

# Newsletter

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Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 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 6

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	CCDF Dress Rehearsal
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion 7.00am
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kindergarten Walking Excursion 11.15am – 3.00pm
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Stage 2 Dairy Incursion Triple P Program 9.30 – 11.30am Stage 3 Bathurst Returns 4.00pm

### Week 7

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Public Holiday
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Triple P Program 9.30 – 11.30am

### Principal's Report

At the start of this term I announced to the staff and the P&C that I will be retiring on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July. This is at the end of Week 1 Term 3. After nearly forty years of teaching it is time to move onto the next phase of my life.

A panel has been formed to undertake a Merit Selection process to fill my position. The advertisement will go live this Wednesday with applications closing on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. I am hopeful that the successful candidate will be known by the end of the term and will be able to take up the position on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Our Community Connections Family Movie Night last Friday was a great success with approximately 300 people in attendance. I thank everyone who attended and supported our fundraising for our Community Connections Program which provides support for members of our school community in times of need. A huge thank you to our Community Connections Committee led by Mrs Davies for their organisation of the night. Thanks also to the many staff who gave up their time to assist with the organisation ensuring the night ran smoothly. We were lucky to have a mild evening and having it outdoors made the night special. A profit of approximately \$1400 was raised on the night.

This Wednesday 135 of our Stage 3 students along with five staff will be leaving school early to travel to Bathurst for a three day excursion. They will visit attractions in Katoomba and the Blue Mountains Heritage Centre on the way to Bathurst and then visit the goldfields and the Colonial Village in Bathurst. Thank you to Mrs Davies, Mrs Faunce and Mr & Mrs Jarmaine for offering to give up time with their families to allow our students this experience.

Congratulations to our girls and boys softball teams, our netball team and girls' football team who all participated in the next rounds of their NSW PSSA Knockouts last week. All teams gave a great effort and were excellent representatives for our school. Reports on the matches are included in this newsletter. Good luck to the boys softball team and girls football team who have moved onto the next round in their respective competitions.

This Thursday the replacement of our Interactive Whiteboards with new SMART Panels will be finalised with the installation of seven new boards. This program has seen the instalment of 21 new boards in total at a cost of \$110,000. The teachers have been very positive in how these boards are assisting in their implementation of lessons.

Ross Hallaways  
Principal

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

<b>KM</b>	Arlie Warren, Ace Roumanous	<b>3H</b>	Henry Petheram, Tilleah Bennett
<b>KS</b>	Alex Toft, Amelia de Ruiter	<b>3/4V</b>	Lukas Bannister, Claire Burchall
<b>KT</b>	Darty Smith, Florence Walker	<b>4B</b>	Harry Lafferty, Obi Sinodinos
<b>1C</b>	Audrey Parker, Mitchell Wong	<b>4W</b>	Josh Stenning, Noah Forster
<b>1G</b>	Polly Carpenter	<b>5/6A</b>	Amalia Casey, Jaidee Buckley
<b>1R</b>	Poppie Graham, Carter Rodgers	<b>5/6D</b>	Dylan Every, Hope Conley
<b>2B</b>	Melody McRae, Zoe Powling	<b>5/6F</b>	Seb Roberts, Darcy Smith
<b>2D</b>	Sienna Scott, Ruby Rangott	<b>5/6J</b>	Edan Thompson, Amy Bowtell
<b>2S</b>	Rosie Williams, Teagan Campbell	<b>5/6M</b>	Bronte Churchill, Johnnie Mitchell
<b>3A</b>	Talia Tebb, Cooper Thomson		

**Boys Softball Knockout Gala day 2019**



On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019, the Avoca Beach boys softball team played in a Knockout gala day at Bateau Bay oval. Avoca were pumped and keen to get out on the field and they displayed excellent skills and sportsmanship throughout the competition. The boys defeated Umina in the first game 18-1 and went on to play the winners from the other pool in the next round. Avoca played an amazing game against Narara and secured the win 11-7. Avoca Beach will now go into the next round. An awesome effort boys. Well Done!

**Girls Soccer Team**



Our girls’ soccer team have continued their great run through the early rounds of this year’s PSSA knockout competition. On Thursday morning we took the field against Wyong Public School and came away with a 15 to nil victory and now progress to round 4 of the competition. Our next game will be in the next couple of weeks against Empire Bay PS. Thank you again to all of our parents who came to support and help with the nets. Well done girls!

### Girls Netball PSSA Knockout



On Tuesday 28th May the Stage 3 PSSA Netball team played in the knockout competition gala day. Our first game was against Kincumber PS and unfortunately we lost that game, meaning we were out of the competition. However, the girls had an opportunity to play another game against Wyong PS. This game was extremely close and our defence was strong the whole way down the court. Unfortunately we lost by 1 goal. The girls showed great sportsmanship and should be extremely proud of their efforts.

### Girls Softball Knockout Gala Day

Last Monday the Girls Softball Team had a Gala Day as part of their PSSA Knock Out competition. Our first game was against Copacabana. Although we came out hitting, their fielding and batting were excellent and therefore they won convincingly. Our friendly second game was fun and the score was close but unfortunately, we lost by a few runs. A stand out for the day was a fantastic triple play involving Olivia Roy and Annie Lowbridge. Overall, the girls are to be congratulated on their wonderful team spirit and excellent behaviour at the Gala Day.

Thank you to the parents who drove the girls to and from the fields and to Dave Lowbridge for scoring and assisting with the girl's warm up.

Lastly, a special thank you to Mrs Dheer for organising and coaching the girls this year.

Chris Spencer

(Team Manager at the Gala Day)

**PBL WEEK 6 – Arrival**

This week our PBL lessons have focused on how to be respectful, responsible and perform our personal best when arriving and leaving the school. Students have recognised the importance of being where they are supposed to be and not lingering in 'out of bounds' areas.

Our school expectations require students to do their personal best and always use the crossing to cross the road. If students arrive at school before 9am, they are expected to **sit** quietly outside the staffroom with their bags. Students need to wait here until a teacher dismisses them. Students are responsible by putting their bags outside their rooms only after the 9am bell. Students are doing their personal best by moving directly to the top playground.

**THE P&C NEEDS YOUR HELP! - School Fair/Volunteers Questionnaire**

Dear Parents

If you can please spare a few minutes to complete the below questionnaire we would be very grateful.

The questionnaire will provide the P&C with feedback regarding the School Fair and also enable us to create a list of volunteers who are able to help at such large fundraising events. The survey will close on Friday, 7 June 2019 so we are able to collate the responses for our next meeting.

Many thanks in advance for your time and support.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZTVPCFX>

**ABPS P&C**



Hi Everyone

**Ready, set, go!**

We're excited to say that Woolworths Earn & Learn has launched this week, and thousands of Schools and Early Learning Centres have started collecting stickers.

The program will run from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

The students will receive a sticker sheet to place stickers onto at school and completed sheets will be placed in collection boxes also located at school. You can find a collection box in the office for your convenience. We will not have a collection box at Woolworths stores this year.

Let's stick together with Earn and Learn!

Thank you for your support in collecting stickers for our school

Mrs Boarer  
Earn and Learn Co-ordinator.



## New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 2 Polar Savers rewards are now available, while stocks last!



**Yeti Fluffy Notebook**



**Icicle slap band Ruler**

**The Scented Stackable Highlighters and Snowy Origami Set from term 1 are also still available.**

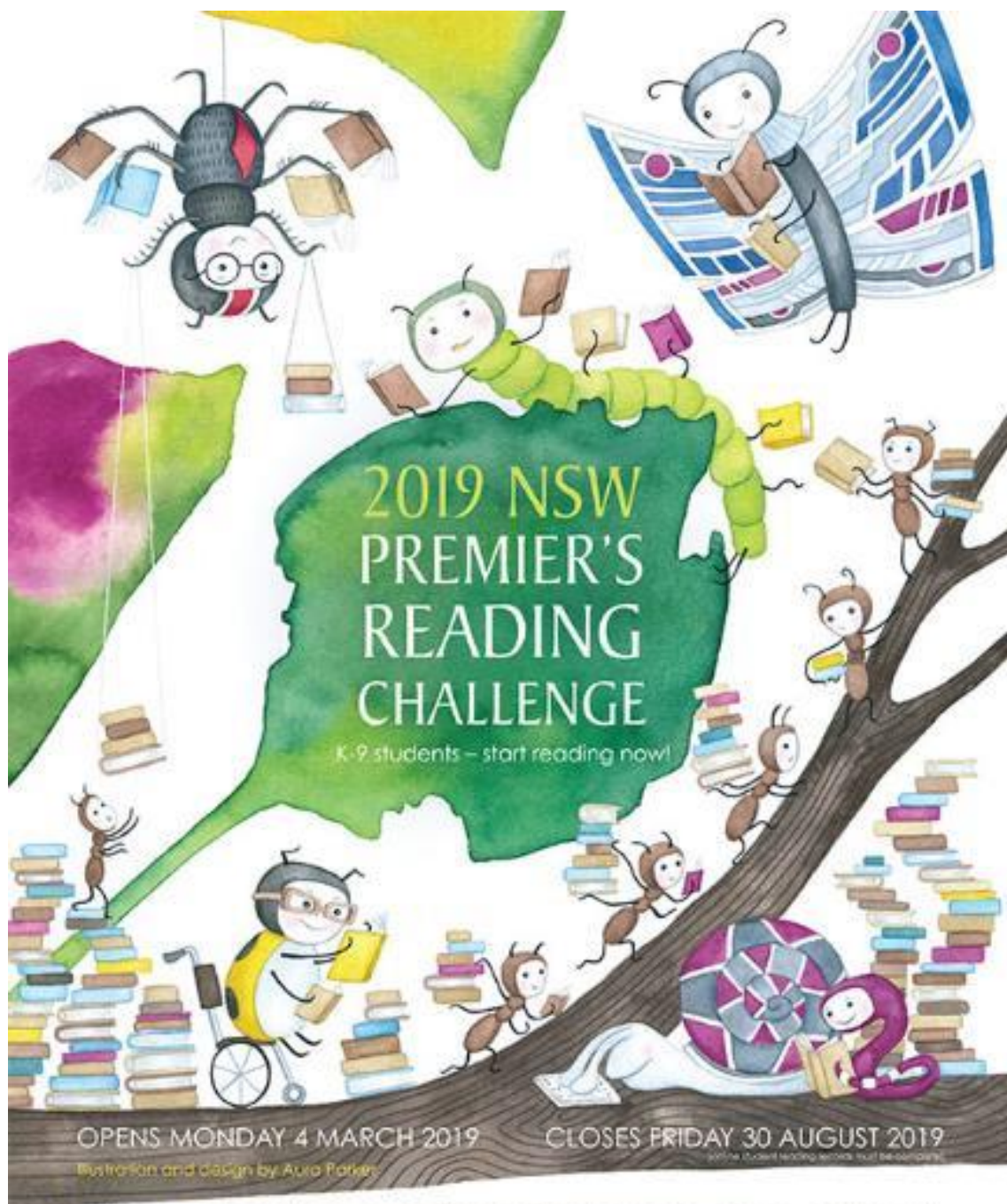
For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

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.

If you would like to know more about School Banking please visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

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

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[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)



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The Premier's Reading Challenge has now opened. Please refer to the attached flyer on the website via this link <https://avocabch-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/library/premier-s-reading-challenge.html> for further information on how to help your child complete the challenge.

**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.



**The simplest way**  
... to get kids involved in packing a healthy lunch box.

Getting kids involved in selecting – from healthy choices – what they would like to eat at school means they are more likely to eat what's packed in the lunch box.



Visit [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au) and use our interactive **lunch box builder** with your children to plan a healthy lunch box.

Kids can choose lunch box foods from the pictures in each of the food groups to pack a healthy lunch box they will enjoy.

To help you plan for the week ahead, saving you time and money, you can email or print the lunch boxes your children pack online along with **personalised tips and recipes**.

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

**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





**FRENCH FOR KIDS CLUB AT AVOCA BEACH PS** : Now taking enrolments for Term 2 2019 for French classes on TUESDAY 3.30pm - 4.30pm  
**Nathalie Roy** on 0430 286 590 or email [nathalie.roy@lcclubs.com.au](mailto:nathalie.roy@lcclubs.com.au) to register your interest and for more info on cost and siblings discount. MERCI!



**SPANISH FOR KIDS CLUB AT AVOCA BEACH PS** : Now taking enrolments for Term 2 2019 for French classes on Monday 8.15am - 9.00am  
**Nathalie Roy** on 0430 286 590 or email [nathalie.roy@lcclubs.com.au](mailto:nathalie.roy@lcclubs.com.au) to register your interest and for more info on cost and siblings discount. GRACIAS!

**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.

**benefits of HIGHLAND DANCE**

- I STRENGTHEN MY CONCENTRATION SKILLS
- I TRAIN MY MUSICAL EAR AND ABILITY TO REMEMBER
- MY PERSEVERANCE AND IMPROVISATION SKILLS EVOLVE
- I BUILD MY CONFIDENCE
- I LEARN TO SEE DETAILS
- I BECOME STRONGER AND MORE FLEXIBLE
- I DEVELOP MY SOCIAL AND CREATIVE SKILLS
- I LEARN THE BENEFITS OF HARD WORK AND SETTING GOALS
- LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I HAVE FUN!

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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.**

Although we are happy to provide IOU's for lunch when needed, we currently have a large amount outstanding from last and even last year. Reminder notes were sent home recently. Please try and settle any outstanding accounts ASAP so we can continue to offer this service.

We are very pleased to have had our new commercial oven installed last week which will make life a lot easier with our ever increasing hot lunch orders.

We have promised the students a "Lunch Special of Burritos", as requested in Student Parliament, so we will be advertising details shortly.

We have some winter favourites going back on the menu and will be trialling Jacket Potatoes with various fillings. Please check out the new items available on Flexi schools.

**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 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	Elise Mackie
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Janelle Sykes, <b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	Scott Botham, <b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Leanne McVeigh, <b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda Howells
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle Tarawithi, <b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ali O'Brien, Kian Randall, <b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>

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



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

### *Are you a parent or Community member visiting a school; or interested in becoming a school volunteer?*

Our schools value strong partnerships with our parents and community members. Visits to our schools and volunteering puts you in the valuable position of positively contributing to the outcomes of our next generations.

Did you know that there are now requirements for all school visitors and volunteers? They are as listed below:

#### **1. Parents and close relatives visiting at the school**

This includes sibling, step-sibling, parent, step-parent, grandparent, step-grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece or nephew of the person. In the case of an Aboriginal person or a Torres Strait Islander, a person who is part of the extended family or kin of the person according to the kinship of the system of the person's culture.

- 100 points of ID
- Appendix 5 declaration

*Note: This information only needs to be provided once and is valid for the duration of the enrolment of your child.*

#### **2. Any adult 'volunteer' who does not have a child at the school who will have direct contact (face to face) with children, or parents attending school excursions or overnight camps**

This includes supporting school programs and mentoring programs or providing personal care for a child with additional needs:

- Volunteer Working with Children Check (WWCC) – no fee applies
- 100 points of ID
- Appendix 11 declaration

*Note: This information is required to be provided every 12 months.*

*All forms and ID Documents are kept in a secure location at the school for 7 years and can only be accessed by authorised personnel.*

Please contact your local AECG or your school Aboriginal Education contact for more information.

Lesley Armstrong, President Central Coast Regional Aboriginal Education Consultative Group is also available on telephone number 4392 7202 to discuss any matters relating to this.

## 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.



#### DOUBLE PARKING

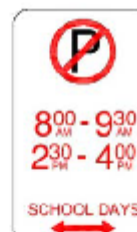
You are not permitted to stop OR park alongside another vehicle already parked parallel to the kerb. This means do not form a queue in the middle of the lane if you are waiting.

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.



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](mailto:roadsafety@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)



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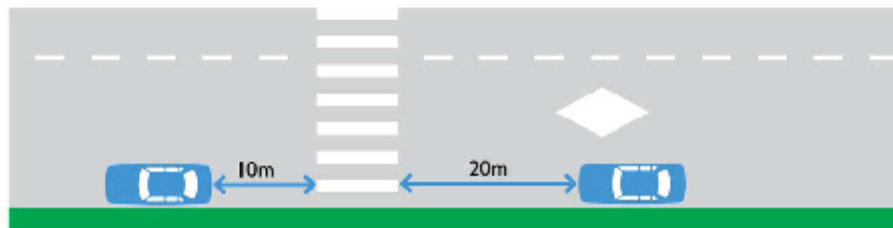
## School Traffic and Parking Around Your Local Community



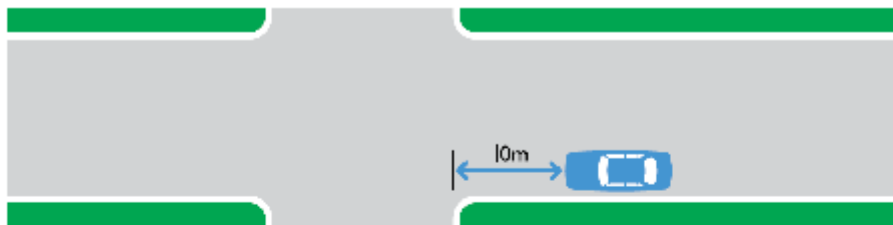
Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

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:

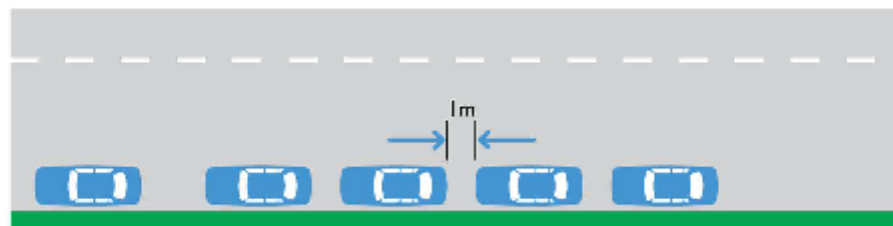
- ❑ Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
- ❑ Across a driveway or footpath
- ❑ On a median strip or traffic island
- ❑ On footpaths and nature strips
- ❑ On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing



- ❑ 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.