

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

TERM 2 - 2026

Mosaics - A Term of Tiles, Talent and Togetherness

This term, the lovely ladies have been busy decorating serving trays, coasters, and wall hangings.

There was plenty of fun, laughter, and creativity as everyone explored the art of mosaics. The creative juices were certainly flowing, resulting in a collection of beautiful and unique mosaic pieces that everyone can be proud of. Love your work ladies!



Introducing Anna, Our New Business Development and Compliance Manager



We are delighted to welcome Anna to The Avenue as our new Business Development and Compliance Manager.

Anna brings more than a decade of experience in the not-for-profit sector and has successfully owned and managed several businesses, including a restaurant and an antique centre. Her diverse background, strong leadership skills, and wealth of experience make her a valuable addition to our team.

We are excited to have Anna on board and look forward to the knowledge, expertise, and fresh perspectives she will bring to The Avenue.

Please join us in giving Anna a warm welcome!

Eley on the Park Cafe

OPEN EVERY FRIDAY DURING SCHOOL
TERMS
10.00AM TO 1.00PM



Community Spirit Shines at the Makers Market



What a fabulous success the Makers Market was this weekend!

With more than 20 stalls on display, there was truly something for everyone, and it was wonderful to see so many members of our community come together to support local makers and businesses.

A special thank you to Jellis Craig Whitehorse, Woolworths Mount Waverley and Bendigo Bank for their generous support of this event. Your contribution helped make the day possible.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated staff and volunteers who worked tirelessly both on the day and in the lead-up to the event. Events like this simply could not happen without your commitment, generosity and hard work.

Finally, thank you to everyone in our community who attended and supported the Makers Market. Your ongoing support is what makes events like these such a success.

Thank you all!



WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Looking for something fun and indoors to do during the Winter School Holidays?

Join our Winter Holiday Program for adults with an intellectual disability! Attend one day or multiple days—it's completely up to you.

Enjoy a range of fun activities, make new friends, and create great holiday memories.

We offer a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment focused on connection, confidence, and fun.

Spots are limited, so be sure to secure your place—we'd love to have you join us!

Contact Reception to book your spot 9808 2000 or info@theavenue.org.au.

Winter Holiday Program

TUE JUNE 30	*HOLIDAY HOSPITALITY* A FUN DAY TO CHOP UP FUNNIES WORKSHOP INCLUDING POINT OF SALE POS SYSTEMS, BIRTHDAY WORKSHEETS WITH RECORDS & MUSIC COOKING BIRTHDAYS - 1.5HR LUNCH PROVIDED - \$25 - 12B \$5
WED JULY 1	ADVENTURE AROUND THE WORLD SUCH CLASS EXPLORES A DIFFERENT COUNTRY BUILDING ON READING, WRITING, CONVERSATION AND TEAMWORK SKILLS. 1.5HR LUNCH \$5
THURS JULY 2	ART EXPLORATION A FUNNY GREAT ART CLASS EXPLORING A RANGE OF TECHNIQUES INCLUDING GIPRES AND MUSIC. 1.5HR LUNCH \$5
TUE JULY 7	*HOLIDAY HOSPITALITY* A FUNNY DAY TO CHOP UP FUNNIES WORKSHOP INCLUDING POINT OF SALE POS SYSTEMS, BIRTHDAY WORKSHEETS WITH RECORDS & MUSIC COOKING BIRTHDAYS - 1.5HR LUNCH PROVIDED - \$25 - 12B \$5
WED JULY 8	ADVENTURE AROUND THE WORLD SUCH CLASS EXPLORES A DIFFERENT COUNTRY BUILDING ON READING, WRITING, CONVERSATION AND TEAMWORK SKILLS. 1.5HR LUNCH \$5
THURS JULY 9	SOCIAL CLUB A SUPER FUN DAY TO THE PROGRAM INCLUDING TRIVIA, MUSIC QUIZES, CONVERSATION SKILLS, TEAMWORK BUILDING AND MUCH MORE. 1.5HR LUNCH \$5

*HOLIDAY HOSPITALITY is funded by ACPE - eligibility criteria apply

BOOK IN NOW!
PHONE US : 9808 2000 OR VISIT RECEPTION



This is my colourful creation - Art Competition Exhibition - Now Open

Entries Are Now Closed!

The exhibition of all entries is now open for public voting and will run until 25 July 2026.

Voting is available Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm, excluding the school holiday period.

So, what are you waiting for? Come along, explore the amazingly colourful creations on display, and cast your vote for your favourite artwork!

Winners will be announced at the Art Exhibition Presentation on Saturday, 25 July 2026.

Thank you to everyone who entered this fabulous Art Competition. We wish all participants the very best of luck!



Biggest Morning Tea



A big thank you to our wonderful community for attending and supporting our Biggest Morning Tea in May.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing \$585 for the Cancer Council. This fantastic result would not have been possible without the support of everyone who attended, donated, and contributed to the event.

Thank you for helping make a difference. Well done, everyone!

What's on in Semester Two at The Avenue?

The Semester Two What's On Booklet is now available!

Scan the QR code below to explore everything on offer at The Avenue.



SCAN ME





New classes!

CHAIR YOGA - FRIDAYS - 9.15AM -10.15AM

Looking for a gentle way to improve flexibility, strength, and balance? Join our Beginner Chair Yoga class!

This welcoming class uses a chair for support, making yoga accessible for all ages, fitness levels, and mobility needs.

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GET WITH THE TECH! STAYING SAFE ONLINE AND UPDATING COMPUTER SKILLS



Wanting to know more about your computer and learn how to stay safe whilst online?

We currently have a practical, hands-on course. Work on laptops, iPads, and your own device(s) to investigate and understand how technology can support you. Get support to look for jobs, create schedules, spot scams, and much more.

Thursdays, 6.30pm - 8.30pm (during school Terms)

Contact Reception to book your spot on 9808 2000 or info@theavenue.org.au

Meet Jacinta & Sparky!



Jacinta has been a valued part of Avenue Neighbourhood House for the past 8 years. She attends regularly and has taken part in a variety of programs, including our Life Skills programs.

A bit about Jacinta:

- Favourite colour: Purple
- Favourite food: Hawaiian Pizza
- Favourite Activity to do: Word Searches
- Football team: Collingwood
- Favourite TV show: Tipping Point
- Favourite Person: Sparky her toy Dragon which is of course Purple!

Jacinta enjoys being part of the Avenue community and is keen to continue developing her literacy & numeracy skills. She is looking forward to joining a variety of social activity groups, where she can build new friendships, strengthen her confidence, and connect with others who share similar interests.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH

Our annual Christmas in July Lunch is almost here!

Join us for a scrumptious two-course lunch on Friday, 31 July 2026, from 11:30am. Cost: \$15 per person.

We'd love to see you there!

Bookings are essential. Please contact Reception to reserve your place 9808 2000 or info@theavenue.org.au.

Refresh Program



Refresh is having a bustling term; we have been working through our numeracy, literacy, cooking, and personal development subjects. We have also been attending Men's Shed once a week, working on our art competition pieces, and learning about Youth Law with the help of guest speakers from Legal Aid Victoria.

The addition of our wonderful placement students, as well as the ongoing support from youth workers Jaz and Jaymee has been invaluable.

Our fearless leader Leanne is continually advocating for us, and fielding the influx of students keen on such a crucial and life-changing program. Keep up the great work Refreshies and staff - it will be so worth it!

Sal (Teacher)

Avenue Neighbourhood House@ Eley Inc. Membership - \$5

Memberships for 2026 are now due.

To renew or join, please contact reception on (03) 9808 2000 or visit us in person at 87 Eley Road, Blackburn South.

Membership renewal fee is \$5.00 per year.

For any questions about membership, eligibility, or payment methods, please call the number above or speak with reception when you visit.

Childcare Reflecting on Winter and Looking Ahead



The children have enthusiastically welcomed Winter through a range of engaging experiences, including seasonal stories, songs, creative arts, sensory play, and nature-based activities. These opportunities have supported their curiosity, creativity, and understanding of seasonal changes.

We are pleased to share that the new Xplor digital sign in/out system has been successfully implemented and is operating smoothly, providing a more streamlined experience for families and educators.

Our upcoming School Holiday Program is now fully booked, highlighting the strong support from our community. The program will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays across both weeks of the holidays, offering children a variety of fun and enriching experiences.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to continuing to share the children's learning journey in the months ahead.



ACE Literacy Students Enjoy the Biggest Morning Tea



Our Tuesday ACE literacy class attended and enjoyed the Biggest Morning Tea on the 26th of May. As part of our work on Media each student wrote a report about their experience. We have included some highlights of their reports below.

We looked at the food; there was lots of sweets. I put a gold coin in the box, and I stood with people like Sarah, Riley and Remy.

There was a blue speaker playing music on the Bookshelf.

We also saw Chrissy and the day was fun.

Alex

At morning tea, I ate rocky road, sausage rolls and Heather gave me a slice of chocolate cake. The food was good. At the morning tea there were members of the community as well as students, staff and support workers of Avenue Neighborhood House.

Andrew

The food was really nice. I had chocolate cake, choc chip cookie and mars bar slice and there were a lot of people from other classes and other groups. There were some people here that I haven't met before.

Ashish

On the 26th of May, Australia started the Biggest Morning Tea 30 years ago.

The Avenue Neighbourhood House hosted The Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for the Cancer Council.

Everyone started raising money for the council. I just loved eating anything I wanted. We had a special guest who came, it was Chrissy. We all missed her.

The food I saw was – cakes, sausage rolls, vegetarian roll, macaroons, scones with jam and fruits.

What I had was – a chocolate cake, sausage roll, vegetarian roll, a macaroon and a scone with jam.

Ben

I made a donation to the Cancer Council today. There was lots of different snacks at the Biggest Morning Tea. I had two sausage rolls, a scone with jam and cream, a yo-yo biscuit, a mars bar slice, two Tim Tams, a Chocolate Wafer Stick and a slice of chocolate cake. The food was okay but the Mars Bar slice was delicious. I spoke to Chrissy, Sarah and Annie. There were lots of other people that also got involved. I did not speak to many people because I was excited about trying new food.

Flynn

My personal experience of today was there was lots of food and people. I socialized with a lot of people including Ben, Chrissy, Denise and Luke. I ate a sausage roll, mars bar slice and a Tim Tam that was delicious.

It is a good cause. It's for students and staff of Avenue Neighbourhood House, volunteers and support workers and members of the community.

The fruit platter is yummy. I met two Michelle's and I met Ian. It was good to chat to new people. Les worked on the council for six years He came to look around.

Laura

When I was in the line I spoke to Sally from the Refresh class.

The food was good, especially the Mars bar slice which was delightful.

I made a \$5.00 donation to the Cancer Council.

I thought today's biggest morning tea was a really great experience.

I recommend anyone to attend this event or host one in your life.

Luke H

My personal experience was wonderful, even though I was nervous because of all the new people at the event, I got to enjoy scrumptious foods like watermelon, vegetarian sausage rolls, vanilla macaroons and mouth-watering scones with jam and cream and a delectable mars bar slice.

Luke Williams

I attended The Biggest Morning Tea with my two support workers at the ANH. I think it was good. I saw other ANH students and ANH staff having a chat and enjoying yummy morning tea. I met another student who normally attends ANH on a Thursday. I had fun at The Biggest Morning Tea, and I would like to attend again next year.

Nathan

Sewing for Beginners



Due to popular demand, we are now offering a second 'Sewing for Beginners' class on a Thursday, 12.30pm-2.30pm.

Spots are limited! Contact Reception on 9808 2000 or info@theavenue.org.au to secure your spot.

Gaining the Edge: Computer Know How!



What's the Cloud? How do you attach things like documents or photos to an email? What does it mean to "organise" your computer files?

Your computer questions will be answered in this 8 week course - you'll be amazed at the difference it will make to your work and home computing experience. Contact Reception 9808 2000 or info@theavenue.org.au to secure your spot

Thursdays 2.45pm-5.15pm



iPad Skills for Everyday Life

Looking to get the most out of using your iPad?

We currently have fun and practical course designed to help people build confidence using an iPad for communication, learning, creativity, and everyday tasks. Each session includes hands-on activities, group discussion, guided practice, and time for individual support.

Thursdays, 1.30pm - 2.30pm (during school Terms)

Contact Reception to book your spot on 9808 2000 or info@theavenue.org.au



Trivia Night

SATURDAY - 7PM TO 10PM

17 OCTOBER 2026

DOORS OPEN 6.45PM
BYO FOOD AND DRINK

87 Eley Road, Blackburn South
9808 2000 or info@theavenue.org.au

RSVP 3 OCTOBER 2026

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TICKETS
\$20.00
EACH

GRAB YOUR SMARTEST FRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF LAUGHS, FRIENDLY COMPETITION, AND AWESOME PRIZES. FROM POP CULTURE TO HISTORY, SPORTS TO MUSIC - THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE. THINK YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE TRIVIA CHAMPION?

TEAMS OF 8 OR YOU CAN JOIN A TEAM!



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- FRIDAY, 17 JULY AT 7.30PM
- SATURDAY, 18 JULY AT 2.30PM

\$36 ADULT \$34
CONCESSION

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TUESDAYS - 6.45PM TO 7.45PM
THURSDAYS - 6.00PM TO 7.00PM
FRIDAYS - 9.30AM TO 10.30AM AND 10.45AM TO 11.45AM
SATURDAYS - 9.30AM TO 10.30AM

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Chair Yoga

FRIDAYS | 9.15AM - 10.15AM

Looking for a gentle way to improve flexibility, strength, and balance? Join our Beginner Chair Yoga class! This welcoming class uses a chair for support, making yoga accessible for all ages, fitness levels, and mobility needs.

Starts Friday, 17 July, 2026.

Contact reception to secure your spot on 9808 2000 or info@theavenue.org.au.



Register Now!

87 Eley Road, Blackburn South



\$25 Couple
\$15 Single

Tango for Parkinson's & all abilities.

Wednesdays
1.30pm - 2.30pm

Join us for a joyful Tango for Parkinson's & All Abilities session with Rina Sawaya! Improve your balance, move with confidence, enjoy beautiful music and connect with others. Family and friends are warmly welcome.

Contact us to book your spot or for more information!

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PILATES

Build strength, improve flexibility, and find balance

SPOTS ARE LIMITED, SO BE QUICK TO SECURE YOUR PLACE! CONTACT RECEPTION 9808 2000 OR INFO@THEAVENUE.ORG.AU

NEW CLASS
MONDAYS
6.15PM



JOIN NOW



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Reminder!

We are closed over the school holidays
(child care is open for limited days).

We will reopen on Monday, 13 July, 2026 at
9.00am.



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information, please contact our friendly
team on 03 9808 2000 or
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