

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 back to Term 3. I'm sure everyone's plans changed dramatically when lockdown was declared at the first weekend of the holiday break. I hope you all stayed safe and spent lots of quality time with your families. Due to the recent outbreaks of COVID-19 and inclusion of the Central Coast as a hot spot, we now have updated guidelines to start the new school term. Please see below for an explanation of these.

COVID-19 updates

The latest updates from the Department of Education are as follows:

- Learning from home is encouraged, however, a small number of staff will be at school to ensure adequate supervision for students of essential workers.
- Schools will provide a program of learning for students who attend school, and students who are learning from home. This learning will be the same whether online or in school.
- Non-essential visitors are not permitted on school sites.
- Canteens and uniform stores are not to operate.
- No P&C activities on school sites.
- Staff and students must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:
 - they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
 - they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

Parents should:

- Follow the physical distancing advice [External link](#) for their local area and avoid gathering outside of school gates.
- Remain outside of school grounds (some exceptions may exist for students with disability)
- Adhere to mask-wearing requirements and sign-in using the Service NSW QR code if required to enter the school.

Cyber safe families

As the majority of students will be engaging with school work online, I would like to refer families to the following resources to support their children in being responsible online users:

- [Cyber safe families](#) – an overview of cyber safety
- [Technology and wellbeing](#) – useful tips and tools
- [Digital citizenship External link](#) – a collection of articles and resources to maximise students' use of technology.

Athletics Carnival

Our annual athletics carnival at Mingara Athletics Centre has been postponed. We will be working with Mingara to look for an alternative date later in the term.

Term 3 Calendar

Included in this newsletter is our Term 3 calendar. Fingers crossed that COVID restrictions allow community to be a part of the whole school events we have planned for this term. Unfortunately, at this stage, we will be engaging in learning from home for Week 1 and parents will be unable to be on the school site but we are hopeful that this will end soon and we can get back to what we do best, bonding together as a whole community.

Classroom upgrades

During the holiday break, the Department of Education Asset Management team replaced the carpet in 6 of our classrooms. 3/4T, 6M, 4J, 4B, 1G and 1R all have freshly carpeted rooms, ready for Term 3. This work was completed as part of our planned maintenance cycle.

Kindergarten 2022

A reminder that this term we need to know who will be enrolling for Kindergarten 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 as soon as possible, put their name down and collect an enrolment form.

Ben Thomas
Principal

Quote of the Week

“The past teaches us a lesson, the present helps us in our decisions, the future helps us dream.”

Congratulations! 25 Stellars



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

KH	Nyah Bauerhuit, Max Farrell	3S	Lily Rangott, Zeus Curnow
KJ	Sol Rolph, Dash Dowdle	3/4T	
KT	Joshua Kotris, Wynnie Blenheim	4B	
K/1B	Hudson Bednarczyk, Nina Markey	4J	
1G	Rosie Lamshed, Brittany Wilcox	5F	Ace Harvey, Ava Shacker
1R	Ryder Hutchin, Indah Forster	5M	Tully Craik, Cohen Jones
1/2C	Willow Snaith, Jack Gould	5/6D	Claire Burchall, Turner Helyard
2D	Liam Banfield, Kingsley Boyle	6A	Lola Patterson, Dylan Kaehler
2W		6M	Silas Allen, Teddy Currie
3B	Audrey Parker, Kenzie Johnson		

PBL Values Assembly Presentation



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

KH	Millie Fulton, Zoe Tsolakis	3S	Indiah Shiers, Matilda Coleman
KJ	Nellie Lowbridge, Skyla Duff	3/4T	Abigail Armytage, Scarlett Russell
KT	Elsie Taylor, Lenny Warren	4B	Saxon Randall, Sienna Scott
K/1B	Eden Picone, Cleo Drinkwater	4J	Finn Casey, Jasmine Shaw
1G	Javi Eljerban, Avalon Czura	5F	Kieran Singh, Mae Jarmaine
1R	Florence Jardine, Jediah Petersen	5M	Tilleah Bennett, Carla Norris
1/2C	Ned Foster, Hana Collyer	5/6D	Clyde Mitchell, Turner Helyard
2D	Amelia de Ruiter, Johnny Hurrell	6A	Lily Corcoran, Max Latham
2W	William George-Davidson, Brock Cartwright	6M	Omeo Armytage, Dylan Audley
3B	Lily Woods, Willow Ramsay		



The Student Teachers



2021 Central Coast Dance Festival

Congratulations to our Stage 3 dance students who performed at Laycock Street Theatre for the 2021 Central Coast Dance Festival. The students danced up a storm at the festival and their exemplary behaviour backstage was complimented by the festival committee and other teachers. It is always a pleasure to see such a high standard and commitment from our dancers and opportunities such as the CCDF enable our students to excel in Dance and Performing Arts. Sincere thanks to Katie Craik and her hairdressing team who offered to braid ALL the hair before the show. True community spirit!

Look out for this group performing at the PBL Values assembly in Week 5, Term 3.



SPORTS REPORT

Touch Football

PSSA Knockout - On Tuesday 22nd June the boys touch football team went to Austin Butler Oval, Woy Woy to play the 2nd round match against Harbord PS. From the outset, the boys knew they were in for a tough game with Harbord displaying a great amount of touch football experience driving the ball up field. Throughout the entire match the boys defence was incredible, communicating with each other and sliding well to cover any gaps. When the boys attacked off a quick play the ball they were able to score some fantastic tries. Callum, Dylan, and Jasper all scored excellent tries whilst Taj managed to score a hatrick, taking 2 intercepts. Each of the boys displayed tremendous amounts of skill and determination and eventually ran out winners 6-2. They will now play the 3rd round against another Sydney team in early term 3. Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped with transport and were able to come support. Congratulations boys.



Futsal

Congratulations to the girls at ABPS for winning the U/12 Regional Primary Futsal Competition. What a great effort from the team to be undefeated on the day and take out this tournament. In the preliminary rounds, the girls defeated Green Point 2-1, Newcastle Grammar 5-1 and St Patricks 6-1. The semi-final was home grown with Killarney Vale, who put up a great fight! 2-2 was the end result with our girls winning the penalty shoot-out. Special mention to Seren our goal keeper, who made some spectacular saves. She even scored a winning penalty with her dads' shoes!

The grand final was awesome with the girls again playing Green Point. The result was 2-2 draw, which meant another penalty shootout. The last shot came down to Izzy R and she smashed the ball through the goalkeeper's hands. Winners!

Special thanks to all the parents and students who made the day such a success. What great memories for all involved! Surely now Mr Mitchell will take out the coveted 'Coach of the Year' award for ABPS staff.



Netball PSSA Gala Day

On Wednesday the 23rd of June, the Stage 3 Girls Netball team travelled to Adcock Park, West Gosford to participate in the Netball Gala Day. The girls showed tremendous sportsmanship throughout the entire day and proved that winning does not determine how much enjoyment you get out of a game. The girls tried their hardest against some tough teams and nothing could break their smiles! I am extremely proud of every one of them and congratulate them on how well they represented our school. Miss Remy



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

THE SNACK SHACK

The P&C and Snack Shack have voted in favour of terminating our contract with Flexischools due to the long ongoing random failures with its system, causing inconvenience to both parents and canteen staff. Our last day of service using Flexischools was Friday 25 June. If you have money still loaded onto your account you can get it refunded by following the instructions on this link <https://community.flexischools.com.au/s/article/How-do-I-close-or-cancel-my-account>.

The NEW app we will be using is SPRIGGY SCHOOLS, starting back in TERM 3. This app will not charge you any fees for loading money onto it (unlike Flexischools) and costs exactly the same per order (29c), the Snack Shack and P&C will also be able to save a considerable amount of money, which will benefit all students by more money going back into the school donations from us.

We are still in the process of setting up our new account with a menu but will let you know as soon as it's live and ready for you to set up your children's accounts linked to us. The uniform shop will also be using the new app.

We appreciate this may be an inconvenience to some changing accounts but once the change over has been made we should be able to provide you all with a more efficient and cheaper service.



The image is a promotional graphic for the Spriggy Schools app. On the left, there is a text-based advertisement with a white background and a blue gradient. It features the Spriggy Schools logo at the top, followed by the headline 'Introducing Spriggy Schools for online ordering'. Below this, it lists 'How to get started' with three steps: 1. Download the Spriggy Schools app, 2. Create a profile for your child, and 3. Conveniently place orders online. At the bottom of the text area, it says 'Download the app now!' and includes 'GET IT ON Google Play' and 'Download on the App Store' buttons. On the right side of the graphic, there is a smartphone displaying the app's interface. The phone screen shows a user profile for 'James', navigation icons for 'Canteen', 'Events', and 'Shop', a 'New Order' section with a date selector for 'This week: 20 July - 26 July', and a grid of 'Recess' and 'Lunch' options. Each option in the grid has a 'Passed' button and an 'Order' button, with days of the week (Mon, Tue) listed below.

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