

# Newsletter

## Avoca Beach Public School

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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,

This week we were to be celebrating Education Week at school, with the theme, "Lifelong Learners". This will now be done remotely but it is a good reminder that education is a lifelong journey from before a child enters an early childhood setting, progressing to primary and secondary school, and continuing their learning journey into adulthood; learning a trade, entering tertiary education, or the workforce. Continuous learning is critical for success throughout life and everyone can be a lifelong learner. Even more important and pertinent right now, is to remember that learning often takes place beyond the classroom and we should celebrate all types of learning that occurs at all levels across our education system and in our homes. I'm so proud of how our students are becoming increasingly adaptable and learning in different ways. They are developing skills that will enable them to succeed for many years to come. Thank you for continuing to build a strong partnership between parents and teachers, the home and school. This is key to developing our students as lifelong learners.

### Public Education Awards

As part of Education Week, the school participates in the Central Coast Public Education Awards. Two members of our school community were nominated for awards this year and will hopefully receive these at an appropriate ceremony when COVID restrictions ease. Congratulations to Mrs Fyffe and Paula Jamal. Both receive awards for their service to public education and in particular, the students at Avoca Beach Public School. Mrs Fyffe is a dedicated teacher who continually strives to put our students at the forefront of learning. Her passion for leading STEM learning and challenging students to think critically and creatively is truly remarkable. Paula Jamal has also contributed uncountable hours of her own time as the outgoing P&C President. Her tireless efforts have seen immense changes to the school environment and resourcing for students, helping to enable our school to continue providing world class education for the students at Avoca Beach. Mrs Fyffe and Paula, your amazing work does not go unnoticed and the school community thanks you for everything you do!

### Home Learning

As we enter our third week of home learning and lockdowns, I want to take this opportunity to thank parents for the incredible job they are doing. We don't expect you to be teachers. We understand the complexity of students learning at home and juggling your own work and home life, as many of us are doing exactly the same. We are aiming to provide around 3 - 4 hours work and we certainly don't expect students to sit and work from 9am - 3.20pm. Aim to do the core work - reading and maths. If you can get more done that is great. In these times, it is important to put wellbeing first. Over the week teachers have been trying to contact every family to check on their wellbeing and we will continue to do this. We are also preparing to set up a platform like Zoom so we can start to check in with the whole class at the same time at different periods throughout the week. If you are looking for additional learning activities to supplement our programs, check out this link <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home>

**Kindergarten 2022**

The Kindergarten enrolments are now starting to come in fast. With anticipated enrolment numbers due to be submitted next week, please, if you know of any boy or girl who will be starting at Avoca Beach PS in 2022, please let them know to contact the school as soon as possible, to secure their placement.

Ben Thomas  
Principal

**Quote of the Week**

“The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well.” – Pierre De Coubertin

**NCCD (Nationally Consistent Collection of Data)**

At this time of the year, teachers are busy collecting information about school students with a disability for the state and federal governments. This data enables education authorities and governments to better understand the needs of students with a disability and how they can be best supported at school.

All children should have equal opportunities and choices in their education. Often a Teacher has to make daily adjustments to their teaching practice so this can occur.

The NCCD occurs in all schools across Australia in July/August every year. This collects information about all the adjustments and accommodations teachers make to cater for individual needs of students. It is a time for teachers to reflect on their practice and evaluate classroom teaching programs.

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD website (<http://www.nccd.edu.au>)

During school closures, if you're having difficulty and feeling stressed with the added pressure of now being teacher to your child/children, please remember:

You don't need to replicate the school experience.  
Don't try to be your child's classroom teacher.  
Just keep being the teacher you ALREADY are.

We trained for years to teach the way we do,  
just as you trained for years to teach the way you do.

We couldn't take over your job overnight,  
you won't be able to do ours.

Read with your child.

Cook with your child.

Garden with your child.

Enjoy nature with your child.

Make and create things with your child.

Sing and dance with your child.

PLAY with your child.

And above all, keep being the kind, calm role-model your child needs through this challenging time.

This is how you teach.

Keep doing you.

Your child is learning from you every single day.