# **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 6

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> School Swimming Carnival

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Week 6
Mon 11<sup>th</sup>
Tue 12<sup>th</sup> SCC Zone PSSA Swimming
P & C Meeting

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> KHS Meet & Greet Yrs 5 & 6 @6.00pm

Thu 14<sup>th</sup>
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> SCC PSSA Rugby League 11'S & Open

**Trials** 

## **Principal's Report**

Our annual swimming carnival was held today. Congratulations to all students who competed in the events and gave their best effort. A big thankyou to Mr Jarmaine for his organisation of the carnival and to the other teachers who performed official duties.

Place ribbons will be handed out during this Friday's assembly. Notes to students who have qualified to attend the Sth Central Coast Zone PSSA Championships on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March will be given out tomorrow.

A reminder that the March meeting of the P&C and AGM will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. The meeting begins at 7.00pm and will be held in the staffroom. The P&C is keen to welcome new members of our school community to the meeting.

Thankyou to those families who have now made their classroom levy payments. These payments are now due and I would ask for the support of the families with outstanding payments to finalise these payments this week.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who have initiated a morning sports program which will operate from 9.00am – 9.15am on Friday mornings on the oval for K-2 students who are interested. This program was in response to some of our young students finding it difficult to adjust to being in the top playground in the mornings.

Our student parliament is underway for 2019. The parliament provides our students with the opportunity to have their say on how the school operates. Each class from years 1 to 4 sends two representatives and all stage 3 students attend. The students have the opportunity to raise ideas which are then discussed and voted on along the lines of our parliament. All ideas that are passed are then brought to me by the year 6 student minister for the area to be discussed. Already this year the students have raised the issue of adding extra basketball backboards and rings in the top playground and supplying sport equipment in the top playground at lunchtimes. Both of these initiatives are being implemented.

The student parliament also determines the four charities that the school supports for the year. After researching the charities the students nominate them and then the parliament votes on the four to support, one per term. This year the charities they have chosen are RSPCA, CAMP QUALITY, STEWART HOUSE and BEANIES FOR CANCER. Each term the ministers in charge of the fund raising will coordinate activities to raise funds.

Next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March Kincumber HS are holding a Meet & Greet starting at 6.00pm. All parents are invited to attend to meet with Mr Brent Walker the new Principal & members of the Kincumber HS staff.

Our school photos are being taken on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Envelopes went out last week and need to be returned in the week of the photos. Payment must be included. We do not handle these payments.

Ross Hallaways Principal

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

KM	William Stewart, Zane Napton	3/4V	Milla McEwan, Eamon Grace
KS	Sydney Senior, Amelia de Ruiter	4B	Harry Lafferty, Fergus Patterson
KT	Ruby Battye, Josh Tarawhiti	4W	Audrey Thompson, Niall Dudley
1C	Brielle Hayes, Ari Pulley	5/6A	Poppy Noone, Bastien Sinodinos
1G	Stella Webster, Kurtis Judge	5/6D	Jabin Waters, Daniel Wind
1R	River Randall, Indiana Reed	5/6F	Harry Griffiths-Roberts, Sol Dudley
2B	Dylan McMahon, Lily Parker	5/6J	Elijah Jamal, Edan Thompson
2D	Willow Carpenter, Noah Day	5/6M	Lily O'Cass, Johnnie Mitchell
2\$	Lily Clarke, Hamish Choba		
3A	Talia Tebb, Brianna Haydon		
3H	Mae Jarmaine, Cameron Dalton	LIBRARY	Grace Tague, Elliana Shiers

## **PBL WEEK 6**

This week our PBL focus has been on how to be respectful, responsible and perform our personal best when playing in the playground and on the equipment. Our school expectations require students to be responsible by choosing a playground to play in and not wandering out of bounds between the top and bottom playgrounds. Students demonstrate they are responsible by waiting for the teacher to come on duty before using the equipment. Students have recognised the importance of being respectful when using the equipment by taking turns and playing fairly on the playground.

Under no circumstances are students to be playing on the oval or equipment after school hours without teacher supervision.









Kincumber High School invites you to our...

# **Meet & Greet Evening**

Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm (for approximately 75 minutes)

Kincumber High School Hall

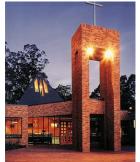
For Year 5 and 6 families from the Kincumba Learning Community.

- Meet the Senior Executive Brent Walker (Principal); Paul Broadbent (Deputy Principal); Matt Riley (Deputy Principal)
- Overview of the educational opportunities and programs at Kincumber High School
- Hear from the Year 7 2020 Year Adviser Megan Lawler
- Head Teacher & student led tour groups of the school grounds and facilities.
- Light refreshments available on the night
- Opportunities for questions to be asked & answered

If you are considering Kincumber High School for Year 7 in 2020 or 2021, then please come along. We would love to show you our school.

## For Parents of catholic SRE students

Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Terrigal - SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2019



<u>RECONCILIATION</u> (Sacrament of Penance) for Year 3 children (and older - who have been Confirmed)

ENROLMENT WEEKENDS - after the Masses on the following weekends:

Saturday 23rd Feb - 5pm and Sunday 24th Feb - 8.30am &10.00am

Saturday 2nd Mar - 5pm and Sunday 3rd Mar - 8.30am &

10.00am

Saturday 9th Mar - 5pm, Sunday 10th Mar - 8.30am & 10.00am

# Please see full details on the Parish website: ourladystarsea.org.au/reconciliation

## A NEW PARK FOR AVOCA BEACH – HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Did you know that Mr Robert Pickett, the owner of <u>301 Avoca Drive</u> has generously offered Council part of his land for a new park? **⊘**②②♂

This is subject to Council allowing use of part of their land to the west to be part of the park. One of the potential uses is a new home ground for Avoca FC. Imaging how fantastic it would be if we had our own local fields! If you think this would great, make a submission for us, please show your support by:

Signing this petition - https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/.../online-submission-LEP-D...

Please include the following wording:

The Avoca Beach, Copacabana, Picketts Valley and Kincumber communities have a desperate need for additional open space. Please rezone part of 301 Avoca Drive and the adjoining Council land to the west to RE1 Public Recreation to create a new park for our community and a home ground for Avoca FC.

We really need your support to make this happen! Thanks •

## 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 <a href="www.primaryethics.com.au">www.primaryethics.com.au</a> or call Myleah O'Brien on 0404 881 267 (Ethics Co-ordinator)



## STUDENT WELLBEING OFFICER

Generate Ministries invites applications for the position of Student Wellbeing Officer at Avoca Beach Public School under the Student Wellbeing Support Program.

Generate Ministries is a Christian organisation employing School Chaplains & Wellbeing Officers in NSW state schools. All Generate employees must adhere to the Generate Statements of Belief and Code of Conduct.

Application information can be found at mychaplain.org.au or calling Fergus Taylor on 0432741110

**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.

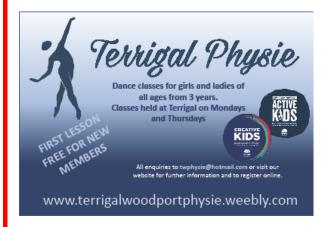
## **VOLUNTEERS AT OUR SCHOOL**

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.

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 <u>0430 286 590</u> or email <u>nathalie.roy@lcfclubs.com.au</u> 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 <u>0430 286 590</u> or email <u>nathalie.roy@lcfclubs.com.au</u> to register your interest and for more info on cost and siblings discount. MERCI!







#### \$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 <a href="mailto:sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids">sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids</a> or by phoning Service NSW on 13 77 88.





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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.

I would like to apologise to anyone that has had problems ordering over the last 3 Fridays. This has been a technical problem at FLEXISCHOOLS end. They have sent us apology letter stating that they are trying their best to resolve the problem but it's obviously taking longer than they hoped.

I would like to reassure you that if you ever have problems ordering online please send in a note with your kids or pop down to order over counter, we can always do IOU orders if you don't have any cash at home.

Thank you again to all those how have volunteered so far this term, we still have a couple of shifts we require volunteer help with. Can I please ask that you no longer use the Doodle App to change shifts or add yourself, please contact Lyndsay or Sarah directly on our mobiles so we can update rosters. We are finding it very helpful by communicating on the FB year pages and will post updated roster online too.

Wonderful to have a Dad on the roster! Don't forget guys welcome too, send them to us if they get under your feet on their days off.

Please be aware when ordering on FLEXISCHOOLS and over the counter, that we require separate orders (and bags) for Crunch & Sip, Recess and Lunch as these are all prepared and deliver at different times.

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 4 Mar	Sarah Randall	Mon 11 Mar	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Tues 5 Mar	Laura Day	Tues 12 Mar	Michelle Tarawithi
Wed 6 Mar	Volunteer Needed	Wed 13 Mar	Scott Carrabus
Thu 7 Mar	Jennifer Smith	Thur 14 Mar	Jaqui Birchall
Fri 8 Mar	Jaqui Birchall	Fri 15 Mar	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

Lyndsay Buening – Canteen Manager 0412 784 884 Tue, Thur, Fri Sarah Randall – Canteen Supervisor 0423 113 401 Mon & Wed



# Calling for volunteers – we need your help!



Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time one day a week and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is Thursday. This day can be changed if needed

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please fill in the tear off section below and return it to the office ladies.

## Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!

Name:	 	
Phone:	 	
Email:	 	
Availability:		





BaRK is a free eight-week program to assist reluctant readers. Children practice reading aloud on a one-to-one basis to a trained therapy dog from the Delta Society.

## Dogs are great listeners!

When reading to a dog, children enjoy an environment of unconditional acceptance and emotional support. Our animal assisted reading program removes stress and peer pressure for the reluctant reader. BaRK makes reading fun.

## How does BaRK encourage reluctant readers to read?

A bond is encouraged between child and dog by having the same child read to the same dog each week. The dog allows children to gain confidence and self-esteem by providing his/her love and attention in an atmosphere free of criticism.

## What type of students will benefit from BaRK?

The BaRK program is beneficial to all children struggling with their reading. This confidence building program also benefits children who lack self esteem or who are shy. Any primary aged children experiencing difficulty in reading may be nominated for the program by a teacher or parent.

## How does it work?

BaRK offers an eight week program during school terms. Each session is fifteen minutes. Families must commit to the full eight week program. For more information please contact our Children's Library Team on 4304 7013.









## Safety learning program



## **Parking Restrictions Outside Schools**

#### KIDS LOOK TO US TO KEEP THEM SAFE - PARK LEGALLY IN SCHOOL ZONES

Central Coast Council would like to remind parents of parking restrictions outside your school. Please pay close attention to the signs outside your child's primary school and watch your speed when travelling through all school zones.

#### NO STOPPING zone

Stopping is NOT permitted at any time.

#### **BUS ZONE**

Stopping is not permitted during the times shown on the sign.

## BUS ZONE 8.00<sub>sn</sub>- 9.30<sub>sn</sub> 2.30<sub>pn</sub>- 4.00<sub>pn</sub> SCHOOL DAYS

#### DOUBLE PARKING

You are not permitted to stop OR park alongside another vehicle already parked parallel to the kerb. This means do not form a queue in the middle of the lane if you are waiting.

Move on, do a loop and come back.

#### NO PARKING zone

Drivers may drop off and pick up children during the times shown on the sign BUT note:

- Maximum stopping time is 2 MINUTES your child must exit and enter the car within this time.
- Driver must remain within 3 METRES of the vehicle you may get out to help with bags etc.
- Stop as close as possible to the top of the zone to allow access for vehicles following behind.



NO

STOPPING



Stopping ON or ACROSS a driveway or other access point to and from a property is not permitted under any circumstance.

You must always consider the school's neighbours by leaving space at their driveways to allow safe exit and entry to the roadway.

Travelling more than 40 km/hour through school zones may inhibit a car from stopping in time to avoid hitting a pedestrian. Parking illegally also creates serious risks as it limits the vision of other drivers.

It only takes a split second for an accident to occur and only one car to present a danger to an unknowing child.

Please be aware of the restrictions and park safely outside your child's school.

For more information regarding parking restriction around your school please contact Council's Road Safety Officers via email at roadsafety@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au





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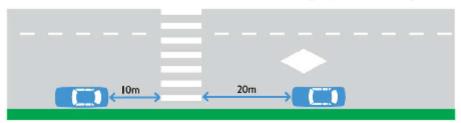
## School Traffic and Parking Around Your Local Community



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:

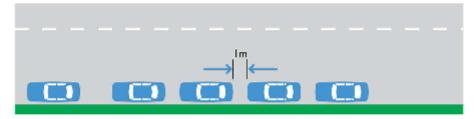
- Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
- Across a driveway or footpath
- On a median strip or traffic island
- On footpaths and nature strips
- On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing



- 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.