

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.*

WELCOME BACK!!

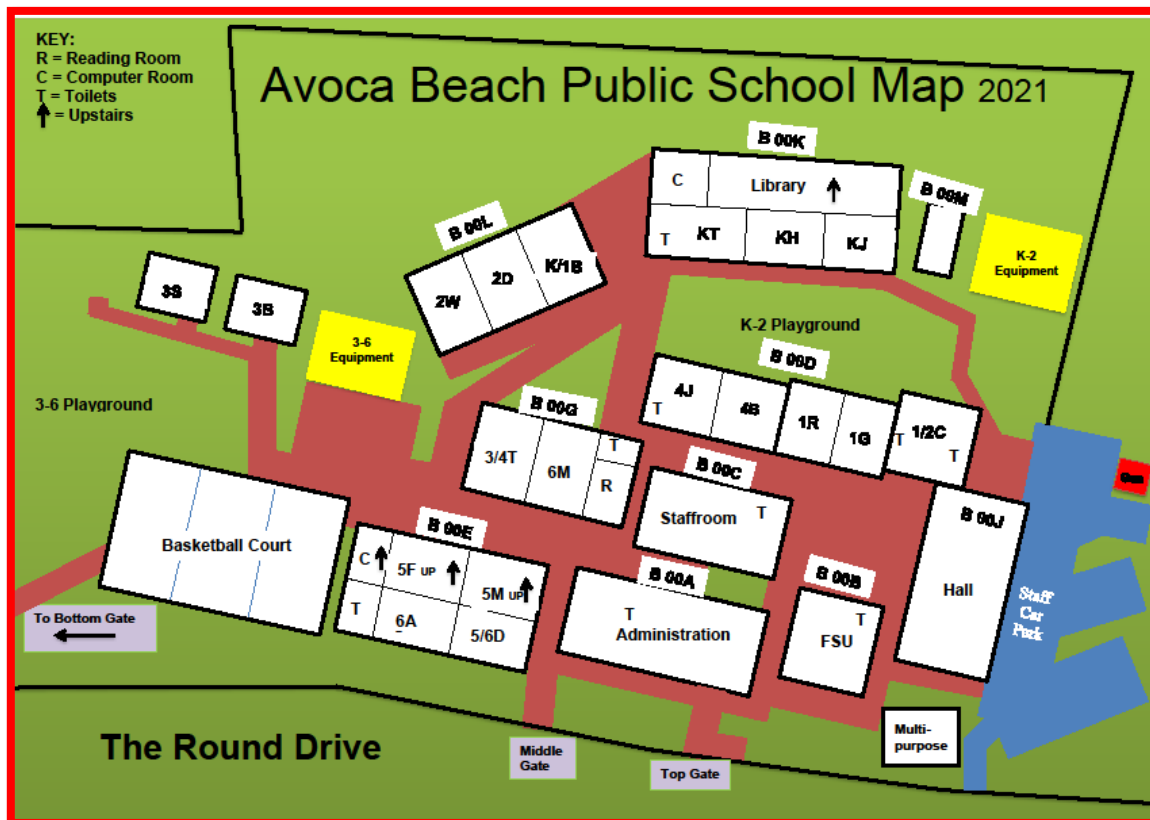
A very warm welcome to all students, parents and staff to the 2021 school year. I'd also like to especially welcome all the new members of our school community. Our school has a proud tradition of excellence in academic, cultural and sporting achievement and we look forward to building on this further throughout 2021.

At this point in time, COVID restrictions have eased, so we are excited to start looking into all the extra-curricular activities that we can run again. A draft calendar of events is attached to this newsletter so you can start planning the term.

2021 Classes

We are so happy that our numbers remained steady from the end of last year and this has allowed us to form classes on day one. As always, students have been placed according to the advice of their teachers, their learning and social needs, and where possible, their friendship groups. Please ensure that you talk positively with your child about entering their new class for the year.

2021 Classrooms



New Staff

This year we welcome Mr Luke Tosevic and Mr Craig Mitchell to our teaching staff at Avoca Beach PS. We also have Mr Chris Wright, Mrs Michele Jarman, Mrs Shannon Metti and Mrs Anne Braund returning in temporary positions. We have 3 new School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) who have joined our staff team in 2021. A warm welcome to Mrs Rachael Grice, Mr Greg Kensell and Miss Baillie Drew-Gittoes. A full list of staff and their classes is below.

2021 Teachers

KT- Mrs Tobin (Kindergarten Assistant Principal)
KH- Mrs Hecht & Mrs Metti
KJ- Mrs Jarman
K/1B- Mrs Bramford
1G- Mrs Gould
1R- Miss Remy
1/2C- Mrs Cameron
2D- Mrs Davies (Stage 1 Assistant Principal)
2W- Mr Wright
3B- Mr Blanch
3S- Ms Spencer (Relieving Stage 2 Assistant Principal)
3/4T- Mr Tosevic
4B- Mrs Bevins
4J- Mr Jarman
5F- Mrs Faunce
5M- Mr MacDonald
5/6D- Mrs Duck (Stage 3 Assistant Principal)
6A- Mrs Ayton
6M- Mr Mitchell
STEM- Mrs Fyffe
Music- Mrs Coleman
Library- Mrs Boarer
Learning Support- Mrs Munton
Learning Support- Mrs Braund
Instructional Leadership- Mrs Hartley (Stage 2 Assistant Principal)
SLSO- Nami Lee
SLSO- Trish Carpenter
SLSO- Pip Scollon
SLSO- Greg Kensell
SLSO- Rachael Grice
SLSO- Baillie Drew-Gittoes

Parent Information Sessions

Our parent information sessions for 2021 will be held in Week 2 for Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4) and Week 3 for all other grades. These sessions are an opportunity to meet with the teachers for each Stage and hear about the classroom organisation and special events happening for your child this year. Easing restrictions mean that we can thankfully have these sessions. However, they do need to be kept to a maximum of 1 hour. Please remember this session is just about receiving information and getting to meet the teacher. Parent interviews will be held at the end of Term 1 to discuss the progress of your child.

The information sessions will be held in the library at the following times:

Kindergarten- Wednesday 10th February- 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Stage 1 (Year 1 & Year 2)- Tuesday 9th February- 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Stage 2 (Year 3 & Year 4)- Wednesday 3rd February- 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Stage 3 (Year 5 & Year 6)- Tuesday 9th February- 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Bell Times

A reminder that our bell times are as follows:

9am- Supervision begins

9.20am- Roll call and class begin (NB- there will be time allocated for a fruit/water break in this session)

11.25-11.35am- Lunch eating time

11.35-12.15pm- Lunch play time

12.15pm- Second learning session

2-2.20pm- Recess

2.20pm- Third learning session

3.20pm- Home time bell

Ben Thomas

Principal

Quotes of the Week

“The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.” – Melody Beattie

“And suddenly you know: It’s time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.” – Meister Eckhart

THE SNACK SHACK

Welcome to all the new families joining Avoca Beach Public School 😊 I am the Snack Shack canteen manager and along with Caroline and Stacey, provide healthy canteen made meals and snacks. If you wish to order food or uniforms please download the Flexischools.com.au App and register your child’s account. You can order LUNCH (11.25am) and RECESS (2.00) and SUSHI for THURSDAYSand also UNIFORMS. There is a separate section to order for each service (swipe left to see all) meal orders are put in a class basket and collected from canteen at 11.25 , we then sell snacks and frozen treats at the counter from 11.35 -11.55 (prices from 50c -\$2.50) CUT OFF each day is 8.30 am ... EXCEPT SUSHI ! 8.00am THURSDAYS ... We look forward to meeting all the new kindy kids, they are so lucky to be joining such a great school and community 😊

Please remember to update your child’s information on Flexischools before next order .



Welcome back to our new school year 2021. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. We are hopeful that 2021 allows us to get back into school and help out in any way we can to improve the learning experience for all our kids.

We will hold our 1st P&C meeting of the year on Tuesday 9th February from 7.30pm in the Staff Room, all are welcome and we look forward to seeing some new faces as well as welcoming back our current members.

WE NEED A NEW TREASURER

Our Treasurer Tanya has moved to Queensland and so we are in need of someone to take over the role. If you would be interested in taking on this role, please get in touch with me at avocabeachpandc@gmail.com or phone 0405497429. No experience necessary and Tanya is more than happy to help remotely if required. If you have any queries or would like to raise an issue at our meeting please let me know.

Kindest regards,
Paula Jamal
P&C President