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What an excellent start to term 3 with the excursion, yoga and mindfulness, AUSLAN, National science week celebration and numerous fun learning experiences in the preschool students' play!



The students enjoyed the bus ride, the theatre experience of 'The very cranky bear' and engaged with the literature in various meaningful ways.



Book Week

We will be celebrating the book week (Week 5) in preschool with lots of stories and dress ups throughout the week. Book week's theme this year is 'Find your treasure.' Come in your favourite costume or enjoy the preschool's dress ups. Share the joy by reading a story from your home culture, family's favourite book or donating any unused costume/ wig from home.

Diary Dates Please make a note in your diary for an Avenues College whole school closure day on Monday the 3rd of September and a preschool's 'Pupil free day' on Thursday, 6th September 2018 due to the staff's professional development.

Avenues Update



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Book Week is fast approaching! This is a much loved and celebrated time in primary schools as teachers and children share in award winning literature and associated learning. This year's theme is Find your Treasure. There are some interesting and fun activities that can be found at www.thebookchook.com/2018/05/ideas-for-childrens-book-week-2018.html including a chart that will help you devise your very own pirate name! In addition to our learning, students are invited to come along on Wednesday 22nd August dressed in costume as their favourite book character. We encourage creativity, originality and connection to the character. Our parade of costumes will begin at 10:00 in the Hall where we will be joined by our Preschool children also. Please come along and see what wonderful things have been created and displayed. I am sure you will be impressed!

Diary Dates

- 20-24th Aug Book Week
- 22nd Aug Book week parade - 10am
- 31st Aug Pupil Free Day
- 3rd Sept School Closure Day
- 3-7th Sept Child Protection Week
- 4th Sept Crows Positive Reflection Assembly - 11:40am
- 6th Sept Preschool - Pupil Free Day
- 11th Sept Governing Council
- 28th Sept End of Term 3 - Early dismissal - 2pm

This week we have recognised the work and contribution of our support staff for SSO Week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lisa F, Robert, Arezou and Lisa R for their significant and meaningful contribution to the children's school experience and for the work they do alongside staff to assist in constant improvement and development. We couldn't ask for a more motivated and dedicated SSO team; I am sure you will share my appreciation for each of them.

Next week, Thursday 23rd August students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be assisting us in a NAPLAN Online trial. No data regarding achievement is collected on this occasion; it is purely a test of system capabilities in preparation for future online testing. The Year 3 and 5 students will undertake an Omnibus test which consists of a variety of Language questions. Year 7 students will undertake a Writing test. If you have any questions regarding this trial please contact me at school for more information.

Kind regards

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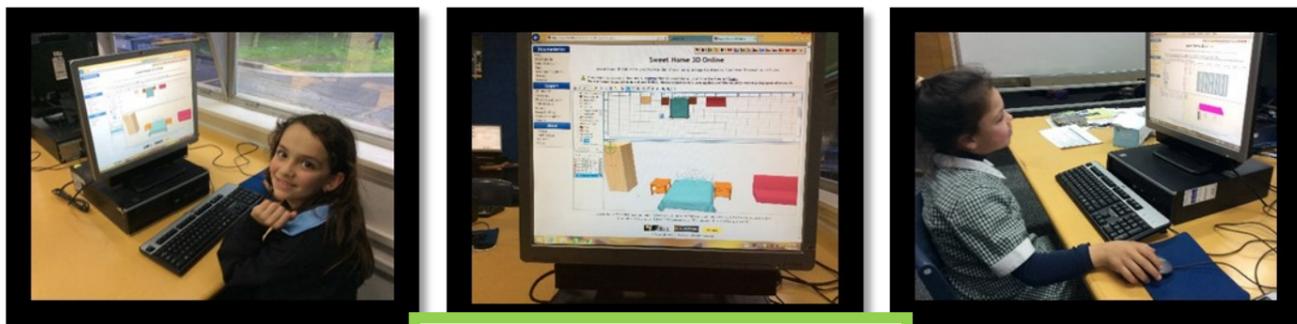
Digital Technologies in the year 2/3 class

This term we have had the assistance of Rob who has been implementing Digital Technology lessons with the students.



Some examples of Scratch and the final result when the game is finished.

During these lessons students have been working with a program called 'Scratch' which enables the students to complete coding. During Coding lessons students have created a game in which a shark eats yellow fish. Every time a yellow fish is eaten the Shark gains one point and every time a Red fish is eaten the game re-starts. Each character within the game requires a different script to be written.



Here is an example of one of the rooms created in SweetHome3D.

Students have also been using an online program called SweetHome3D. This program allows students to create replicas of rooms and floorplans of houses. Students can insert furniture and make the models look very realistic. This has integrated well with our current math topic of Measurement where students have been finding the perimeter and area of shapes.

Student Wellbeing

Recently children in Years 4-9 completed the online Student Wellbeing and Engagement Census to find out what they think about their social and emotional wellbeing, school relationships, learning engagement, after school activities and physical health. Survey results will help inform work in education and the wider community on how to help and improve our children and young people's health and wellbeing.

To help support your child/children's wellbeing and engagement in learning at school we encourage parents and carers to:

Tune into your child – spend some one on one time with them each day, be interested in what they enjoy and what they are learning at school.

Talk about feelings – let children know you understand how they feel, help younger children name their feelings, be patient as children learn to manage big feelings, help them to calm down.

Talk and listen – talk to your children as often as you can (e.g. at meal times and in the car), really listen to what they say. If they are used to talking with you they will be more likely to come to you when they are upset.

Show your love – let children know you love them in as many ways you can, it builds their security and belonging.

Build optimism and confidence – notice the things children are good at and tell them, encourage children to be involved in a range of activities to build skills and confidence, encourage children to be optimistic and model a positive outlook yourself.

Promote a healthy lifestyle – make sure children eat a variety of healthy foods, get plenty of sleep, spend time being active outside, and limit screen time.

Want more information on building children's wellbeing?

Parenting SA Parent Easy Guides www.parentingsa.gov.au

Kids Helpline www.kidshelp.com.au

Reach Out <http://au.reachout.com>

Headspace www.headspace.sa.org.au

The best thing you can give your child is love

Child Protection Week and White Balloon Day



To help celebrate National Child Protection Week (2 – 7 September 2018) and White Balloon Day we are asking students to **come to school wearing a white T-shirt or white ribbon on Wednesday 5th September**. White Balloon Day is a day to celebrate how important children are and to talk about how everyone can work together to keep children safe.

