

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

TERM 1 - 2026

Mosaics - Term 1

Our Term 1 Mosaics class has been a wonderful display of creativity, patience and craftsmanship. Students have been learning the art of mosaic design – carefully cutting, arranging and placing coloured tiles to create unique pieces of artwork.

Mosaic work requires careful planning and perseverance, and students have embraced the challenge with enthusiasm. From selecting colours to fitting each small piece into place, they have developed both artistic and problem-solving skills.

We are incredibly proud of the creativity and dedication shown in this class. The finished pieces are not only visually striking but also a testament to the patience and pride our students bring to their work.



Goodbye

We will miss you!



This term, the Avenue said a sad goodbye to Ashlea King, our Learn Local Co-Ordinator. Ash was an amazing member of our team during her time at the Avenue, always willing to put her hand to anything that needed doing. Her dedication consistently went above and beyond, and she made a positive impact on both staff and learners alike.

We thank Ash for all her hard work and the energy she brought to the team, and we wish her every success, luck, and happiness in the future. We will miss you!!



Welcome Helen

A big welcome to Helen, who has joined The Avenue as our new Learn Local Co-ordinator!

Helen comes to The Avenue from Vermont South Neighbourhood House, where she worked as the ACFE Program Co-Ordinator. She also brings many years of experience in the Learn Local sector. We're delighted to have Helen on board and look forward to working with her. Please join us in welcoming Helen to The Avenue!

Eley on the Park Cafe

OPEN EVERY FRIDAY DURING SCHOOL
TERMS

10.00AM TO 1.00PM



Makers Market

SATURDAY, 20 JUNE, 2026 - 10AM TO 2PM



We're excited to announce that our Makers Market is back on 20 June 2026, from 10am to 2pm!

Join us for a vibrant day filled with creativity, unique handmade goods, and talented local makers. It's the perfect chance to support local and discover something special—so be sure to save the date!

Interested in becoming a stall holder? There's still time to get involved!

Contact Michelle at Reception on 9808 2000 or email info@theavenue.org.au for more information. We can't wait to see you there!



EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Looking for something fun and engaging to do this Easter school holidays?

Join us for our Easter Holiday Program for adults with disabilities, running every Thursday and Friday during the holidays from 10am to 2pm.

Thursdays: Around the World – explore different cultures through fun activities, food, and experiences.

Fridays: Social Club – enjoy games, conversation, quizzes, and more in a relaxed and friendly setting.

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!

Avenue NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

EASTER 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAM
FOR ADULTS WITH A DISABILITY
THURS/FRI APRIL 9TH, 10TH, 16TH, 17TH
10.00am - 2:00 pm

TWO PROGRAM OPTIONS!

THURSDAY THEME: ADVENTURE AROUND THE WORLD

FRIDAY THEME: SOCIAL CLUB - GAMES, CONVERSATION, QUIZZES AND MORE!

\$65 Per Class

Enquire through reception or teacher Sally!
Ph: 03 9808 2000 info@theavenue.org.au
87 Eley Road, Blackburn South

Renew Program

Armed with nothing but paper, scissors, pens, and sticky tape, the Renew crew took on a hat-making challenge last week. The results? Wildly creative—made it incredibly difficult to pick a winner!

The teaching crew didn't hesitate to strike a pose, modelling their creations for all to see!



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

Avenue NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

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87 ELEY ROAD, BLACKBURN SOUTH



This is my colourful creation - Art Competition

13th-25th July 2026

Entries NOW OPEN!



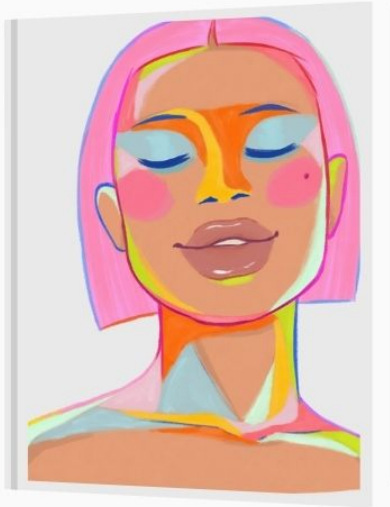
Entries Close Friday, 19th June, 2026.

\$10 entry fee - includes canvas
*artwork must be done on supplied canvas

All finalists to be exhibited here at the Avenue Neighbourhood House. Exhibition open to view from 13 July to 25 July.

Winners announced Saturday, 25th July, 2026

To enter, please collect forms from the office. All ages - All abilities. Everyone can enter!



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 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.

SIGN UP

Crochet & Knitting Social Group



Crochet & Knitting: Social Knitting Group! Every Tuesday during school Terms.

Looking for a cozy space to unwind, meet new people, and get creative? Join our Social & Knitting Group – where yarn meets conversation!

✨ All skill levels welcome – from beginners to seasoned stitchers

✨ Bring your own project or start something new

✨ Relaxed, friendly atmosphere

✨ Great way to make friends and share ideas

📍 Location: 87 Eley Road, Blackburn South

🕒 Time: Every Tuesday during School Terms, 9.45am - 11.45am

💬 Tea, coffee, and plenty of laughs included!

💰 Cost: \$6.00 per session

Whether you knit, crochet, or just want to learn, come along and be part of a warm and welcoming community.



New class!

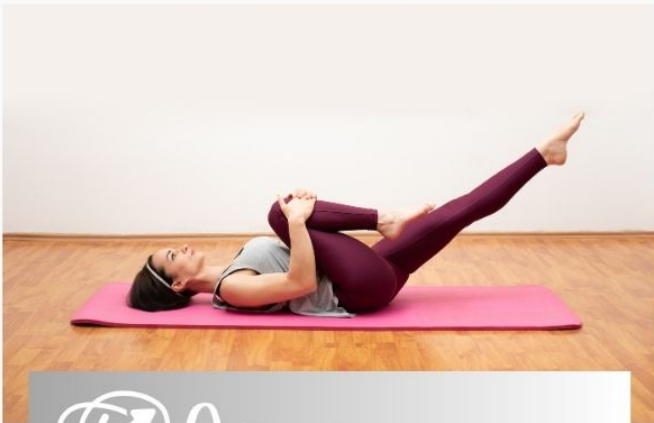
PILATES - MONDAYS - 6.15PM TO 7.15PM

Due to popular demand, we're excited to introduce a second Pilates class on Monday evenings from 6:15pm to 7:15pm.

Whether you're looking to add an extra session to your week or you're just getting started, this is a great opportunity to join us.

Come along on Monday night and be part of the class—we'd love to see you there!

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



\$25
Couple
\$15
Single

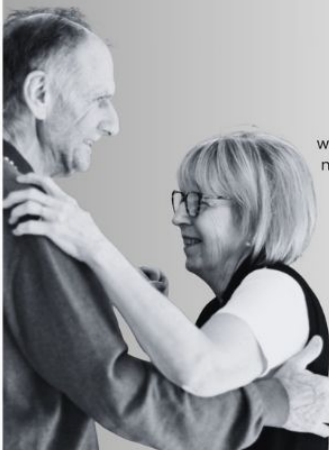
Tango for Parkinson's & all abilities.

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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Meet Luke!

Luke has been a valued part of Avenue Neighbourhood House for the past 7 years. He attends regularly and takes part in a variety of programs, including Life Skills, Cooking, and Café.

A bit about Luke:

- Favourite colour: Blue
- Favourite food: BBQ Meat Lovers Pizza
- Favourite subject at school: Multimedia
- Football team: Essendon
- Favourite sport to watch: Motorsport
- Favourite driver: Peter Brock
- Favourite TV show: The Simpsons

Luke is keen to continue building his skills, especially in café work such as making coffees and other barista skills.

Goals for this year:

Luke hopes to secure a job by the end of this year or early next year.

How his friends describe him in three words:

Awesome, Best Friend, Motorsport maniac



Justice of The Peace Services are now offered at The Avenue

Good news! Justice of the Peace services are now offered at The Avenue.

Come along on Thursdays (during school terms) from 12:45 pm to 1:15 pm to have your documents certified.

No appointment needed—just visit during the session time.

childcare update



FUNDRAISING PURCHASES



We have purchased some new equipment for the children using our fundraising money - dumpling maker, wooden tongs, basketball ring, chopsticks, mini trampoline, megasketches, tuff tray, crayons, magnetic board, Barbie heads and doll's prams.

CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

This term we have celebrated many cultural events - The Winter Olympics, the season of Summer, Lunar New Year, Holi, St Patrick's Day and Harmony Week.

*upcoming events - Easter and Mother's day.



SONGS WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING

- Tapping with my sticks
- Clave songs
- Open shut them
- One little finger
- Sleeping bunny
- The wheels on the bus
- Make a circle
- Clap your hands
- ABCD





YOGA

FREE TRIAL



CONTACT RECEPTION TO BOOK YOUR SPOT!

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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SPSY- STRENGTH TRAINING



Move better. Feel stronger.



Strong People Stay Young (SPSY) - Strength Training.

Did you know that strength (weighted) training has excellent benefits for overall bone health, as well as improving muscle strength, balance, and confidence in everyday movement? Better consistency, helps you stay on track with your strength and bone health goals. Contact Reception to book your spot!



Tuesdays
1.00PM - 2.00PM



87 ELEY ROAD, BLACKBURN SOUTH

BOOK NOW!

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MOSAICS CLASS

FRIDAYS
STARTING 8 MAY - 5 JUNE (5 WEEKS)
9.30AM - 11.30AM
\$165 - INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS

ENROL NOW

info@theavenue.org.au
(03) 9808 2000

Stay for a coffee and/or lunch
at our Café afterwards!

87 Eley Road, Blackburn South.



Reminder!

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

We will reopen on Monday, 20 April, 2026
at 9.00am.



For any enquiries, feedback or general
information, please contact our friendly
team on 03 9808 2000 or
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