

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.*

Week 2

Mon 4th

Tue 5th

Wed 6th

Thu 7th

Fri 8th

PSSA BASKETBALL TRIALS

KINDER PARENT MEETING 6.00PM

KINDER WELCOME BBQ 5.00pm –
6.30pm

Week 3

Mon 11th

Tue 12th

Wed 13th

Thu 14th

Fri 15th

P&C MEETING 7.00PM

STAGE 2 PARENT MEETING 5.30PM

STAGE 3 PARENT MEETING 6.00PM

STAGE 1 PARENT MEETING 5.30PM

Principal's Report

Welcome back to all students and families to the 2019 school year. I hope that everyone had a relaxing and safe Christmas holiday. Our students in Yrs 1-6 returned on Wednesday and were placed in their classes for the year. I am hopeful that this organisation will remain for the year once our numbers are confirmed this week. We have structured on 19 classes.

We welcome Mrs Erin Smith to our permanent staff. Erin has been working at the Junction PS and is working on 5/6F with Mrs Faunce. I know that everyone will welcome Erin to our school community.

Unfortunately, at the start of the year Mrs Dianne Humphries informed me that due to family circumstances she would not be working this year. Di has worked at Avoca Beach PS for a number of years and has brought a high level of knowledge and enthusiasm to all roles that she has undertaken. I thank her for her commitment to our school community and wish her all the best in the future.

A calendar of events plan for Term 1 was sent home on Thursday and is also available on the website. A number of key dates for this term are

Monday 4 th March	School Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 27 th March	School Photos
Wednesday 3 rd April	Grandparents' Day

Today we welcomed our 60 new Kindergarten students. I hope that both the students the students and their families enjoy being part of our school community. We will be holding a welcome BBQ for Kindergarten Families this Friday from 5.00pm. I thank our P&C for hosting this event.

A note for our upcoming swimming carnival will go out to all Yr 3-6 students later this week. Students in Yr 2 who turn 8 this year, and who can confidently swim 50 metres, are also permitted to attend if they want to.

This Wednesday afternoon we will be holding House meetings to elect House Captains and Vice Captains for 2019. Successful students will be presented with their badges at this Friday's K-6 assembly.

Our first meeting of the 2019 Student Parliament will be held this Friday at 2.00pm. Yr 6 students will be allocated to parliament position for each item.

The February P&C meeting will be held next Monday evening starting at 7.00pm. The meeting will be held in the staffroom. All parents and community members are invited to attend and be part of the discussions.

Well done to those students who completed the holiday reading challenge. If you return your card by this Friday, you will receive a certificate along with an entry in the draw for some great book prizes. This draw will be made at this Friday's K-6 assembly. Please ensure that the card has your child's name and this year's class on it.

A note regarding classroom levies will go home later this week. The levy covers stationery items provided, online reading program and text books (Year 1 & Stage 2 only). I would like to ask that this payment be made as soon as possible as the school has paid for these items and they will be used in the classrooms from this week.

Information sessions for parents will be held in the next two weeks for all stages.

KINDERGARTEN	Wednesday 6 th February	6.00pm
STAGE 1	Thursday 14 th February	5.30pm
STAGE 2	Tuesday 12 th February	5.30pm
STAGE 3	Wednesday 13 th February	6.00pm

An information sheet with details of the sessions will be sent home this week.

Ross Hallaways
Principal

P&C NEWS

Welcome to another school year. Our first P&C Meeting of 2019 will be held next Monday, 11th February in the Staff Room from 7pm. All are welcome and we would love to see some new faces so if you are free please come along and join us. We are a group of parents wanting the best for our school and who want to be proactive in making it the best. Meetings are informal and are usually finished before 9pm. If you have any queries about our P&C please do not hesitate to contact me at avocabeachpandc@gmail.com.

Kind regards,
Paula Jamal

Amenities Block Mural – Heazlett Park

Central Coast Council will be hosting a meeting at the Gosford Administration building on Wednesday 13 February at 2pm. The meeting will be to discuss the future of the amenities block in Heazlett Park which is being demolished. The meeting will be with artists who were involved in the project and any other interested parties. All community members are welcome.

EXTENDED LEAVE from ATTENDANCE. If you are planning a family holiday during the school term, **for more than 5 days**, parents need to apply for an **'Application for Extended Leave'** from school. An 'Application for Extended Leave-Travel' can be collected from the office. Once completed please return to the Principal at least two weeks prior to the leave then an approved **'Certificate of Extended leave - Travel'** will be issued. The original certificate will be signed, copied for school records and returned to parents. You need to carry this certificate during your leave, as it must be produced when requested by police or other authorised attendance officers.

VOLUNTEERS AT OUR SCHOOL

Volunteers play an important role in the daily school routine. Please be aware that the Department of Education requires all volunteers to complete a Volunteer Declaration and provide Proof of Identity that meets the 100-point check. We are updating our records in accordance with these requirements, ask that anyone who is currently volunteering, or planning to do so in the future, complete the attached declaration, and return it to the office along with your 100 points as soon as possible. This not only applies to in-school volunteers but also anyone that at any stage may be transporting our students to offsite activities.

For parents **transporting** students to offsite activities please be aware that we still require copies of both your current driver's licence and current vehicle registration. **This documentation must be provided prior to the activities** and is required **even if you are transporting your own child**. In accordance with department requirements, the transporting of students is not permitted until all documentation has been received.

UNIFORM SHOP:

Open Thursdays only 2.45pm – 3.45pm. All flexi orders placed will be sent home on Thursday or Friday. Please note that hats are available every day in the Canteen. Orders can be made online www.flexischools.com.au.

ETHICS TEACHER – VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE

Avoca Beach Public School is currently requiring another Primary ethics Teacher to be part of our dynamic team. Ethics classes are held every Thursday from 9.20- 10am.

Teaching experience is not required but basic computer skills are necessary. A comprehensive two-day training session, and access to all 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 this rewarding position please go to www.primaryethics.com.au or call Myleah O'Brien on 0404 881 267 (Ethics Co-ordinator)



SPANISH FOR KIDS CLUB AT AVOCA BEACH PS : Now taking enrolments for Term 1 2019 for Spanish classes on Monday 8.15am - 9.00am. **Nathalie Roy** on [0430 286 590](tel:0430286590) or email nathalie.roy@lcclubs.com.au to register your interest and for more info on cost and siblings discount. GRACIAS!



FRENCH FOR KIDS CLUB AT AVOCA BEACH PS : Now taking enrolments for Term 1 2019 for French classes on TUESDAY 3.30pm - 4.30pm **Nathalie Roy** on [0430 286 590](tel:0430286590) or email nathalie.roy@lcclubs.com.au to register your interest and for more info on cost and siblings discount. MERCI!

MUSIC TUITION AT AVOCA BEACH - GUITAR (ACOUSTIC AND ELECTRIC), SINGING, ELECTRIC BASS, BANJO, MANDOLIN and UKELELE. All styles and all ages, beginners to advanced levels, very experienced professional teacher. Phone Chris on 0422 802 222

HIGHLAND DANCING LESSONS – Tue & Thur 3.45pm-4.30pm at 33 Laird Dr, Avoca. Teacher Maureen Fyffe has 40yrs experience teaching/coaching highland dance. She has coached 11 Australian champions. Examinations and competition training available. Contact Maureen 0400 221 038.



\$100 VOUCHER FOR CHILDREN'S SPORT AND FITNESS FEES

Parents in NSW can claim \$100 towards extra-curricular sport and other physical activity fees thanks to the NSW Government's Active Kids program. This program will provide a \$100 voucher for parents to put towards sporting fees and registration costs for each school-aged child in NSW.

Families can use the voucher for registration and membership costs, as well as fees for activities such as swimming and dance. The annual voucher will not be means tested because the NSW Government wants every child from every family to get active and involved in community sport and fitness.

The health of our children is a priority for the NSW Government, and it is hoped that this makes a difference in enabling you to enrol your child in the sport or physical activity of your choice.

More details about the program and how to download your voucher is available at sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids or by phoning Service NSW on 13 77 88.





ENROL NOW FOR 2019!

Classes Held at Terrigal Basketball Stadium

Classes from \$6 * Try your First Week FREE!

Monday

3:30 PM - 5-8 Yrs Jazz
4:30 PM - 5-8 Yrs Acrobatics
5:30 PM - 9-11 Yrs Jazz
6:30 PM - 9-11 Yrs Hip Hop

Tuesday

4:00 PM - 5-8 Yrs Contemporary
4:30 PM - 5-8 Yrs Hip Hop
5:00 PM - 5-12 Yrs Tap
5:30 PM - 9-11 Yrs Contemporary
6:30 PM - 9-11 Yrs Acrobatics

Wednesday

9:30 AM - 2-3 Jelly Beans Jazz
10:00 AM - 2-3 Jelly Beans Ballet
10:30 AM - 2-5 Jelly Beans Acrobatics
11:00 AM - 4-5 Jelly Beans Jazz
11:30 AM - 4-5 Jelly Beans Ballet

Wednesday

4:00 PM - 12+ Yrs Jazz
5:00 PM - 12+ Yrs Hip Hop
6:00 PM - 12+ Yrs Contemporary



SAVE UP TO \$200!
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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

Preferred method of ordering is by using the FLEXISCHOOLS APP, **CUT OFF TIME 8.30AM.**

Welcome to Term 1, we are really looking forward to seeing all those lovely little faces again.

There is a copy of our latest menu attached and a copy has been sent home..

We are trialling a new menu item of San Choy Bow on Tuesdays, our regular best sellers of pasta bolognaise, and nachos are still there.

We are trying out a new APP to help us with the rostering of volunteers and can send the link to any parents, carers or grandparents that would like to pop in and help. Thank you so much to all the new Kindy mums who have already put themselves down for a shift or two. Most of our menu is homemade and we do rely on volunteers for busy days to help get us through but we don't expect you to have great cooking skills, so please don't be put off! Putting lunches in bags, making sandwiches or just serving is also a great help.

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.

Snack Shack Roster for:

Mon 4th	Jacqueline Birchall
Tue 5th	Sarah Minor
Wed 6th	Jacqueline Birchall
Thu 7th	Holly Cabarrus
Fri 8th	Emma Seyer

Mon 11th	Briar Krumm
Tue 13th	Michelle Tarawithi
Wed 14th	VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Thu 15th	Jacqueline Birchall
Fri 16th	Carol Twible

Lyndsay Buening – Canteen Manager
Sarah Randall – Canteen Supervisor

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0423 113 401

Tue, Thur, Fri
Mon & Wed

Safety learning program

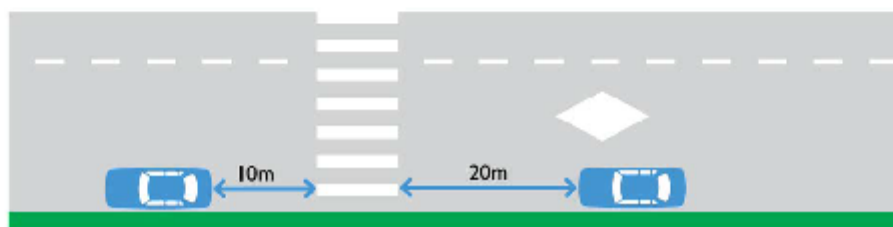
School Traffic and Parking Around Your Local Community



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.

You must not stop your vehicle (that is, bring it to a stop and either stay with the vehicle or leave it parked) in the following circumstances:

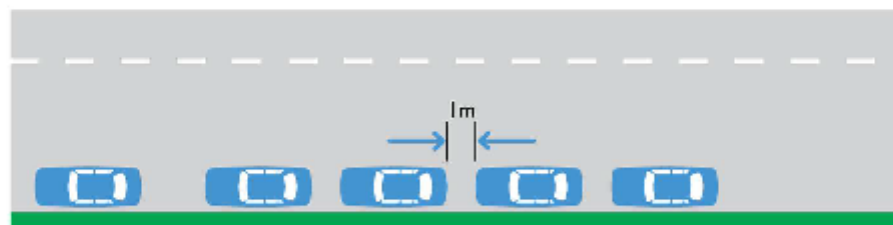
- ❑ Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
- ❑ Across a driveway or footpath
- ❑ On a median strip or traffic island
- ❑ On footpaths and nature strips
- ❑ On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing



- ❑ Within an intersection
- ❑ Within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights unless signposted otherwise



- ❑ In Bus Stop, Bus Zone, Taxi Stand or Taxi Zone signed areas
- ❑ At least one (1) metre from any other parked vehicle, close as possible and parallel to the kerb, and facing the same direction as the traffic lane



- ❑ Within three (3) metres of any double centre lines
- ❑ Within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a bus stop

Adherence to signposting, linemarking and road rules around your school will assist in providing a safe environment for the school community and residents.