

# Newsletter

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Monday 29th November 2021

*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 2021. This has been another 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 academic growth and every child's strength over the past 2 years and celebrate what they have accomplished, including their personal growth, which is immeasurable.

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 these services are available to our families. Your collective efforts are greatly valued and continue to make our school a true learning community.

### Year 6 Farewell

Next Tuesday night our Year 6 students will have their official farewell dinner and disco. This will be held in the school hall and begins at 5.30pm. The night will finish at 8.45pm. The theme for this year is "Time to Shine".

### Presentation Day

Our formal presentation day will be held next 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 to acknowledge our award recipients, 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 2022 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 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. In line with advice from the NSW Department of Education, our school reports for Semester 2 2021 have been adjusted in recognition of the impact of learning from home and at school. This report is a snapshot of the student's achievements. Grades are not mandatory for this modified report and therefore, to reflect the many adjustments required from students, parents and schools, 'Above grade level', 'At grade level' and 'Area for improvement' will be used to indicate student performance in English and Mathematics. Teacher comments will describe your child's progress and achievement in the learning covered during Term 3 and Term 4.

**Classes for 2022**

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 over the coming weeks and 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.

**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 at any time, 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 2022.

Can I also remind everyone, that the school is still closed for the general public. That means both in school hours and out of school hours. Every afternoon we are asking people to leave the school grounds. This is for the safety of all students and staff and we ask that you kindly support us in adhering to this Department of Education rule.

**Basketball Court Upgrade**

We have been waiting very patiently for our basketball court upgrade, which was scheduled for the start of Term 3. Work is now due to begin this Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. We hope that this will be a fantastic new space for the students to enjoy in 2022. Again, I ask that members of the wider community stay off this court completely until all construction is complete and the court is ready for use again.

**Wall of Fame**

Shelley from 5/6D was very proud to show me her talent for using watercolour paint last week. Using watercolour is Shelley's favourite art technique and she has done an amazing job of this piece. Brixton in 2W has also been working hard to develop his portrait skills. He did an outstanding black and white self-portrait using pencil.



**School resumes next year for Yrs 1- 6 on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2022.**

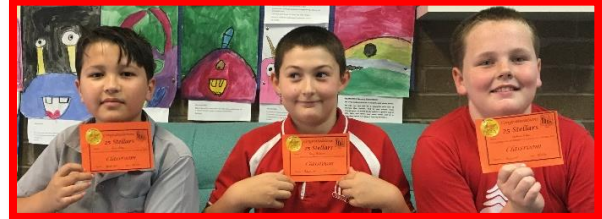
Ben Thomas  
Principal

Quote of the Week

*"Tough times never last, tough people do."*



## Congratulations to our 25 Stellar Recipients



### Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards.

<b>KH</b>	Millie Fulton, Immy Feist Zoe Tsolakis, Nyah Bauerhuit	<b>3S</b>	Carter Rodgers, Taj Eljerban Maeve Grace, River Randall
<b>KJ</b>	Olivia Adamson, Jaxon Norris Charlotte Adler, Noah Kling	<b>3/4T</b>	Anu Tandel, Kai Napton Scarlett Russell, Cooper Probst
<b>KT</b>	Luka Morrow, Oliver O'Keefe	<b>4B</b>	Zoe Powling, Charlize Denham Alex Hall, Dylan de Gruchy
<b>K/1B</b>	Isabelle Rozio, Fynn Suters Taiga Collyer, Toby Hall	<b>4J</b>	Piper Sheridan, Charlie Beaton Ava Campbell, Teagan Campbell
<b>1G</b>	Carter Botham, Ruby Buchan Aiden Gee, Bodhi Sweetnam	<b>5F</b>	Sophie Bowmaker, Ace Harvey Mae Jarman, Leon Haak
<b>1R</b>	Nic Youssef, Eeva Tapper Dylan Miller, Summer Wright	<b>5M</b>	Tully Craik, Elijah Cohen Seb Farmer, Austyn Mackie
<b>1/2C</b>	Ellie Spence, Zander Jones Jesse Day, Joey Morton	<b>5/6D</b>	Max Minor, Eamon Grace Max Baker, Amy Roy
<b>2D</b>	Asha Harris, Reef Clark Sasa Dowling, Poppy Mann	<b>6A</b>	Ben Pearsall, Seren McCann Noah Forster, Isla O'Cass
<b>2W</b>	August Everitt, Mia Campbell Jake Banfield, Riley Frew	<b>6M</b>	Teddy Currie, Romeo Altavilla Mirella Markey, Jesse Fibbens
<b>3B</b>	Evan Moorcraft, Poppie Graham Joel Peterson, Brielle Hayes		

### Debating

Congratulations to our two Stage 3 Debating Teams on a wonderful year of debating. Both teams participated in 4 rounds of The Premier's Debating Challenge in our Central Coast Region. Throughout the year, the students participated in weekly debate training sessions exploring different roles in the team to help develop their reasoning and critical thinking skills. We would like to wish the Year 6 debaters the best for luck for their debating and public speaking endeavours in high school and we look forward to another fantastic year of debating at ABPS in the 2022 Premier's Debating Challenge.

Mrs Jarman and Ms Fyffe





**2021 Tjudibaring AECG Awards**

We would like to recognise the following students who were nominated for an award at the recent AECG presentation night:

**Cultural participation Award: Jasper Bennett**

Jasper has a strong commitment towards cultural activities. Not only is he interested in playing the didgeridoo, but he values the importance it has in the Aboriginal community. Each week Jasper dedicates himself to learning and improving his skills with the didgeridoo. Hence his confidence and willingness to perform at school and in other productions. Jasper is to be congratulated on this great achievement, he has been a great ambassador for the local Aboriginal community and Avoca Beach Public School.

Jasper was also nominated for the Community and Citizenship Award

**Creative Arts nominees:** Asher Andrews, Macy Lester and Willow Andrews

**Performing Arts Award: Tilleah Bennett**

Tilleah has had an exceptional year always striving to achieve her personal best in dance and actively involving herself in creative and performing arts extra-curricular activities. Tilleah is an integral member of her school dance ensemble and performed in this year's Central Coast Dance Festival. Tilleah was selected into her school's Gifted and Talented Dance Program where she excelled in a variety of dance styles. She is an outstanding student, enthusiastic and dedicated to all areas of the creative and performing arts.

**Dedication to Learning Award Nominees: Sonny Carmichael, Tilleah Bennett**

Congratulations to all of the award recipients and nominees. We are very proud to belong to the Tjudibaring AECG.



**Congratulations** to Miss Remy, who received her proficient teacher accreditation last week. Miss Remy has been a wonderful addition to our school staff team!



### Kiama Woolworths Surf Comp

On Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November my family and I travelled down to Kiama for the Woolworths Surf Grom Comp. My brother and I were competing against surfers all over NSW. On Saturday Will began competing but was knocked out in his heat. Luckily for him he was given another chance to make it through to the quarter finals on Sunday by making it through his repechage. Unfortunately, he was then knocked out in the quarter finals. My competition began on Sunday. In the first round I came third and the second round I won. The officials then added my scores from both rounds. I was lucky enough to have the highest total score, with a final score of 21.87. I was chaired up the beach by my Dad and sister. It felt amazing! I am now hoping to win the next two competitions so that I can go to Hurley High Performance centre and Urban Surf, which are places where I can improve my surfing skills.

By Talia Tebb



### CHRISTMAS IS A TIME FOR GIVING

This year children at our school have been busy donating non-perishable food items and toiletries to Mary Mac's Place at Woy Woy.

Mary Mac's Place provides support for men, women and children. It currently feeds over 100 people daily and provides social, community and friendship opportunities to the socially and economically disadvantaged.

The SRC have been busy collecting these items each day. On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December they will deliver all these items to Woy Woy where they will be made into Christmas hampers.

It has brought us a lot of joy to see how generous the Avoca families are.

Thank you from the Staff and the SRC



### Maths Olympiad 2021

Congratulations to all the students who competed in this years' 2021 Maths Olympiad. This competition involves thousands of NSW students from years 5 and 6, who compete against each other. Students are asked to attempt very hard mathematical problems over a series of five exams. Unfortunately, this year they only had three, as restrictions were in place. Overall our results were fantastic this year. A special mention goes out to Hannah who received a brilliant score, which put her in the top 10% of the state. She was awarded the top student trophy and also received a badge for scoring so high against her state competitors. What a great achievement, only in Year 5 so plenty of promise for next year! Well done, Hannah, this is a very prestigious award to receive.

Craig Mitchell  
Maths Olympiad Organiser



### 2021 Athletics

A huge congratulations to all of the students who competed in the Field Events of our School Athletics Carnival for 2021. We completed these events at the end of Term 2 and unfortunately were unable to complete the Track Events at Mingara in Term 3 in order to complete our Carnival. Last Friday afternoon we handed out ribbons to those students who placed in the top 3 for each track event. Due to safety around completing discuss at school, only students who had previous training or experience in the event, such as Little Athletics were selected to complete in the finals of their age events. Below are the top place getters from our school, but I would like to congratulate all students who gave their personal best on the day.



Mr. Mac

High Jump	
Junior - Boys	Junior - Girls
1 <sup>st</sup> – Oscar Newman 1.10m	1 <sup>st</sup> – Arianna McVeigh 1.17m
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Harry Lowbridge 1.04	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Talia Tebb 1.05
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Finn Casey 0.99	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Tully Craik 1.05 (count back)
11-Year-old - Boys	11-Year-old - Girls
1 <sup>st</sup> – Leon Haak 1.26m	1 <sup>st</sup> – Amy Woods 1.22m
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Callum Krumm 1.25	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Isla O 'Cass 1.10
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Toby Steenbergen 1.20 (countback)	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Lillie Van De Donk 1.10 (count back)
12-Year-old - Boys	12-Year-old - Girls
1 <sup>st</sup> – Will Tebb 1.36m	1 <sup>st</sup> – Lily Corcoran 1.15m
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Ryder Langcake 1.30	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Elisabeth B Garner 1.10
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Taj Knight 1.30 (countback)	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Ruby Seyer 1.10 (count back)
Long Jump	
Junior - Boys	Junior - Girls
1 <sup>st</sup> – Harry Lowbridge 3.49m	1 <sup>st</sup> – Talia Tebb 3.53m
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Jack Verhagen 3.40	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Bondi Werner 3.20
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Oscar Newman 3.39	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Mae Jarman 3.20
	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sienna Scott 3.20
11-Year-old - Boys	11-Year-old - Girls
1 <sup>st</sup> – Jesse Fibbens 4.05m	1 <sup>st</sup> – Stella Carpenter 3.66m
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Cohen Jones 3.77	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tilleah Bennett 3.64
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Elijah Cohen 3.53	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Amy Woods 3.40
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Eli Boys-Smith 3.53	
12-Year-old - Boys	12-Year-old - Girls
1 <sup>st</sup> – Taj Knight 4.12m	1 <sup>st</sup> – Lily Corcoran 3.75m
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Ryder Langcake 3.98	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Tayla Campbell 3.68
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Jasper Hunter 3.90	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Isabella Lockhart 3.53
Shot Put	
Junior - Boys	Junior - Girls
1 <sup>st</sup> – Harry Lowbridge 4.10m	1 <sup>st</sup> – Talia Tebb 5.45m
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Zach Johnson 3.86m	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Arianna McVeigh 5.38m
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Oscar Newman 3.83m	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Mae Jarman 4.79m
	4 <sup>th</sup> – Jeanie Watkins
11-Year-old - Boys	11-Year-old - Girls
1 <sup>st</sup> – Leon Haak 8.36m	1 <sup>st</sup> – Stella Carpenter 6.50m
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Callum Krumm 7.70m	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Lillie Van Der Donk 5.85m
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sam McMahon 7.17m	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Lilly Folbigg 5.50m
12-Year-old - Boys	12-Year-old - Girls
1 <sup>st</sup> – Niall Dudley 7.72m	1 <sup>st</sup> – Ruby Seyer 6.05m
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Jasper Bennett 7.70m	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Isabella Lockhart 6.01m
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Taj Knight 7.20m	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Ciara Williams 5.85m
Discus	
Junior Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> – Arianna McVeigh 10.95m
11-Year-old - Girls	1 <sup>st</sup> – Lillie Van Der Donk 11.59m
	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Isabelle Ruzek 9.13m
12-Year-old - Boys	1 <sup>st</sup> – Niall Dudley 18.84m
	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Silas Allen 17.88m
	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Taj Knight 17.44m



## THE SNACK SHACK

We are so pleased to finally have students back buying at the counter on their allocated days

TUES = KINDY

WED = STAGE 1

THURS = STAGE 2

FRI = STAGE 3

We are fast approaching the end of a rather unusual year and would like to finish with some fun and favourites.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December, to coincide with the Sports Picnic Day, we have available online using the EVENT TAB on SPRIGGY SCHOOLS (we will only be doing the specials on this day)  
a choice of

**Beef Sausage in a Bun, plus Jelly or yoghurt, popcorn or grainwaves, sauce, and Christmas treat bag**

**Or**

**A picnic pack plus Christmas treat bag (gluten free available in limited numbers)**

**Online orders MUST BE IN BY 3PM THURSDAY 9 DEC**

We have also made a special request to Mr Thomas to be able to serve Nachos on Wednesday 15 Dec

(each child must collect their own order from canteen in person, special COVID safe measures will be in place)

Our last day at school will be Thursday 16 Dec and we will have our normal SUSHI DAY

### **Update from the Uniform Shop**

Orders are currently being processed on Thursday afternoons for delivery to the children on Fridays.

You can order up to Wednesday evening and your order should be there on the Friday.

The size 12 polo shirts are out of stock and we are not expecting delivery until the new year.

If, for some reason, your child does not receive their order on the Friday, it is probably because I am out of stock. I will place the order on back order and then ship when the stock comes in.

When you receive your order, please check you have the right size. We are more than happy to exchange your order provided Tags are intact and the item is in its original packaging. Should you wish to exchange simply write a note and attach it to the item you wish to exchange and return to school and we will organise the following week.

Best regards Jo

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# Nights

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AND MORE

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# KIDS



COST PER CHILD PER DAY

**\$7**

\$13 PER FAMILY PER DAY



**9-11.30AM**

**MON 3 TO FRI 7 JAN. 2022**



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