



AVOCA BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL
TERM 1, 2021



Stage Three Newsletter

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Welcome to 2021!

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday and are looking forward to an exciting school year ahead.
We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Each term a Stage Newsletter will be sent home with information about the term ahead, including relevant information involving excursions, resources and topics being learned.

Classes 2021

Year Five

5F Mrs Megan Faunce/Ms Kim Fyffe
5M Mr Brett MacDonald
5/6D Mrs Louise Duck (Assistant Principal)

Year Six

5/6D Mrs Louise Duck (Assistant Principal)
6A Mrs Donna Ayton
6M Mr Craig Mitchell

Other teachers who work with the Stage Three students are:

Music, Drama Mrs Carolyn Coleman
STEM/Tech Ms Kim Fyffe
Library Mrs Julie Boarer



The Stage Three teachers work closely together, jointly planning and developing teaching and learning programs throughout the year, ensuring consistency across and within the stage.



Classroom Requirements

This term the children will need:

- 2-3 good quality large glue sticks (35-40g) eg Bostick
- a box of tissues
- jumpers and hats labelled with their name.
- textas, lead/coloured pencils, pens, scissors, ruler in a pencil case
- whiteboard markers
- whiteboard eraser

Communication



Teachers at our school are aware of the importance of maintaining effective and productive communication between home and school.

- If you need to speak with the class teacher, **please contact the school office or write a note to the class teacher.** The class teacher will get back to you as soon as possible.

At any time, parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher promptly if there are any concerns. This can be done by phoning or emailing the office or sending a note with your child to organise a mutually convenient time to meet.

To maintain a productive, quality learning environment for all students, parents are requested not to interrupt classes whilst lessons are in progress.

Stage 3 Parent Information Evening

Tuesday, 9th February 2021

5:30pm

Please meet in the Library

This is an opportunity to meet Stage 3 staff. Mr Ben Thomas and staff members will discuss relevant information about the school and key learning areas.

As this is a general information evening, there won't be an opportunity to discuss **individual** student matters, however parents are welcome to make mutually convenient interview times with the class teacher.

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Homework

- Homework will commence in Week 4.
- Homework routines will be discussed on the Parent Information evening.

Crunch and Sip



We will have Crunch and Sip each day. Please send along with your child small servings of fresh fruit, vegetables and water (no packaged foods). Alternatively, you may purchase Crunch and Sip from the canteen.

Attendance and Punctuality



In Stage 3 we follow a sequential program of learning which begins promptly at the start of each day.

- Arrival at school at **9:20am** is essential and allows your child to start the day on a positive note, as the day's routines are outlined and the first lesson begins immediately.
- If your child arrives late, or is required to leave early, please make sure you fill in a **student leave form** at the front office before attending the classroom.
- Absence notes should be sent to the class teacher or absences can be notified via the **school app**.
- Absences and late arrival at school can impact on your child's learning. Please ensure your child is absent only for legitimate reasons.

NAPLAN

Term 2, Weeks 4/5: 10-21 May

Stage 3 Excursion

Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Camp (TBC)

28/7-30/7

Important Dates

February

- 9: Zone basketball trials
S1 Parent Information Session 6:30-7:30 (Library)
P&C 7:30-9:00
- 10: ES1 Parent Information Session 5:30-6:30
- 17: Zone RL
- 18: Zone tennis
- 24: Scripture begins
- 25: Zone cricket
- 26: Values assembly (respect) 2:20-3:00

March

- 1: School Swimming Carnival
- 4: Combined Zone AFL
- 9: Zone Swimming
P&C 7:00-8:00
- 11: Selective HS Placement Test
- 12: Combined zone RL
- 15: Sydney North Swimming
- 16: Mathematics Enrichment Day
- 17: Zone football-boys and girls
- 19: Harmony Day
- March 22- April 1: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 24: School Photos
- 26: Values assembly (respect) 2:20-3:00
- 31: NSW PSSA Swimming Combined Zone Football

April

- 1: Last day Term 1
NSW PSSA Swimming
- 2: Good Friday

Teaching and Learning Programs



Literacy and numeracy are a major focus in Stage 3 with students working in targeted literacy and numeracy groups.

Term 1 teaching and learning programs include:

Science and Technology

This semester, students will be focusing on the living world: Has nature adapted to meet human needs?

In Semester 2, students will focus on an inquiry unit about the material world.

History

This semester, Stage 3 will study Australian Colonisation.

Personal Development, Health (PD/H) and Physical Education (PE)

All students will participate in a fitness program and sport on Thursdays (wear sport uniform) in Term 1. They may also wear sports uniform on Wednesday for Sporting Schools Tennis (optional).

Creative Arts

Students will develop their creative and performance skills through visual arts, drama, and dance opportunities throughout the year in their class and will engage in Music lessons with Mrs Coleman in Semester 1.

At Avoca Beach Public School, we provide a variety of learning opportunities for our students with wide ranging opportunities to improve the social, academic and wellbeing outcomes for our students.

Our school website and school app are also regularly updated to keep parents informed of school, stage and class events.