

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,

It has been another action-packed couple of weeks at Avoca Beach PS. A big congratulations to all the students who have been representing the school at Zone sporting trials. Many of our talented students have been successful.

Selective High School Placement Test

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021 from 9.00am to 1.30pm.

Unless parents have made special arrangements with the High Performing Students Team to attend an individually allocated test centre, candidates from this school have been sent to:

Terrigal High School

Charles Kay Drive

TERRIGAL NSW 2260

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

to find:

- Test centre allocations by public school.
- A map of test centre addresses under the heading 'The test'.
- The bulletin, Test information for parents and students. The bulletin contains very important information about the test and should be read carefully.

Swimming Carnival

Our annual swimming carnival last week was a great success. I was so impressed by the sportsmanship and 'have a go' attitude of everyone. The encouragement of each other was also inspirational and I think our House Families program is already helping to bring our students together. Well done boys and girls! Congratulations to our 28 swimmers, who have qualified for the SCCPSSA Zone Swimming Championships on Tuesday. Go for Gold! I would also like to acknowledge the work of Mr Jarmaine, who was the Carnival Convener. All his hard work made sure the carnival was a very organised and professionally run event.

Rebel Sport

As we start to head into winter sport season, I'd like to remind everyone about Rebel Sport's community kickbacks program. If you sign up for a loyalty card with Rebel Sport, you can nominate Avoca Beach PS every time you make a purchase and Rebel will donate 5% of all purchases back to the school to spend in-store and provide more resources for the students at our school.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 participate in NAPLAN each year. NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress.

Federal, state and territory education ministers agreed to gradually transition NAPLAN online by 2022 and our school is scheduled to start this in 2021. NAPLAN Online is a tailored test that adapts to student responses, providing better assessment and more precise results. If parents want to learn more about NAPLAN, information can be found at the [NAPLAN Online information brochure for parents and carers \(PDF 182 kb\)](#).

<https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/resources/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

Voluntary Contributions

Our voluntary contribution fees will remain the same for 2021. The fee is set at \$43 per student or \$86 per family. These contributions go a long way to supporting our school to provide high quality educational programs for every student. This year we are hoping to raise funds to resurface our basketball court, purchase new readers for K-2 and support the continued upgrade of our STEM program and increasing the number of devices available in each classroom.

Afternoon Traffic

Our afternoon pick-up time continues to be a major headache for all involved. I have had numerous complaints from local residents again last week due to the stream of traffic backed up and blocking the road each afternoon. Rangers with dash cams have also been out booking parents in no stopping zones throughout the week.

I completely understand how frustrating this is for local residents and also how difficult it is for parents due to the nature of the road structure around our school. However, as a school we do not have authority over the roads. We have worked closely with council and the RTA for many years to work on solutions to the problem. It is now up to the community to work together patiently to ensure we make pick up as efficient as possible and more importantly, as safe as possible for our children.

One thing that I feel will help a little is timing your arrival at the Kiss & Go Zone later (3:25pm onwards). This will avoid the need for queuing as the children will be there waiting for the cars, rather than the other way around.

Wall of Fame**State Nippers**

Congratulations to all the students who completed at State last week. Some great results for our athletes!

Talia Tebb

1st- Board
2nd- Swim Team
2nd- Board Relay
4th- Swim

Ciara Williams

2nd- Board Rescue

Ella Parker

2nd- Board Rescue

Will Tebb

1st- Board
4th- Board Relay
5th- Board Rescue
8th- Ironman

Amy Woods

3rd- Flags

Jaggar Curnow

3rd- Board Rescue (DQ)

Isabelle Ruzek

3rd- Board Rescue (DQ)

Brody Frew

5th- Sprint Relay

Oliver Craik

5th- Board Relay

Jasper Hunter

5th- Board Relay

Semi Final- Board Rescue

Sam McMahon

Semi Final- Board Rescue

Tully Craik

Finals- Board Relay

State Oztag

We also had several students at the State Oztag Championships last week. Cohen in 5M won his pool and progressed through to the finals, where they were beaten by the eventual winners, East Hills.

Harry and Zaiden in 4J also represented the Central Coast at this year's Oztag State Cup at Bass Hill. They won their pool and then dug deep for the next 3 games drawing one, winning one and then in the Grand Final having a draw.

At the end of extra time the score was still a draw, both teams dropped off to 5 aside.

Eventually they won the 10yr Boys championship 5-4. An outstanding achievement for both Harry and Zaiden!



Ben Thomas

Principal

Quote of the Week

"Some people dream of success, while other people get up every morning and make it happen". – Wayne Huizenga

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 1 to 6 will be held between Monday 22nd March to Thursday 1st April according to teacher availability. To book an interview time with your child's teacher go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the event code: DNYPS. The booking window opens Friday 12th March and closes on Friday 19th of March at 3:30pm

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

KH	Imogen Feist, Thomas Williams	3S	Georgia Bryant, Levi Thomas
KJ	Milly Waters, Dash Dowdle	3/4T	Kitty Larkin, Sophie Winstanley
KT	Mia O'Brien, Hugo Webster	4B	
K/1B	Ava De Ruiter, Fynn Suters	4J	Zara Hall, Jack Verhagen
1G	Frankie Mee, Harley Thomson	5F	Oberon Walton, Talia Tebb
1R	Frankie Mumford, Dylan Miller	5M	Mia Jamal, Toby O'Brien
1/2C	Hana Collyer, Ned Foster	5/6D	Ethan Craig, Grace Tamblyn
2D	Arlie Warren, Frankie Drinkwater	6A	Gabe Roberts, Milla McEwan
2W	Amalia Hodgson, Brock Cartwright	6M	Teddy Currie, Ryder Langcake
3B	Isabell Slinkard, Eda Portelli		

PBL Values Assembly Presentation



Congratulations to the students who received PBL Values Awards at the last Values Assembly.

KH	Elissa Shaw, Finn Napton	3S	Zai Gunewardene, Alandra McVeigh
KJ	Olivia Adamson, Sol Rolph	3/4T	Anu Tandel, Ella Cunningham
KT	Evelyn McKim, Conor McMahon	4B	Rosie Williams, Ryder Santry
K/1B	Abbey O'Brien, Taiga Collyer	4J	Ella Williams, Ruby Rangott
1G	Ruby Buchan, Aiden Gee	5F	Riley Geary, Ariana McVeigh
1R	Jack Isbester, Jasmine White	5M	Liam Gills, Ollie McDonald
1/2C	Mason Quieros, Sophie Clarke	5/6D	Niall Dudley, Claire Burchall
2D	Eamon Krumm, Willow Sumowski	6A	Fergus Paterson, Audrey Thompson
2W	Mia Campbell, Myles McIlquham	6M	Silas Allen, Stella Carpenter
3B	Sanden Mitchel, Macy Lester		



Stage 2 News

Year 4 students and teachers had a bee-utiful time on the Plan Bee excursion at the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney. They excitedly built mini bee hotels and can't wait to paint them back at school! Students couldn't believe their eyes when they discovered some of the 200 amazing native bee species throughout our walk through the gardens.



The Year 3 excursion will be held this Friday 12th March(Week 7). Buses will be leaving at 8am sharp. Please ensure your child wears full sports uniform and brings a rain jacket in the event of wet weather.

Sports Report: Results

Tennis: Congratulations to all the students who trialled for the Southern Central Coast Zone Tennis Team. Carla Norris came 2nd on the day and was successful in progressing to the Sydney North trials to be held on the 9th of March. Well done Carla!

Rugby League: Congratulations to all the students who trailed for the Southern Central Coast Rugby League Teams. Cohen Jones, Hickson Fisher and Sam McMahon were all selected in the Under 11's side. Xavier Jamal and Callum Buening were selected in the Open's side. They will now progress to the combined Central Coast trial held on the 11th of March. Well done Boys!

Basketball: Congratulations to Bryn Jones, Lenny Taylor, Kai Bailey and Isabella Lockhart who all trialled for the Sydney North Boys + Girls Basketball Teams. They all showed great sportsmanship and skill, however were unsuccessful in progressing to the next level. Well done to you all!

Cricket: Congratulations to Monty Lowbridge, Cameron Smith and Taj Knight who trialled for the Combined Southern Central Coast / Brisbane Waters Boys Cricket Team. The standard was high and all boys showed great commitment and exemplary behaviour. All 3 boys were successful in making the team. They will now progress to the Sydney North trials to be held on Tuesday 16th of March. Well done Boys!

AFL: Congratulations to Brody Frew who trailed for the Combined Southern Central Coast / Brisbane Waters AFL Team. He showed great skill among a large group of experienced players, however was unsuccessful in progressing to the next level. Well done Brody!

Mr. Mac

Our Budding Artists - Young Archie 2021

The Art Gallery of New South Wales invites budding artists between the ages of 5 and 18 to submit a portrait for the Young Archie 2021 competition.

The portrait must be of a person who is special to the artists. Someone who is known to them that plays a significant role in their lives.

As part of our High Potential and Gifted Education program at ABPS, Wren, Will, Shelley, Grace, Phoebe, Kai, Lily and Brody have been provided the opportunity to submit these wonderful portraits to the Art Gallery of NSW for consideration to be hung in the 2021 'Young Archie' Exhibition. We wish them the very best of luck.



Mathematics Enrichment Day

In 2020 ABPS had the chance to become engineers, artists and musicians - next week they will become competitors in our first Amazing Maths Race! On Tuesday 16th March, students will have an exciting day working in a team to complete a range of creative and practical maths challenges. Later this week, students will bring home any information about what they need, to be prepared to compete in the Amazing Maths Race. Get ready to have some fun!



THE SNACK SHACK

We are pleased to announce we are now allowed to have volunteers back in the canteen. A huge thank you to all those people that have already put their names down and filled our roster for this term. At this stage we are only asking for one volunteer per day from 10am -12pm Tues-Fri. We may need more volunteers if and when we get gradually busier throughout the year.

Our PANCAKE DAY was a huge success with over 230 orders. We have now added Pancakes to our daily RECESS menu with a choice of plain, lemon & honey, maple syrup or mixed berry toppings.

VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

<http://signup.zone/abps-snack-shack>



We had a great turn out to our first meeting of the year and hope this will continue moving forward, it is always great to have new ideas and opinions and get others views and perspectives. Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th March, this will start with our AGM at 7pm and our monthly meeting will begin immediately after approx. 7.30pm. All executive positions will become open for election, and we will be looking for volunteers to fill these positions. I have listed below a brief outline of those roles and what each role involves. You don't need previous experience just a willingness to have a go, we are a team, and we work together offering support and understanding to one another. We are all busy people, and we all give what time we can and whatever involvement you wish to have it is welcomed, as an observer, a P and C member, a fund-raising organiser or a member of the executive, everyone is welcome.

President:

> Lead and plan along with the Secretary, P and C meetings held once a month, this involves setting the agenda, following the agenda, and ensuring all items are given fair time for discussion and equal opportunity.

Importantly making sure our meetings are in regulation with the P and C constitution.

> Ensuring motions passed are followed through and business arising from previous meetings are addressed if necessary

> Liaise with our Principal and teaching staff

> Support and facilitate our volunteers, ie fundraisers/uniform shop volunteers

> Support paid staff,

> Option to attend the central coast P and C meetings and to be involved with local government

> Provide a P and C report for the end of year school report

> Represent our P and C in public forums, ie end of year assembly/Kindy orientation

> Provide an end of term report to the school to have on the school website

> Contribute to the school newsletter

> Access the P and C Face book page

> Signatory for the P and C bank accounts

> **Vice President X 2:**

>All of the above to support the President and Secretary or in the absence of the President

Secretary:

> To assist the President in writing the agenda for meetings

> To distribute agenda prior to meeting

> To record the minutes, along with reports, publish and distribute to members and attending individuals of P and C meetings

> To keep an up-to-date list of all financial members

> To collect correspondence received from the school office

> Signatory for the P and C bank accounts

> **Treasurer:**

> To provide a financial report for each meeting

> Responsible for P and C funds and financial statements

> Receive and deposit cash, ie provide floats for fundraising events

> Submit financial accounts of P&C for independent audit each year and provide these to the P and C Federation

>Signatory for the P and C bank accounts

Executive Member: (includes office bearers and up to 6 other members)

> Responsible for ensuring decisions made by the P and C are adhered to and acted upon

> Meetings just for the Executive can be called by the President, or a Vice President in the absence of the President between general meetings should urgent matters arise

> Support the office bearers

If you have any questions regarding positions or want an issue added to our agenda, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0405497429 or avocabeachpandc@gmail.com. All the positions will be up for election. We look forward to seeing you on the 9th of March.

regards

Paula Jamal

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Dive into the world of STEM at
Junior Central Coast Marine Discovery
 SCIENCE ACADEMY Centre, Terrigal

The Junior Science Academy, an outreach program of Macquarie University, is coming to the Central Coast for the first time this April school holidays!

Join us at the Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre, Terrigal, for our exciting science, technology, engineering and maths programs for Years K-6 during the upcoming school holidays

Our courses are designed to teach scientific concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities

- Courses target specific age groups and, in April, will include: Let It Grow for K-1, We Do Robotics for Y1-2, Fish You Were Here Y3-4, Float My Boat! Y4-6, I'm a Survivor 4-6
- Procedures for COVID Safe practice are in place and arrangements made in the case of illness so parents won't lose money.
- Cost is \$130 per day

For more information or to book now, scan the QR code to visit our website or go to: mq.edu.au/about/holidays

CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS (value \$100) can be used for any of our robotics or coding classes. Apply through Service NSW for your child's voucher

Follow us on Facebook or Instagram for regular program updates @juniorscienceacademy

Drop off	7.30am - 8.30am
Activities	8.30am - 4.15pm
Pick-up	4.30pm - 6.05pm
Cost	\$130

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WOULD YOUR DAUGHTER LIKE TO TRY SOMETHING NEW & ACTIVE IN 2021?

Do you have an energetic, creative daughter who loves to move? Or maybe she's shy and wants to grow her confidence?

The Coastal Physie holds weekly dance classes for school aged girls at Erina Fair. The benefits of Physical Culture include increased co-ordination, brain development and confidence.



YOUR FIRST CLASS IS FREE!



Visit coastalphysie.com/new-members or call Alexandria on 0413 692 363