



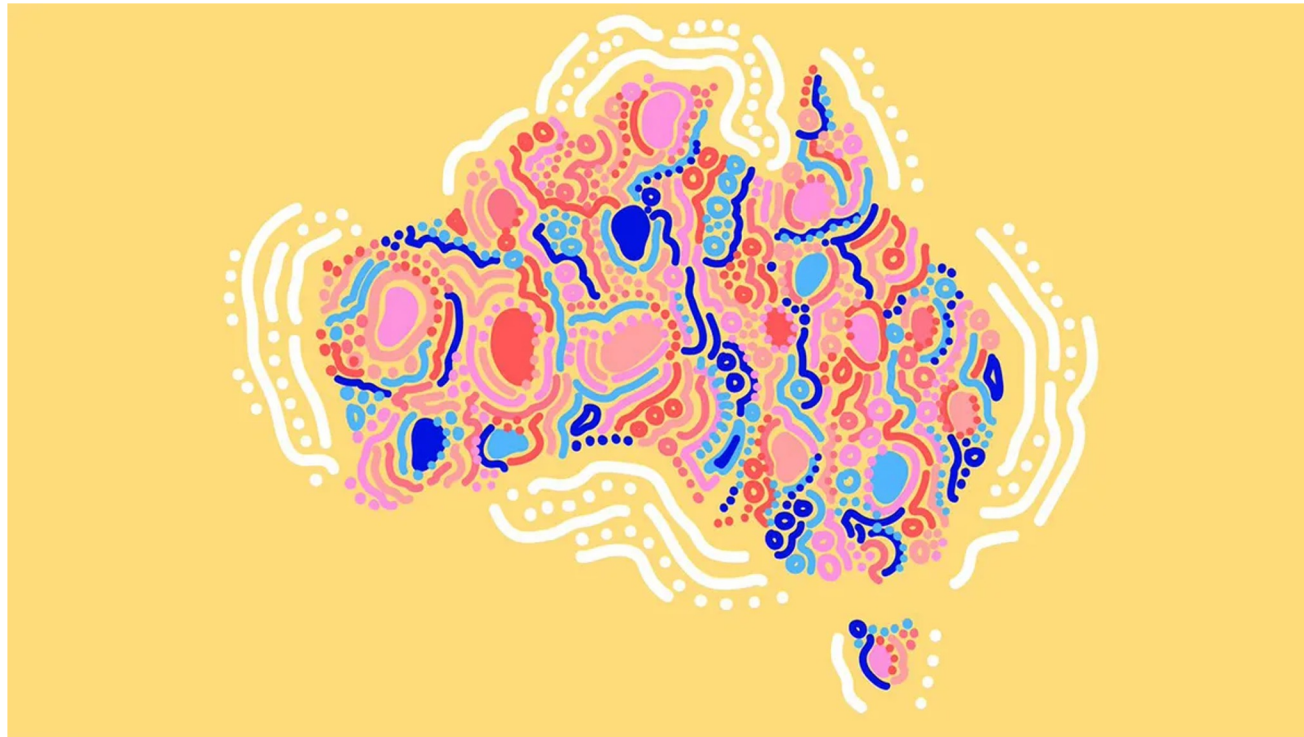
Parent Information Session

Kinder 2024



Acknowledgement of Country

On behalf of the DoE, we would like to pay our respect and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting takes place. We would like to pay respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to any Aboriginal people who may be present today.



Kinder Team

2024 Emma Gordon-
KG

Assistant Principal



Suzanne
Bramford – KB

Mackenzie Wade
- KW



Principal - Ben Thomas
AP - Early Stage 1 –
Emma Gordon
AP - Stage 1 - Esther
Hartley
AP - Stage 2 - Louise
Duck
AP Stage 3- Roxanne
Davies
APC&I / AP Stage 1 -
Jodie Ward

Best Start

Thank you for attending the best start assessments. Parent/teacher interviews will occur in the last two weeks of this term to discuss student results and how the children have settled in at school.

Welcome to Kindergarten: Early Days

- **Mornings-** *If arriving before 9am, students sit in the courtyard near the Kinder rooms. They move to their classrooms when the 9am bell rings, put bags on hooks and walk to the bottom playground to play. Please ask any teacher for assistance if your child needs a little support. We are trying to keep the playground parent free to encourage independence.*
- **Afternoons-** From Monday 12th Feb, students will stay until 3:20pm. Kindy teachers and other school teachers will supervise areas until all students have left the grounds safely.
- **Please do not enter or exit via the carpark for obvious safety reasons. The staff carpark is for staff only during school hours.**

Things to remember

- Names on all belongings
- Hat
- Satchel- all communication in this please
- Crunch and sip (fruit)
- Water
- Lunchboxes and foods easily opened
- Talking Topic (News)- One thing only
- Library books (Thursday)

Canteen

Students are able to order online from the canteen. Please send a note in their satchel when they have a lunch order so we can organise collection from the canteen.

We would appreciate it if students were not given cash for purchases for the first few weeks of this term so that they can settle in and feel comfortable moving around the school. You can order online for them and it will come down to our classrooms.

Stellars

- Stellars are awarded in the classroom and playground for being respectful, responsible and doing their personal best
- A “values assembly” will occur twice per term.
- At the end of each term, students can swap stellars for a reward of their choice eg treasure hunt, cooking, disco etc

Special Days- What's on in Kinder

- Monday: Sound booklet to go home (homework)
- Tuesday: Class P.E
- Wednesday: Scripture/Ethics,
- Thursday: Library
- Friday: Weekly assembly, sport, house families (2 x per term)

Key Learning Areas

- English – Structured literacy approach with explicit phonics lessons, decodable readers, phonemic awareness, rich text, vocabulary.
- Maths – explicit warm ups, mathematical thinking embedded into all lessons
- Science & Technology- Living World
- History & Geography- Places people live in!
- Creative and Practical Arts
- PE/H/PD

Parent Helpers

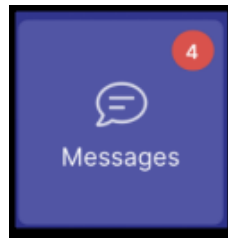
- Literacy/numeracy groups to start next term.
- A 'How we teach reading' session will also be offered towards the end of this term/early next term. More information will follow.

Events/ Excursions

- Mother's day and Father's day assembly
- Cross Country carnival
- Athletics carnival
- Grandparents Day & Harmony Day

Interviews/communication

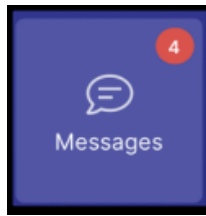
- We are happy to meet with parents to discuss a student's progress or any concerns you may have.
- Please arrange a mutually-convenient time by sending a note with your child or phoning the office.
- If there is a problem, don't delay. Problems can escalate if not attended to immediately.
- We will be contacting all parents in the next few weeks to let you know how your child is settling in.



Communication – Messages

In response to parent feedback, from Term 1 - Week 4 classroom teachers will trial using Messages in the Sentral for Parents Portal app. Messages acts as a direct line of communication between parents/caregivers and teachers to support students without the need to send emails via the school email address. Parents will only be able to send messages to the staff designated as 'Teachers' of their children's classes.

- Teachers will check Messages daily through Sentral before 8:30am Monday to Friday and respond at their earliest convenience. If the class teacher is absent, a reply might not be received until they return to school.
- Understand that class teachers cannot respond to messages while they are teaching and therefore will not respond immediately to messages.
- Communication of negative incidents and other concerns should be communicated via a phone call, face-to-face meeting or current planning room procedures.



Communication – Messages

- Parents are still required to contact the office for any urgent messages, e.g. same day change in pick up arrangements. This will ensure that urgent messages reach students in time. If the message cannot wait 24 hours, call the office.
- General school related enquires should be made to the office.
- Whole school, grade or whole class notifications sent from the school will be posted within the newsfeed section of the portal and a reply cannot be sent.

Examples of appropriate messages

A parent:

- Making a request for a phone call or face-to-face meeting to discuss their child's progress or an incident
- Sending an RSVP for a PBL Values assembly
- Lost property

Examples of inappropriate messages

A parent:

- Advising of same day change in pick up arrangement
- Discussing details of a negative incident

Communication – SMS Absences

ABPS Sentral SMS Attendance System

If your child is absent from school, you will now receive an automated text message asking you to provide an explanation for their absence. This text message will be sent at approximately 10am.

Reply to the message with a short explanation of their absence, for example: "they are sick with a cough". This will then be updated in our attendance system as an explained absence.

Please remember that not all explanations are justified reasons to not attend school. For example, if a SMS was received stating "it is their birthday so they are staying home" then this would be updated in the system as explained but would remain an unjustified absence.

Once you have replied to the SMS, you do not need to inform the office or classroom teacher of the reason for your child's absence.

Other

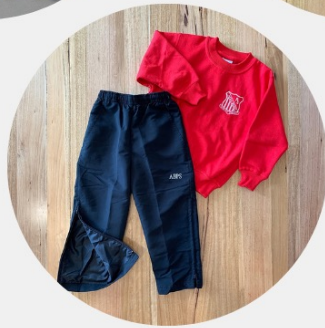
- **Extended leave** (5 days or more)- apply at the office for approval
- Be punctual for a **9:20 am** start. If you arrive after this bell, you **MUST** go to the office for a late note.
- **Early leavers**, please see the office to sign out first and then collect your child.
- **Birthdays:** You are welcome to provide pre-cut cakes, slice, or a birthday bucket of ice blocks (quelch sticks) from the canteen(not compulsory)

General Information

Uniform

We take great pride in the appearance of the children at Avoca Beach Public School and encourage all students to wear the correct uniform.

*Avoca Beach Public School
Uniform*



Our school's uniform shop is run by the P&C Association with all proceeds going straight back into the school. Our uniform shop coordinator is **Lara Napton**.

Opening hours - Thursdays from 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Purchasing

The easiest way to order your school uniform is via the **Spriggy App**.