

Avenues Update - B-12



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From the Principal...

Our year has begun in the traditional way for all schools – busy, happy and calm, on most days! We have welcomed new staff members and new students and relationships across the school are already productive. The Year 8 Camp held last week saw over 100 students and teachers participate in a range of activities at Adare camp site in Victor Harbor; our PE teams are already out and about in their striking new uniforms, eleven Wiltja students have arrived from the APY Lands to complete their schooling with us, and we have just over 500 students from Preschool to Year 12.

Annual General Meeting

Our Governing Council is responsible for many decisions that affect the teaching and learning of your children. The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday March 20 in Café Parndendi** on our McKay Ave site. Please consider joining the team, and attend in support of the parents who commit to two meetings each term to help improve our school. The current chairperson has written to you as well – see her note later in this newsletter.

Changes to our Hot Weather Policy

As noted in a brief note last week, the Governing Council approved a change in our arrangements for hot weather – as our classrooms are air conditioned, there will no longer be an early dismissal on the McKay Ave site for hot weather. This decision is effective immediately. There is no change for the Beatty Ave site.

Changes to our Reporting Policy

The Australian Government requires that: All educators Reception – Year 10 report formally twice per year in writing to students and their families about each student's progress. This means that our secondary students (Years 8-10) will no longer receive a report each term, but we will continue to report (formally and informally) through phone calls, interviews and notes in diaries.

Senior Students will continue to receive reports each term, along with 'early warning' letters to ensure they are on track. Roy Webb has created a working group to agree on the format for Years 8-12, which will be consistent with our early and primary years.

Student Free Days

Our Governing Council has approved the following dates for Student Free Days:

- Tuesday March 13**
- Thursday, March 29**
- Friday, August 31**
- Monday September 3** School Closure for day of local significance

On Pupil Free Days our staff members plan for improved learning and teaching across the school. I recognise the inconvenience that such days can create for families, and thank you for the cooperation which ensures that our educators have these opportunities to learn.

Diary Dates

- Adelaide Cup: Monday 12th March
- Student Free Day: Tuesday 13th March/
Thursday 29th March
- AGM: 20th March
- Open Day: Sunday 25th March 10:30am– 12:30pm
- Good Friday: Friday 30th March
- Easter Monday: Monday 2nd April
- End of Term 1: Friday 11th April

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Robyn McLean,
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Avenues College Birth to Year 12



Open Day 2018

Sunday March 25 is an opportunity to showcase our school to visitors, parents and children.

Leaders in each learning area will be arranging the staff and students to make displays and all parents and governing council are invited to attend. Preparation time for this event will be provided in an early dismissal on Friday March 23 (students will leave on both campuses at lunch time).

Avenues Houses

You may have heard from your children that we have introduced a house system for children from Preschool to Year 12 this year. Our houses are:

Gilles – recognises the history of both sites

Hyde – Marguerite Hyde was Principal of Gilles Plains Primary School from 1901

Nicholas – Jeff Nicholas created the Cheltenham Exchange in 1965

Prider – named after the first Principal of Gilles Plains High School, 1960

Uniform

I am pleased to report that most of our students, from Reception to Year 12, are wearing our new uniform with pride. The importance of being 'in uniform, ready to learn' is noted in the enclosed note. Thank you to the many families who are supporting that their children demonstrate this readiness every day.

Attendance

Every day at school counts!

Coming to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. The habits developed are necessary for success in and after school, whether in work or further study. Missing school interrupts relationships with teachers and, just as importantly, with other students. Our current attendance rate is 88% while The SA Department of Education and Child Development target is 96%! Let's do this...

Mobile Phones

The arrangement for students in Reception to Year 7 with phones continues to be that they are cared for at the front desk during the school day.

We recognise that many of our students in Years 8 to 12 have mobile phones with them during the day. This is both a privilege and responsibility for these young people to manage, and it is our expectation that phones are switched off during lesson times. I ask for families' assistance in a couple of important ways:

- Please DO NOT contact your child during class time – in case of emergency please call the front office on 8261 2733
- Support us in limiting all use of phones to recess and lunch periods (11-11.20; 1-1.30)

Student Services

If your child is late to school or needs to leave early, signed written consent in your son or daughters diary or a phone call to the College is required.

Students who are unwell or hurt will be treated in Student Services at McKay Avenue or the Front Office at Beatty Avenue. If they are still unwell after 20 minutes, we will contact you or your nominated emergency contact to pick up your son or daughter. In the event of an emergency an ambulance will be called and you will be notified immediately. Our schools policy requires that if a student has a hit to the head of any kind, parents will immediately be contacted to collect the student from school due to concussion risk.

Student Services (McKay Avenue) is the access point for

- Signing in and out
- First aid / unwell
- Student Counselling and support services for mental health and wellbeing
- Raising and resolving complaints (Bullying and harassment grievances processes including Restorative practice)
- Time out

If your student has a health condition (asthma, allergy, illness, medication) an updated Health Care plan is required **every year**. Please ensure this is returned to the school asap. Health Care plan forms are available from Student Services and must be filled out by your doctor.

School Day Organisation

For your information, the timetables for each campus are :

- **Beatty Ave students** commence at 8:50 each day;
 - Recess from 10:30-10:50 and lunch from 12:40- 1:10.The school day on Beatty Ave finishes each day at 3:05pm
- **Years 8 to 12 students** begin their day at 8:40;
 - Recess from 11:00-11:20, followed by Care Group to 11:30am.
 - Lunch Is from 1:00-1:30pm.
- The school day on McKay Ave finishes at 3:00pm

Except on TUESDAY, where our EARLY FINISH will be at 2:15

Staff meetings and Professional Development on both campuses occurs on Tuesday afternoons.

Staffing:

As is the case in all schools at this time of the year, we are welcoming a number of new staff to our college:
Mr Roy Webb, Head of Secondary Years
Ms Mari Terreri, Dean of Student Well Being and Engagement, Preschool– Year 12
Ms Danielle Smith, Business Manager, B-12
Ms Hema Bhatt, Finance Officer
Ms Susan Hart, Home Economics
Ms Haylee McAteer, Health PE
Ms Renu Bajaj, Year 1
Ms Talia Zellmer, Health PE
Ms Helen Eckermann, Auslan R-10

AVENUES COLLEGE R-12 UNIFORM UPDATE FEBRUARY 2018

Avenues College is committed to providing the best learning environment for its students. Our college community pursues inspiring teaching and learning, values creativity and seeks excellence. We support this commitment by establishing agreement between families, students and educators about how we view each other and how we are seen by the wider community. This creates opportunities for everyone to belong. It recognises the important role of smart and appropriate clothes for a strong sense of wellbeing and identity, promoting safety and academic rigor.

We wish to remind families that in choosing Avenues College they undertake to support the school in its expectations for all students to wear the correct uniform. Students' appearance should be neat, clean and worn in a conventional manner. The wearing of other garments will be seen as incorrect uniform and therefore seen as unacceptable.

The College uniform is only available from **Devon Clothing Uniform Shop**

Shop 24 Clovercrest Plaza, 429 Montague Road, Modbury

Opening times: Monday – Friday 9am-4.30pm

Saturday 9.00am – 11.30am

Phone 8396 6465

UNISEX UNIFORM:

Polo shirt short sleeve and Polo shirt long sleeve

Jacket full zip and jumper ¼ zip

Baggy shorts and baggy pants

Formal shorts and formal pants

Rugby knit sports short - Reception to Year 7

GIRLS UNIFORM:

Summer dress (Reception to Year 12)

Winter skirt

UNISEX PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM:

Rugby knit sports short - Years 8 to 12

HATS:

Avenues College Black Legionnaire and bucket hat

Avenues College Cap – Years 8-12 only



All the above uniform items carry the Avenues College logo

FOOTWEAR:

Only black shoes can be worn

Plain black or white socks

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Black rain jacket

Black or white scarf

Black or white hijab

****Some subjects will have additional safety requirements around footwear****

All orders for shorts and pants should be finalised by Monday the 5th of March. In the interim your child may wear their previous Windsor Gardens' pants and/or shorts. If this is the case, please ensure that your son or daughter has a note in their school diary for Avenues staff monitoring the introduction of the new uniform. We remind you that consequences may apply if your child deliberately chooses not to wear the official college uniform on any day. Further clarification about school uniform can be obtained from college leadership.

Donations of Used Windsor Gardens Uniforms

We have found an outlet through which we are able to donate our left over Windsor Gardens and Gilles Plains Primary Uniform items to.

Rotary collect for a variety of needy communities across the world with a particular focus on medical and educational support. They send numerous containers overseas each year and have expressed their excitement and appreciation at the offer of our clothing donations.

If you have any Windsor Gardens or Gilles Plains Primary uniform items you would like to donate to this cause, please bring them into the Front Office at McKay Avenue or Beatty Avenue by Friday 15th of March. Please ensure they are in reasonable condition and are freshly laundered.

Pastoral Care Worker

My name is Bron, I am the new Pastoral Care Worker, otherwise known as a Chaplain. I have a background in accounting, bookkeeping, counselling, mental health and a mum.

My husband is a high school PE/Health teacher and our kids are aged from 9-13. I am interested in sport and being active, particularly netball & gym. I like reading dystopia novels and have even tried my hand at writing my own fiction which I confess has been put on the shelf and still needs editing. I really like art, painting and drawing using acrylic and watercolour. I do a bit of gaming with my sons, but I get a bit tense if they keep dying! Over the past two years I have travelled to West Timor and Peru and hope to make it to the USA and UK next.

I really look forward to meeting you all and integrating into the school life. My office is in the flexi area and I am around Monday and Wednesday's, please drop in for a chat or just to say hi. I'm very open to ideas for lunch time activities too!



Bunnings BBQ 28th January 2018

The team stoically arrived to assist with the BBQ – cast your mind back and you may recall this was the long weekend for the Australia Day Holiday, the day before the school year started in earnest and it was 42 degrees!! The first day that we called ourselves **Avenues College**.

The team of staff were great. They set to, with energy most people would have found hard to find, and got the BBQ running and the fan set up – that fan was fabulous, it made an uncomfortable situation bearable.

We sold 295 sausages and 60 cans which wasn't the best of results but we thought it was amazing that anyone would want a hot sausage on a day like that. People actually came back for seconds so we know they were good!

The silver lining was that we had a chance to take stock of our set up and plan some small changes for the next BBQ so that we can serve the public even better. We also were very happy with the wonderful facilities, and helpful staff that Bunnings supplied to help us on the day. It is a great fundraising opportunity that Bunnings offers community groups.

We raised \$550.00 that will go directly to the Pedal Prix program for their 2018 campaign.

If you would be interested to help us at a Bunnings BBQ or other fundraising activities please let our front office staff know with your name and contact details. Don't worry if we don't phone you for a while as our next Bunnings BBQ will be after March.



STOP PRESS: Please visit us at Bunnings this Saturday (March 3rd)

Year 8 Camp

On February 19th, 77 Year 8 students, 23 peer leaders and 7 staff headed to Adare campsite in Victor Harbor for the annual Year 8 Camp. The camp is aimed at breaking the ice amongst the students and providing an environment from which the students can build relationships assisting them with their transition into high school. To support this, classes became tribes and in the lead up to the camp each tribe prepared a celebration chant and a team identity.

During the camp many activities were organised for the students to enjoy. These activities included; beach games, a night walk to Granite Island, the flying kiwi swing, mountain biking, water obstacles, body boarding, raft making and a talent night. At the end of each activity, points were awarded to each tribe with the focus being teamwork, encouragement and participation. Credit must be given to all students for the way they embraced the competition and threw themselves into each activity displaying resilience, trust, respect and willing team-first attitudes.

After busy days the students were lucky enough to be fed by a fantastic chef and then retired to hot showers and dormitories. A camp of this nature takes a lot of organisation and commitment from staff. Thank you very much to all staff involved for their hard work, time and effort.

Dean Liddicoat

Purple Dragons



Blue & Gold Lions



White Knights



Red Demons



Black Wolves



Year 8 Camp



Auslan

Once again the Primary Years is alive with creativity, energy and dedication. This year we have started our learning in Auslan and are making excellent progress. Thus far, the children have learned letters, their names and are beginning to learn some songs. This will be an excellent introduction and foundation for our senior class who will be combining this with their efforts in the 'Northern Regions Festival of Music Choir'. Students will not only be singing but also signing songs in their performance this year. Students have begun their weekly practices learning songs in English, Auslan, Swahili and Indigenous languages, Kurna and Yolngu. This year's theme for the Choir is North Terrace.

Our dedicated efforts to improve reading continue in 2018 with each class undertaking Guided Reading or Literature Circles four times a week. This is supported by teachers, SSO's, our ACEO and some parent volunteers. We have also joined Literacy Pro, a tool that helps children select reading of interest, monitor their comprehension and keep records of their achievements. Students are enthusiastically taking quizzes and increasing the words they have read. We have just begun to record our efforts for the Premier's Reading Challenge and hope to be able to award every Primary Years student in Term 4.

Chan Welfare



Being Brave In The Reception Class

Our new reception class share their learning each day. This supports their confidence in public speaking, reinforces understanding of why they do learning tasks and gives them opportunities to learn from each other.

Miss Sonja



Primary Campus Foyer Display



Music

The children have been looking at rhythm using cups. They then applied their knowledge of notation and rhythm to music.



Literacy Circles



Year 12 Orientation Day

This year on the first day back at school the Year 8 and Year 12 students started with an orientation day. This was an opportunity for the Year 12 students to regroup and begin to focus on the year ahead. Throughout the day students participated in activities which will support their study and their wellbeing. Tasks included understanding and mapping out their SACE patterns, understanding study routines and time management and looking after their well being; as well as looking at strategies to survive Year 12. At the end of the day the two groups came together for some inter house activities. It was great to see the students re-engage with school and to develop those relationships with each other and staff which will support them throughout the year.



Dear School Community

On behalf of the Governing Council I want to welcome you to what I hope will be a fabulous year for your student and yourself at Avenues College. As a College we pride ourselves on providing the very best learning opportunities for all concerned and believe that this is aided by school community involvement from parents and caregivers. As the Governing Council we are on the constant lookout for new members to join us as we discuss and assist the College leadership group make decisions that ensure the very best outcomes for all concerned. We welcome you to join us for the AGM on Tuesday the 20th March 2018 and hope you will consider nominating to be part of this essential and vibrant group.

Annemarie Gill

Sport & Recreation

On Wednesday the 21st of February our Certificate II Sport and Recreation students were involved in the facilitation of the SSSA Triathlon. As a part of this our students were required to fulfil various roles across the day, these included: Course Marshals, Cycle Lap Recorders, Transition Marshalls, Post-race Refreshments, Transponder Collection, Rehydration Marshalls and Run Lap Markers. All of our students should be proud of the way they represented Avenues College.

Quote from the Event Convenor Marg Smith

“Thank you for the work that your students did at the SSSA Triathlon Championships it was greatly appreciated. They worked efficiently doing their respective tasks and the amount of pack up they were able to do before they left was incredible. So a big thank you to you all!!”



Year 8 Girls Basketball Carnival



Kids' Activities Competitions Jumbo Kites Lolly Drops Carnival Rides

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Play Is The Way

This term staff and students at Beatty Ave have been participating in the *Play is The Way* social and emotional learning program. *Play Is The Way* uses interactive games, key virtues, and reflective conversations to teach personal and social awareness, emotional regulation and social skills. *Play is The Way* is based on the philosophy of behaviour education and aims to develop independent, self-motivated, self-regulating, empathetic life-long learners who positively contribute to their school and wider community. *Play is The Way* is linked to the Australian Curriculum's Personal and Social Capabilities.



YEAR 11 & 12

SACE Autumn Revision Program Tue 17 April - Fri 20 April

"If you want a good mark for Year 12, go to AEC." - Henry McQuinn

"This was by far the most helpful and productive way I could have spent my school holidays. Well worth the money spent and highly recommend it to all." Abbey H.

"Can't wait for next holidays seminars." Isabella V

"Yes they lived up to expectations, and were greater than I originally thought. A fantastic investment to revise and gain greater in depth knowledge about your subjects." Nathan P



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- Years 8-10 courses follow the Australian Curriculum
- Years 11-12 courses are SACE Continuers level and contribute to a student's ATAR on successful completion of Stage 2.
- Course charge: Years 8-10 - \$100 for the whole year; Years 11-12 - \$120

*Year 8/9 Arabic classes finish at 6:15pm

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2018

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Your day at Adelaide Zoo

- Using the *Going Ape* inquiry booklet your students will learn about our fascinating apes
- Meet an Adelaide Zoo Conservation Educator to exchange ideas and learn more about why apes need our help (meeting times will be arranged when you book)
- Students learn about actions they can take to bring positive change for apes and their environment

Key inquiry questions

- What is happening to apes and their habitat?
- Who is helping the apes?
- What can we do to make a difference for apes?



Students will...

Students investigate interconnections between tropical deforestation, threatened species, food production and consumption; analysing environmental, economic and social factors.

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www.zoossa.com.au/zoo-learning/



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