

# Newsletter

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Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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,

What a whirlwind start to Term 2. I can't believe we are already at Week 3. Some fantastic things have been happening in and out of school in the past 2 weeks.

### ANZAC Celebrations

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, each class participated in lessons about the importance of ANZAC Day and we held a special assembly in the afternoon. Learning about ANZAC Day helps young children to understand the life and times of Australia and its people and also to further understand this significant day for Australians, who all recognise the importance of commemorating soldiers and, at the same time, promoting peace.

I would like to give a special mention to the following students, who played a part in the service, rehearsing in the days leading up and attending the service early on Sunday. Also to Mrs Fyffe, who coordinated this. You were all outstanding representatives for the school at Sunday's Dawn service.

Mateo & Saskia

Nic & Jasmine

Harper M

Harper F

Summer

Zaiden

Chystella

Poppie

Maeve

Indya-rose

Bonnie

Stella

Will

Ella

SRC reps laying wreath: Will Tebb & Ella Parker



**Term 2 PBL Focus**

This term we focus on the value, Responsibility. The students will participate in lessons throughout the term that focus on what it means to be responsible in the classroom, in the playground and in general. Some of our focuses include, being safe, being responsible for your own actions and making positive choices. We will celebrate those students who strive to display this value at our PBL Values Assembly in Week 5.

**Cross Country**

What a beautiful day we had for our annual Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 22nd April. Our students are so lucky to have such an amazing, picturesque course to run. The theme for the day was fun and participation and it was wonderful to see every student embrace this. Thank you to Mr Wright, Mr Jarmaine and Mr MacDonald for their organisation of the carnival and good luck to the 48 students who have qualified to represent our school at the Zone Cross Country this Friday.

**NAPLAN**

Next week, students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN. 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.

A reminder that our school is scheduled to start NAPLAN online 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

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

On another note, it is important to remember that NAPLAN is a one-off test that provides a snapshot of learning. It is imperative that we do not put undue pressure on our children to perform in these tests. Teachers see on a daily basis what their students can and cannot do, and they modify their teaching accordingly. Due to this they have a much better understanding of your child than what a one-off test can give you. Please reassure your child that NAPLAN is not something to be worried about. We encourage them to have a go and try their best.

Finally, this week I wish all our Mums a very happy Mother's Day for this Sunday 9th May.

Ben Thomas  
Principal

**Poem of the Week**

A Mother Like you  
I just want to let you know  
You mean the world to me,  
Only a heart as dear as yours  
Would give so unselfishly.  
The many things you've done  
All the times that you were there,  
Helps me know deep down inside.  
How much you really care.  
Even though I might not say  
I appreciate all you do,  
Richly blessed is how I feel having a mother just like you!

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

<b>KH</b>	Kain Paterson, Millie Fulton Joshua Kelly, Nina Rodrigues	<b>3S</b>	William Ceccato, Owen Gillett, Willow Hayes Cooper O'Brien, Halle Smith
<b>KJ</b>	Liumia Short, Noah King Mila Limpus, Benji Rolls	<b>3/4T</b>	Jonah Geary, Bruce Lewis Abigail Armytage, Lily Rignall
<b>KT</b>	Eden Day, Lucy O'Brien Zoe McKinnon, Thomas Grace	<b>4B</b>	Owen Harris, Bella Hannan Zac Battye, Melody McRae
<b>K/1B</b>	Toby Hall, Cleo Drinkwater Eden Picone, Isabelle Rozio	<b>4J</b>	Finn Casey, Ava Knight Zoe Shaw, Charlie Beaton
<b>1G</b>	Oren Barlow, Alexis Sedgwick Ace Clayton, Pixie Graham	<b>5F</b>	Charlotte Coleman, Kahu Slater Hannah Abra, Ava Shacker
<b>1R</b>	Pippa Blakely, Neve Andrews Florence Jardine, Marie Hechter	<b>5M</b>	Toby Steenbergen, Carla Norris Tilleah Bennett, Arabella Blanch
<b>1/2C</b>	Willow Snaith, Ned Foster Lais Tigges Campos, Beau Banfield	<b>5/6D</b>	Shelley Carmichael, Alex Clark Amy Roy, Bae Wolters
<b>2D</b>	Ari Jarmaine, Asha Harris Johnny Hurrell, Ivy Huggart	<b>6A</b>	Jett Taylor, Lily Corcoran Kai Bailey, Khloe Richmond
<b>2W</b>	Harrison Sheridan, Jake Banfield Ryan Bradshaw, Riley Frew	<b>6M</b>	Oliver Craik, Sam McMahon Elizabeth Brereton Garner, Riley Coleman
<b>3B</b>	Indiana Reed, Mason Mills Sam Carlisle, Jack Harris		

**ANZAC Day Ceremony**

I'd like to thank Donna Ayton and Lisa Hecht for their help in preparing this year's ceremony. Also, to Jett, Jaggar, Fergus, Kobi and Omeo who practised and helped on the day. It was a lovely, respectful service that honoured our Australian Servicemen and Women.  
Craig Blanch

**KT learning to code the BlueBots during STEM lessons, focusing on sequence and position and Year 1 robotics**



**5/6 ASSEMBLY ITEM – THE SNOW WHITE RAP**



## 2021 Cross Country

A huge congratulations to all of the students who competed in our annual Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. It was fantastic to be able to get out into the community and showcase the enthusiasm and resilience of our students!

Below are the top place getters from each age group, but I would like to congratulate all students who gave their personal best on the day. The top 6 place getters in the Primary Cross Country will now represent the school at next Fridays Zone Cross Country.

<b>Infants Cross Country</b>	
<b>5-Year-old - Boys</b>	<b>5-Year-old - Girls</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> - Noah King	1 <sup>st</sup> - Tayari Gee
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Charlie Gillett	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Immy Feist
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Benji Rolls	
<b>6-Year-old - Boys</b>	<b>6-Year-old - Girls</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> - Thomas Lucas	1 <sup>st</sup> - Nellie Lowbridge
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Hugo Webster	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Ava De Ruitter
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Conor McMahon	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Wynnie Blenheim/ Indi Ennion
<b>7-Year-old - Boys</b>	<b>7-Year-old - Girls</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> - Oliver Lavers	1 <sup>st</sup> - Violet Parker
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Jesse Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Hana Collyer
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Hamish Peterson	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Nina Markey
<b>8-Year-old - Boys</b>	<b>8-Year-old - Girls</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> - Josh Tarawhiti	1 <sup>st</sup> - Arwen Probst
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Ashley Schellekens	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Sasa Dowling
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Ari Jarmaine	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Mia Van Der Donk
<b>Primary Cross Country</b>	
<b>8/9-Year-old - Boys</b>	<b>8/9-Year-old - Girls</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> - Zeus Curnow	1 <sup>st</sup> - India Shiers
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Mason Mills	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Brielle Hayes
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Max Rattray	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Violet Walters
4 <sup>th</sup> - Cooper O'Brien	4 <sup>th</sup> - Alandra McVeigh
5 <sup>th</sup> - Zane Napton	5 <sup>th</sup> - Olive Morris
6 <sup>th</sup> - Frankie Drinkwater	6 <sup>th</sup> - Willow Hayes
<b>10-Year-old - Boys</b>	<b>10-Year-old - Girls</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> - Oscar Newman	1 <sup>st</sup> - Talia Tebb
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Noah Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Ava Knight
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Zach Johnson	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Zoe Shaw
4 <sup>th</sup> - Dylan DeGruchy	4 <sup>th</sup> - Bondi Werner
5 <sup>th</sup> - Charlie Beaton	5 <sup>th</sup> - Peyton Arnold
6 <sup>th</sup> - Zac Battye	6 <sup>th</sup> - Matilda Harvey
<b>11-Year-old - Boys</b>	<b>11-Year-old - Girls</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> - Ollie Craik	1 <sup>st</sup> - Carla Norris
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Callum Krumm	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Jaggar Curnow
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Eli Boys Smith	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Elliana Shiers
4 <sup>th</sup> - Oliver McDonald	4 <sup>th</sup> - Isabelle Ruzek
5 <sup>th</sup> - Liam Gills	5 <sup>th</sup> - Amy Woods
6 <sup>th</sup> - Jem Stead	6 <sup>th</sup> - Stella Carpenter
<b>12/13-Year-old - Boys</b>	<b>12/13-Year-old - Girls</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> - Jasper Hunter	1 <sup>st</sup> - Ciara Williams
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Will Tebb	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Ella Parker
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Taj Knight	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Amy Roy
4 <sup>th</sup> - Ryder Langcake	4 <sup>th</sup> - Lily Corcoran
5 <sup>th</sup> - Omeo Armytage	5 <sup>th</sup> - Khloe Richmond
6 <sup>th</sup> - Xavier Jamal	6 <sup>th</sup> - Mirella Markey



### CROSS COUNTRY DAY!



### OUR CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS!



**SPORTS REPORT****Soccer**

**Sydney North Trials** - The Sydney North Girls Trials were held on Monday 26th April at Macquarie Park. Bondi Werner played 5 games against our competing zones and was successful in winning the majority of her games. She showed determination and never gave up. Bondi was unsuccessful in making the Sydney North team though put countless effort into every game. Well done!

**AFL**

**Paul Kelly Cup** - On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April the Boys and Girls AFL teams went to Hylton Moore Oval, Gosford to participate in an AFL gala day. Most of our students had not played AFL before and showed tremendous bravery and skill to apply themselves to the game. The boys' and girls' teams played 4 games throughout the day. Both the boys and girls were undefeated throughout the day. The boys applied a lot of pressure to each team with some strong tackling and displayed speed around the ruck to kick some amazing goals. The girls worked fantastically as a team and did not have a point scored against them in their first 3 games. They demonstrated great perseverance to come back in their last game and win 16-15. Both teams will play again later in the term against the winners of the northern end of the central coast. Well done!

**Rugby Union**

**Zone Trials** – On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April, The Central Coast Combined Rugby Union trial was held for both boys and girls. Ella Parker, Tayla Campbell, Ryder Langcake, Lenny Taylor, Lennox Portelli, Niall Dudley, Sam McMahon, Ace Harvey, Dylan Audley and Jesse Fibbens all attended. The zone was highly represented and the competition for spots, particularly amongst the boys, was tough. Each of the students represented the school fantastically well, showing skill and sportsmanship. Ella, Taylor, Ryder and Sam were successful in being selected and will now trial for the Sydney North team on 7th of June in Narrabeen. Well done!

**Outside of School:**

**Soccer** - Bondi Werner competed at the National futsal Championships in Windsor. Bondi's team was knocked out in the quarter finals however Bondi was chosen in the U/12 girls Australian futsal team to compete in New Caledonia in April 2022. Congratulations Bondi!

**Baseball** – Monty Lowbridge's Central Coast Marlins Rep Baseball team recently won the State Cup Tournament. They will now compete at the Nationals Baseball Tournament in Lismore at the beginning of June. If they are successful in this tournament they progress to the USA. Congratulations Monty!



\*If your child achieves outstanding results outside of school and you would like them to be mentioned in the school newsletter, please have them see me or email the office.

Mr. Mac

**Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022**

Applications for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022 open on Tuesday 20 April and close Friday 7 May 2021. Parents apply online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selectivehigh-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>.

All applicants are required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test to be held on Wednesday 21 July 2021. The Department has introduced a new application system that will give parents a more interactive experience. The new system enables parents to make updates and add attachments even after an application is submitted. Parents can also communicate directly with the Team through the system's new 'messages' feature. Anyone experiencing difficulty completing or submitting an application, can contact the Team on 1300 880 367 or email [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au) Keep updated on the opportunity class placement process at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/publicschools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

## THE SNACK SHACK

Beef Burgers and Veggie Burgers are available on Mon/ Tue/ Fri and warm chocolate porridge oats will be available for Recess again.

Now the weather is turning colder we will be able to serve warm milo drinks, choc porridge cups over the counter cash sales only before school from 9am.

It is great to see lots of new names on the volunteer roster, we look forward to meeting you all. There are quite a few dates we still need filling please, especially

Thursday's our busiest day with nearly 200 sushi portions to pack.

The preferred way of ordering is by using the Flexischools app, please note CUT OFF TIME 8.30 am SUSHI CUT OFF 8AM.

Please click on the link below to add your name to the volunteer roster.

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

### Uniform Shop

Please remember students are to return in Term 2 wearing winter uniform. The Uniform Shop is open Thursday afternoons 2.45pm – 3.45pm. If orders are placed via flexischools by Wednesday it will be processed on the Thursday and delivered to the students on the Friday.



FEELING SMART? JOIN US FOR...

# ABPS P&C'S TRIVIA EXTRAVAGANZA

\$10 PER TICKET, TABLES OF 10  
REGISTER YOUR GROUP AT  
[WWW.EVENTCREATE.COM/E/ABPSTRIVIANIGHT](http://WWW.EVENTCREATE.COM/E/ABPSTRIVIANIGHT)  
SCRUMPTIOUS GRAZING BOXES CAN ALSO BE  
PURCHASED VIA THE ABOVE LINK

21ST MAY 2021 • 7PM  
AVOCA BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL  
SCHOOL HALL

BRING SOME CASH FOR YOUR  
CHANCE TO WIN GREAT PRIZES  
WITH OUR FUN GAMES AND  
RAFFLES. TREAT YOURSELF AT  
OUR YUMMY DESSERT TABLE





**School Banking is a great way to practice regular savings.**

**Remember, Friday is School Banking day and students can bring in their weekly deposit.**

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Remember, there is no minimum deposit with School Banking, you can send as little as 5c per week in, saving regularly is what is important.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a School Banking reward item.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year. For more information about contribution payments, visit [www.commbank.com.au/sbinfo](http://www.commbank.com.au/sbinfo).

If your child has lost their book, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator for a replacement or visit any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Avoca Beach. We would also like to thank the wonderful parents who volunteer as our School Banking Co-ordinators and process our banking every week.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

#### **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](mailto:pianolessonswithkim@gmail.com)

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# GET INTO RUGBY MODIFIED

This event is for all children with additional needs to come along and have a fun day learning to play rugby. All activities will be modified to suit each child's ability.

**WHEN:** Sunday 23rd May  
**TIME:** 9.30 am for a 10.00 am start followed by BBQ at 1.00 pm  
**WHERE:** The Haven Oval, Terrigal

The day will finish with a sausage sizzle and drink, so come along have fun and see what rugby is all about.



For more information or to register please contact Allison on 0416 068 285 or email: [allifaz@bigpond.com](mailto:allifaz@bigpond.com)





# Join us in a full weekend of celebrations across 5 Lands of the Central Coast



THE AWAKENING  
JUNE '21  
19  
SATURDAY

THE OPENING  
JUNE '21  
25  
FRIDAY

MAIN EVENT  
JUNE '21  
26  
SATURDAY

SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS  
JUNE '21  
27  
SUNDAY

**MACMASTERS BEACH** Infusing Aboriginal and Scottish cultures. **AVOCA BEACH** The Roaring 2020's jazz, art and sculpture.  
**COPACABANA** Celebrate Pasifika and view the Schools Art Exhibitions in the club house. **NORTH AVOCA** Celebrate life with Australia's First Nations peoples.  
**TERRIGAL** Exceptional local songwriters and performing artists.

**ART IN THE OPEN** Artists creating works all day outdoors along the walk



THE AWAKENING  
JUNE '21  
19  
SATURDAY

**Kincumba Mountain - 6am**  
Gather around the fire at first light of the Morning Star and bless the 5 Lands Walk.  
*Just as a candle cannot burn without fire, man cannot live without a spiritual life*  
- Buddha

**Avoca Beach - 4.30pm for 5pm**

The **OPENING** Ceremony will showcase the magnificent landscape and musical talent of our region as it heralds in the arrival of The Guardian of the Message Stick. Featuring:  
• Ephemera Choir and Ensemble.  
• Aboriginal and multi-cultural singers and dancers.  
BYO Beach Chair and Refreshments.

THE OPENING  
JUNE '21  
25  
FRIDAY



Easily hop on and off the FREE shuttle buses

For more Sunday event ideas that will finish a weekend of extravaganza visit the website!

Be in the draw to **WIN** a long weekend for two at Star of the Sea Apartments.\*  
Simply register online at:

[5landswalk.com.au](http://5landswalk.com.au)

\* Conditions apply.

