



What's On?

30 July
AVHS Olympics

3 August
School Council

22 August
Parent Opinion
Survey Closes

2pm 17 September
Term 3 Ends

4 October
Term 4 Starts

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well. I'd like to acknowledge the ongoing commitment and hard work from families and staff to support home learning as we see through lockdown 5.0. Thank you for your patience as we work through this challenging time.

During the last two lockdowns, I've had the opportunity to work onsite as well as online with a number of students across secondary and senior secondary school. It isn't always an easy task, however the determination and resilience our students have demonstrated has been nothing short of outstanding. Well done to everyone!

SSGs

Thank you to families that participated in our midyear SSGs. These meetings provide a good opportunity for teachers to share information on your child's progress as well as help with future planning.

We had approximately 75% of our families meet with classroom teachers online last week. I hope these meetings were purposeful. Please remember, your child's midyear progress report can be found electronically on the Compass portal. If you require a hard copy, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Remote Learning Parent Feedback

As we anticipate the possibility of future lockdowns, it is important that our home learning program continues to evolve. Continuous feedback from parents, students and staff provides us with a valuable insight into how we can continue to improve our work.

The following results are a snapshot of the feedback gained from lockdown 4.0.

The leadership team as well as the staff have taken the opportunity to reflect on the feedback provided by parents and have endeavoured to refine our online teaching and learning program.

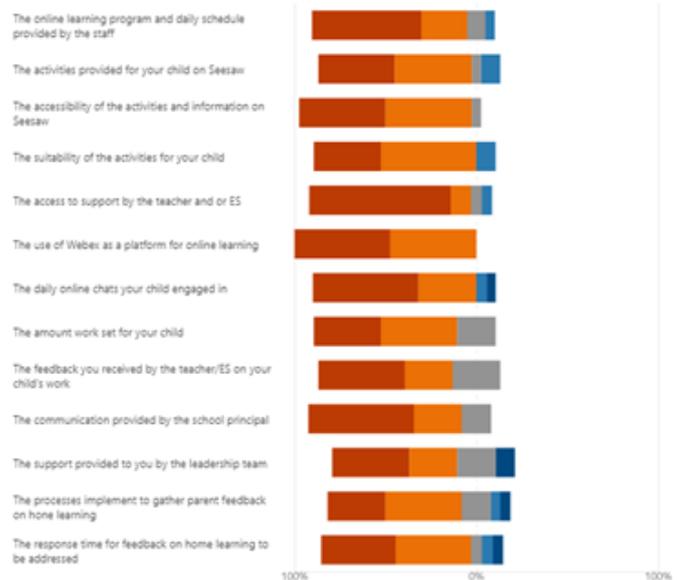
The leadership team will endeavour to continue to use surveys as a way of collecting this valuable feedback.

Flexible and Remote Learning 4.0 Parent Feedback

20 Responses 13:44 Average time to complete Active Status

1. Please think about and rate the following statements related to Home Learning 4.0.

■ Excellent ■ Good ■ OK ■ Needs Improvement ■ N/A



Summary points from the feedback received:

- *More live sessions, student check ins and more class interaction e.g., morning circle, group chats, small group learning based activities that are led by staff, listening to students read, more cooking activities*
- *Age-appropriate set tasks and content and some more challenging activities where appropriate*
- *Linking tasks set to ILP goals and unit of inquiry*
- *Making learning fun to keep the motivation and interest up*
- *Having the teacher available throughout the day when appropriate and knowing the times they may not be available for support.*
- *Regular communication and schedules sent out in a timely manner*

The school's leadership team will endeavour to continue to use similar surveys to help gauge the success of our online teaching and learning programs. Families are also encouraged to use Seesaw and have regular contact with classroom teachers and school leaders throughout these periods.

Parent Opinion Survey

The 2021 The Parent Opinion Survey is now available for parents to complete via the ORIMA platform. This survey is designed to obtain the views of parents/caregivers on what we do well and how we can improve.

The 2021 Parent Opinion Survey Collection period began on Monday 19th July and continues for 4 weeks, closing on Sunday 22nd August. The survey is estimated to take 15-20 minutes to complete.

Parents undertake the survey on a secure portal with the login link and details sent to parents via email by Nichole. The online survey is available in many different languages, with parents given the opportunity to access their preferred language.

For further information on the Parent Opinion Survey please do not hesitate to contact myself, Nichole or any member of the leadership team.

Remember to voice your say, your say Matters!!



The Olympic Games

The Olympics Games are coming to AVHS. As part of the units of inquiry in both primary and secondary school, staff have collaborated to host the 2021 AVHS Olympic Games Festival this week. Students have been busy learning about the Olympic Games and preparing for our very own games to be hosted tomorrow, Friday 30th July.

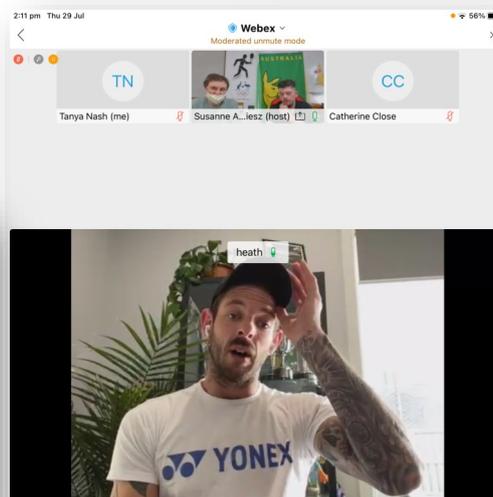
We are super excited to share our learning with the school community and come together to celebrate our achievements. We hope you are able to join in on the festivities.



Heath Davidson

Finally a HUGE thank you to Heath Davidson for taking time out of his busy schedule this afternoon to have a chat to the students of AVHS. Heath departs for Tokyo to compete at the Para Olympics in tennis on 13 August and we wish him the best of luck.

Cheers, Susanne



Allied Health News



Core Word of The Week

Practice modelling the core word on the AVHS communication board.

“Yay!”

See Getty and Natalliya’s Z-Admin SeeSaw demonstration

Key word sign of the week is “Olympics”

Slightly cup your hand and move in an arch motion in front of you.

See Getty and Natalliya’s Z-Admin SeeSaw demonstration



“The Olympians won gold, **YAY!**”

FREE PARENT EDUCATION

Being a parent is one of life's most important jobs. Did you know that Mackillop Family Service offer a range of parenting courses that give parents positive strategies to help raise healthy, happy children?

The programs are delivered through a mixture of online and face to face parenting groups and 1:1 sessions. Some courses available include:

Tuning in to Kid - Tuning in to Teens - Dads Tuning into Kids

The Tuning into parenting courses help parents to build strong, healthy relationships with their children and teenagers. This course provides participants with tools and strategies based on the latest evidence and research.

The workshops are free for parents.

Stepping Stones Triple P

Stepping Stones Triple P is an internationally recognised education course supporting the parents of a child with a physical or intellectual disability, a delay or an emerging behavioural issue. Through a series of workshops and seminars, parents are supported to better manage their child's behavioural or developmental issues. The course is available to the parents and carers (including grandparents) of children aged between 2-12 years.

How to access

Visit <https://www.mackillop.org.au/programs/parenting-workshops> for course times and locations or contact Mackillop regionalparentingservice@mackillop.org.au or call 03 9680 8444

MacKillop's parenting courses are available to families living in Melbourne's metropolitan western region. The workshops are held at various community locations.

Courses are available to all families.

Contacting the team

Speech Pathology

Getty getty@wordsinmotion.com.au

Working days: Wednesday and Friday

Natalliya natalliya@wordsinmotion.com.au

Working days: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Mental Health Practitioner

Monique monique.parker@education.vic.gov.au

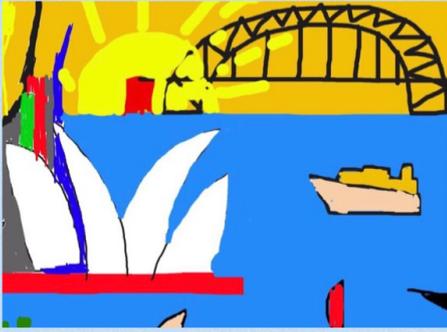
Working days: Wednesday and Thursday

The MHP role is funded to support secondary students only.



ART

Secondary and Senior Secondary students have been exploring the artwork of Australian artist Ken Done. Students have created drawings and paintings inspired by this artist's work.



PARENT OPINION SURVEY

WE WANT OUR PARENTS /CARERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 19 July to Sunday 22 August and all responses to the survey are anonymous. The survey link has been distributed via your email we have on file and we ask that you please take the time to complete the survey. The survey will be conducted online and takes 10-15 minutes to complete. Please contact Colin or Christine if you would like further information.

If you have not received your email please contact the office!



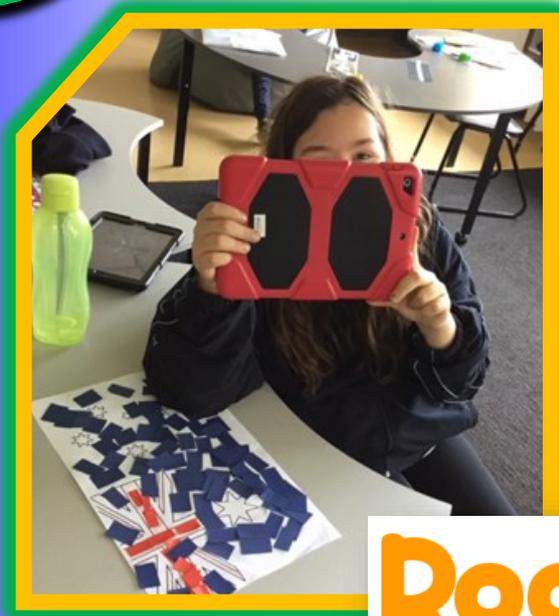
Room 4

Olympic Celebrations





Room 5 had a great start to Term 3!
 We have been learning about the Olympics, and getting ready for our Olympic day!
 We have been looking at different Olympic symbols, and what they look like.
 Room 5 have also designed our own class flag and class t-shirt for the Olympic Day!



Room 5

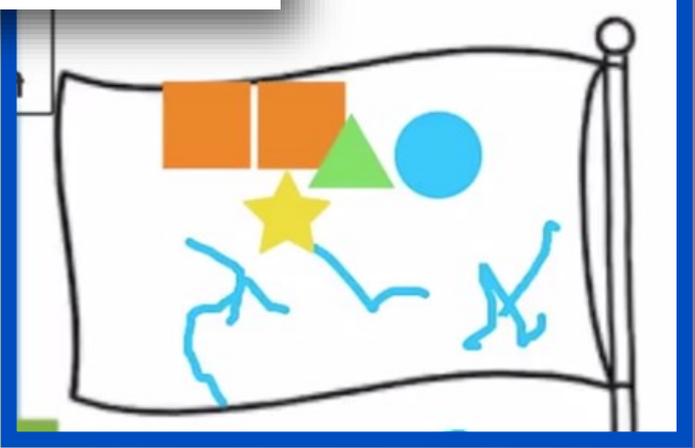
There are 6 tennis balls. Can you share them equally between the tennis players? How many do they get each?



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Room 1



Room 3



Room 4



Room 14

AVHS Torch Relay



Room 5



Room 11



Room 7



Room 13



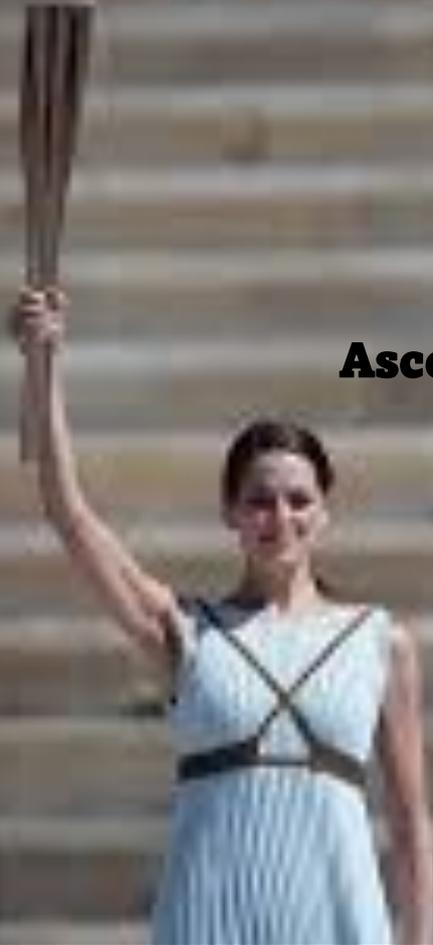
Ascot Vale Heights

Olympics



Friday, 30th July
Ascot Vale Heights School

Relay Race
Egg and Spoon Race
Long Jump
Chicken Throwing
Sprint Race
Beanbag Throwing
Tennis Target Hitting
Obstacle Course



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Your child has been offered an opportunity to attend this year's Special Children's Christmas Party

The party is for children only with Special Needs, where they can enjoy just being a 'kid' again, there will be lots of rides, face painting, activities, a 3 hour stage show, yummy food and of course, Santa and presents, all provided completely free!

This year's party is being held at the Melbourne Showgrounds in late November/early December.

If you are interested in your child attending this year's Party, please send this form back to your school or organisation that informed you about the Party. Your School or Organisation will then get in touch with the organisers of the Christmas Party to register your interest and perhaps you might be lucky to receive an invitation!

If you have any further questions about the event, you may view our webpage at <https://www.sccpau.com.au/faqparents> There you will find a list of commonly asked questions.

Remember, this is only a request for an invitation, not a guarantee that you will receive one. Each year, we have over 5,000 requests for children to attend and it's not possible to accommodate that many children with Special Needs.

COVID-19

We understand that we need to be mindful of the pandemic and as such, if restrictions allow, we will host the party. Sanitiser will be available; ride operators will be sanitising high touch areas between rides; everyone will have to sign in using the Service Victoria app. This year, **no siblings** will be allowed and it is a strict 1 parent/carer per child policy.

This form needs to be back to your school or organisation **before 27th August**.

Yes, I would like to register my interest for my child to attend.

Child's Name:

Age: (must be under 12 years) Gender:



RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS REQUIRED

Research Study: An exploration of the impact of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in supporting the lives of parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Who is required: Parents and/or primary carers of children with ASD (under the age of 18 years and with any level of ASD severity) who currently reside at home and receive NDIS funding.

What is required: An interview with a male student researcher from Swinburne University. At the discretion of participants, interviews will take place at any suitable time between Monday to Friday, via Coviu (a secure telehealth software platform), or face-to-face at the Hawthorn Campus at Swinburne University. Interviews will last approximately 50 minutes, and involve questions relating to the level of support parents receive in their child's NDIS plan.

Benefits of participation: As parenting children with ASD can, at times, be challenging for many parents, having the opportunity to voice one's own experiences around this subject may prove helpful, and even therapeutic. Participation in this study may also pave the way for future research in this area, potentially leading to improved NDIS supports offered to caregivers and families of children with ASD.

How to participate: If you are interested in participating in this study, please email the Student Researcher at jgerhard@swin.edu.au to determine your eligibility. All offers of participation will be greatly appreciated!

This study is being performed by:

Dr Sharon Grant (Project Supervisor), Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychological Sciences, at Swinburne University

Mr Jesse Gerhard (Student Researcher), student on the Master of Psychology (Clinical Psychology) program, at Swinburne University



Northpoint Centre Provides food parcels to individuals and families throughout Melbourne who are doing it tough. Founded in 2002, Northpoint Centre operates from it's large distribution centre and Head Office in Tullamarine. They also have satellite collection sites in Coburg, Craigieburn and Meadow Heights.

Northpoint Centre are open during lockdown restrictions

Northpoint continue to recognise the difficult and challenging times our community find themselves in especially during this time.

If you have family and neighbours that you know are doing it really tough please don't hesitate to contact Northpoint Centre at Tullamarine.

03 9338 1898 or email info@northpointcentre.org.au

The first stage of our refurbishment has begun! A 6m (22ft) container has been delivered to store our archive documents and uniform stock.




**CLUB LIME
AVHS OFFER**

\$13.90/WEEK + \$0 JOINING FEES

Exclusive to the community of Ascot Vale Heights. Club Lime Ascot Vale is offering \$0 Joining Fees for anyone that presents this pass by the 31st of August 2021. NO contracts, 24/7 access and classes included! Please contact: ascotvale@clublime.com.au to organise a time to view the club

MORE INFORMATION ON CLUBLIME.COM.AU



Please find attached the link to the Covid Vac for people aged 16years and over who have a disability.

<https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/getting-vaccinated-for-covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-program-for-16-to-39-year-olds>

[COVID-19 vaccination program for 16 to 39 year olds | Australian Government Department of Health](#)

Check your eligibility. Use the COVID-19 vaccine eligibility checker to find out when and where you can receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

If you are aged 40 years or more you are eligible for vaccination.

If you are aged 16 to 39 years you may be eligible for vaccination.

www.health.gov.au

