. They recognise that what people say and do need not conform to what they think and feel. The development of social self is an awareness that one’s identity is often intimately tied to other people. There is the inclination to define oneself in terms of one’s relationship with others, and a tendency to use others as a source of information in evaluating self. This is called social comparison. Primary school age children are also aware of the cultural context of development which can be explained as the culture of cooperation and this considerably influences their understanding of the dynamic of the self and the group. Research has shown that a school wide structure that fosters a sense of community and family within the school and that acknowledge nurturing, respectful and inviting relationships which in turn create a sense of belonging, are the keys to student growth and learning.

The PATHS program gives students:

- The framework to develop positive peer relationships
- Opportunities to bond with a positive peer group
- Practice in a variety of problem solving skills to develop a good plan
- The skill development to handle obstacles
- Practice in joining a group
- The development of problem identification

Helen Fiebig
Deputy Principal



HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILDREN WITH MATHS

Children develop numeracy skills when they use mathematical ideas in their everyday situations. They begin by asking questions: How many? Will it fit? What will that cost?

Mathematics is all around us and you are able to assist your children learn, enjoy and use mathematical ideas in daily activities.

At school your child is given the opportunity to engage in hands on, real life, purposeful mathematical activities. These types of activities are not found on the traditional style worksheets, they are problem solving situations that provide children with interesting ways to solve problems through exploration and discussion. Opportunity is given to understand ideas related to numeracy, through discovery.

The best way that you can support our classroom Mathematics program at home, is to look for the many opportunities that are available in daily life, to expose your children to the concepts of mathematics.

Adam Marchant
Deputy Principal

Aveley Numeracy Puzzler Winners!

Junior		
Lila Weenik	Year 1	Banksia 4
Senior		
Ben Spargo	Year 4	Hovea 10

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open every Wednesday morning from 8.45am to 9.15am during the school term. Prior arrangement must be made with the uniform co-ordinator to collect your order on an alternative day.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Due to a departmental edict from the Director General, from the Department of Education and Training, the school is required to work towards **IMPROVING THE ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY RATES** of our students.

There are a number of good reasons why your child needs to attend school regularly. By regular, we mean above 90% of the time. Which equates to no more than five days absent per term. Of course there are always exceptions to this when children need to take time off school for perfectly acceptable reasons.

Why Attend School Regularly?

Attendance at school is a prerequisite for student achievement. Students who are regularly absent are at the greatest risk of:

- * Dropping out of school early
- * Becoming long term unemployed
- * Becoming caught in a poverty trap
- * Becoming welfare dependant
- * Being involved in the justice system
- * Being socially isolated
- * Having gaps in their knowledge and understanding
- * Harm during time of absence
- * Being more likely to be involved in illegal activities
- * Feel insecure about school

Although some, or all, of these potential problems may not apply to your child. The habits and routines we establish in primary education are what will follow your child through their academic journey.

“A child who is healthy, attends school, and is able to read will have better educational outcomes” – Educational and Health Standing Committee

So what are acceptable reasons for being off school?

Please note the suggestions in the table are not a definitive list and should be used more as a tool to guide you.

Acceptable Reasons	Unacceptable Reasons
Illness	Birthdays
Essential appointment	Holidays
Injury	Visiting relatives
Infectious disease	Out of school sports
Bereavement	Helping parents at home
Principal approved absence	

What should I do if my child is away from school?

- * Please let the school know at the earliest convenience, this may be when your child returns to school.

- * If your child is going to be away for more than three days please let the school know by phone or email.
- * Send a note with your child to explain why your child was away.

What's the role of the school?

The school is here to help and work in partnership with parents that are having difficulties in getting their children to school. We have a number of strategies and interventions that can be used to help. If you are having problems please don't hesitate to contact the school so we can all start working on a solution.

Mr Adam Marchant

Deputy Principal

AVELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Hi Everyone,

Firstly I would like to say a very big thank you to the following volunteers: Julia Spencer, Cheryl Kelly, Mandy Cusack, Dimitra Godfrey and Michelle Clark. Your time and help was greatly appreciated each day in making book week so successful for our school. Our students looked amazing on Wednesday all dressed-up as their favourite book characters. We would also like to thank the students and our teachers for their gold coin donation and with some of the monies raised the P&C have purchased and donated a couple of book. This we feel represents a little piece of everyone's effort and contribution to our school.

Once again our students are doing extremely well with their banking achievements, with over 70 deposits made in the last two weeks. If you haven't started banking as yet this term is a great time to start. There is a competition for Term 2 being held by the Commonwealth bank. All you have to do is make 3 or more deposits this term and you will automatically be entered for a Family Adventure Holiday and the runner up prizes are Wii adventure packs. There are leaflets with all the details included in your newsletter.

We hope everyone is still busy collecting their Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. Don't forget there is a box down at the local Woolworth's store in Ellenbrook and also one in the school office to place your completed sheets.

The mornings of late have been a bit chilly and it is great to see our students wearing their winter uniform. Just a reminder that our winter uniforms are in. If you haven't managed to collect your orders as yet, please contact the uniform shop and let them know if the order is still required.

Be safe and keep smiling.

Stacey Jackson

P&C President