

# 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,

Welcome to Week 5!

I can't believe we are already edging towards half way through the term. This week, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our amazing teachers. Not only have they been working hard to get to know all the students in their classes and prepare lessons for each day, they have also been participating in a range of professional learning activities before and after school. This year, we are particularly focussing on the quality teaching of Mathematics. As such, the teachers have been engaging in a range of activities to improve and hone their skills in delivering engaging, innovative and explicit Mathematics lessons. The extra time and effort they have put in already this year is simply inspirational. Our students are certainly in great hands!

### Swimming Carnival

Our annual Swimming Carnival (for Years 3-6 and any Yr 2 turning 8 in 2021) is scheduled for next Monday 1st March, 2021 at Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy from 8:30am-2pm. Please return the carnival permission note as soon as possible. Looking forward to some excellent racing and don't forget to wear your House Colours!

### House Families

We are starting a new initiative today to continue building a sense of belonging for our students. House families will run on a Monday afternoon and the students will join other members of their house (Bradman, Jackson, Freeman & Newcombe) to work on a range of activities. These sessions will provide leadership opportunities as well as opportunities for all students to investigate social and emotional wellbeing. Our aim is to continue building a safe, supportive and caring environment for our students, where they feel connected and have a large support network across the school. I encourage families to talk with their children over the coming weeks about their house group and what they are doing with their house family.

BRADMAN
FREEMAN
JACKSON
NEWCOMBE

### School Photos

Our annual school photos will be held this term on Wednesday 24th March. Further information will be sent home with student envelopes as soon as we receive them from MSP Photography.

### Uniforms

The students have looked outstanding in their uniforms at the start of the year! School uniforms are an important feature of our school and they help to promote respect, rules and discipline. It is school policy that students wear school uniform. This policy, was determined by the school parent body and follows the guidelines of the Department of Education's memoranda on the wearing of school uniforms. Please support the school in ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform each day.

A reminder that uniform items are available from the school's uniform shop. The uniform shop is open each Thursday 2.45pm-3.45pm.

### Voluntary Contributions

Our voluntary contribution fees will remain the same for 2021. The fee is set at \$43 per student or \$86 per family. These contributions go a long way to supporting our school to provide high quality educational programs for every student. This year we are hoping to raise funds to resurface our basketball court, purchase new readers for K-2 and support the continued upgrade of our STEM program and increasing the number of devices available in each classroom.

Ben Thomas  
Principal

### Quote of the Week

“A teacher plants the seeds of knowledge, sprinkles them with love and patiently nurtures their growth to produce tomorrow’s dreams.”

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

<b>KH</b>		<b>3S</b>	Lily Rangott, Oliver Blakely, Zeus Curnow, Indya-Rose Grover
<b>KJ</b>		<b>3/4T</b>	Anu Tandel, Felicity Jones
<b>KT</b>		<b>4B</b>	Sienna White, Olivia Schellekens Myles Whiting, Saxon Randall
<b>K/1B</b>	Koa Philips, Alexa Mann	<b>4J</b>	Jasmine Youssef, Harry Lowbridge, Felix O’Gara, Harriet Viles
<b>1G</b>	Rosie Lamshed, Harvey O’Gara, Brittany Wilcox, Ashwin Tandel	<b>5F</b>	Lillie Van Der Donk, Oscar Newman, Sebastian Picone, Riley Geary
<b>1R</b>	Mahli Kunzli, Nic Youssef, Indah Forster, Ryder Hutchin	<b>5M</b>	Kiki Huggett, Henry Petheram, Beau Ryan, Wren Sbrocchi
<b>1/2C</b>	Emilie L’Olive, Maui Rangī, Jackson Dawes, Willow Snaith	<b>5/6D</b>	Jasmine George, Clyde Mitchell, Jameson Boyle, Isabelle Ruzek
<b>2D</b>	Sony Carmichael, Poppie Mann, Bonnie Grover, Kingsley Boyle	<b>6A</b>	Adam Rignall, Audrey Thompson, Jesse Langcake, Fergus Paterson
<b>2W</b>	Arwen Probst, Brixton Ennion, Mia Van Der Donk, Lydia Rodrigues	<b>6M</b>	Turner Helyard, Amy Woods, Taj Knight, Ruby Seyer
<b>3B</b>	Violette Wolters, Sanden Mitchell, Joel Peterson, Brielle Hayes		

### Stage 2 News

Stage 2 students and teachers are super excited about the upcoming Plan Bee excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney. The excursion has been planned to complement our current Science and Technology Living World unit of work being taught ‘Where would we be without bees?’. Students will explore the 200 amazing native bee species and learn how vital they are for pollination and our ecosystem. They will participate in an interactive presentation about Australian native bees and explore the Calyx Plants with Bite exhibition, along with the spectacular vertical green wall. Students will also collaboratively build mini bee hotels to take back to school! The Year 4 excursion will be on Friday 5th March (Week 6) and the Year 3 excursion will be on Friday 12th March (Week 7). Buses will be leaving at 8am sharp. Please ensure your child wears full sports uniform and brings a rain jacket in the event of wet weather.

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to trial at the Southern Central Coast Zone Trials this last fortnight:

**Tennis:** Adam Rignall, Jasper Bennett, Bae Wolters, Niall Dudley, Lenny Taylor, Lola Patterson, Carla Norris, Mia Jamal



**Cricket:** Taj Knight, Cameron Smith, Monty Lowbridge

**Rugby League:** Xavier Jamal, Jett Taylor, Kai Bailey, Callum Buening, Hickson Fisher, Sam McMahon, Cohen Jones.



Results on how they went to follow in the next newsletter.

Kind Regards,  
Brett MacDonald

**The Amazing Race Avoca Beach is coming! Are you READY?**



## School Banking is back.

School Banking is back. School Banking Day will be **Friday**, commencing on **26/02/2021**.

For each weekly deposit made at school, students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once they collect 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a School Banking reward.

If your child has previously participated in School Banking, or has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away by bringing their Dollarmites deposit wallet to school on School Banking day.

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

Our School Banking program is made possible because of volunteers. Thank you to those volunteers for donating their time to run School Banking for our students.

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

## THE SNACK SHACK

We are pleased to announce we are now allowed to have volunteers back in the canteen. A huge thank you to all those people that have already put their names down and filled our roster for this term. At this stage we are only asking for one volunteer per day from 10am -12pm Tues-Fri. We may need more volunteers if and when we get gradually busier throughout the year.

Our PANCAKE DAY was a huge success with over 230 orders. We have now added Pancakes to our daily RECESS menu with a choice of plain, lemon & honey, maple syrup or mixed berry toppings.

VOLUNTEERS ROSTER

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



We had a great turn out to our first meeting of the year and hope this will continue moving forward, it is always great to have new ideas and opinions and get others views and perspectives.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th March, this will start with our AGM at 7pm and our monthly meeting will begin immediately after approx. 7.30pm. All executive positions will become open for election, and we will be looking for volunteers to fill these positions. I have listed below a brief outline of those roles and what each role involves. You don't need previous experience just a willingness to have a go, we are a team, and we work together offering support and understanding to one another. We are all busy people, and we all give what time we can and whatever involvement you wish to have it is welcomed, as an observer, a P and C member, a fund-raising organiser or a member of the executive, everyone is welcome.

#### **President:**

- > Lead and plan along with the Secretary, P and C meetings held once a month, this involves setting the agenda, following the agenda, and ensuring all items are given fair time for discussion and equal opportunity. Importantly making sure our meetings are in regulation with the P and C constitution.
- > Ensuring motions passed are followed through and business arising from previous meetings are addressed if necessary
- > Liaise with our Principal and teaching staff
- > Support and facilitate our volunteers, ie fundraisers/uniform shop volunteers
- > Support paid staff,
- > Option to attend the central coast P and C meetings and to be involved with local government
- > Provide a P and C report for the end of year school report
- > Represent our P and C in public forums, ie end of year assembly/Kindy orientation
- > Provide an end of term report to the school to have on the school website
- > Contribute to the school newsletter
- > Access the P and C Face book page
- > Signatory for the P and C bank accounts

#### **Vice President X 2:**

- >All of the above to support the President and Secretary or in the absence of the President

#### **> Secretary:**

- > To assist the President in writing the agenda for meetings
- > To distribute agenda prior to meeting
- > To record the minutes, along with reports, publish and distribute to members and attending individuals of P and C meetings
- > To keep an up-to-date list of all financial members
- > To collect correspondence received from the school office
- > Signatory for the P and C bank accounts

#### **> Treasurer:**

- > To provide a financial report for each meeting
- > Responsible for P and C funds and financial statements
- > Receive and deposit cash, ie provide floats for fundraising events
- > Submit financial accounts of P&C for independent audit each year and provide these to the P and C Federation
- >Signatory for the P and C bank accounts

#### **> Executive Member:** (includes office bearers and up to 6 other members)

- > Responsible for ensuring decisions made by the P and C are adhered to and acted upon
- > Meetings just for the Executive can be called by the President, or a Vice President in the absence of the President between general meetings should urgent matters arise
- > Support the office bearers

If you have any questions regarding positions or want an issue added to our agenda, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0405497429 or [avocabeachpandc@gmail.com](mailto:avocabeachpandc@gmail.com). All the positions will be up for election. We look forward to seeing you on the 9th of March.

Kindest regards,  
Paula Jamal

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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

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**DAVISTOWN NETBALL CLUB SEEKING 8yrs and 11yrs PLAYERS!**

Our fun, fair and local club is seeking players born in 2010 and 2013 to join our teams. All our sides have experienced and committed Coaches ready to develop your child’s netball skills in a supportive and team focused environment. No experienced necessary! Please email us at [davonetball@outlook.com](mailto:davonetball@outlook.com) or call Lauren on 0415 619 393.



**2021 Registrations**



Minis ( 5 - 9 years ) \$ 120  
Mods ( 10 - 12 ) \$ 170  
International ( 13 - 17 years ) \$ 170  
Girls League Tag ( 13, 15, 17 ) \$ 170  
Girls Tackle ( 13, 15, 17 ) \$ 170

Existing players receive 2021 Club Hoodie  
New players receive 2021 Club Hoodie & Club Sponsor Polo

To register head to our website  
[www.terriganjuniorsharks.com.au](http://www.terriganjuniorsharks.com.au)  
Enq: [secretary.twjr@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.twjr@gmail.com)

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