

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.*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term for 2020. We all have our fingers crossed that restrictions will ease for Term 4 and allow us to have our Kinder Headstart program and end of year celebrations. Our Year 6 students begin preparations for the next chapter in their schooling, with only 10 weeks left of primary school. Some of the key events for Term 4 include; Book Week, Year 6 high school orientation, SRC elections, Presentation days and the Year 6 farewell. All these dates and more are included on the term calendar which can be found in this newsletter.

Book Week

Our school will celebrate Book Week from Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd October. The book parade will be held on Wednesday 21st October. The theme for this year is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'.

3-6 Playground upgrade

At the end of last term, the 3-6 playground area was upgraded. The Softfall had been breaking up and we needed to ensure the area remained safe for the students to play in. A big thank you to the P&C for making this happen. P&C donated \$14,000 to the school for these works. This is money that has been raised by our hard-working P&C, with the support of our community. So, thank you everyone!



Attendance

Last year we updated our school attendance policy. 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.

We understand that this has been a very difficult year so far but we want to encourage families to prioritise good attendance this term, to finish the year on a positive and maximise student learning.

Uniform

It is now officially time for students to wear the summer uniform. Could I also please ask parents to make sure that names are clearly marked on all uniform items, including hats. We have a huge amount of clothing piling up in lost property without any names. It may also be a good time to check uniforms and make sure children haven't inadvertently brought home someone else's hat or jumper.

Term 4 COVID Guidelines

Thank you to all our families for your cooperation so far with all the changes and restrictions due to COVID-19. At the end of last term, we received updated guidelines for Term 4. Some restrictions have eased, which is good news for our end of year activities. A summary of the guidelines is below:

- Schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with AHPPC and NSW health guidelines
- Parents are still not allowed on the school grounds
- P&C representatives who run the canteen or uniform shop are permitted on site but must sign the visitor acknowledgement form at the office
- Physical distancing is not required for students
- Interschool activities such as chess, debating and sport can recommence
- Kindergarten transition programs can go ahead with specific guidelines in place
- Year 6 formal can proceed under strict guidelines
- If a student is displaying flu like symptoms they should remain at home until they have received a negative COVID-19 test result.

We will continue to keep you updated throughout the term and hope that these restrictions will ease even further as we prepare for end of year presentation assemblies.

Wall of Fame

At the end of last term we had so many wonderful achievements. Kiki in 4B was working so hard in art classes and produced a beautiful spring artwork to hang on my wall of fame. The students in 3C also came to see me and talk about their environmental artworks. They used lots of different recyclable materials to make these creative sea creatures. In 4A, the students are creating dioramas with recycled materials. Claire in 4A created an amazing diorama of our local beach.

Mr Thomas' Wall of Fame

In other news I want to acknowledge three other outstanding students:

Jett Taylor- After learning that his friend's sister had been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, Jett decided that he wanted to raise awareness and funds to support her. At Jett's last football game for the season, he shaved all his hair off. By doing this, he raised just over \$3,500 in under a week, which is amazing! The Footy Show even gave Jett a shout out for his efforts. Well done Jett, we are all very proud of you.



Tahlia Tebb and Olive Morriss - Tahlia and Olive competed in the Woolworths Surfer Grom Series at Curl Curl Beach at the end of last term. Tahlia finished in 1st place and Olive in 2nd Place. Olive also won the Pic's Peanut Butter Star Performer Award. Well done to our little surf stars Tahlia and Olive!

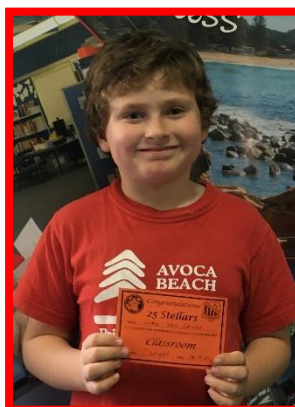


Ben Thomas
Principal

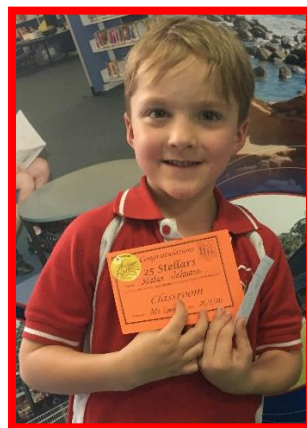
Quote of the Week

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

Recipients of the 25 Stellar Certificates







Congratulations to the following students who received merit certificates in the last 2 weeks

KJ	Zane Kneller, Abbey O'Brien	3C	Maxwell Blair, Samarah Livingstone
KS	Solomon Watkins, Frankie-Rose Burnicle	3S	Lily Clarke, Noah Farrell
KT	Neve Andrews, Dylan Miller	4A	Ariana McVeigh, Grace Tamblyn
K/1M	Hope Newton, Kingsley Boyle	4B	Sebastian Picone, Oscar Newman
1B	Ace Roumanous, Rivers Botham	5/6B	Max Latham, Kobi Davies
1G	Thomas Blair, Louis Nyman	5/6D	Milla McEwan, Indali Romeyn
2B	Max Rattray, Halle Smith	5/6F	Dylan Every, Zoe Harris
2D	Isabelle Slinkard, Cooper O'Brien	5/6J	Tanner Arnold, Jesse Langcake
2W	Joel Peterson, Mackenzie Cruikshanks Finn	5/6N	Max Minor, May Russell
3/4A	Charlotte Orr, Ava Campbell		

PBL Values Assembly Presentation



Congratulations to the students who received PBL Values Awards at the last Values Assembly.

KJ	Jackson Dawes, Bonnie Hurrell	3C	Payton Arnold, Maxwell Blair
KS	Scarlett Mitchell, Ellie Spence	3S	Piper Sheridan, Lily Clarke
KT	Koa Philips, Fynn Suters	4A	Elijah Cohen, Toby O'Brien
K/1M	Aiden Gee, Harry Handel	4B	Riley Geary, Oscar Newman
1B	Stevie Fraser, Rivers Botham	5/6B	Kai Nemorin, Evangeline Ouradnik
1G	Ivy Huggart, Ari Jarmaine	5/6D	Milla McEwan, Holly Coupe
2B	Halle Smith, Audrey Parker	5/6F	Cameron Smith, Amy Roy
2D	Koa Payne, Isabelle Slinkard	5/6J	Jasper Hunter, Lola Patterson
2W	Flynn Smith, Ollie Smith	5/6N	Ethan Payne, Ruby Seyer
3/4A	Jack Verhagen, Ava Knight		

Debating

Congratulations to both of our debating teams on their wins this week. Our boys debating team have shown impressive improvement throughout the Zone round robin debates. The boys finished the Round with a win today against Erina Heights Public School as the Negative for the topic 'That schools should replace all sport and exercise classes with more classroom time'. Our girls' team have debated outstandingly this year. Their win this week as the Affirmative against Brisbania Public School leaves them undefeated. The debate topic was 'That primary schools should start each day with a 30 minute exercise class'. We wish the 'Quaranteenettes' team the best of luck as they move forward to the knockout rounds to determine a State champion.

The Critical Carrots: Monty, Fergus, Adam, Silas & Duke



The Quaranteenettes: Arowen, Adelphi, Eleanor & Seren.



ABPS Book Week Character Parade

Wednesday 21st October



THE SNACK SHACK

Welcome back to Term 4, firstly I'd like to welcome Caroline Jardine and Stacey Coleman to the Snack Shack team, they will be training in the next few weeks to be our new canteen assistants. Sarah left at the end of last term, we'd like to wish her well following her passion for floristry.

As summer is fast approaching we have made a couple of changes to the menu. We will be trialling chicken tender wraps (can be found under Special Wraps action on Flexischools) and hope to be able to offer Nachos on Wednesdays most weeks.

Does your child have a birthday coming up? We are now able to offer a celebration BIRTHDAY BUCKET full of frozen Quelch sticks available to order online and pick up from the canteen at lunchtime, just order the amount of Quelch sticks you need for your child's class and any extra friends (all classes are different) online on Flexischools and we'll have the decorated bucket ready for them at lunchtime. (at this stage they need to be ordered 3 Days before you need to ensure we have stock) please contact the canteen directly through the school phonenumber if you wish to ask about this item.

We are continuing with online orders only at this stage. We are waiting on the delivery of a new freezer at the end of the month and hope that we will then be able to offer more frozen treats at lunchtime. There will be a big announcement when we can go back to serving over the counter but until then sorry please don't send the little ones in with cash as we hate to disappoint.

Just a reminder that CUT OFF TIME for FLEXISCHOOLS is 8.30am and SUSHI CUT OFF is 8.00am THURS.

You can also cancel your own order yourself online until 8.30 (SORRY SUSHI CANNOT BE CANCELLED AFTER 8am) any problems please ring us on the school landline only (we are unable to receive text in canteen)

We hope to have most items available as soon as possible but please understand we are going through some changes at the moment and may have some items unavailable from time to time.

Lyndsay Buening
Canteen Manager



Our first ever Memories Cookbook is almost full but we have a few pages left ready to be filled! If you don't have a recipe but have a great picture of your family enjoying a meal together (camping, on the beach, picnic or BBQ) we'd love to see that too! Send it through before it's too late.

Email to abpspandctreasurer@gmail.com - submissions close Friday 16th October

The book is going on sale this week! Keep an eye on your inbox for all the details and a sneak peak of the end product! It looks fantastic!

Thanks
Tanya

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Thursday 15th October 7pm- 8.00pm @ PLC Woy Woy

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