

# Newsletter

## Avoca Beach Public School

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Monday 14th October, 2019

*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.*

### Week 1

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Debating ABPS v BVPS  
Tue 15<sup>th</sup>  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sydney Nth Athletics  
Thu 17<sup>th</sup>  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Life Education begins  
Triple P Program continues

### Week 2

Mon 21<sup>st</sup>  
Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> P & C Meeting 7.00pm  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Choral Festival  
Thu 24<sup>th</sup>  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Headstart Begins 9.30am – 11.00am

### Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term for 2019. Term 4 is shaping up to be an exciting and busy one. Our Year 6 students begin preparations for the next chapter in their schooling, high school and we welcome our 2020 Kindergarten students with the Headstart program beginning in Week 2. Some important dates to put on the calendar are the presentation day, picnic day, high school orientation day and the Year 6 farewell. All these dates and many more are included on the term calendar which can be found in this newsletter.

### **K-2 Athletics**

It was worth the wait! We had beautiful day for our K-2 athletics carnival at the end of last term. A big thank you to Miss Metti for her organisation of the day. The students really got into the spirit of the day, embracing our theme of participation and fun.

### **Attendance Policy**

At our last P&C meeting, the updated school attendance policy was presented and ratified. Throughout this term, we will include snippets of this policy to communicate the key points and school procedures for attendance. Two of the key contexts of this policy are:

- 1- Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.**
- 2- Encouraging regular attendance is a core school responsibility.**

### **Year 7 Selective HS Applications 2021**

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021 must be made online between 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019. Late applications will not be accepted.

Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12 March 2020. Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2021 forms will be sent home to Year 5 students this week.

**Wall of Fame**

Last term I was proud to show off some of the amazing writing skills of our K-2 students. So it's our senior students' turn this week. Eleanor in 5/6A and Annie in 5/6J have been getting creative, working on a writing piece for a competition. The competition is judged by the one and only Andy Griffiths. It coincides with the release of *The 117-Storey Treehouse*, written by Andy Griffiths. The aim for these imaginative short stories is to answer the question, "If you could add one level to Andy and Terry's Treehouse, what would it be?" Good luck Eleanor and Annie!

Ben Thomas  
Principal

**Quote of the Week**

*"Wake up every morning with the thought that something wonderful is about to happen."* - unknown

**Avoca Beach Public School Attendance Procedures**

ABPS attendance procedures have been developed with reference to the Department of Education's policy *School Attendance Policy (2017)*, *Enrolment of Students in Government Schools (2019)*, *General Enrolment Procedures (2019)* and *Student Attendance in Government Schools – Procedures (2015) and Exemption from School – Procedures*.

Government legislation requires students between the ages of six and fifteen to be enrolled at a government or non-government school and to attend school on each day that instruction is provided. It is the duty of the parent or care/provider of these students, under the Education Reform Act 1009, to ensure that these obligations are fulfilled.

Daily attendance rolls will be maintained as legal documents and according to the guidelines for marking documented in the policy. The Act (mentioned above) specifies that the absences must be explained within 7 days of the occurrence.

The Principal and by delegation, class teachers, have the authority to grant leave of absence when a satisfactory explanation for absence is received from the parent or care-provider. The reasons provided should be specific.

The school regularly communicates with parents/carers on School Attendance Requirements and Procedures through the School's Information Book, newsletter and letters where attendance has been of concern.



If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)	19 days per year	≈ 4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 day per week (80% attendance)	38 days per year	≈ 8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years
2 days per week (60% attendance)	76 days per year	≈ 16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week (40% attendance)	days per year	≈ 24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

**MR THOMAS' WALL OF FAME****The 130 story Treehouse**

As you enter a dark room a spotlight suddenly appears in the middle of the room. You are looking into the eyes of one of the most evil villains of all time. 'WELCOME TO THE VILLAIN DESTROYING ROOM, THE AIM OF THE GAME IS TO DESTROY THE VILLAIN IN THE FASTEST TIME POSSIBLE. GOOD LUCK!' (Terry's record time is 15 seconds as he was faced with Captain Hook)

You enter a metallic room with floors, walls and a ceiling covered in metallic paint. In the centre is a pool filled with rich, creamy chocolate. A dispenser shoots out a strawberry into the pool and leaves the strawberry floating ready for you to scoop up and eat it.

You have entered the Chocolate Strawberry Dispenser room.

Your ears are filled with a loud and deafening sound of air rushing past your face. You turn to see 50 flying brooms smashing into each other. One drops to your feet and you see engraved into the wood is the sentence, 'PROPERTY OF ANDY AND TERRY'S FLYING BROOM ROOM'. You pick the broom up and immediately you are taken up out of the tree. It feels like you have hit 30 different things. You are dropped again right out of the room at the front of the door ready to go right back in.

A horrid smell drifts towards your nose and your brain immediately calculates that you are smelling the scent of rotten fried eggs. You turn around and SPLAT! You've just been egged in the face! You run to where you think the egg came from, slimy egg flowing down your face, and finally you are looking at the neon Egg Splatting Room. The walls are covered in mucky eggs and more keep coming. You duck thinking you are very clever as the eggs fly over your head, but you are very silly as the eggs keep on coming in every direction. SPLAT! Another egg shoots onto your foot. You force yourself to race towards the room. Your fingers are crossed hoping that there are doors to this horrible room and your wishes are granted as there are two doors. You slam the doors closed and you know that you are safe from the fatal Egg Splatting Room.

By Eleanor Shervington

**The 130 story Treehouse**

As you enter the glass surrounded room you are suddenly hit with the lush smells of scented tropical flowers. You can see foreign butterflies majestically dancing around the room. Then you picture you sitting at the beach and 'BAM' the room changes around you and suddenly you're sitting at a warm beach on a Summers day. The waves softly crash against the shore as you watch the sun set in the distance. Then 'BAM' the room once again changes. Now you're sitting at a table holding a menu, under a brightly lit chandelier. You can smell pasta and pizzas in the oven. Dinner comes and your tastebuds explode with each bite. And you don't have to go alone your friends can come too ( as long as you enter the room at the same time ) you can take your friends around the world with you. But be careful because with great power comes great responsibility. What if you're in a bad mood and accidentally imagine a volcano and find yourself standing on the edge of one with lava bubbling out! But as long as you're careful you could travel around the world by just picturing where you want to go.

The next room is the pizza party room. Pizzas are flung around the room at you. Each pizza has different toppings and tastes. This is one odd but fun way to eat your dinner. But watch out or you will end up covered in pizza. In this room you can enjoy dinner or a party without having to cook. Doesn't that sound GREAT? The room is filled with smells of new pizzas freshly baked. This is awesome!

The next room will test your skill as you run and dodge through the ninja course. As soon as you enter you are faced with challenges. JUMP, RUN, SWIM! But don't fall or you will land in a cage of human eating monkeys!

By Annie Lowbridge

**Congratulations to the following students who received merit certificates at the last Friday assembly.**

<b>KM</b>	Ivy Huggart, Liam Banfield	<b>3H</b>	Cameron Dalton, Olivia Sumowski
<b>KS</b>	August Everitt, Riley Frew	<b>3/4V</b>	Eamon Grace, Hannah Abra
<b>KT</b>	Ruby Battye, Stevie Fraser	<b>4B</b>	Max Latham, Jesse Langcake
<b>1C</b>	Kai Napton, Audrey Parker	<b>4W</b>	Tiki Willcocks, Khloe Richmond
<b>1G</b>	Stella Webster, Owen Gillett	<b>5/6A</b>	Duke Smith, Coco Howe
<b>1R</b>	Joel Peterson, Chrystella Penn	<b>5/6D</b>	Liam O'Brien, Imogen Nott
<b>2B</b>	Olivia Schellekens, Noah Farrell	<b>5/6F</b>	Seb Roberts, Sienna Smith
<b>2D</b>	Ruby Rangott, Jarvis Irving	<b>5/6J</b>	Amy Bowtell, Carla Howard
<b>2S</b>	Ava Campbell, Charlie Beaton	<b>5/6M</b>	Tahlia Fisher, Cal Flaherty
<b>3A</b>	Harper Freeman, Grace Tague		
<b>SUPER STELLARS K - 2</b>	<b>KM</b> Zane Napton, Lydia Rodrigues, Johnny Hurrell, Myles McIlquham <b>KT</b> Ruby Battye, Nico Miller, Sasa Dowling <b>1C</b> Max Rattray, Abigail Armytage <b>1G</b> Matilda Coleman, Stella Webster <b>1R</b> Sophie Winstanley, Archie Dheer, Willow Ramsay <b>2B</b> Finn Casey, Vedder Case, Harriet Viles, Harry Lowbridge, Ella Cunningham <b>2D</b> Jasmine Youssef, Jasmine Shaw <b>2S</b> Teagan Campbell	<b>SUPER STELLAR 3 - 6</b>	<b>3H</b> Callum Krumm, Cameron Dalton <b>3/4V</b> Austyn Mackie, Archie Bourke, Claire Burchall <b>4W</b> Tiki Willcocks, Taj Knight, Ryder Langcake, Omeo Armytage, Monty Lowbridge <b>5/6F</b> Seb Roberts <b>5/6M</b> Ryder Kasun

**Sydney North Athletics Carnival**

Good luck to these outstanding ABPS students who will be representing Southern Central Coast at the Sydney North Athletics Championships on Wednesday: Silas Allen, Callum Bucknell, Jesse Fibbens, Jasper Hunter, Taj Knight, Harry Lowbridge, Von Maslin, Bethan Minor, Lily O'Cass, Darcy Smith, Kiah Tebb, Talia Tebb, Will Tebb, Jabin Waters, Bailey Penn and Archie Mesritz.

We are sure you will represent our school proudly!

Chris Wright

**Futsal Super Stars!**

Congratulations to Kyan and Bondi Werner, who recently attended the National school futsal titles in Brisbane. Both were selected in their ages for the Australian school teams where Kyan's team will travel to China and Bondi's to Spain in 2020. What an amazing achievement from Kyan and Bondi!



K-2 Athletics Carnival

Well done to all of our K-2 students who participated in the K-2 Athletics Carnival last term. We certainly have some talented runners coming through. You will find the results below:

<b>5 Years Boys</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Alex Toft KS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sonny Carmichael KT 3 <sup>rd</sup> Maui Rangī KT	<b>5 Years Girls</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Ruby Battye KT 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marie Hechter KM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Emilie L'Olive KM 4 <sup>th</sup> Ivy Huggart KM
<b>6 Years Boys</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Levi Thomas 1R 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ari Jarmaine KS 3 <sup>rd</sup> Brixton Ennion KS	<b>6 Years Girls</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Mia Choba KS 2 <sup>nd</sup> Arwen Probst KS 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sasa Dowling KT
<b>7 Years Boys</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Koa Payne 1G 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oliver Hill 1R 3 <sup>rd</sup> Zeus Curnow 1C	<b>7 Years Girls</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Willow Ramsay 1R 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lily Rignall 1G 3 <sup>rd</sup> Piper Sheridan 2B
<b>8 Years Boys</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Harry Lowbridge 2B 2 <sup>nd</sup> Maxwell Blair 2S 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vedda Case 2B	<b>8 Years Girls</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Ava Knight 2S 2 <sup>nd</sup> Melody McRae 2B 3 <sup>rd</sup> Teagan Campbell 2S

**SCHOOL BANKING** will resume on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, week 2 of this term.

**TENNIS COACHING – Copacabana**

Coaching Monday Afternoons

SNSW Voucher can be used for Fees

For all standards – New pupils welcome **Hot Shots Programme**

Enquiries Telephone Mark - **Mobile 0403 499308**

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## THE SNACK SHACK

The Snack Shack Hours are: **Morning** 9.00-9.20                      **Recess** 10.50-11.10                      **Lunch** 1.10-1.40

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone. Traditionally this is our busiest term in the canteen.

During the holidays I have been busy updating our menu and adding a few new mini items so the kids can make up their own snack bags. We now have carrot sticks, cucumber sticks, savoury crackers, mini cheese slices, cherry tomatoes, hard boiled eggs and pots of hummus to choose from. The popular homemade Snack Shack Burgers are making a return to Tuesdays (instead of San Choy Bow) Beef burgers are made fresh in canteen and Chicken Burgers are fresh sliced chicken marinated in garlic and grilled, there is the option to add cheese and salad items. We are also trying out homemade chocolate custard for those that like a treat now and again, the recipe is approved by the NSW Healthy Canteen Strategy.

Flexischools has been updated to make items easier to read ( both for customer and people preparing) just have a read through when ordering, the main change is that toasted sandwiches are now listed as an individual item at the top of the sandwich section, hopefully this will make ordering slightly quicker too.

We will be starting our daily specials as from next week, although Nachos and Sushi will be available this week.

A copy of the Term 4 menu is attached to this newsletter. The cost of our sausage roll has been increased to \$3.00.

As always, we are in need of volunteers to help us provide all this lovely homemade goodness. We are now using SignUp Zone to enable people to add themselves to the roster, please follow the link below to add your name, if you prefer the traditional method of contact just text/ phone us .

<https://signup.zone/abps-snack-shack>

Don't forget year 6 parents, this is your child's last term in primary school ! How many times have you promised to come and serve in the canteen for them??? THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!! ....

Lyndsay 0412784884 (Tue, Thur, Fri)

Sarah 0423113401 (Mon & Wed)

### SNACK SHACK ROSTER

Monday	14 Oct	
Tuesday	15 Oct	
Wednesday	16 Oct	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Thursday	17 Oct	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Friday	18 Oct	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>

Monday	21 Oct	Cheryl Moorcraft
Tuesday	22 Oct	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Wednesday	23 Oct	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Thursday	24 Oct	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Friday	25 Oct	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>

**ALL VOLUNTEERS IN THE CANTEEN MUST PROVIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE WITH A COMPLETED VOLUNTEERS DECLARATION AND THE 100 POINTS OF IDENTIFICATION BEFORE ASSISTING IN THE CANTEEN OR ANYWHERE ELSE WITHIN THE SCHOOL.**

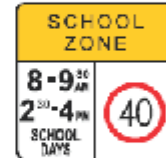
Safety learning program



## Traffic and Parking around your School

Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

- A **School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.



- School Bus lights** – buses use signs and orange flashing 'wigwag' lights to warn motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the 'wigwag' lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.



- A **No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.



**THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP**

**BUT YOU MUST**

- stop for up to 2 minutes only
- stay within 3 metres of vehicle

**Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones  
HEAVY FINES and DEMERIT POINTS APPLY**

- A **Bus Zone** means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times.



- A **No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.

