

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,

I can't believe how fast this term has gone. We have been working hard to modify school activities so our students are not missing out. We are also aware that our parents are missing out on many school events this year. As such, we are trying to put together some short videos and post these on our website so parents can see what has been happening. The latest videos posted on our website are National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day, Tree Day and Principal's Day <https://avocabch-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Public Education Awards

During Education Week, 2 staff members received Awards for their service to public education and in particular, the students at Avoca Beach Public School. A big congratulations to Nami Lee and Ms Chris Spencer for receiving these awards. Nami does an amazing job supporting our students with special needs and Ms Spencer is an integral member of staff who always makes sure that every student has a positive and happy experience at school.

STEM Enrichment Day

Tomorrow the students will participate in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Enrichment day. This is a new initiative that we are hoping to do each term, with a different focus area. The aim is to get all students involved in a variety of enrichment activities throughout the year. Thank you to Mrs Gould for coordinating High Performance and Gifted Education activities at our school.

SASS Recognition Week

Next week we celebrate SASS Week. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the valuable work our School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) do every day at our school. Whether it's keeping the grounds tidy, caring for sick children or supporting students in the classroom, it is always done with a smile. Our school is very lucky to have such dedicated, hardworking and caring SAS Staff. I hope you will join us in acknowledging the great job they do each day at our school.

Wall of Fame

Harper in 5/6N was selected early this year after auditions and call backs for an international hip hop travelling dance crew. Sadly, due to Covid this dance crew has missed out on travelling to the world champion battle grounds in Phoenix Arizona USA. Harper also competes in jazz, tap, hip hop, musical theatre, lyrical, contemporary and ballet. We are all very proud of Harper's achievements and she is a very worthy recipient of my Wall of Fame this week.



Jack in 3/4A is our latest Millionaire. Congratulations Jack and keep up the great reading!



Charlee from 5/6J has also made my wall of fame this week for her amazing, Picasso inspired, artwork.



Ben Thomas
Principal

Quote of the Week

"Don't let today's troubles bring you down. Don't let life's little obstacles keep you from trying. Don't let your fears keep you from dreaming. Don't give up for any reason. Believe in yourself."

Congratulations to our 25 Stellar Certificate Recipients



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

KJ	Brittany Wilcox, Javi Eljerban, Nina Markey, Thomas Lukas	3C	Jarvis Irving, Melody McRae, Ruby Rangott, Harry Lowbridge
KS	Ned Foster, Ryder Glaser, Olivia Attenborough, Carter Botham	3S	Macy Norris, Fletcher Thomson, Finn Casey, Imogen Daniell
KT	Summer Wright, Jesse Day, Jaiden MacFadyen, Poppi Hall	4A	Callum MacGregor, Neveah Peterson Munro Callum Tipper Richard, Remy Nyman
K/1M	Aiden Gee, Lydia Rodrigues, Hamish Peterson, Phoebe McKinnon	4B	Amelia Preradovic-Buteux, Jett Johnson, Lilly Folbigg, Callum Krumm
1B	Beau Banfield, Joshua Tarawhiti, Tyrone Mazema, D'Artagnan Smith	5/6B	Zach Wilson, Jaeyh Pignat Burns, Alexander Clark, Khloe Richmond
1G	Mia Choba, Zane Napton, Amelia de Ruitter, Ashley Schellekens	5/6D	Jett Taylor, Milla McEwan, Madison Gatt, Josh Stenning
2B	Lily Rangott, Levi Thomas, Polly Carpenter, Willow Ramsay	5/6F	Brody Frew, Ryder Langcake, Audrey Peterson, Fergus Paterson
2D	Willow Hayes, Matilda Coleman, Zai Gunewardene, Ari Pulley	5/6J	Von Maslin, Kyan Werner, Tom Craik, Lukas Tomlins
2W	Georgia Bryant, Jax Burque, Max Stuart-Thornton, Luka Veljovic	5/6N	Tom Guz, Tayla Campbell, Nik Veljovic, Ruby Seyer
3/4A	Chloe Stewart, Harriet Viles, Dylan McMahon, Ollie MacDonald		

School Tree Day

On Wednesday and Thursday of Week 3, the amazing children and teachers at ABPS planted hundreds of veggies and plants for School Tree Day. The children worked together to plant, water, weed and mulch and the ABPS spirit shone through. The areas we targeted are looking revitalised and I look forward to seeing them grow into the future. Now comes the task for our little environmental enthusiasts (Garden Club) to love, care and protect our new gardens.

Usually, we invite families to lend a hand and be part of these events, unfortunately we are restricted in that area for the safety of all community members. As soon as restrictions ease and it is safe to have additional people in to help our gardening clubs, I will let the community know. In the meantime, I put together a video of images to give you an insight into the day. You can find it on our school website.

I have to say a HUGE thank you to **Bunnings at Erina North** and **Brian Hilton** for donating many plants and veggies. I would also like to thank the amazing teachers and children for all of their support and hard work.

Mr. Chris Waters
Environment Enthusiast

Tell Them from Me Parent Survey

Each year the Department of Education and Avoca Beach PS survey our community to help inform our whole school planning. The more contributions to these surveys will ensure more accurate information is collected from our community and used to plan for future initiatives. We gratefully ask if parents and carers could take the time to complete the online Tell Them from Me Survey found at this link <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/ABPS2020>

The Survey opens today, Monday 17th August 2020 and will remain open for three weeks closing on Monday 7th September 2020. If you would like to know more about this survey, I have attached the Tell Them from Me Parent Survey Frequently Asked Questions to this newsletter.

Mr. Chris Waters
TTFM Coordinator

Australian Principal Appreciation Day

On Friday 7th August 2020, we celebrated Australian Principal Appreciation Day and our fantastic Principal Mr Thomas. Mr Thomas has made a great impact on the children and staff at ABPS and this was really evident in how everyone reacted to showing him some appreciation. Every class in the school were involved in making a video about what we like about Mr Thomas. 4A went even further with Mrs Coleman to make a song about him. They wrote the lyrics and recorded it for him – very clever children. Please find the video on our school website.

The video was played for the whole school at our Assembly where a group of our student leaders presented Mr Thomas with a Merit Award. On behalf of the children and teachers at Avoca Beach PS, we thank you for everything you do for us Mr Thomas. We are very lucky to have you.



ABPS Staff

Our Debating Teams

On Friday, 7th August, the Year 5 boys had their first debate against the Year 6 girls. We were very nervous as it was our first debate, but we had lots of fun. The topic was "Students should learn from home one day a week" and our team was arguing for affirmative. Monty spoke first, then me, then Duke, then our fourth speaker was Adam. Silas was the chairperson. We made some good arguments but unfortunately lost to the Year 6 girls - Eleanor, Arowen, Adelphi, and Seren. We were disappointed but we learned a lot throughout the debate and can't wait for the next one! Thank you to Ms Fyffe and Mrs Zahar, our adjudicator, it was an awesome experience.

- Fergus Paterson 5/6F

Chess Report by Beau and Riley 4B

Last Friday Avoca Beach played Central Coast Grammar in the chess competition. Central Coast Grammar won 3 games to 1 (or possibly 2 as we don't know the result of Hannah's match yet). The team was Hannah Abra, Beau Ryan, Riley Geary, Cameron Dalton and Callum Krumm. Well played Callum who won his match. Thank you to the parents who took us to the competition.



4B: Soil Moisture Micro:bit Experiment

As part of Geography and Science students in Stage 2 have been exploring the natural and human impact on water and the Earth's surface. Last week 4B began learning how to program micro:bits in order to test the moisture in the soil. The micro:bit is a pocket-sized computer that introduces students to how software and hardware work together as well as understanding how computers work.

Students had to work through 2 modules on Grok Learning in order to learn how to create a program which would tell the micro:bit what to do during our soil moisture experiment. Once completed together in small groups students took their micro:bits out into the school grounds and tested the moisture in the soil. They tested the schools garden beds and discovered that there was a high moisture level in each one. Students then tested the soil near the Stage 3 classrooms and again recorded high levels of moisture. In order to test the student's theory further they decided to test outside the staffroom, which again recorded high levels of moisture. After our experiment the students engaged in a collaborative group discussion and concluded that the levels were high in all areas due to our recent heavy rainfalls.

Lisa Aldrich

Preservice Teacher



PBL Term 3

During Term 3 our PBL focus is on achieving our personal best. Students achieve their personal best by organising themselves to be ready learn and by taking pride in their work. Our school expectation is that students will challenge themselves to be the best they can and produce their highest standard of work and behaviour. Students are encouraged to develop a positive attitude by continuing to try even when things are hard.



Unfortunately, due to current Covid-19 restrictions, parents will be unable to attend the day.

Event information

On the 18th of August students from K-6 will be participating in a STEM enrichment day organised by their teachers. **THERE WILL BE NO COST.** The day will begin with each student participating in a variety of STEM challenges. Students will rotate through these STEM challenges, working together in small groups.

So, what is STEM? ... Why is it worthwhile?

STEM is an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Through **STEM**, students develop key skills targeting problem solving and creativity.

One of the STEM challenges will be the 'Paper Plane Competition'. Each student from K-6 will create a paper plane using 1 piece of paper. No materials are to be used, sticky tape etc... Each student will have 1 minute to make their plane on the day. A finalist from each group will qualify for the whole school final that will take place under the COLA in the final session. We encourage students to practise making these planes at home before the day. A range of instructional videos can be found at <https://education.abc.net.au/home#!/search/paper/stem/3/video>

We are sure Avoca Beach Public School is home to the next great Albert Einstein or Marie Curie and we cannot wait to discover them on STEM day!

THE SNACK SHACK

Due to continuing changes in the COVID 19 situation the Snack Shack will remain ONLINE ORDERS ONLY for the foreseeable future. Please remember to order before 8.30am (8am Sushi Thursdays) there is separate section for LUNCH, RECESS & SUSHI on the FLEXISCHOOLS APP. you are able to cancel and change your orders up until 8.30am too. **Order online at flexischools.com.au or download the app.**

A casual staff position has become available in our canteen for approximately 6 hours per week on a casual basis. Please refer to the job description and application details attachment in this newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: THE CANTEEN WILL NOT BE IN OPERATION WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST DUE TO THE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL.

Lyndsay & Sarah



FRENCH FOR KIDS CLUB AT AVOCA BEACH PS : Now taking enrolments for Term 3 2020 for French classes on TUESDAY 3.30pm - 4.30pm **Nathalie Roy on 0430 286 590** or email nathalie.roy@lcclubs.com.au to register your interest and for more info on cost and siblings discount. MERCI!

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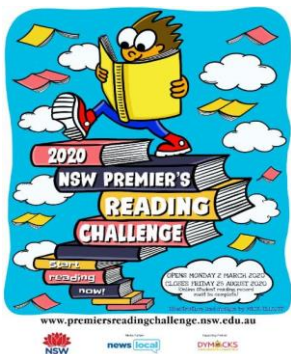


SPANISH FOR KIDS CLUB AT AVOCA BEACH PS : Now taking enrolments for Term 3 2020 for Spanish classes on MONDAY 8.15am - 9.00am **Nathalie Roy on 0430 286 590** or email nathalie.roy@lcclubs.com.au to register your interest and for more info on cost and siblings discount. GRACIAS!

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Junior Blasters Ages 4-7



Junior Blast introduces girls and boys to Australia's favourite sport. It's safe & great fun.

- ✦ For kids aged 4-7
- ✦ Fun and safe environment to learn cricket
- ✦ Program run at Erina Oval
- ✦ Saturday Mornings 9:30 - 10:30am
- ✦ Kids receive a Junior Blast player pack upon registration.



Master Blasters Ages 7-9



Master Blast is for boys and girls, is fun, safe, active and best of all, it's cricket and it's a blast!

- ✦ For boys and girls aged 7-9
- ✦ Saturday Mornings 9:00 - 10:30am
- ✦ All games last up to 90 minutes
- ✦ Everyone gets a chance to bat and bowl
- ✦ 13 week program commencing Nov 2020
- ✦ 4 week break at Christmas
- ✦ All games are played at Erina Oval
- ✦ Weekly training

✦ Kincumber-AvoCa Cricket Club provide a playing/training shirt, club cap, yearbook, Christmas BBQ and presentation day.



Junior Club Cricket Ages 9-15

Junior Club cricket is for boys who want to socialise, have some fun and keep active in a competitive environment.

- ✦ Graded competitions to suit all skill levels.
- ✦ One day games of cricket, played on Saturday Mornings.
- ✦ Formats vary with age. Shorter pitch and fewer players for younger age groups.
- ✦ Players receive a playing shirt, training shirt and club cap.



All Girls Cricket Ages 9-15

All Girls Cricket is just for girls. It is fast, exciting and gives girls a fun and friendly environment to play Australia's favourite game with all their friends!

- ✦ One day games of cricket.
- ✦ Formats vary with age. Shorter pitch and fewer players means more action.
- ✦ Players receive a playing shirt, training shirt and club cap.



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