



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

TERM 3 - 2026

Mosaic Magic on Fridays

The ladies in our Friday Mosaic class have been wonderfully productive this term!

There have been lots of creative projects, plenty of fun and, of course, lots of laughter. It's a fantastic group, and there's always room for more!

Interested in learning mosaics? Our mosaic class runs for 5 weeks each term on Fridays, with a 2-hour session from 9.30 am - 11.30 am. Everything is supplied for you - tiles, surfaces, inspiration, fun, laughter and plenty of guidance from our wonderful trainer, Heather.

Once you get the hang of things, you're more than welcome to bring along your own small project surface - perhaps a little pot you'd like to jazz up - and Heather will help you reimagine it into something special.

If you'd like to give mosaics a try, please contact the office 9808 2000 or info@theaveue.org.au for more information about upcoming dates and pricing.

We'd love to welcome you to the group!



Christmas in July: A Wonderful Day of Community & Connection

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our Annual Christmas in July Lunch

It was wonderful to see so many people come together to share good food, great company, plenty of laughter, and a true sense of community. Days like these are made special because of the wonderful people who attend and support our centre.

A very special thank you to Jellis Craig Whitehorse, Paul Hamer MP, and Sally Houguet - Liberal for Box Hill for your generous support and donations. Your kindness and generosity helped make the day such a memorable success.

Thank you also to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and supported our fundraising efforts—your support is truly appreciated. We are so grateful to everyone who helped make the day such a success, and we look forward to seeing you all again at our next community event!



Creative Minds Shine in Term 3!

The Creative Minds Art Group have had a busy and fun-filled term exploring the art of mosaicking!

This term, each student created their very own serving tray, learning new skills and experimenting with different colours, patterns and designs.

The group have also been busy creating a range of beautiful items, including coasters and wall decorations, which will be available at the Christmas Makers Market in Term 4.

Here are some of the gang hard at work mosaicking, along with just a few of the wonderful creations they have made this term.

We are so proud of their creativity, enthusiasm and the care they have put into each piece!

We can't wait to see their creations on display at the Makers Market!



Eley on the Park Cafe

OPEN EVERY FRIDAY DURING SCHOOL TERMS

10.00AM TO 1.00PM



Learn Local: Learning, Creating and Connecting



Our Learn Local classes continue to inspire people to try new things, develop new skills and make social connections in a safe, welcoming and friendly environment.

Our Sewing for Beginners students have been creating some beautiful projects each week. It's amazing to see how much can be achieved in just a couple of hours, with students developing their skills and confidence along the way.

Our Art students have also been busy exploring the craft of mosaics, creating outstanding pieces of artwork they can be proud of. Their creativity and enthusiasm have truly shone through in their finished works.

The Cook2Learn program, held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, continues to provide students with valuable basic kitchen and food-handling skills. Each session combines practical learning with social connection, as students prepare simple meals together and then enjoy their creations while gathering socially at the end of the class.

From sewing and art to cooking, Learn Local provides opportunities to learn, create and connect.

To learn more about Learn Local courses at Our House, contact us on 9808 2000.



SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Looking for something fun to do during the Spring School Holidays?

Join our Spring 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.

Avenue Neighbourhood House September Holiday Program

WED SEPT 23	ADVENTURE AROUND THE WORLD
THURS SEPT 24	ART EXPLORATION
WED SEPT 30	ADVENTURE AROUND THE WORLD
THURS OCT 1	ART EXPLORATION
\$50 PER DAY OR \$140 FOR ALL FOUR WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY SESSIONS - (\$60 DISCOUNT!)	
FRIDAY OCT 2	HOLIDAY HOBBY

Learn Local

BOOK IN NOW

PHONE US | 9808 2000 OR VISIT RECEPTION



Celebrate Local Creativity at Our Christmas Makers Market



We're excited to announce that we are holding a Christmas Makers Market on 8 November 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 for Christmas—so be sure to save the date!

Interested in becoming a stall holder? There's still time to get involved! \$35 per stall.

Contact Michelle at Reception on 9808 2000 or email info@theavenue.org.au for more information.

We can't wait to see you there!



SATURDAY, 17 OCTOBER, 2026

7.00PM TO 10.00PM

\$20 per person

Tickets & tables are **STILL AVAILABLE!**

Round up your mates, bring your A-game and get ready for a night packed with trivia, laughs, games and plenty of banter!

- 👥 Tables of up to 8
- 🍕 BYO food & drinks
- 📅 Book your table now!
- ☎ Reception: 9808 2000
- ✉ info@theavenue.org.au

Don't miss out — grab your crew and let the battle of the brains begin!

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



Footy Fever Takes Over the Avenue!



The students have thoroughly enjoyed Footy Week at the Avenue once again!

There has been plenty of fun and excitement, from delicious footy cookies and activity books to a yummy footy-themed lunch. And, of course, no Footy Week would be complete without our handball and goal-kicking competitions!

It has been wonderful to see the students getting involved, showing their skills and enjoying the footy spirit throughout the week.



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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Meet Bec!



Bec has been a valued part of Avenue Neighbourhood House for more than 10 years. She attends regularly and has taken part in a variety of programs, including our Cafe, Computers and the Life Skills program.

A bit about Bec:

- Favourite colour: Purple
- Favourite food: Pizza
- Favourite Activity to do: Be out and about catching up with family & friends
- Football team: Brisbane
- Favourite TV show: The Big Bang Theory

Bec is a fantastic advocate for herself. Always trying to be as independent as possible. She is kind, funny and always keen to help out about the house.

Renew Team - Term 3: Growing, Achieving and Making a Difference

During Term 3, students have been working towards their personal learning goals and developing an understanding of the importance of setting SMART goals. We have explored how setting goals can help us stay focused, track our progress and experience a sense of achievement as we work towards what we hope to accomplish.

Students have also been busy working on their Australian Animals Project, learning about our native animals and exploring ways we can help protect them from threats such as bushfires, pollution and plastic bags.

As part of our learning about animal welfare, we were fortunate to visit the RSPCA, where students had the opportunity to learn more about caring for animals and the important work the organisation does to support animals in need.

We are also proudly supporting Sally's RSPCA Cake Sale, helping to raise funds to support animals in need.

It has been wonderful to see students enthusiastically involved in their learning, developing new skills and demonstrating care and compassion for their community and Australian wildlife. We are very proud of the effort and enthusiasm they have shown throughout the term.

Childcare - Exploring, Learning & Growing – Our Term 3 Journey



Over the past few months, the children have been busy exploring a variety of exciting learning experiences and seasonal changes.

Commonwealth Games – The children have been learning about the Commonwealth Games through creative experiences, including making their own gold medals and practising their fine motor skills through cutting, pasting and decorating.

Welcome, Spring! – We have been talking about the end of Winter and the arrival of Spring, noticing changes in the weather, plants, flowers and our outdoor environment.

Working Together – As part of our collaboration with the Outdoor Program, the children have been encouraged to work together and have their voices heard by deciding as a group which activities they would like to have available outdoors. This supports decision-making, communication, cooperation and collaboration.

Music & Stories – We have introduced lots of new songs and have been enjoying listening to stories about Dads and families, helping the children get ready to celebrate Father's Day. **Father's Day Creations** – Our Monday Group children have been busy creating special gifts for their Dads, putting lots of thought and effort into making something meaningful to take home and share with their families.

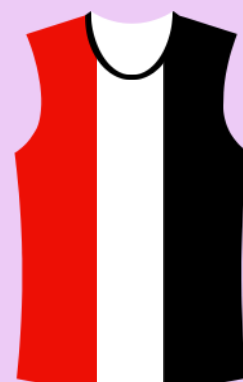
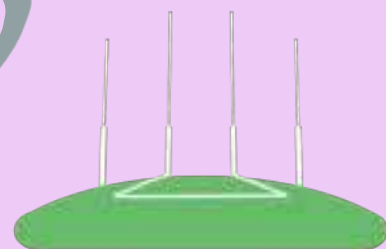
It has been wonderful to see the children learning, creating, communicating and working together throughout these experiences!

As we head towards the end of Term 3, there is plenty happening around the Centre!

To celebrate the final week of Term 3, we will be holding Footy Week from Monday 14th – Friday 18th September. Children will have the opportunity to wear their favourite team colours and enjoy a range of footy-themed experiences throughout the week.

Our Term Break Holiday Care is also fully booked, with a waiting list currently in place. Any vacancies that become available will be offered to children on the waiting list.

2027 enrolments are now open, with planning underway for the year ahead. We will reopen on Monday 18th January 2027.



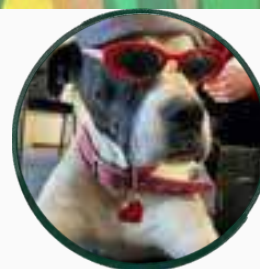
Build Skills. Grow Confidence. Find What's Next

Finding it tricky to get a job or work out what to do next?

The What's Next program can help you take that next step!

Whether you want to brush up on your skills, build your confidence, explore your options, or get ready for work, What's Next is here to support you.

Your next step starts here!



From TAFE Visits to Fundraising: A Big Term for REFRESH

REFRESH students have been working incredibly hard during their biggest term yet!

We've been smashing out work, visiting TAFEs, and thinking about the exciting steps ahead.

We've also been busy planning a bake sale fundraiser for the RSPCA, with lots of enthusiasm and teamwork going into making it a success.

We're also lucky to welcome Teaching Aide Matt to the REFRESH staffing team.

He's already fitting in beautifully, and we're so pleased to have him on board!

We're excited to finish the year strong and are looking forward to celebrating graduation with our students.

Pictured above is our coolest student, Turnip! He's always happy to let our students style him and keep his accessories fresh, fabulous and hip.

WHAT'S NEXT?
10 week course in Term 4
Friday's 12pm-3pm

\$60

Job/ Study Pathways Life Skills
Learns Local

- FOR YOUTH AGED 18-25
- SUPPORT TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT
- DIGITAL, LITERACY, NUMERACY SKILLS
- HELP WRITING A RESUME

Contact Reception on 9808 2000
to book your spot

info@theavenue.org.au www.theavenue.org.au



We have a new Facebook Page!

We're excited to welcome you to our new Facebook page — Avenue Neighbourhood at Eley!

This is where we'll be sharing all the wonderful things happening in our community, including exciting updates, upcoming events, important announcements and special moments along the way.

We'd love for you to jump over, give us a follow and stay connected with everything happening at Avenue Neighbourhood at Eley.

We're so glad to have you as part of our community!

Refresh & Renew - What a wonderful way to finish term

Our Renew & Refresh students held a fantastic Bake Sale in the final week of term and raised an incredible \$845!

We are so proud of the students for their hard work, teamwork and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who baked, helped, supported and purchased treats along the way.

Well done, Renew & Refresh team — what an amazing achievement!



A Big Thank You to Our Trivia Night Supporters!

A BIG shout-out to the amazing businesses below!

We're incredibly grateful for their generosity and support of our upcoming Trivia Night!

Your support helps make this event possible, and we truly appreciate you getting behind our community and helping us make the night a success.

Please show these fantastic businesses some love and support them when you can!

Thank you for your generosity!

- BFT Blackburn
- Element Fitness
- Box Hill Golf Club
- Global Ballooning
- Fox Mowing & Gardening
- Roller One
- Ben's Bees
- Jellis Craig Whitehorse

There are still spots available. Grab your tickets by calling Reception 9808 2000 or email info@theavenue.org.au.





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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Chair Yoga

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Starts Friday, 17 July, 2026.

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Register Now!

87 Eley Road, Blackburn South



Tango

for Parkinson's & all abilities.

\$25 Couple
\$15 Single

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!



87 Eley Road, Blackburn South
 Telephone: 9808 2000
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PILATES

Build strength, improve flexibility, and find balance

NEW CLASS
MONDAYS
 6.15PM

SPOTS ARE LIMITED, SO BE QUICK TO SECURE YOUR PLACE! CONTACT RECEPTION
 9808 2000 OR
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JOIN NOW

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 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, 5 October,
2026 at 9.00am.



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