

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,

As we come to the end of another year, I would like to extend my thanks to all our wonderful helpers and volunteers who have assisted at the school throughout 2020. This has been an extremely difficult year for everyone. In a year full of adversity, I think it is important that we take the time to stop and think about every child's success, every child's growth and every child's strength over the past 12 months and celebrate what they have accomplished. Congratulations boys and girls. Throughout all the disruption this year, you have never wavered from our school values, maintaining respect, responsible behaviour and always striving for your personal best.

Thank you to the P&C for their tireless efforts to raise funds and support our students, even in this difficult year, the canteen helpers and uniform shop, who make sure that service is available to our families. Your collective efforts are greatly valued and continue to make our school a true learning community.

I am extremely excited about the year to come. We have so many innovative and inspiring ideas for 2021 and as a staff, we can't wait to get back next year and implement some of these for the children.

Wall of Fame

Lots of talented students visited my office last week to show me their amazing work. I saw unbelievable pieces of writing from Kindergarten students, who have improved out of sight since the beginning of the year. Brixton and Florence in K/1M came to show me their tropical island artworks. They are just amazing and are now providing me with inspiration for the holidays as they sit proudly on my office wall.

I would also like to acknowledge Harper in 5/6N, who auditioned for a Sydney production called the Stomping grounds. For Harpers audition, she created and filmed her own her hip-hop dance. And the best news is, she has been accepted into the senior show, with the performance being in Sydney mid-January. Congratulations Harper. This is amazing!

Year 6 Farewell

Tomorrow night our Year 6 students will have their official farewell dinner and disco. This will be held in the school hall and begins at 5.15pm. A reminder that the Year 5 students are invited to join us after dinner for the disco at 7pm. Year 5 are to be picked up at 8.45pm in the bus bay and Year 6 are to be collected at 9pm in the bus bay.

Presentation Day

Our formal presentation day will be held this Friday. Congratulations to all those students who will be receiving special awards this year. It has been a very tough job for teachers to select only 3 students from a class full of amazing children. We understand how difficult it is not being able to have our community present for our presentation day this year and as such, we will be uploading a video of the full presentation to our website after the ceremony has finished. Thank you once again for your patience and understanding this year. We all have fingers and toes crossed, hoping that 2021 will get back to some normality for all of us.

Student Reports

The end of year Student Reports will be forwarded home to parents on Friday 11th December. Students from Years 1 to 6 are assessed on a five-point scale in all Key Learning Areas. The gradings are: limited, basic, sound, high and outstanding. A description of each grading will be on the front of the reports.

The majority of students will achieve a 'sound' grading.

A 'sound' grading indicates: The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills. Sound means they are achieving at grade level.

Teachers will be assessing and reporting on the work that has been programmed for Semester 2.

Students in Kindergarten have a different report which indicates their progress in meeting the outcomes of the Kindergarten syllabus.

Please ensure that you read through these reports with your children and celebrate their successes for the year.

School Security- 1300 880 021

Please keep a look out for our school throughout the holidays. I ask that if you see anyone not treating our school with care and respect during the break, that you please notify School Security on 1300 880 021.

We will also continue working on rejuvenating our school oval throughout the holidays. So please work with us and try to stay off the grass as much as possible over Christmas, so Greg can core, top dress and prepare the grass so it is in great shape for the students in 2021.

Classes for 2021

The formation of classes is a process that teachers go through each year. One thing you can be assured of, is that this is a lengthy and complex process that we spend countless hours trying to get right. We have very strict departmental guidelines to work within and teachers will continue to work collaboratively within these guidelines throughout the holidays so we can attempt to form classes as quick as possible next year. We ask that you trust in the teachers' judgement with these class placements and support your child with developing the resilience to accept the changes in teachers and peer groups annually, so they approach each year with positivity and excitement.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the individuals, families and businesses that have supported our school during 2020. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

School resumes next year for Yrs 1- 6 on Friday 29th January, 2021.

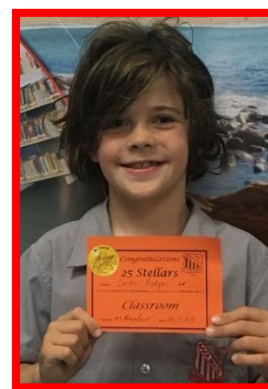
Ben Thomas
Principal

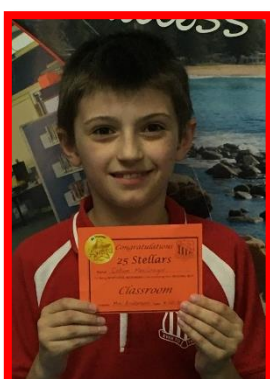
Quote of the Week

"Cherish yesterday, dream tomorrow, live today." – Richard Bach

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

KJ	Eden Picone, Willow Snaith Thomas Lucas, Pixie Graham	3C	Zaiden Taylor, Soraya Mathieson, Ruby Rangott, Jarvis Irving
KS	Ewan Roddan, Oren Barlow Bodhi Sweetnam, Solomon Watkins	3S	Zach Johnson, Macy Norris, Julian McPherson, Isla Davies
KT	Georgie Jones, Dylan Miller, Avalon Czura, Oliver Lavers	4A	Leon Haak, Tully Craik, Remy Nyman, Callum MacGregor
K/1M	Phoebe McKinnon, Brixton Ennion, Hamish Peterson, Riley Frew	4B	Kieran Singh, Amelia Preradovic-Buteux, Ace Harvey, Riley Geary
1B	Zoe Tague, Tyrone Mazema, D'Artagnon Smith, Beau Banfield	5/6B	Lennox Portelli, Alexander Clark, Dylan Kaehler, Jaeyh Pignat-Burns
1G	Brock Cartwright, River Carpenter, Maui Rang, Sebastian Preradovic-Buteux	5/6D	Abbey Tosh, Gabe Roberts Jasper Bennett, Jett Taylor
2B	Levi Thomas, Willow Ramsay, Carter Rodgers, Shiloh Morrow	5/6F	Noah Forster, Duke Smith, Lily Corcoran, Ryder Langcake
2D	Cooper O'Brien, Willow Hayes, Lily Rangott, William Ceccato	5/6J	Kyan Werner, Poppy Vizesi, Lukas Tomlins
2W	Sophie Winstanley, Indiah Shiers, Max Stuart-Thornton, Stella Webster	5/6N	Riley Coleman, Ethan Payne, Phoenix Rozio, Tahlia Fisher
3/4A	Myles Whiting, Noah Day, Eli Boys-Smith, Toby Steenberg		

PBL Fair Play and Uniform

Our recent PBL lessons have focused on fair play and wearing uniform at school. Students demonstrate fair play by taking turns, listening to each other and "taking it" when they get out. Everyone's turn comes around faster if we move on quickly when we're out. Our school expectation is that all students wear school uniform every day. One of the most important safety components of the uniform is the hat. Students take responsibility for their health by wearing a hat in the playground without needing to be reminded.



Touch Football Report

On Wednesday 2nd December, the Boys and Girls Touch Football teams travelled to Heazlett Park, Avoca Beach, to play a friendly game against Copacabana PS. The girl's teams were up first. The girls did exceptionally well but unfortunately the Avoca girls did not pull through, losing the game 6-0. The girls gave 100% effort and tried their hardest.

It was then the boys turn. We were up against a good Copa team. In the first 10 minutes we were leading 2-0. Then Copa struck back with a long cut out pass for their first try. Our slide defence worked well to keep them out. With some inside balls, we eventually scored a few more tries to win 5-1. It was an awesome game.

Following the boys game, we decided to play two mixed games. Avoca made two teams of boys and girls and played 4 boys and 4 girls on the field for each team. It was very entertaining and in the first game we all played exceptionally well as a team tying with Copa 0-0. In the second mixed game Avoca smashed it, with some fantastic skill to run out 3-0 winners. Overall everyone played great and Avoca P.S was very happy to have played against Copacabana P.S.

Written by Zac and Avalon

Thank you to all of the parents who were supportive of the day and were able to transport their children to the ground. The sportsmanship on display throughout the day was tremendous and each game was played in great spirit.



9 DAYS LEFT!

Memories Cook Book 2020

NOW IN STOCK - ORDER BEFORE
THE END OF THE YEAR

You may have already heard about how great this years fundraiser is, so don't miss your chance to grab a copy before they sell out! The book is jam packed with recipes, hints & tips all submitted by our great families here at Avoca Beach Primary.

Books will be delivered to your child's class room.

If you didn't get a chance to submit your recipe, we've left space in the book to add your own! Plus a photo & signature page to really personalise your book & capture those memory from 2020

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A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO OUR SPONSORS

Year on year our Sponsor show up and support our school and this year has been no different. We couldn't have done it without them & it's been great to see new sponsors as well. Show your support where you can

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THE SNACK SHACK

Reminder that the last day of service for Snack Shack 2020 is Wednesday 16 Dec... we are running a normal service until then although some items will be running out of stock as we get closer to the end of term and start our preparation of closing down for the long holidays. Our first day back is Friday 29 Jan with limited items available.

It's going to be very hot until the end of term so don't forget we have lots of frozen treats to cool the kids down at lunchtime.

Our NEW BIRTHDAY BUCKETS have gone down very well with those lucky kids that have ordered them this term. You are now able to order these with the normal cut off time of 8.30 am on the day you require them.

We would like to thank all our customers for your continued support through this Crazy Year Of Covid and hope that next year we will be able to continue with our full counter service and maybe even have some volunteers back in to help at some stage.

WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE & HAPPY NEW YEAR

From Lyndsay, Caroline & Stacey ... The Snack Shack Team

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

PIANO LESSONS WITH KIM

My name is Kim Slowiaczek and I offer Piano Lessons in person and remotely to all ages and stages. I have created an evolving piano teaching style

supported by classical, contemporary, Kodaly and individualized learning approaches to provide sequential, student focused lessons in understanding and expressing the sounds, symbols and language of music on the keyboard. I would be pleased to answer any questions on 0411123129 or via Email: pianolessonswithkim@gmail.com

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Summer Holiday Junior Chess Tournament



Limit 50 players.
Entries close
Sunday 10 Jan.

Tuesday 12 January

Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi

9.30am – 4.00pm

Must pre-enter

\$10 cash on the day

Contact Gary Losh

glosh6090@gmail.com

0432 453 726

Puzzle competition, lots of prizes
Covid rules will be enthusiastically observed

Minimum ability: Must know how to move the
pieces and complete games largely unassisted.

Merry Christmas



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Avoca Beachside Markets
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2020 MARKET DATES

OCT 25th

NOV 22nd

DEC 12th (Twilight)

JAN 24th

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FAIRPLAY



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A weary world rejoices!

We'd love you to come along this Christmas and rejoice with us in Jesus – the hope for a weary world.

Christmas Eve
4PM • 6PM • 8PM

Christmas Day
8AM • 9.30AM

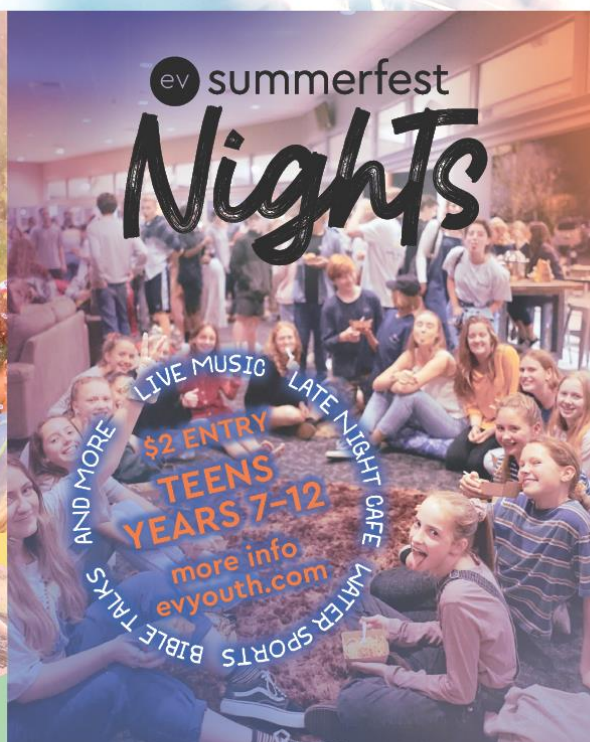
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KIDS

COST PER CHILD PER DAY
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\$13 PER FAMILY PER DAY

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Nights

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TEENS
YEARS 7-12
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MON 4 TO FRI 8 JAN. 2021

2 SESSIONS: **9-11.30AM & 2-4.30 PM**

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