

Friday, 20th September 2024

Dear Families,

Book Week

Thank you to all those families who helped make our Book Week Parade and assembly a fun event for our students.

Thank you to the School Captains who hosted the assembly. The gym looked magical, and the students did a wonderful job helping to bring the shared story alive with their placards.

A huge thank you to our fabulous Jane Pogas who drove the Book Week and did heaps of organising behind the scenes. Jane also organised class activities and shared many of the shortlisted books with classes.

Student Numbers for 2025

We have commenced the process to determine the class structures for 2025. It is important and helpful if we have a good understanding of the number of students who will continue at AVPS next year. I am currently starting to draft possible classes with PAC (Personnel Advisory Committee) and staffing for next year and it is helpful to have as accurate numbers as possible.

Our assumption is that our current Reception to Year 5 students will continue with us into the next school year. However, we realise that for some families this may not be the case. If your child will not be returning to AVPS in 2025, other than year 6 students, please advise Shanna in the Front Office. Thank you to those families who have already let us know they will be leaving us at the end of the year.

The next step in the planning process is where an invitation is extended to parents to submit information for consideration for class placement in 2025. This will be outlined and offered early next term. We appreciate your support with this forward planning.

Resolving Issues

Good relationships within the school community give children a greater chance of having a successful educational experience. It is important students, staff and parents work together in solving any issues that may arise. Please remember that issues or concerns at school with other students or parents need to be resolved through the school staff. Parents/Caregivers should not approach a child/ren or their parents over a school or out of school issue.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me to discuss further.

Honesty, Respect, Confidence, Resilience





Principal's Message Cont.

Pupil Free Day

A reminder of our upcoming Pupil Free Day on Friday 27 September. Staff will be participating in learning on The Writing Revolution, an evidence based program the site uses for teaching expository writing.

Unlocking a Bright Future: The Power of the first 1000 days

Continuing the important five areas of the first 1000 days of a child's life today we will look at Reading.

3. Why Reading with Babies is Awesome!

- Reading with babies isn't just fun it's super important for their growth!
 Here's why:
- Boosts Language Skills: Reading books, talking about pictures, and sharing stories help babies learn speech sounds, words, and how to talk.
- **Early Literacy:** Doing these activities every day helps babies get used to books and words, setting them up to be great readers when they grow up.
- Fires Up Imagination: Stories make babies dream big and learn about the world around them.
- Bonding Time: Reading together is a special time for you and your baby to connect and enjoy each other's company.



Fun Tips for Reading with Babies:

- Start Early: You can begin reading to your baby from birth!
- Quiet Time: Newborns love calm reading sessions. By 12 months, they'll be excited and involved in story time.
- Interactive Reading: Point out words and pictures and make your voice lively with different tones.
- Pick Fun Books: Babies love books with rhymes, rhythm, and repetition.
- Remember, every time you read with your baby, you're helping them grow smarter and stronger! So, grab a book and start the adventure together!

We wish our families a happy and safe holiday break!

Kind regards, David



Dates to Remember



Pyjama Day

Wednesday 25th September

Sports Day

Thursday 26th September

Pupil Free Day Friday 27th September Last Day of Term
Friday 27th September

Term 4 BeginsMonday 14th October

Pupil Free Day Monday 14th October AVPS 150 Year Celebration

21st November

School Closure

Friday 22nd November

Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 11th December



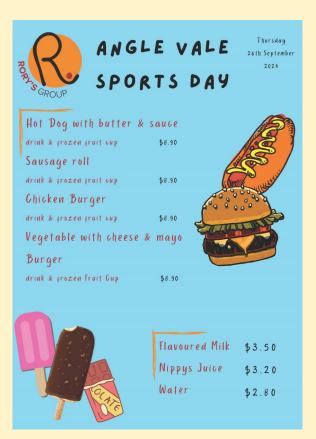
Sports Day Menu

Orders can be placed using the QKR app.

Please have your order placed by:

Tuesday 24th September 8:00am





Healthy Recipe Ideas

Ingredients

12 eggs

1 tbsp our taco seasoning mix

½ 400g can kidney beans, drained & rinsed

1 tomato, diced

½ cup capsicum, diced

2 spring onions, finely sliced

1 cup reduced-fat cheddar cheese, grated



Method

Step 1

Preheat oven to 180°C. Line a muffin tray with muffin cases.

Step 2

Whisk the eggs and taco seasoning together in a large bowl. Stir in the beans, tomatoes, capsicum, onion, and cheese.

Step 3

Spoon into the prepared muffin cases. Bake for 20-25 minutes.

Step 4

Remove from the oven and let cool 1-2 minutes. Remove and cool on a wire rack.

Taco Egg Muffin Cup Recipe | Healthy Made Tasty





Three weeks ago our Year 6 Nunga students with First Nations heritage attended the 2024 STEM Aboriginal Learners

Congress held at the Adelaide Convention Centre. It was an amazing opportunity for our learners to be exposed to a world of science and technology, and to be inspired by the life stories of some very

exceptional Aboriginal STEM

(Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) entrepreneurs.

The two-day Congress had over 800 students from 186 schools from across the state coming together to be inspired by over 50 STEM activities, keynote addresses and even a Rap music concert!

The keynote speeches included the Young Australian of the Year, who pioneered feeding livestock a special seaweed that reduces harmful methane emissions by an amazing

90%! They listened to an Aboriginal game designer who has started his own game designing company on the back of his work on the famous "Call of Duty" game franchise. His story of success despite not learning to read until year 8 and being mute through most of his Primary School years was truly inspiring. His work in augmented reality has two of our students very keen to learn more about this career in the future.



There were strong links to country and culture with our learners taking part in a variety of activities and new and inclusive ways to acknowledge country. Our students are excited to work on a new acknowledgment of country for our assemblies, so watch this space.

The concert performance of Aboriginal R&B band Dem Mob to close the Congress was an opportunity to see how music can be made using technology, and our learners joined the

band on stage for a very thrilling experience.

The students who admirably represented our school unanimously agreed it was a wonderful event with lots of inspiring and engaging experiences to draw upon as they transition into secondary school.



Our 2024 Deadly Sixers highly

recommend the Deadly Year 6 Nunga students apply to attend in 2025.



Special thanks to Leadership for their encouragement and support to attend this event. Catching the bus at 7am was worth it 🕄



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