

Newsletter

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*Avoca Beach Public School is committed to providing a safe and caring environment where individuals are respectful, responsible and strive for their personal best.
Our innovative, collaborative and inclusive culture empowers and supports every learner.*

Principal's Report

The 2017 year for students concludes today. Yesterday we held a final presentation assembly for our departing Year 6 students. I thank Mr Jarmaine and the Stage 3 teachers for their organisation of the assembly.

In the Monday newsletter I included a list of our major award winners from our Presentation Assembly last Friday. The winners of our major sports awards were not included in the list. Congratulations to Mia Cracknell and Kai Hodson who were our sports people of the year.

On Monday night we held our Yr 6 Farewell. A big thank you to our parent committee for their organisation of the evening. The students were very well behaved and enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the completion of their Public School careers. Thankyou also to the twenty teachers who gave up their time to attend the Farewell.

Thanks to everyone who supported our special lunch meal yesterday. Funds from this activity went towards our Community Connections Fund bringing the total raised to \$2700. This money will be used to support families in our school community over the coming year. Last week we donated money to one of our families who had lost their mother. Hampers were provided to three of our families who have been through significant illnesses in their families. We will continue to support families in need through 2018.

Included with this newsletter is a list of stationary items that the students will need for the beginning of 2018. These items would be great stocking fillers for Christmas.

Unfortunately on Tuesday one of our stage 3 students had their bicycle stolen from our bike racks. I am aware that this news has spread on social media and I wanted to provide everyone with the correct story of what happened and the school's response. At the start of lunch two males stopped on the road and took three bicycles. Two were wheeled around to the bush area on The Round Drive whilst the third bike was put into the back of a metallic blue older model toyota corolla with a Red P Plate. One of our parents witnessed this from their house and the two bikes hidden in the bush were brought back to the school and staff notified. I went out to the bike racks and along with Mr Jarmaine we walked around the street to see if the third bike had been left there. The neighbour had driven to the carpark at the shark tower and had sighted the car. He drove back and Mr Jarmaine & myself returned to the carpark with him. Unfortunately the car had left. We returned to school and contacted the mother of the boy who had lost his bike. We then contacted the police and provided them with the details of the car and bike. We then contacted the parents of the other two students who had had their bikes removed from the school. A message was sent to all classes reminding the students that they should lock their bikes to the bike racks each day. The police visited the school the next morning and took further details.

I am aware that students organised a fundraiser yesterday afternoon to assist their friend replace his bike. A large amount of money was raised showing the huge community spirit that exists in our local community. I thank all those who supported this fundraising initiative. A new bike was purchased and presented to the student at an assembly today. Left over funds have been donated to our Community Connections Fund.

The bicycle stolen was a Trek dark silver mens bike. If you have any information regarding the incident please contact Gosford Police.

As mentioned in Monday's newsletter, Leilani Gee is representing Australia at the International Figure Skating competitions to be held in Switzerland and Austria in January. Should you wish to contribute to her fundraising efforts please go to [Gofundme.com/Lani-dream](https://www.gofundme.com/Lani-dream).

I would like to acknowledge and thank two of our staff who will be leaving our full time staff this year. Ms Hansen and Mrs Byrne have worked on Stage 3 and Stage 2 respectively and their efforts and contributions have been greatly valued by everyone at our school. I would like to wish them all the best for the future and we will hopefully see them back at our school in some capacity in the future. I would also like to wish Mrs Byrne and her husband Luke all the best on the impending birth of their first child.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 30th January 2018.

Ross Hallaways,
Principal

Congratulations to the following students who received merit certificates on the last Friday's assembly.

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| KB | Zach Johnson, Lily Clarke | 3G | Abbey Tosh, Bonne Gadd |
| KD | Lily Parker, Charlize Denham | 4H | Dylan McCann, Callan Flaherty |
| KT | Noah Day, Ellie McCartney | 4B | Amalia Casey, Ava I'Anson |
| K/1S | Oscar Newman, Kieran Singh | 4R | Angus Haba, Will Gaffey |
| 1C | Olivia Sumowski, Toby O'Brien | 5/6A | Josh Cilliers, Leif Sbrocchi |
| 1F | Callum Krumm, Liam Hill | 5/6D | Leila George, Ruby Fibbens |
| 1/2B | Jack Groom, Ava Shacker | 5/6F | Liam Fuller, Jude Maslin |
| 2M | Jesse Langcake, Shelley Carmichael | 5/6W | Jack Carter, Felix Michell |
| 2S | Angus Gibbes, Zakary Newman | | |
| 2W | Khloe Richmond, Clyde Mitchell | | |
| 3A | Dylan Every, Zoe Kneller | | |
| 3B | Felicity Ruzek, Avalon Pitcher | | |
| SUPER STELLARS | Lisa Hechter KD, Toby Steenbergen K/1S, Eli Boys-Smith 1C, Sebastian Picone 1C, Oscar Uglow 1C, Hickson Fisher 1C, Beau Ryan 1F, Cameron Dalton 1F, Harper Freeman 1F, Van Ferrier 1F, Leon Haak 1/2B, Ava Shacker 1/2B, Jack Groom 1/2B, Riley Coleman 2M, Josh Lyons 2M, Lukas Bannister 2M, Morgan Manwaring 2M, Ayana Packer 2W, Lilly Bond 2W, Kai Nemorin 2W, Zach Tipper 4B, Brighton McGrath 4B, Kabane Large 4B, Nick Thomson 4B, Zandin Bateman 4H, Ruby Barry 4R, Carys Buening 4R, Bethan Minor 4R, William Gaffey 4R, Bastien Sinodinos 4R, Angus Haba 4R, Ari Wilcock 4R, Jack Lafferty 4R, Kaeylib Pignat Burns 4R, Noah Watts 5/6A, Emily Gills 5/6A, Ava Collins 5/6A, Abbi Jones 5/6A, Ella Clark 5/6A, Charlie Griffiths-Roberts 5/6A, Olivia Wilson 5/6A, Lily Carmichael 5/6A, Hayden Moser 5/6A, Gemma Coupe 5/6D, Kade Forsaith 5/6D, Sunny McRae 5/6F, Liam Fuller 5/6F, Lucy Wilson 5/6F, Kohen I'Anson 5/6F, Jack Wilson 5/6F, Nathaniel Thomas 5/6F, Cooper Johnson 5/6J, Peter Ross 5/6J, Bella Howe 5/6J. | | |



Congratulations to all our Super Stellar recipients!

UNIFORM SHOP – The Uniform Shop will be open Monday 29th January 2018 from 10am to 11am, Wednesday 31st January from 8.30 to 9.30am and Friday 2nd February 3.00 to 4.00pm. Please remember orders can be placed online through www.flexischools.com.au. And will be ready for collection. We accept cash or cheque at the Uniform Shop, no credit card facilities are available.

Thank You to our Volunteers Jackie, Fi and Krystie for all the hours you put in to provide this service.