

# Newsletter

## Avoca Beach Public School

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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 hope all our families are enjoying this beautiful spring weather. Spring is the season of new beginnings and we are all working hard at school to keep positive and inspire each other to continue striving for our personal best and let challenges make us even stronger.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing the students back in Term 4, fresh and ready for an exciting and positive end to 2020.

### Summer Uniform

As the weather warms up, it is time to start preparing for the transition into our summer uniform. The summer uniform is to officially be worn from the beginning of Term 4.



### School Photos

Our rescheduled school photo day is this Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Please make sure students are dressed in their winter uniform for the photos, with the correct shoes and socks.

### Caring for our School

A feature of Avoca Beach is the strong sense of community. At the moment, the community is lucky enough to have an inviting school without high security fences and a space that the community can enjoy. In order to maintain this, could I ask the community to support the school with the following:

- Keep bikes and skateboards off the premises
- Only use the playground spaces and avoid playing around the classroom areas
- In no circumstances, should dogs be brought into the school
- Keep an eye on the school and report any misuse to the Principal or school security- 1300 880 021

### Staffing news

Last week, we held interviews to fill the permanent General Assistant position at the school. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mr Greg Stratton was successful in gaining this position. Greg will begin this full-time position at the start of 2021. He brings a wealth of experience and qualifications to the role and is also a very proud ex-parent and Avoca local. I know Greg is excited about being able to give back to the community and the school in this position and making our school environment the best it can be for our students.

**Kindergarten 2021**

The countdown is on to enrol for Kindergarten 2021! If you know of any boy or girl who will be starting at Avoca Beach PS in 2020, please let them know to pop into the office as soon as possible, put their name down and collect an enrolment form.

**Wall of Fame**

This week, two superstar readers from KT deserve a mention for my wall of fame. Summer and Georgie came to read for me last Wednesday and I was blown away with how fluent their reading has become and with the growing number of strategies they are developing to read so many new words.

Stage 2 have been environmental warriors this term, learning about the importance of caring for our planet and the things we can do to play our part in looking after the environment. They have been working on artworks using recycled materials. This week we feature the artwork created by 4B. The whale is made from materials such as bottle caps, bread clips and egg cartons. We can't wait to see what our other creative Stage 2 classes come up with. Congratulations to Grace Tague, our newest Literacy Pro Millionaire!



Ben Thomas  
Principal

**Quote of the Week**

*"Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder. Let challenges make you strong."*

**Social Media & E-Safety**

DID YOU KNOW? 20% of children under the age of 12 are using Tik Tok, a social media platform which is supposed to be only for children 16 yrs or older.

With the growing number of children using social media and also the growing issues of safety and self-esteem, I want to provide you with links to two very useful websites:

1. <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/social-media-smarts.html>

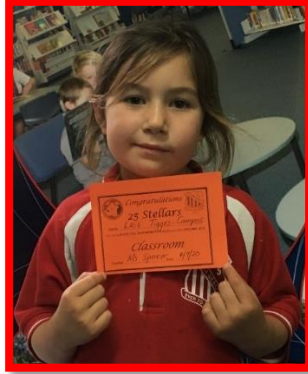
This site is about teaching kids to be smart about social media with some great tips for parents.

2. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

This site has a number of resources and a guide to every social media platform. There is also a section for kids with some activities they can do to learn about being safe on the internet.



Recipients of the 25 Stellar Certificates



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

<b>KJ</b>	Eden Picone, Jack Isbester, Toby Hall, Isabella Kelly	<b>3C</b>	Ella Cunningham, Ryder Santry, Willow Andrews, Hudson Stapleton
<b>KS</b>	Olivia Hadfield, Lais Tigges-Campos, Ewan Roddan, Bodhi Sweetnam	<b>3S</b>	Charlize Denham, Jasmine Shaw, Rory Cross, Felicity Jones
<b>KT</b>	Oliver Lavers, Madeline Haydon, Estella Filo, Joshua Kotris	<b>4A</b>	Carla Norris, Olivia Sumowski, Jeremiah Stead, Wren Sbrocchi
<b>K/1M</b>	Jack Gould, Willow Sumowski, Frankie Mumford, Riley Frew	<b>4B</b>	Ace Harvey, Kieran Singh, Elliana Shiers, Tilleah Bennett
<b>1B</b>	Joshua Tarawhiti, Ryan Bradshaw, Stevie Fraser, Frankie Drinkwater	<b>5/6B</b>	Dylan Audley, Mitchell Irwin, Shelley Carmichael, Coco Howe
<b>1G</b>	Mia Choba, Johnny Hurrell Marie Hechter, Liam Banfield	<b>5/6D</b>	Jasmine George, Phoebe O'Brien, Josh Lyons, Holly Coupe
<b>2B</b>	Oliver Blakely, Archie Dheer, River Randall, Owen Gillett	<b>5/6F</b>	Amy Roy, Bae Wolters, Obi Sinodinos, Iggy Senior
<b>2D</b>	Lily Woods, Jacob Cohen, Chrystella Penn, Koa Payne	<b>5/6J</b>	Lola Patterson, Tyler Ramsay, Eleanor Shervington, Tanner Arnold
<b>2W</b>	Taj Eljerban, Penny Ryan, Arlo Lamshed, Grace Irwin,	<b>5/6N</b>	Jamaika Mazema, Damara Holloway, Kai Bailey, Jack Groom
<b>3/4A</b>	Zoe Powling, Sienna Scott, Ava Shacker, Ava Kinght		

**Enrichment Groups**

Our Term 3 digital technologies enrichment groups are well underway. The Minecraft Edu group are learning about the uses of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for good. AI4Good is a global movement where students are encouraged to learn the basic concepts of AI and apply design thinking to see how AI could be used to make a difference in the world. Our EV3 programming group are learning the basics of EV3 programming and will be applying this learning to create autonomous vehicles.



**Thank you!**

We would like to thank Joshua Kotris and his mum Donna for the regular donations of plants and cuttings for the school gardens.

Any and all donations of plants, cuttings and seeds for our school gardens and veggie patches would be greatly appreciated.



# ABPS Book Week Character Parade

Wednesday 21st October



**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.



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.**

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@lcfclubs.com.au](mailto:nathalie.roy@lcfclubs.com.au) to register your interest and for more info on cost and siblings discount. MERCI!

**WE ACCEPT THE CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER**



**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@lcfclubs.com.au](mailto:nathalie.roy@lcfclubs.com.au) to register your interest and for more info on cost and siblings discount. GRACIAS!

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**PIANO LESSONS WITH KIM**

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