

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,

We are getting to that time of the year when we begin planning for 2021. It is a very exciting time, especially as next year will be the start of our new school improvement plan. All the teachers have been working on this plan and we are looking forward to working hard over the next 3 years to achieve our vision of providing a safe, caring and inclusive environment where every student is known, valued and cared for. We will also be striving to continue our focus on innovative, high quality and balanced teaching and learning opportunities, to develop students as lifelong learners with exceptional literacy and numeracy skills.

Debating

Our talented debaters have continued their winning streak, defeating Narranga PS, in Coffs Harbour, last week. We now take on Bowral in the next round of the knockout competition. This means we are down to the final 64 teams in the state. This is an incredible achievement already, considering the competition started just 12 weeks ago with 666 teams. If we win in this next round then we are only 5 wins away from being crowned state champion! Go Avoca Beach debaters!

Stage 1 Public Speaking

I had the privilege of attending the Stage 1 public speaking finals last week. The students from Years 1 and 2 did an amazing job delivering their speeches. They engaged the audience and spoke with expression and enthusiasm. We certainly have so many clever students at our school. One thing that also stood out to me was how supportive the other students in the class were of their fellow class mates. They gave their peers so much positive feedback. It really was heart-warming to watch and highlighted what a supportive school community we have.

Enrichment Day

What an amazing day we had last Thursday! The students had so much fun participating in enrichment activities involving music, dance, drama and visual arts. We also completed our whole school and community mural to celebrate our strength and positivity throughout the tough times of 2020. This mural will be displayed at the front of the school next week, before being hung permanently within the school grounds. A big thank you to Mrs Gould and Mr Jarmaine for their organisation of the Creative Arts Enrichment Day. We can't wait to do more of these next year.

2020 ANZAC School Initiative

This year, students from our school entered the ANZAC School Initiatives Competition. This involved designing a poster and 63,490 entries were received from around the state. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Cody in 2D was successful in winning a category in this competition. Cody will be presented with a special medal at our remembrance ceremony on 11th November. A big thank you also to Mr Blanch for coordinating this initiative and allowing our students to be involved.

Movember

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our cause so far. We are all trying to do our best to support the health and wellbeing of others. Donations can be made at:

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



Wall of Fame

I have seen lots of amazing work from students in the last 2 weeks. There are so many talented students at our school and we couldn't be prouder of the achievements of our students this year. Last week Johnny in 1G showed me his creative owl artwork and it now sits proudly on my wall of fame.

I am also excited to announce that we have 9 new students who have joined the Millionaire's Club for their efforts with Lit Pro. Congratulations to Elliana S, Ajay, Tyler H, Ella W, Ava C, Myles W, Carla N, Dylan M and Callum M. Vocabulary is the currency of communication. Keep up the great reading boys and girls.



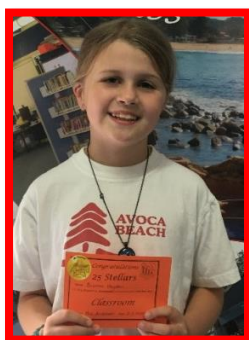
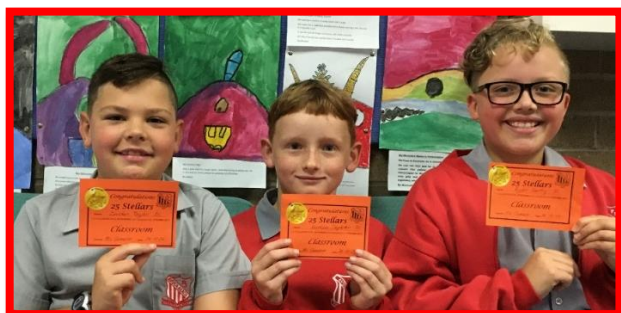
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Ben Thomas
Principal

Quote of the Week

"When it rains look for rainbows, when it's dark look for stars". – Oscar Wilde

Recipients of the 25 Stellar Certificates



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

KJ	Hana Collyer, Zane Kneller, Jackson Dawes, Harper McMahon	3C	Bruce Lewis, Rosie Williams, Grace Prosser, Saxon Randall
KS	Clive Morriss, Alexis Sedgwick, Dakota Coleman, Rosie Lamshed	3S	Ellie Brien, Jack Miller, Louie Jardine, Charlie Beaton
KT	Gabrielle Pilkington, Jediah Petersen, Oliver Lavers, Neve Andrews	4A	Neveah Peterson-Munro, Oberon Walton, Brianna Haydon, Jeanie Watkins
K/1M	Florence Jardine, Lydia Rodrigues, Harley Thomson, Ashwin Tandel	4B	Tane Rangi, Mia Jamal, Liam Gills, Arabella Blanch
1B	Zander Jones, Kaito Farrell, Thomas Rolls, Emilie L'Olive	5/6B	Bronte Churchill, Khloe Richmond, Levi Flett, Deakin McNally
1G	Brock Cartwright, Elijah Hanson, Amelia de Ruiter, Amalia Hodgson	5/6D	Will Tebb, Emily Prior, Cohen Wilson, Audrey Thompson
2B	Kenzie Johnson, Evelyn Pilkington, Asher Andrews, Indiana Reed	5/6F	Ella Parker, Ava l'Anson, Dan Wind, Taj Knight
2D	Jonah Geary, Jack Harris, Abi Armytage, Evan Moorcraft	5/6J	Turner Helyard, Tom Craik, Sian Beynon, Monty Lowbridge
2W	Grace Irwin, Ollie Hill, Flynn Smith, Penny Ryan	5/6N	Zoe Kneller, Rafa Norris, Lukas Bannister, Sam McMahon
3/4A	Archie Bourke, Cameron Lewis, Ava Knight		

Stage 1 Public Speaking – Class Finalists

Congratulations to all of the speakers in the Stage 1 Public Speaking finals held on Thursday 29th October 2020. All students spoke with great enthusiasm, clear voices and eye contact to engage their audience. Sonny Carmichael, Lydia Rodrigues, Ace Roumanous, Zoe Tague, August Everitt, Zane Napton, Ace Garrett, Archie Dheer, Anu Tandel, Lily Rangott, Maeve Grace and Stella Webster all represented their classes proudly!



Enrichment Day

The Creative and Performing Arts day was amazing because we got to do dance, music, drama and art. We all got split up into house groups. For Stage 1, we did art with Mrs Bevins and we made a leaf with a ladybird on top. We also made up a dance with Mr Wright and got to do Just Dance. With Ms Bramford, we did drama. Year 1 did Bambi and Year 2 did the Littlest Sun. Mrs Coleman took us for music and we got to learn how to play a ukulele. CAPA day was really incredible and it was one of the best days ever!

Abi Armytage and Anu Tandel

On Thursday we had a Creative Arts enrichment day for the whole school. First there was drama. We got into groups and one group came up and mimed something. The first team to guess what they were doing got a point and had to mime something different. Then, staying in our groups, the teacher chose two people and they were handed a card. Somebody read it out and the other person had to create a response.

Sienna White and Zoe Shaw



CAPA Day

On the 5th of November 2020, Avoca Beach Public School hosted CAPA Day (Creative and Performing Arts Day). The Day was a chance for all students in ABPS to dress in rainbow clothes and to create different pieces of art, dance, act and play games. In Stage 3, students took part in 4 activities, ranging from fun dances to creating tie-dye shirts.

One of the first activities was creating tie dye shirts. Stage 3 each received one plain white shirt, and were informed on specific steps to create a unique 'masterpiece'. While playing a video teaching us about the different ways of twisting and creating patterns with dye, Mrs Davies and Mr Mac called students over to hand over and design their shirt. A choice of dye was given to each student and then it was all up to the student to customise their blank canvas. After all student in the group were finished, bags were handed out to keep the shirt safe and protected for 6 hours. After time, beautiful and rainbow shirts were creative resulting in rainbow tie-dye shirts.

One of the four activities Stage 3 experienced was creating a rap, led by Ms Remi. After being explained about raps and songs, given examples about some young creators and had a brainstorm moment, student got to work in creating a catchy and fun rap. Themes ranged from Climate Change to Corona to Christmas, with all raps having verses and choruses. After half an hour of intense thinking, writing and practising, Ms Remi gave students the chance to perform their very own rap. With some funny, some unique and some enjoyable, the session was amusing, fun and entertaining for all students.

Another session (hosted by Ms Faunce) was dancing. Student were grouped in fours, with some being picked to choose a dance of their choice. The dance was shown on the board, with students imitating the dance; students copied of Just Dance, a fun and exhausting website. Multiple dances were chosen, some needing pairs and some dances draining students of energy. Most dances were fun, using modern music, resulting in a loud singing concert in the library.

One of the most enjoyable activities of the day was games, ran by Mr Jarmaine. The session started with the student's group being halved to play the game. Since the most popular game at the moment has been 'Among Us', students had the chance to play a real-life version of the game for half the session. As most students knew about the game, no explanation was needed to explain the rules. After half an hour of playing the entertaining game, Mr Jarmaine called student to re-group to start a new game. The new game was called 'celebrity heads', with one student being chosen to represent a character of some sort; like a plumber or doctor. Some students were given the task to put on an accent, creating laughs and giggles from all students.

In total, CAPA Day must have been one of the most fun days spent at ABPS, with student being able to wear fun and creative costumes, spend time with friends, and create and experience fun, amusing and enjoyable activities. Thank you to all the teachers for organising this event, and for Mr Thomas for supporting and letting student be able to experience this day.

By Eleanor Shervington

Mega Money

Mega Money was a very exciting and enjoyable day. We would like to thank all of the students for their great participation and sportsmanship. There were lots of different activities and a heap of new ideas to make it more fun. We weren't able to give out prizes on the day however, at assembly, most stalls are giving out a winning prize for their activities.

Thank you to the community for donating \$5 per person to help raise money for the year 6 farewell. We greatly appreciate it. The teachers were a massive help. They gave time and helped organise it with us, without them it would have been a very chaotic Mega Money.

Indali, Cody, Kalani, & Emily – On behalf of Year 6



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.

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 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!

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or get in touch via email abpspandctreasurer@gmail.com to arrange an alternate payment method if you are unable to pay online.

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