

# Newsletter

## Avoca Beach Public School

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Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 3

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup>** Life Education last day  
**Tue 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wed 30<sup>th</sup>** Stage 2 Yr 3 Geography Excursion  
**Thu 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** SCC PSSA Ball Games  
Headstart 9.30am – 11.00am  
Assembly 12.15pm

### Week 4

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** Girls Mariners Cup  
**Tue 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** NSW PSSA ATHLETICS  
Stage 2 Yr 4 Geography Excursion  
Responsible Pet Program K-2  
**Thu 7<sup>th</sup>** NSW PSSA Athletics  
**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** Headstart 9.30am - 11.00am  
Assembly 12.15pm  
Mega Money

### Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

We are getting to that time of the year when we begin planning for 2020. Very soon, the school will have to submit final student numbers for next year and this will help us determine the number of teachers and classes that we will be allocated by the Department of Education. To assist us in determining precise numbers for next year, could you please inform the school if, for some reason, you will not be returning to Avoca Beach PS in 2020. Following our first Kindergarten Headstart session, we have confirmed 67 Kindergarten students for next year and they are all extremely excited to begin their learning journey with us.

### **Choral Festival**

Our fantastic choir performed at the Wyong Art House last Wednesday. They were part of the wider Central Coast Choral Festival. Our singers did an amazing job and from all reports were perfect representatives of our school. A big thank you also to Mrs Coleman and Mrs Sheather for all the work they have done to train our choir and give them these opportunities.

### **Bikes**

It came to our attention last week that some bikes in our local area had been recently stolen. As such we met with the students who ride their bikes to school and discussed the need for security. It was suggested that the students bring a bike lock so they can lock their bikes to the rack. It's very sad and disappointing that we have people like this come into our community. We will continue to be vigilant and support each other to make our wonderful town, a safe and happy place to live.

### **Leadership Forum**

This week we will host the Kincumba Learning Community Leadership Forum Presentation. This will involve student leaders from Avoca Beach PS, Copacabana PS, Pretty Beach PS, Kincumber PS and Kincumber HS. Our SRC have put together a fantastic presentation to showcase all the leadership projects they have been doing this year. Our choir and dance group will also perform at this event.

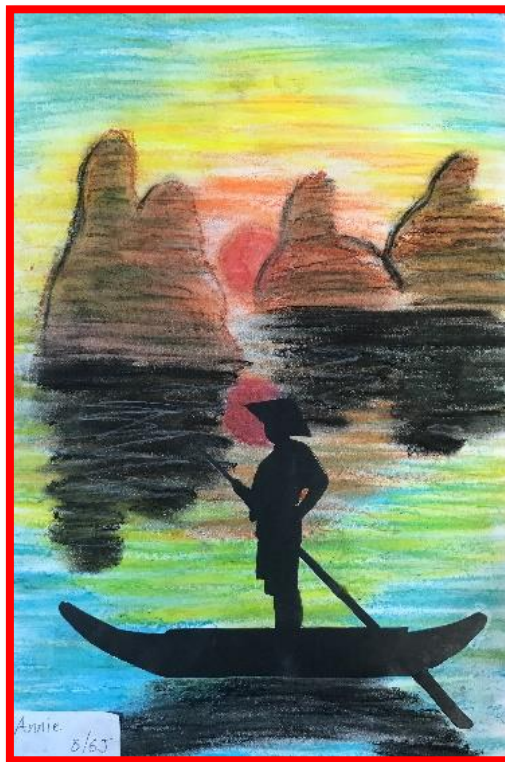
**Wall of Fame**

This week Annie in 5/6J has done an amazing artwork depicting Vietnam. She has used a range of art techniques to create this piece, which now sits proudly on my Wall of Fame.

Ben Thomas  
Principal

**Quote of the Week**

*"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world". – Howard Zinn*

**MR THOMAS' WALL OF FAME****Parent Information Regarding Attendance**

Throughout the year, Avoca Beach Public School will provide several opportunities to raise parent and community awareness of the need for:

- excellent attendance and the impact of poor attendance on academic performance and social wellbeing;
- the need to provide a written explanation or call the school in regards to all absences within 7 days; and
- the need to complete an 'Application for Extended Leave – Travel' when students require leave for holidays or extended periods of time.

Opportunities to share information will be provided clearly to both students and parents and will include:

- Information presented at the Parent Information Evenings in Term 1;
- Information provided during transition information sessions for Kindergarten, and
- Newsletter and website inclusions.

**Teacher Profile – Chris Waters**

Hello wonderful Avoca Beach community,

My name is Chris Waters and I'm extremely excited to have joined the strong team at Avoca Beach PS. It really is a great privilege to be a part of this fantastic school.

Thank you to the staff, children and community for giving me such a warm welcome. This term, I am fortunate to be relieving for Mrs. Baldwin in the Deputy Principal position. I wish Mrs. Baldwin all the best in her new role as Principal of Chertsey Public School and thank her for a very thorough hand-over. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of the children and several families this term. I've seen so many great things happening in classrooms already and I look forward to the rest of the term.



A little about myself as an educator. I completed a Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) at the University of Newcastle and I've also completed a Master of Education degree at the same university. In recent years, I have taught across Erina Heights PS, Copacabana PS and Wyong Creek PS and enjoyed every moment in those great schools. Most recently I was the K-2 Assistant Principal at Erina Heights PS. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there and it was sad to say goodbye to all the families and children.

Most of my teaching has been within primary classrooms, however, I have also experienced off-class specialist roles, such as; Learning Support Teacher, ATSI Education Coordinator and Behaviour Support Teacher. Some of my favourite initiatives to be involved in outside of the classroom, have been; Kindergarten Transition, Technology Education, Gifted and Talented programs and coordinating school and regional sporting carnivals.

A little about myself in general... I grew up on the Central Coast at Wamberal and of course developed a passion for surfing. I also had a go at most sports growing up, but I stuck with AFL until hanging up the boots in 2015. I play a few instruments and love to bring them into the classroom whenever I can. In 2015 I married my beautiful wife Renee and we live just over the hill at Copacabana. We are so happy living in Copa! I am a father of a beautiful little girl, Milani, who is about to turn 3. My wife Renee is also a primary teacher and teaches at Terrigal Public School, as well as being an amazing Mum.

So, if you see me around school, come and say hi. I am looking forward to getting to know all the children and community at Avoca Beach PS and the many great experiences to come.

Chris Waters

Deputy Principal (rel.)



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

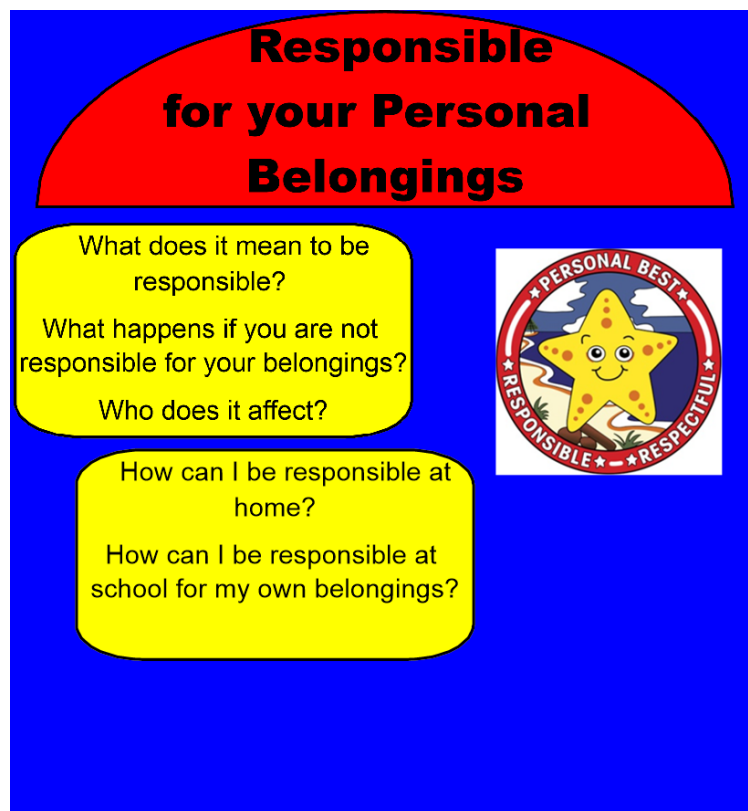
<b>KM</b>	Lydia Rodrigues, Skyler Picone	<b>3H</b>	Remy Nyman, Phoebe Waters
<b>KS</b>	August Everitt, Skylah Lupton	<b>3/4V</b>	Turner Helyard, Clyde Mitchell
<b>KT</b>	Phoebe McKinnon, Hudson Douglass	<b>4B</b>	Jett Taylor, Jasper Hunter
<b>1C</b>	Jacob Cohen, Macy Lester	<b>4W</b>	Livia Carn, Josh Stenning
<b>1G</b>	Oliver Blakely, Kurtis Judge	<b>5/6A</b>	Amy Goodwin, Antwun Barden
<b>1R</b>	Mackenzie Cruikshanks-Finn, Willow Ramsay	<b>5/6D</b>	Avalon Pitcher, Sophia Hill
<b>2B</b>	Willow Andrews, Charlize Denham	<b>5/6F</b>	Olivia Roy, Zach Wilson
<b>2D</b>	Hugo McKimm, Cooper Probst	<b>5/6J</b>	Kiesha Hunter, Zoe Harris
<b>2S</b>	Maxwell Blair, Lily Clarke, Lillian Lupton	<b>5/6M</b>	Tahlia Fisher, Callum Bucknell
<b>3A</b>	Sophie Bowmaker, Riley Geary		
<b>SUPER STELLARS K - 2</b>	<b>KM</b> Ace Roumanous, Marie Hechter, Arlie Warren, William George-Davidson <b>KS</b> Sebastian Preradovic-Buteux, Zoe Tague, Ari Jarman, Kingsley Boyle, Amelia de Ruiter <b>KT</b> Louis Nyman, Phoebe McKinnon <b>1C</b> Audrey Parker, Mason Mills, Zeus Curnow <b>1G</b> Jax Burque, Isabelle Slinkard <b>1R</b> Indiana Reed, Ollie Hill, William Ceccato <b>2B</b> Kai Berthot-Craig, Charlize Denham	<b>SUPER STELLARS 3 - 6</b>	<b>3H</b> Remy Nyman <b>3/4V</b> Hannah Abra, Stella Carpenter <b>4B</b> Kobi Davies, Jagger Curnow <b>5/6M</b> Lily O'Cass, Johnnie Mitchell



**PBL Week 3 – Personal Belongings**

This week our PBL focus has been on how to be **responsible** with school property and our personal belongings. Students have recognised the importance of labelling their clothing and equipment and putting it in their school bags after use.

Our school expectations require students to be responsible by being organised with permission notes, money and personal belongings. Students are demonstrating their personal best by checking lost property if their items are missing.

**Ethics Teacher – 2 volunteer positions available in 2020**

Avoca Beach Public School requires two more Primary Ethics Teachers to be part of our dynamic team in 2020. Ethics classes are held every Thursday from 9.20am – 10am. Teaching experience is not required but basic computer skills are necessary. A comprehensive two day training session, and access to all lesson material, is provided. Ethics lessons are thought provoking and are designed to enhance a child's critical thinking and moral reasoning skills. This helps children form and express their own ideas based on logic and evidence, while respectfully listening to others.

If you are interested in more information on these rewarding positions please go to [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) Or call Myleah O'Brien, Ethics Co-ordinator 0404 881 267.



OZTAG IN COFFS HARBOUR by Harry Lowbridge

On the holiday and a bit of scho  
I went to ~~Cloff~~ Harbour but before  
that I went to Homebush for ~~sydney~~ north  
~~and~~ I was one place off to make in  
to the final and the relay - we  
came 11th but it was still fun. The  
reason why I went to ~~coffs~~ harbour <sup>was</sup> because  
I made oztag rep for my age and  
on the first day we played 3 <sup>94</sup>~~99~~  
and all those 3 teams were top  
3 teams so we lost 2 and drew  
one. The next day we had to play 5 <sup>94</sup>~~99~~  
and we had to win four of them  
to make semis. We won 2 games  
and drew 1 and sadly lost 2 so  
we were out of the comp. But state  
cup trials are next week.

By Harry Lowbridge

**SCHOOL BANKING****New School Banking rewards now available!**

Exciting new Term 4 Polar Savers rewards are now available, while stocks last!

**Water Skimming Bounce Ball****Polar Pencils & Pencil Toppers**

For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every Thursday.

**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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## Avoca Lagoon Waterwatch Training Day

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>  
November 2019  
9.30am-1pm**





Do you want to help the environment but don't know where to start?  
Come along to a free Waterwatch training workshop and learn how you can protect your local coastal lagoon.

Participants will use a Waterwatch kit to test for temperature, pH, electrical conductivity, turbidity, dissolved oxygen and available phosphate whilst learning about why they are important to test for and what to do with your data so it contributes to the bigger picture. It will be a great opportunity to chat with like minded members of the community and to establish a Waterwatch group at Wamberal Lagoon.

**Bookings Essential**  
 Register online: [www.cen.org.au/events](http://www.cen.org.au/events)  
 Phone: 4349 4757 Email: [waterwatch@cen.org.au](mailto:waterwatch@cen.org.au)  
 Venue: Heazlett Park, Avoca Lagoon  
 Cost: Free (includes morning tea)

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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

We have updated our menu and added 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.

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.

We really do appreciate each and every one of our volunteers and are pleased to announce that we are now able to thank our volunteers by means of a lucky ticket prize each month. For every shift volunteered in canteen your name will go into a pot and a lucky winner will be drawn at the end of each month, the prize being a \$25 Coles voucher. There are plenty of spots left to fill in for this term, just follow the link here to see updated roster.

<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	28 Oct	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Tuesday	29 Oct	Elize Mackie
Wednesday	30 Oct	Emma Seyer
Thursday	31 Oct	Lisa Paterson
Friday	01 Nov	Sarah Minor

Monday	04 Nov	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Tuesday	05 Nov	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Wednesday	06 Nov	Kylie Blakely
Thursday	07 Nov	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Friday	08 Nov	Terri Stoye

**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.**

THE ELDERSLEE FOUNDATION BRING YOU THE 2019  
**CENTRAL COAST**  
**KIDS DAY OUT**  
 at NARARA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

**CELEBRATING ME**

**It's our 20th Birthday!**

**Sunday 3rd Nov**  
 10am-3pm

ADULTS \$8 KIDS \$4 FAMILY \$25 2 ADULTS + UP TO 4 KIDS KIDS UNDER 1 FREE

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**MEET & GREET**  
 Wackadoo! Bluey and her little sister Bingo are heading to Kids Day Out on Sunday 3rd Nov

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**HEY KIDS** **It's Party Time**  
 DRESS UP and Visit the Party Room!

Princes/Princesses/Jesters 10:30 Fairies/Pirates 11:30 Mugglewarts 12:30 Talk to the Animals 1:30  
 JOIN THE FAIRYTALE COSTUME PARADE AT 2:40 AT THE MAIN STAGE

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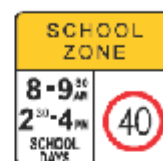
## Safety learning program



## 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.

