

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,

Welcome to Week 7. The students have been involved in a range of extra-curricular activities over the past few weeks and have been achieving outstanding results.

Stage 2 Public Speaking

It was my pleasure to judge the Stage 2 public speaking finals last week. All the finalists did an outstanding job. We listened to some very creative speeches and the students received lots of positive feedback about their use of expression, clarity in their voice, their enthusiasm and the interesting content. I look forward to seeing how our school representatives go at the regional public speaking finals.

Chess

Thank you to Mrs Fyffe for her organisation of chess again this year. It is great to have so many teams entered into the Central Coast Chess competition. Our teams have been battling it out with other schools over the past two weeks and the Avoca Beach teams have achieved some amazing results.

Kindergarten 2022

We are now starting to take enrolments for Kindergarten class of 2022. Our official Kindergarten Headstart Program will begin in Term 4. If you know of any boy or girl who will be starting at Avoca Beach PS in 2022, please let them know to pop into the office, put their name down and collect an enrolment package.

Wall of Fame

This week I had a visit from Elliana in 5F, to show me her beautiful artwork. It now sits proudly on my wall of fame.

Also on my wall of fame this week is Taj, Evelyn, Willow and Halle, from 3S. They have been studying the work of Picasso and produced these bright and colourful pieces.



Ben Thomas
Principal

Quote of the Week

"A well-developed sense of humour is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk through the tightrope of life." – William Arthur Ward

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

KH	Louis McBeath, Ruby Ramsay	3S	Maeve Grace, Arlo Lamshed
KJ	Leo Koelma, Hanni Dowling	3/4T	Olive Morriss, Max Stuart-Thornton
KT	Frankie-Rose Burnicle	4B	Owen Harris, Noah Farrell
K/1B	Jed Carroll, Clive Morriss	4J	Piper Sheridan, Noah Day
1G	Peyton Halwagy, Carter Botham	5F	Kieran Singh, Bondi Werner
1R	Harper McMahon, Hamish Peterson	5M	Hickson Fisher, Seb Farmer
1/2C	Olivia Hadfield, Kaito Farrell	5/6D	Remy Nyman, Ajay de Gruchy
2D	Hudson Douglass, Bonnie Grover	6A	Seren McCann, Jack Groom
2W	Rivers Botham, Thomas Rolls	6M	Will Tebb, Xavier Jamal
3B	Willow Ramsay, Luka Veljovic		

PBL Values Assembly Presentation



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

KH	Imogen Feist, Thomas	3S	Audrey McDonald, Taj Eljerban
KJ	Harrison Jereb, Milly Waters	3/4T	Kai Napton, Felicity Jones
KT	Mia O'Brien, Hugo Webster	4B	Isla Davies, Melody McRae
K/1B	Ava de Ruiter	4J	Zoe Shaw, Harriet Viles
1G	Ashwin Tandel, Frankie Mee	5F	Elliana Shiers, Sophie Bowmaker
1R	Nic Youssef, Poppi Hall	5M	Jeanie Watkins, Henry Petheram
1/2C	Jackson Dawes, Bonnie Hurrell	5/6D	Amy Roy, Bae Wolters
2D	Bonnie Grover, Zanzi Missio-Crick	6A	Jasper Hunter, Jesse Langcake
2W	August Everitt, Lydia Rodrigues	6M	Mirella Markey, Amy Woods
3B	Isabelle Slinkard, Kenzie Johnson		



SCIENCE ENRICHMENT DAY

Get ready for Science Enrichment Day! On Tuesday in Week 8, ABPS will have the chance to become scientists for the day, conducting experiments and exploring why things happen. The Jolly Bops Scientists will visit us, demonstrating some of the most colourful and explosive experiments around! You will also get to dress up as a scientist for the day! Get creative - what will you be? An engineer, an astronaut or even ready to learn in a white lab coat! Students will receive a note next week providing further details.



Reptile Park Excursion



An absolutely fantastic day out at the Australian Reptile Park for Year 1!

Last Friday, 21st May we set off on an adventure to visit Australia's original hands-on zoo.

For some, it was their first time catching a bus and the excitement began early.

We enjoyed a wonderful reptile show where the students had the opportunity to learn more about and touch some of our native animals.

Some favourites were the spiders, dingoes, koalas, snakes and the quokkas. The Year 1 students had the opportunity to learn about the various habitats and life cycles of the numerous animals at the zoo and this has supported their understanding of concepts covered in our Science unit on Living Things this term.

Thank you to the amazing parents who helped on the day and also the students from ABPS for their outstanding behaviour.

"We had a fun time" (Bonnie H), "I wish I could go there every day" (Solomon W), "This is the best day of my life" (Ellie S).

Stage 2 Public Speaking

Well done to our amazing Stage 2 public speakers! Finalists from each class participated in the Stage 2 final last Friday. The standard was exceptionally high and the Stage 2 students and teachers were thoroughly engaged and entertained. It made it really difficult for Ms Hartley & Mr Thomas to adjudicate. After much deliberation, 1st place was awarded to Felicity Jones, 2nd place to Sienna Scott, and 3rd place to Sienna White. We wish Felicity and Sienna Scott all the best for the next inter-school round of public speaking finals.



SPORTS REPORTS

PSSA Football – Knockout Gala Day

On Friday 21st May, both our boys and girl PSSA Football teams competed in round 2 and 3 of the NSW PSSA Knock-out competition at Frost Reserve.

Girls: Round 2 vs. Copacabana Public School - Our team played with great sportsmanship and teamwork to win 12-0.

Round 3 vs. Pretty Beach Public School – In very wet, tricky and miserable conditions our girls communicated beautifully and worked together to win 12-0.



Boys: Round 2 vs. Copacabana Public School – The boys played a high quality and competitive game to win 2-0.

Round 3 vs. Pretty Beach Public School – In horrible conditions the boys dominated play to win 6-1.



We were so impressed with the sportsmanship on show and the level of skills displayed in very tricky conditions. We are incredibly proud of the way both teams represented Avoca Beach Public School.

Both teams are waiting to see who we play soon in Round 4.

Mr Wright and Mr Mitchell.

Boys Softball Report

On Tuesday 25th May 2021 the Avoca Beach Boys softball team played in a mini gala day on the school oval. The first game against Umina was off to a slippery start with dew on the grass making the ball very hard to contain at times but Avoca came back and won 22/5.

Avoca played the second game against Ettalong feeling very confident after their 1st win for the knockout and won convincingly with a score of 25/1.

The boys played an amazing game and it proved to be a valuable learning experience for all. They were very supportive of each other, displayed excellent sportsmanship and made me very proud as their coach.

Well done Avoca Beach.

Mrs J Boarer
Boys Softball Coach



Combined Zone Touch Football Trials

The Combined Southern Central Coast & Brisbane Water Touch Football Trials were held on Thursday at Bill Sohler Oval, Ourimbah.

All Avoca Beach students who attended showed determination and never gave up throughout each game they played. Their sportsmanship showed on the field, they all played amazingly and represented their school with pride.

Bondi W, Jaggar C, Tayla C, Ava K and Kai B were all successful in making their respective teams. Congratulations to these students who will represent our combined zone team at the Sydney North Trials at Narrabeen Reserve on Wednesday 9th June.

AFL - Paul Kelly Cup

On Tuesday 25th of May the boys and girls AFL teams travelled to Bateau Bay Oval to play in the Central Coast Finals of the Paul Kelly Cup.

The boys team had a few new faces due to a clash with another sporting gala day, however the new students who stepped in played their role amazingly. The boys team had a nervous start with two close losses after leading early in both games. They finished strongly and won their remaining two games by large margins, narrowly missing out on the Grand Final. As most of the boys had not played AFL formally until this year, they did a tremendous job adapting to the rules and learnt a lot about playing as a team. Well done.

The girls started the day well with a good win over Chittaway PS. In the second round they came up against a very strong Terrigal PS team, where they lost by a fair margin. They picked themselves back up and managed a convincing win in the third round against Central Coast Adventist. On count back the girls came in second and played the final against Terrigal PS again. At half time Terrigal were controversially up 12 - 1. The girls rallied in the next half and came back, scoring a goal and two behinds in quick succession. Unfortunately the clock was against us and we lost 9 - 12. Many of the girls, like the boys, had not played AFL before, however I don't think many would have thought that, based on the way they played. I am so proud of them and all they achieved! Well done girls!

Mr Mac and Mrs Faunce

Outside of School:

*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

Chess

We have 3 Avoca Beach Public School teams competing in the NSW Junior Chess League interschool competition. In our division we are competing against Wamberal Public School and Our Lady of the Rosary, Wyoming. Below are some of our match results collated by Callum and Ajay.

Team: B

Round 1: Monty Lowbridge	won
Ajay de Gruchy	draw
Frankie Drinkwater	won
Kieran Singh	won

Team: A

Round 2: Hannah Abra	won
Kahu Slater	draw
Callum Krumm	draw
Leon Haak	won

Team: B

Round 3: Charlie Hilvert	lost
Riley Geary	lost
Felix O' Gary	lost
Beau Ryan	won

Team: A

Round 5: Hannah Abra	won
Kahu Slater	won
Callum Krumm	lost
Leon Haak	won

Team: B

Round 5: Monty Lowbridge	won
Ajay de Gruchy	lost
Franky Drinkwater	won
Kieran Singh	draw



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>

Volunteers needed to teach

ETHICS CLASSES at Avoca....

Ethics classes are held at our school every Wednesday afternoon. We are looking for some more mums and dads who have a little spare time each week to help out at the school and be a part of our amazing team.

Teaching experience is not required but basic computer skills are necessary. Comprehensive training and access to the Ethics Curriculum is provided.

Ethics lessons are thought provoking and are designed to enhance a child's critical thinking and moral reasoning skills. This helps children form and express their own ideas based on logic and evidence, while respectfully listening to others.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call

Myleah O'Brien (Ethics Co-ordinator)

0404 881 267

Or check out our website at: www.primaryethics.com.au

Uniform Shop

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.

MUSIC TUITION AT AVOCA BEACH - GUITAR (ACOUSTIC AND ELECTRIC), SINGING, ELECTRIC BASS, BANJO, MANDOLIN and UKELELE. All styles and all ages, beginners to advanced levels, very experienced professional teacher. Phone Chris on 0422 802 222

Avoca Beach Tennis School

We currently have limited vacancies available in our Saturday morning beginner tennis lessons. For bookings or further enquiries, please call Karen on 43 446935 or 0434 679 107

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Plastic Free Avoca Beach Submit and Avoca Beach Markets would like to celebrate World Ocean Day with you.

Please share your favorite ocean artwork that you have created- it can be a drawing, a painting or a picture of a sculpture.

Enter your piece before June 4th at info@plasticfreeavocabeach.org for the chance to win an Avoca Beach Markets Prize Pack and Art Supplies

Prizes will be awarded to 4 winners across the stages



World Ocean Day



School Holiday Art Workshops



Whale Shadowbox

Tues 29th June. 10-12 pm \$30

We begin the school holidays with this Moby Dick inspired shadow box where we use watercolour painted cardboard to create this dramatic scene of a stormy sea and a whale. **SHOE BOX REQUIRED**

Soft Pastel Sunrise

Wed 30th June. 10-12 pm \$30

This beautiful sunrise landscape is created by layering soft pastel to capture the vibrant colours of a sunrise.



Watercolour Sunset

Thur 1st July. 10-12pm \$30

In this workshop we continue to explore coloured skies but this time the night sky painted in watercolour. Again this picture is created in layers, with tiny dots of white added at the end for stars.



Life Drawing

Thur 1st July. 2-4pm \$30

This is a great one to do with your child. Very good practice for all passionate drawers!



Horse Drawings

Thurs 8th July. 10-12 pm \$30

In this workshop students learn about the basic anatomy of a horse, allowing them to capture its likeness more fully.



Cactus Pots

Fri 9th July 10-12 pm \$35

In this fun activity students design and paint their own pot, then plant a real cactus in it to bring home.

Refreshments provided





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



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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
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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.

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that will finish a weekend of
extravaganza visit the website!

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5landswalk.com.au

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