

# Newsletter

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Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

*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,

Last week we held our Book Parade. This was a fantastic day and I was so proud of how well the students participated. They all got into the spirit of the parade and there was great effort put into the costumes from Kindergarten right through to Year 6. A big thank you to Mrs Fyffe for all her work throughout Book Week and for her great organisation of the parade.

### Selective HS- Applications for 2022

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 13 October 2020 and closes on 16 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms.

### Debating

Our debating teams have been outstanding again this year and the Yr 6 team continued on their winning streak last week, beating Epping PS. They will now debate against Narranga PS in the next knockout round of the Premier's debating competition. Good luck to Arowen, Seren, Adelphi & Eleanor.

### Headstart

Next week our Kinder Headstart program begins. We look forward to welcoming our 2021 Kinder students as they begin their learning journey at Avoca Beach PS. If you know of any boy or girl who will be starting at Avoca Beach PS in 2021 and they have not yet enrolled, please let them know to pop into the office as soon as possible, put their name down and collect an enrolment form.

### Movember

This year has significantly highlighted the importance of looking out for one another. Our fathers, partners, brothers and friends are also facing a health crisis, yet it is rarely talked about. Men are dying too young and we can't afford to stay silent. In the month of November, the male staff at ABPS will be trying to do their bit to raise awareness for men's health by taking part in Movember. We'd also like to encourage any dads in our community to join our team. Just search for 'Avoca Beach PS Mo team' on the Movember website and join.

For those wanting to donate to the cause (or just to see the terrible moustaches shaved off in December), you can do so at the following link:

<https://movember.com/t/avoca-beach-ps-mo-team?mc=1>

### Afternoon pick up

While we completely understand the difficulty of navigating the roads around school each afternoon, could we please remind everyone again to respect the road rules and those that live around the school. There is no easy solution to the bank of traffic each afternoon. However, two suggestions are:

1. Don't arrive too early and queue for kiss and drop as this causes massive congestion
2. Circle around the block instead of waiting for a long period of time and stopping the flow of traffic

### Wall of Fame

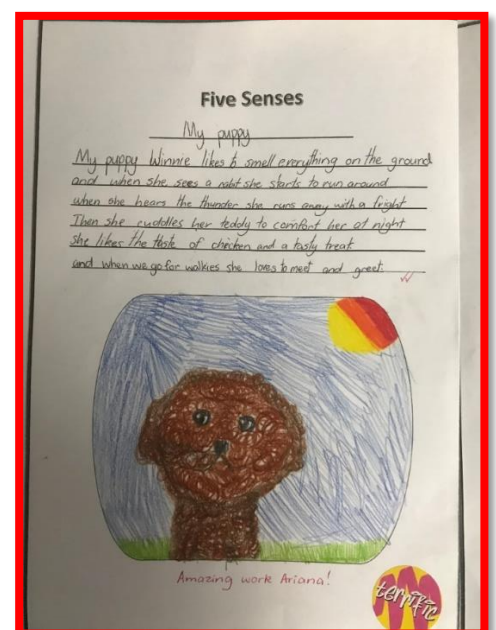
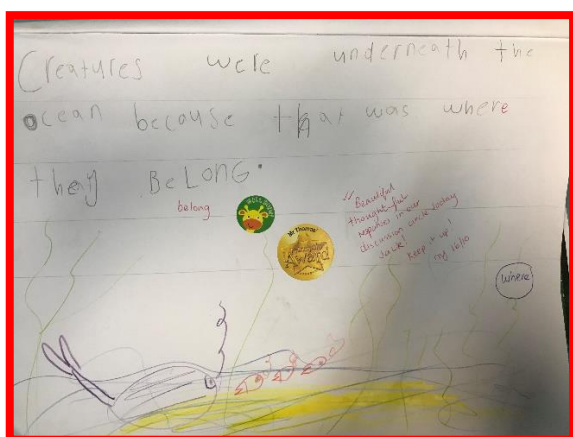
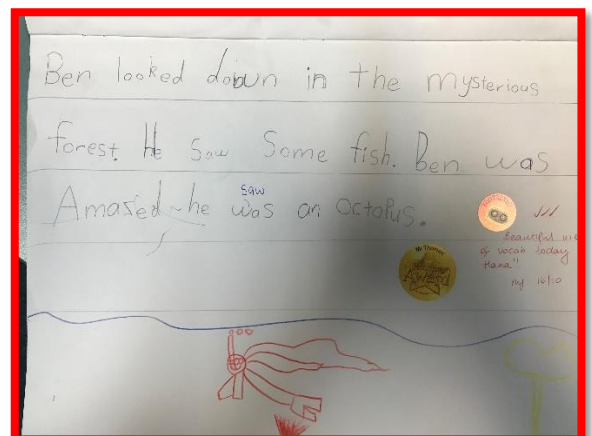
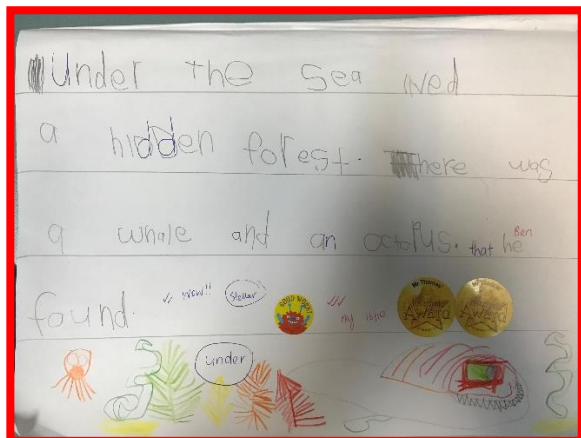
I love seeing the gains in learning that our Kindergarten children have made around this time of year. The students in KJ have been improving their writing every day. Jack, Eden and Hana read me their great sentences last week. Ariana in 4A has also been doing some amazing creative writing. Her poem about "My Puppy" was outstanding!

Ben Thomas  
Principal

### Quote of the Week

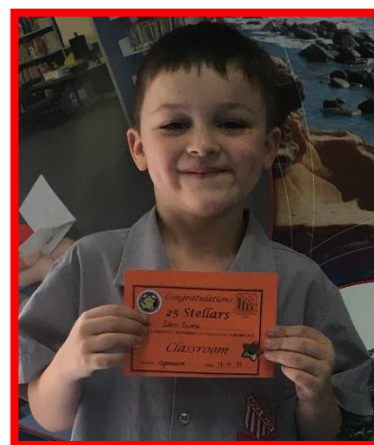
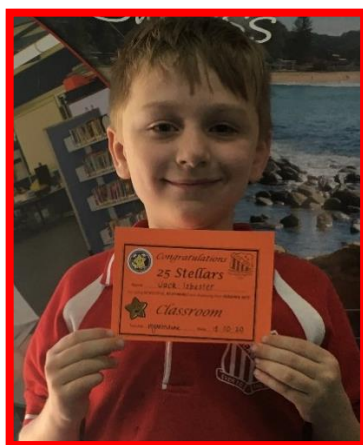
"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr Seuss

### Mr Thomas' Wall of Fame

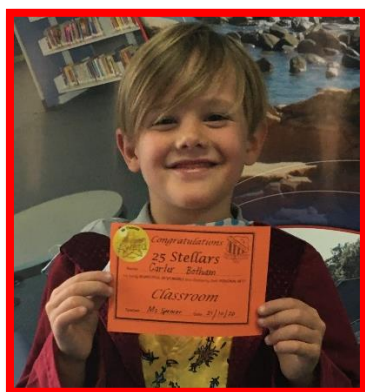
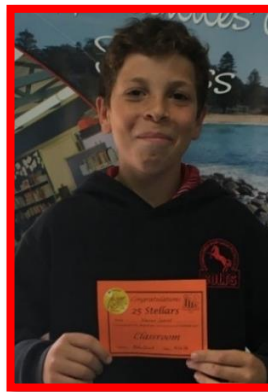




Recipients of the 25 Stellar Certificates







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

<b>KJ</b>	Maggie Lord, Mason Quieros Bonnie Hurrell, Jasmine White	<b>3C</b>	Owen Harris, Bella Hannan Hugo McKim, Ryder Santry
<b>KS</b>	Ned Foster, Ellie Spence Ryder Glaser, Frankie-Rose Burnicle	<b>3S</b>	Zac Battye, Piper Sheridan Alex Hall, Ellie McCartney
<b>KT</b>	Nic Youssef, Ruby Buchan Jayden MacFadyen, Mahli Kunzli	<b>4A</b>	Talia Tebb, Harper Freeman Henry Petheram, Isabelle Ruzek
<b>K/1M</b>	Frankie Mee, Asha Harris Charlotte Inga, Sonny Carmichael	<b>4B</b>	Seb Farmer, Beau Ryan Tristan McPherson, Ajay de Gruchy
<b>1B</b>	Harrison Sheridan, Myles McIlquham Ruby Battye, Jaxon Bailey	<b>5/6B</b>	Seren George-Davidson, Emma Winstanley Xavier Jamal, Seren McCann
<b>1G</b>	Skyler Picone, Marie Hechter William George-Davidson, Arwen Probst	<b>5/6D</b>	Josh Stenning, Evie Beath Kalani McRae, Ethan Craig
<b>2B</b>	Audrey Parker, Lewis Audley Sanden Mitchell, Mitchell Wong	<b>5/6F</b>	Avalon Pitcher, Obi Sinodinos Joshua Beaton, Daniel Wind
<b>2D</b>	Cody Gee, Alandra McVeigh Sam Carlisle, Savannah Fisher	<b>5/6J</b>	Monty Lowbridge, Kai Gee Eamon Grace, Imogen Nott
<b>2W</b>	Eda Portelli, Mackenzie Cruikshanks Finn Luka Veljovic, Luke Van Skiver	<b>5/6N</b>	Ciara Williams, Bailey Penn Amy Goodwin, Callum Buening
<b>3/4A</b>	Archie Bourke Harriet Viles, Charlotte Coleman		

### PBL Term 4 Overview

During Term 4 our PBL focus is on the three school values we have been working towards during 2020. This year more than ever, it is vital we:

- treat people with respect;
- take responsibility for ourselves and our environment;
- strive to achieve our personal best.

In the classroom, students show respect through their communication; responsibility in how they care for classroom resources; personal best by always working towards the next goal and building resilience.

In the playground students are respectful and responsible during play by treating others as they wish to be treated and ensuring our playground is safe and well-resourced for tomorrow's play.



### PBL Term 4, Week 4

In Week 4 our PBL focus will be on safely arriving and leaving the school grounds. When a large number of people are accessing one or two entry and exit points, it is important that everyone follows the same patterns of behaviour. We keep everyone safe by taking responsibility for knowing and following the school's expectations. Students show respect by observing the movement of others and slowing their own movement at exit and entry points. Bike riders are asked to show respect by waiting a little longer in the afternoon to keep pedestrians safe. All school community members show responsibility by using pedestrian crossings to arrive and leave the school, even when this means a little extra walking. We show our personal best by ensuring we enter and exit the school safely and thoughtfully every time.

**Attention Avoca Beach Community!**

Here at ABPS we love celebrating our students' unique talents and creating opportunities to share these with the wider school community. Last term our students were excited to become engineers and paper plane experts at our STEM Enrichment Day. On Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> November, students will once again have the chance to explore their interests at our Creative Arts Enrichment Day, where they will spend the day having fun through visual arts, drama, dance and music activities.

A highlight of the day will be the completion of our class murals that we will have been working on in week 4. We will be displaying these outside the school, so please take a drive past our school that afternoon to check out our amazing artworks!

We would love to compliment our classroom artworks with a contribution from the community which will be displayed alongside them. So, from Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> November, we will have some canvas setup at the rear of the oval and we would love to invite you, our Avoca Beach community, to come and contribute to our artwork. This could be a picture, a message, whatever you are inspired to share!

'When it rains look for rainbows, when it's  
dark look for stars'





**Become an Ethics Teacher at Avoca Primary****- We need 2 more volunteers for 2021**

Avoca Beach Public School requires two more Primary Ethics Teachers, to be part of our dynamic team in 2021. Ethics classes are held Wednesday afternoons. Teaching experience is not required but basic computer skills are necessary.

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](http://www.primaryethics.com.au)  
Or call Myleah O'Brien 0404 881 267

Ethics Co-Ordinator

## THE SNACK SHACK

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



**for sale now!**

## ABPS Memories Cook Book 2020



And remember, this is more than just a cook book - we've got:

- ☐ Stage Photos,
- ☐ Leadership photos,
- ☐ activities & more!

And don't worry if you didn't get a chance to submit anything, we've made space in the book to personalise it with **your own recipes, photos and memories** throughout the year so that this book will be something to treasure for years to come!

We're excited to have our first ever Memories Cook Book for Sale!

It's been amazing to see all the great recipes, hints and tips and photos come in and we can't wait to share them with you all!



**With over 120 pages packed full of content, you won't be able to stop turning the pages!**

### **Pre-order your book so you don't miss out!**

Books will be delivered to classrooms in the first week of December - perfect timing for Christmas presents for loved ones far and wide whom you may have missed out on seeing this year!

#### **Bonus option to personalise the front cover with your own photo!**

There will be extra books ordered for purchase after we close pre-orders but they will be limited - don't risk missing out and order now!

<https://abps-pandc-association.square.site/>

or get in touch via email [abpspandctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:abpspandctreasurer@gmail.com) to arrange an alternate payment method if you are unable to pay online.



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**Applications open NOW for 2022**

**Key Dates**

- Application website opens  
13th October 2020
- Application website closes  
16th November 2020
- You must apply before this date.
- Test centre and test authority advice  
released 25th February 2021.
- Selective High School Placement Test  
11th March 2021
- Placement outcome information  
released 2nd July
- For any enquiries, call GHS on  
(02) 4325 2048
- Virtual tours will be available on the  
GHS website soon.

**Application website:**  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>