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2021 Term Two Week 10 B-12 Update

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music
night 2021



On Wednesday 2nd of June and Thursday 3rd of June year 8 – 12 students had the opportunity to present their musical talents to their friends and family.

This was our first live performance in front of an audience in 18 months post covid. Students and staff were excited to be a part of these evenings. The evenings showcased solo and ensemble performances from our Stage Band, Year 8 – 12 students and bands.

Both evenings were highly successfully with fantastic reviews from staff and parents who attended. We were very fortunate to have the opportunity to share our students hard work this year. A special thanks to our dedicated music teachers, David Bowering and Phillip Hall, who supported these students preparing them for the evenings.



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Avenues College acknowledges and respects the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we meet upon. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationships of Aboriginal peoples to country. We recognise the many language groups that continue their connection to land, waters and culture across Australia and we pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

From the Principal

This morning our whole school participated in a celebration of achievement in term 2. It was a fabulous acknowledgement of the excellence in all subject areas. A number of our students received recognition for 'straight A' results – a high achievement indeed!

Charlotte Farrell (9) Jennifer Phan (9) PJ Sjoberg (9) Rita Mann (10) Jojo Sjoberg (11) Sarah Richards (12) Jakeb Lambden (12) Devina Pangeni (8) Sophie Tran (9) Grisha Patel (10) Arjun Kulhrestha (11) Tiana Mykytyschyn (12) Alicia Wall (8) Muskan Muskan (8) Bethany Batchelor (8) Abbey Amundson (12) Madison Phillips (9) Manas Sharma (10) Nathan Tripodi (10)

Semester 1 reports will come home today. There is a gremlin in our system that has made some interesting additions to some reports, for which I apologise in advance – some punctuation marks have been changed into weird symbols which we hope to correct in time for the emailed out in the next few days.

Our **Northern Oval** has received a facelift this term – with your child's help! Please keep an eye on it during the holidays – and enjoy time in the outdoors. Our courtyards in the main building area are complete and being enjoyed by our students and staff members during class and break times.

Avenues College will host **The Exchange with Cheltenham Secondary College** from Friday July 23 to Monday July 26. That is at the end of our first week back from holiday – there is more information about this in the newsletter. This program has been going for over 50 years, and is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate sporting, academic and cultural excellence.

Our Pedal Prix team will compete in their second race of this season on July 31 (end of week 2) and in

Week 3 we will host a panel reviewing the school in our **External School Review**. This is an evidence-informed external evaluation of an individual school's capacity to improve student learning and will strengthen our focus on learning by providing an expert external perspective to verify or challenge internal self-review processes and findings, the rigour of improvement practices, and the school's capacity to achieve or sustain learning improvement over time. It occurs every 3-4 years, and will provide formal directions for us to implement over a 3 year period. Your children may be invited to contribute to conversations with the panel; teachers and members of the community will also be involved in a number of ways. The panel will consist of the review officer and a review principal. The review principal is a current school-based leader selected and trained to provide a school-based perspective to the on-site review processes. The review principal participates fully in gathering evidence to verify the school's performance.

Have a safe and restful holiday, enjoy spending time with your children, and we will happily see you back here on Monday July 19.

Robyn McLean, Principal



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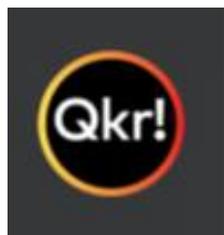
During Term 2 we ran a 'Create your own Manga' short story competition. The entries were all remarkable which made it tough to choose winners. We have some very talented students here at Avenues College.

WINNER in 1st Place was JAKEB LAMBDEN Violent Sword Fight..WOW

The visual story telling was great and easy to follow, Good use of sound effects, Action scenes are his strength with them emanating emotion, The ending was enjoyable and unpredictable. Noted is the traditional manga style of your characters. Well done Jakeb

RUNNER UP in 2nd Place was LIASHA MC MILLAN

Good back story, Good transition in page style layout, Great story progression and easy to follow, Clean drawings and lines and Highly noted is the writers mark on every page was a nice touch. Well done Liasha.



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Term Three 2021

The 2021 Exchange
Thursday 22 July—Monday 26 July

Operation Flinders
27 July—30 July

Pedal Prix 8hr Race
Saturday 31 July in Tailem Bend

Governing Council Meeting
Tuesday 3 August, 6pm

Wakakirri
Tuesday 10 August
Entertainment Centre

Year 10 Immunisations
Friday 13 August

Science Week
Week 5, 16—20 August

Book Week
Week 6, 23—27 August

School Dental Visits
30 August to 2 September

Governing Council Meeting
Tuesday 7 September, 6pm

Pedal Prix 8hr Race
Sat & Sun 11 & 12 September
2 x 6 hour races, Murray Bridge

Student Free Day
Wednesday 22 September

Last Day of Term 3
Friday 24 September
2pm Dismissal

First Day of Term 4
Monday 11 October

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Santos ABORIGINAL POWER CUP

The North East Academy Power Cup team celebrated an amazing weekend for Indigenous Round at the footy. Both the girls and the boys teams won the overall **Aboriginal Power Cup** which is an amazing achievement!

The North East Academy also won the **Curriculum Excellence award** which is a fantastic reflection of the quality work which our students have produced this semester.

During the carnival on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th May, both teams came second overall in the football, only losing one game each to the teams who finished first.



To top it all off, NE Academy student Tamryn Walker won the award for **Best Guernsey design** (see left).

At the AFL match on Sunday, there was a fantastic buzz amongst the students and it was a pleasure for the team leaders and assistants to be there with such a fantastic group of students. Avenues College was represented by 3 students who attended the academy forming part of the North- East Academy Team.

Eithan Smith YR 12 Kaleb Warrior YR 12 Peyton Aspel YR 11

Congrats to these students we're all so proud of you!!

A big thankyou to all the staff who came out and supported during the Carnival.



Poetry in Action

In Term 2, Poetry in Action visited our college. The year 7's and 8's watched James, Chrissy and Tom perform 'Unlocking the Poetry Code' and the year 9's viewed 'Power of Poetry'. Both focussed on poetic features such as assonance, similes, metaphors, rhythm and rhyme. The year 10's watched 'Words of War', introducing students to famous war poems such as *Disabled* by Wilfred Owen by bringing them to life. Students are encouraged to enter as many poems as they like into Poetry in Action's competition. First prize is \$500, second prize is \$250 and third is \$100. It's free to enter so get writing! The winner will also have their poem written into one of their plays and performed. The actors said this was genuinely their most favourite school to visit and this, largely, is due to our students being an enthusiastic, respectful audience. Well done and we will see Poetry in Action again next year!

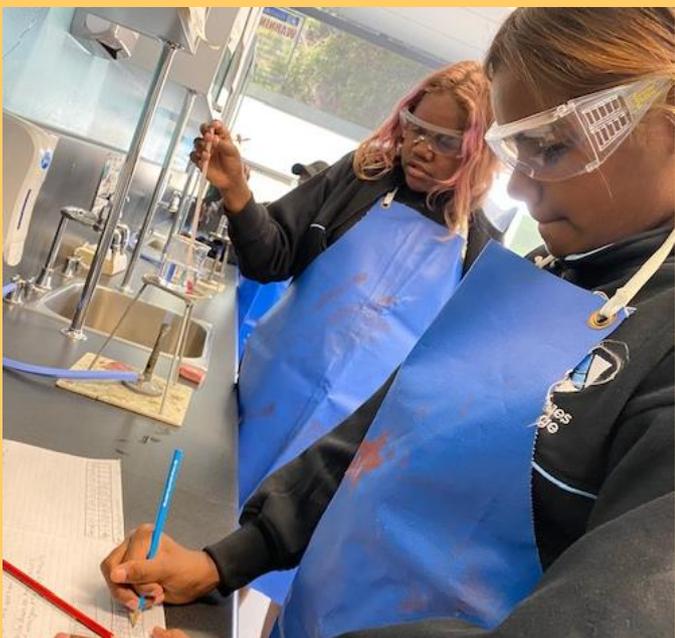
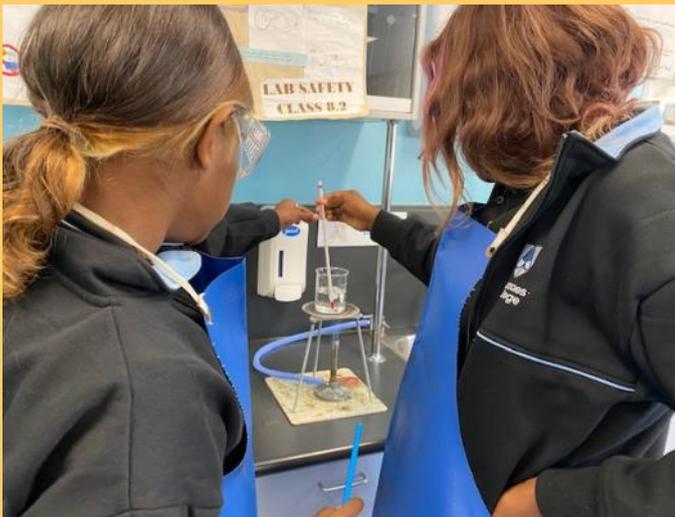
Competition details - <https://www.poetryinaction.com.au/poetry-comp/>



NE Vista Senior Girls Volleyball Carnival Winners

CLAIRE ALEAYAH JOSE
SHYKODA KEELY SHALLEN
SHAE

Congratulations!!



Here are some pictures of Year 8 Avenues students from the APY lands undertaking an experiment in Science with Ms Eames.

In Science there is lots of new equipment to learn the names of and some important laboratory safety rules to follow. There is always plenty to discover when conducting experiments ... it is great to see the scientific principles in reality.

Avenues College Environmental Group



The House Competition for recycling writing instruments, is going strong! There is plenty of fantastic competition happening. With a little over 4 weeks left for collection, anyone House can win.

20 House points are awarded for each piece.



Current scoreboard :

Prider: 1400

Gilles: 2200

Hyde: 700

Nicholas: 1900

A note from Ms Wilson

It is with a heavy heart that I have to say goodbye to the Avenues College Environmental Group. I would like to thank each and every member for their hard work over the last 3 years, and wish you all the best for future endeavours. I hope to see a beautiful succulent garden finished next term. I'll definitely be coming back to check up on you!

A thankyou to all the parents involved in this as well, I hope this relationship continues next semester with our other leader, Mark Cocks. -Sonja Wilson

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2022

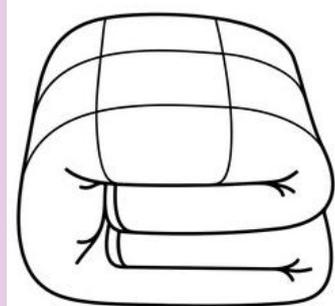
Parent Update

To remain up to date with news and views regarding the move of Year 7 into High School for 2022, regular Parent Updates are provided by the Department for Education.

These updates are made available on our website

<https://www.avenuescollege.sa.edu.au/news-and-events/year-7-to-high-school/>

Avenues College staff are working hard to make this transition process a success.



A weighted blanket was purchased by our Special Education team and is no longer required. Due to COVID we are unable to return it to the place of purchase.

The blanket is brand new, onopened in its original packaging (size xx x xx cm and xxxxx in colour).

The price for the blanket is \$75.00. Please contact Danielle Smith on 8261 2733 if you are interested.



During Week 3 we were able to welcome students from Indulkana for their Supported Orientation visit. The students spent some time in the Primary Years Learning Street Area with Ela and her preschool students.

The Indulkana students had a fantastic time, engaging in sensory activities, imaginary play and finished off with having lunch together.



The leaders of PRIDER house issued a challenge across the College to complete the most number of Push Ups (or sit ups or star jumps) within a four week timeframe.

The challenge is in support of the nation wide Push Up Challenge which raises awareness about mental health and the rate of suicide in Australia to get everyone talking about how to identify causes and provide assistance help to combat this issue in our community.

The following alarming statistic was shared with students ... **3318 people committed suicide in Australia in 2019 (the latest data)?**

Staff and students enthusiastically embraced the challenge with totals being tallied.

Prider - 68,790 Push Ups = 4000 Pts
Hyde - 23,983 Push Ups = 3000 Pts
Gilles - 23,712 Push Ups = 2000 Pts
Nicholas - 22,086 Push Ups = 1000 Pts

Congratulations to PRIDER for both issuing the challenge, starting the conversation and completing the most Push Ups (by a long way!!)



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Year 9 History - Campfire

In week 5 of this term, year 9 History students took part in making a campfire. This formed part of our 'Making a Nation' unit as students experienced what it was like to rely on basic provisions to make a meal, just as some of the first settlers did on the goldfields. Students built and maintained the fire, made their own damper and billy tea and, of course, toasted marshmallows!

It was a lovely way to spend a morning.



One of the many things that 2020 and all of its challenges has highlighted for us is the importance of holding the most up to date contact information for parents, caregivers and emergency contacts.

If you have recently changed your contact details (mailing address, phone numbers or email address) or would like to update your Emergency Contacts or your student's medical information, please contact our Front Office staff on 8261 2733 or dl.0906.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

Alternatively you can access a pre-printed form on our website via the following link :

[Update of Parent/Caregiver Details Form](#)

Please Note : We are only able to accept amendments from a parent or authorised caregiver.



Congratulations to Year 11 student William Amos for being the State winner of the 2021 ASX Sharemarket Game !!

During this term students (and teachers) were given \$50,000 virtual cash and invited to learn and play the ASX Sharemarket Game.

The game requires participants to buy and sell shares from the ASX using live prices and being charged brokerage fees. Over a 10 week period William used a strategy to increase his portfolio to over \$58,000 more than a \$1000 higher than second place.

William's prize was \$400 real money.

There have been some interesting strategical conversations between participants especially one particular person who invested all their money into milk companies.

Thank you to everyone who joined in and had some fun.



UNDER THE SEA EXPLORATION GAME APP

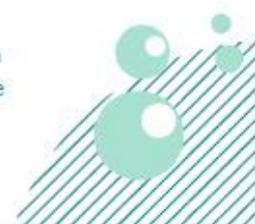
- Are you concerned about your child's posture?
- Is your child aged between 3 and 18 years of age?
- Does your child play games on a tablet?
- Are you able to commit an hour to attend the assessment venue at Maylands SA 5069?

If so, your child may eligible to enrol in our study...

For more information and to find out if your child is eligible to participate, please contact Dr. Lua Perimal-Lewis at lua.perimal-lewis@flinders.edu.au or call 8201 2069

What is involved?

Your child will be asked to play a pre-loaded game on an Android Galaxy Tablet for five minutes. During the five minutes of game-play, your child will be video recorded from the side to measure their postural improvement.





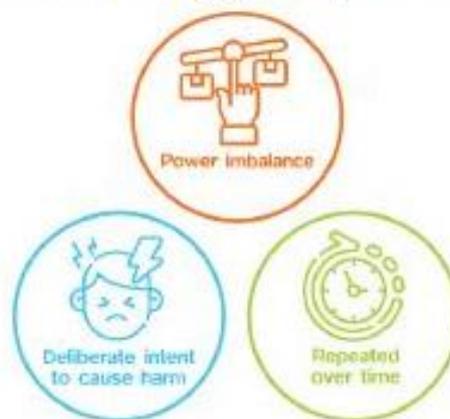
Planning for a safe and supportive Avenues College community

Planning for a safe and supportive school community requires a whole-school community approach.

To achieve this, our whole-school community must share an understanding of the definition of bullying.

Bullying. No Way! provides the national definition of bullying for Australian schools. The full national definition can be [read here](#).

3 key characteristics outlined in the national definition of bullying distinguish bullying behaviours from other forms of peer aggression behaviours which do not constitute bullying. The key characteristics of bullying include:



While the following behaviours of peer aggression do not constitute bullying, these behaviours may still be serious and require intervention at home and at school:

- Arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- Single acts of social rejection or meanness, or
- Isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

It is important for our whole-school community, including our staff, parents, caregivers, guardians, and students to have a clear understanding of the definition of bullying to be able to distinguish these behaviours from peer aggression, and correctly identify and respond to incidents of bullying.

Knowing the [types of bullying behaviour](#) can also help you identify if the incident is bullying, or peer aggression. While neither of these behaviours are tolerated at Avenues College, they do require different management strategies, and the first step for responding is to correctly identify the behaviour.

You can read the [Avenues College Bullying Prevention policy](#) to learn more about our school's process for managing incidents of bullying.

If you believe the behaviour constitutes a crime, or is a serious incident of cyberbullying, please refer to the Bullying. No Way! website for information on [how to report](#) to other authorities and [gaining further help](#).

For more information, please visit the [Bullying. No Way!](#) website for additional resources.



Reconciliation Week Fun!!



To celebrate National Reconciliation Week, the Receptions, and Miss Tahlia's year 3/4 class explored the symbolic meaning of the Aboriginal flag.

The Aboriginal flag has grown to become a powerful and iconic symbol for Indigenous people and communities across Australia.

We discussed how the black represents the Aboriginal people of Australia, the yellow circle in the centre represents the sun and the red represents the red Earth.



To follow on from this learning, we decorated our own Aboriginal flag biscuits using red, yellow, and black icing.



Have you returned all of your library books??

Search for all of your borrowed books over the holidays and return them at the beginning of Term 3.

The Resource Centre staff will record which class returns all of their outstanding loans first. The winning class will be invited for a special High Tea to celebrate!

Get hunting ... !!!

2021 OPERATION FLINDERS

Congratulations to the following students who are taking up the once in a lifetime opportunity to complete Operation Flinders.

They will head off to the Flinders Ranges for 8 days of bushwalking early Term 3.



Clifford Long Declan Van Balen Edward Vorobyov Emma Marzano
Isaac Coleman Janaya Agius Kian Dixon Luke Wyles
Madison Philips Tommy Farrant

These students also organised a wear your favourite footy/sports team colours to school on Wednesday of Week 9. Gilles Plains Lions club volunteers helped students to cook a sausage sizzle at lunch for \$1 donation to the Operation Flinders Foundation. Thank you to special attendees Johnathon Robron from Operation Flinders, Gilles Plains lions club volunteers and MP for Torrens Dana Wortley.

Thank you to all staff and students who assisted and participated in this fundraiser.



Avenues College entered a Category 2 team into the 2021 UniSA Australian Human Powered Vehicle Super Series. Students have trained hard twice a week under the guidance Mr Krotiris and other Pedal Prix staff, to prepare for the race on the 20th of June at Victoria Park Racecourse.

Our aim for the event was to be competitive, but more importantly, to give Team A some much needed experience in competing against other schools. The day was a great success for our team who completed 126 laps, with Ryan McAlister being timed at 2:02, for our fastest lap.

Our next race will be an 8-hour event on the 31st of July at Taillem Bend (The Bend Motorsport Park) where Team B will participate and get to experience a new racetrack and vehicle.

A big thank you to all staff that supported the event over the day. Also, a special mention to Ms Terreri/ Ms Philippou for catering for the event and Vivienne for supporting the school by being our race marshal for the day.



Fantastic effort to all involved, it was a great day!



Y9 Virtual Reality Excursion

The wheels on the bus turned round and round on Thursday, 20th of May.

Our very capable drivers, Vivienne and Tom drove an excitable and incredible group of Y9 students from Ms Olds' and Ms Perry's English classes to 'Untethered', a virtual reality venue.

Students walked the plank, fought off giant spiders, soared the skies, fell from substantial heights and even busted out their best dance moves. Much laughter and even occasional screaming ensued!

What a fantastic experience and way for them to generate ideas for the composition of their creative writing pieces.

Ms Olds and Ms Perry



20 years of
Reconciliation
Australia

National
Reconciliation
Week 2021



27 May – 3 June

#MoreThanAWord
#NRW2021

On Thursday June 3rd, our whole College community was able to come together for a whole school assembly to spend time reflecting on the messages of Reconciliation Week. Our Welcome to Country was proudly led by Robbie Young, one of our Aboriginal Community Education Officers. A number of presentations from students from Reception through to our Senior School leaders helped to educate and inspire us. We all have a part to play in understanding the history and conversations needed to continue the journey.



MUSIC FACULTY—TERM 2 UPDATE

This semester has culminated in some excellent performances from Avenues College music students. We have started lunchtime performances on the deck in one of our new quadrangles which is proving quite popular with staff and students alike and adds a great vibe to the yard.

Phil Hall has got the Stage Band sounding great and is doing the final rehearsals in preparation for the music competition which is part of the Cheltenham Exchange. Claire Shinks is Stage Band Captain this year whilst Arjun Kulshrestha is Vice Captain. I am sure the Stage Band students will do our College proud at this year's exchange and give the Victorians a 'red hot go'.

The Stage band and Mr Bowering's year II music class performed at Dernancourt and Wandana Primary Schools. Our performances were well received with the primary students dancing up a storm. Thankyou to Mr Dalby for driving the bus.

Our music nights were a great success despite the compulsory reduced crowd numbers. Both nights ran extremely smoothly with students performing to a high standard. Thanks go out to parents for their attendance, staff who attended to help supervise and our Arts Coordinator Natalie Tragos for organizing the evenings.

Instrumental lessons continue in semester 2 and we would like to acknowledge our wonderful instrumental staff. They provide highly engaging lessons for our students. If your child is having instrumental lessons please encourage them to practice at home. Short practice sessions (20 minutes) multiple times a week will ensure progress. If your child wants to practice for longer periods that is a bonus. Performing in front of guests that visit your home is an excellent idea as it gives your child performance experience and positive encouragement.

In conclusion we are looking forward to semester 2 and hope to see you at our Arts showcase 'Avenues at Night' mid term 4.

