

# Newsletter

## Avoca Beach Public School

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Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

*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 the final term for 2022. It has been great having students back at school for the whole year and we look forward to finishing off 2022 with lots of great opportunities and positivity for our students.

### Term 4 Calendar

The Term 4 calendar is attached in this newsletter. We are looking forward to enjoying all our end of year celebrations, without restrictions.

### Community Connections Art Show

A massive thank you to all the families who supported our art show. What an amazing event this was. The students (and staff) performed beautifully and we were proud to show off the artworks and sculptures of our talented students. We raised just short of \$6,000 and this money will now go directly towards supporting members of our school community. Thank you for your generosity Avoca Beach!

### Public Speaking

Our school hosted the Regional Public Speaking finals at the end of last term. Thank you to Miss Kay for her organisation of this major event. We had 2 students from each stage represent our school in the competition and they all did a fantastic job. A very special mention to Ruby Buchan (Stage 1) and Koa Payne (Stage 2), who won their divisions and will now compete at the Central Coast finals on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Good luck Ruby and Koa.

### Lilly Pilly Garden

Our Lilly Pilly garden had a makeover during the school holidays. Guest Landscapes have done an amazing job and our students will now be able to better utilise this space for outdoor lessons.



Ben Thomas  
Principal

Quote of the Week

*"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention."* - Oscar Wilde

## Congratulations Dylan De Gruchy our latest Millionaire!



### Avoca Beach Public School Attendance Procedures

ABPS attendance procedures have been developed with reference to the Department of Education's policy *School Attendance Policy (2017)*, *Enrolment of Students in Government Schools (2021)*, *General Enrolment Procedures (2021)* and *Student Attendance in Government Schools – Procedures (2015)* and *Exemption from School – Procedures*.

Government legislation requires students between the ages of six and fifteen to be enrolled at a government or non-government school and to attend school on each day that instruction is provided. It is the duty of the parent or care/provider of these students, under the Education Reform Act 1009, to ensure that these obligations are fulfilled.

Daily attendance rolls will be maintained as legal documents and according to the guidelines for marking documented in the policy. The Act (mentioned above) specifies that the absences must be explained within 7 days of the occurrence.

The Principal and by delegation, class teachers, have the authority to grant leave of absence when a satisfactory explanation for absence is received from the parent or care-provider. The reasons provided should be specific.

The school regularly communicates with parents/carers on School Attendance Requirements and Procedures through the School's Information Book, newsletter and letters where attendance has been of concern.



If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
<b>1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)</b>	<b>19 days per year</b>	<b>≈ 4 weeks per year</b>	<b>Nearly 1½ years</b>
<b>1 day per week (80% attendance)</b>	<b>38 days per year</b>	<b>≈ 8 weeks per year</b>	<b>Over 2½ years</b>
<b>2 days per week (60% attendance)</b>	<b>76 days per year</b>	<b>≈ 16 weeks per year</b>	<b>Over 5 years</b>
<b>3 days per week (40% attendance)</b>	<b>days per year</b>	<b>≈ 24 weeks per year</b>	<b>Nearly 8 years</b>

### Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards.

<b>KB</b>	Beau Sedgwick, Amelia Brennan	<b>3B</b>	Elijah Hanson, Zanzi Missio-Crick
<b>KJ</b>	Ellie Hughes, Rio Sinodinos	<b>3F</b>	Poppy Mann, Jake Banfield
<b>KT</b>	Natalia Lucas, Archie van der Donk	<b>4B</b>	Ace Garrett, Audrey McDonald
<b>KW</b>	Sammy Larkin, Freya Moorcraft	<b>4J</b>	Flynn Smith, Taj Eljerban
<b>1G</b>	Levi Davies, Lenny Warren	<b>4S</b>	Sam Carlisle, Koa Payne
<b>1M</b>	Thomas Grace, Saskia Johnson	<b>5/6C</b>	Harry Lowbridge, Brianna Haydon
<b>1R</b>	Harvey Scerri, Summa Eagles	<b>5/6D</b>	Noah Farrell, Eli Sims
<b>2A</b>	Solomon Watkins, Carter Botham	<b>5/6F</b>	Ollie McDonald, Myles Whiting
<b>2D</b>	Sophie Clarke, Hana Collyer	<b>5/6T</b>	Noah Day, Mia Jamal
<b>2M</b>	Bonnie Hurrell, Ruby Buchan		

### PBL Values Assembly Presentation



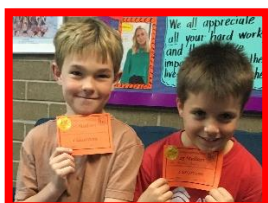
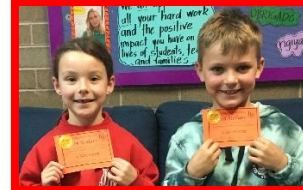
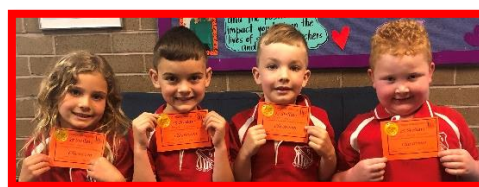
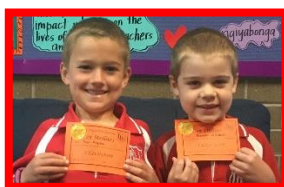
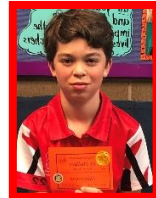
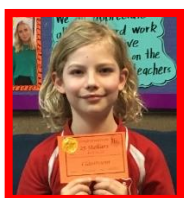
### Congratulations to the students who received PBL Values Awards at the last Values Assembly.

<b>KB</b>	Millie Boesenberg, Eliane Hall	<b>3B</b>	Hudson Douglass, Asha Harris
<b>KJ</b>	Tessa Reed, Eli Faunce	<b>3F</b>	Eamon Krumm, Hope Newton
<b>KT</b>	Adeline Lavers, Jasper Halwagy	<b>4B</b>	Jonah Geary, Keira Verhagen
<b>KW</b>	Keller Love, Brielle Clark	<b>4J</b>	Jax Burque, Ari Pulley
<b>1G</b>	Levi Davies, Hanni Dowling	<b>4S</b>	Aspen Carpenter, Olive Morriss
<b>1M</b>	Jaxon Norris, Nina Rodrigues	<b>5/6C</b>	Kiki Huggett, Oscar Newman
<b>1R</b>	Mackenzie Frykberg, Henry Viles	<b>5/6D</b>	Juon Paterson, Archie Bourke
<b>2A</b>	Eeva Tapper, Harry Brown	<b>5/6F</b>	Ollie McDonald, Mae Jarmaine
<b>2D</b>	Jackson Dawes, Dakota Coleman	<b>5/6T</b>	Mia Jamal, Lily Parker
<b>2M</b>	Toby Hall, Dylan Miller		





Congratulations to our 25 stellar recipients!



## Enrichment Day

On Tuesday 20th September ABPS students took part in our Creative Arts Enrichment Day and had an amazing time exploring sculpture, music, dance and drama. Our day started with two music performances from some talented Year 9 Kincumber High students (including some familiar past ABPS students!) before everyone moved back to their classrooms to begin creating the imaginative sculptures that went on display for the Art Show later that evening. Students spent the rest of the day having fun with dance, drama and music. One of my favourite parts of Enrichment Days is seeing every single ABPS student actively engaged and having a great time with their peers, even the children who may feel a little out of their comfort zone. I love walking around the school on these days and seeing so many smiling faces and hearing so much laughter and excited conversation! Emma Gould Enrichment Day coordinator



## Regional Public Speaking Finals

At the end of last term, Avoca Beach had the pleasure of hosting the Regional Public Speaking Finals. We hosted students from Terrigal, Empire Bay, Kincumber, Copacabana and Pretty Beach. Congratulations to Avoca's finalists Brielle Clark (Kindy), Ruby Buchan and Peyton Halwagy (Stage 1), Hudson Douglass and Koa Payne (Stage 2), Mae Jarmaine and Jeannie Watkins (Stage 3) who proudly delivered their speeches with such confidence in front of the audience. The competition was adjudicated by a teacher from Kincumber High School who was impressed by the high quality of speeches and had a tough job on the day. A further congratulations goes to Ruby Buchan and Koa Payne who will now compete at the Central Coast Public Speaking Finals in Somersby this week. We wish them the best of luck!

Miss Kay





### Our new library STEM space is open!

Our new library lab space has been transformed! This year the science and technology enrichment group worked with Mrs Hartley on a real-life STEM design challenge. Their challenge was to create a STEM collaboration space in the library to suit the needs of all students at Avoca Beach Public School.

Students were guided through the STEM design process carefully. They had to:

**Define & think** about the challenge, the needs of the school, the possibilities for the space, what tasks they would have to undertake and how they would implement each of them.

**Identify the constraints** for the use of the space.

**Brainstorm** possible solutions to these constraints and discuss their big ideas.

**Research** products of school furniture suppliers, graphics and quotes for the wall space and measure out the room.

**Develop and make** – collaboratively shortlist furniture options and design ideas using Microsoft Teams, learn about the software program 'SketchUp' to design a 3D layout to scale (to see how the furniture would fit) and create a budget using formulas in excel. Some students also used Canva to design posters to promote the new space.

A huge thank you to the P&C who generously donated funds to pay for the new furniture in the room and new Lego robotics kits. The exciting news is that the STEM space is now open for all classes to use!

Mrs Hartley



### Stage 2 Museum of Contemporary Art Excursion

In Week 9 of Term 3 Stage 2 students had a wonderful time at the Museum of Contemporary Art. Through experienced MCA artist educators, students studied different artworks and discovered how STEM was used in their art-making practice. On the day Year 3 and Year 4 students were broken into smaller groups to appreciate different artworks and engage with different materials to create something new during the hands-on workshop.

Here are just some of the different experiences and things that the students enjoyed:

*'We really enjoyed making our own contraptions and tools' – Jack and Luke*

*'I really enjoyed creating a city out of felt and other recyclable materials' – Evelyn*

*'I enjoyed learning about the outdoor art structure that was powered by wind' – Matilda*

*'I really loved learning about the Aboriginal tree that looked like it had been created using finger art' – Izzy*

*'We really enjoyed using counters and cardboard to create a picture of what the artwork made us feel like. We also had to close our eyes and listen to the sounds around us and then rip apart the paper to show our interpretation of the sounds' - Fin and Halle.*

*'We loved viewing nature through a kaleidoscope' – Hope and August*



**PSSA Cricket State Knockout Round 4**

On a heavy ground, after the night before, Avoca Beach won the toss against Gosford and chose to bowl. There was some wonderful fielding. Difficult catches were taken by Harry, Finn, Zaiden and Mia. Harry Lowbridge was the pick of the bowlers with 4/12 but was backed up by others who stepped up. Notably Ollie Macdonald who took 2/6. Oscar Newman filled in as wicketkeeper and was quite handy with the gloves.

Chasing a total of 41, Avoca Beach passed the score before drinks with 2/43. Harry scored a captain's knock of 20 not out.

It must be said that the team won the match with 4 regular players out!

Congratulations and the team have won the Central Coast Zone and will now play Cherrybrook from Sydney to see who are the Sydney North Area champions. Good luck!

**Sydney North Athletics Carnival**

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 6 Avoca Beach students travelled down to Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre to compete in the Sydney North Athletics Carnival. It is a wonderful achievement to reach this competition after finishing in the top 3 at both their school and Zone carnivals. Zeus (1500m), Hudson (100m + long jump), Harry (200m), Ariana (high jump), Nina (100m) and Talia (100m + long jump) can all be very proud to have represented our school on the big stage. All students gave it their all, with Talia Tebb being successful in making it to State after finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the final of long jump. She will now compete at the State Athletics Carnival next week. Congratulations.



## Staff Profile

### Carolyn Coleman

#### Early career

I began teaching in Western Sydney in the late 80's and quickly realized that teaching music K-6 was what I really felt passionate about.

At the same time, I was a competent pianist and began learning Jazz. I joined jazz and blues bands in my early 20s and played in clubs and pubs around Sydney and as well as music festivals all around Australia. Those were the days when musicians were getting plenty of work in bands and I was able to hone my craft through experience. I still play and have my own jazz band, The Stompin' Rhythm Aces.

After many years as a casual teacher of music, I was appointed a permanent teaching position at Waitara Public School where I worked for several years before gaining a position at Avoca Beach Public School.

I feel very fortunate to be given the opportunity to teach the creative arts here at Avoca Beach Public School where the community is so supportive and appreciative of the programs we provide. Our students continually show respect and responsibility, and always show their personal best whether in choir, band and/or strings.

#### My personal beliefs

I believe that quality music education should be available freely to all young people. In the musical classroom children are happy, social, verbally competent and able to listen and decode sounds. Spontaneity, creativity and improvisation are all enhanced in a musical setting. Through music, children gain a better understanding of themselves, their capabilities and vulnerabilities, as well as art and the world around them.

#### My personal life

I started my own family late in life and was lucky to have a beautiful daughter, Jade, who is now 14 and at Kincumber High School. I also have two stepsons: Yuri who is also 14, the same age as Jade, and Joel, who is expecting a baby with his lovely wife, Leah.

I am very excited to be starting a new life with my husband Chris, who I married in the holidays. I will now be known as Mrs Irvin.





**Julie Boarer**

Well, it's my turn to share a little about myself in the newsletter.

I am originally from Sydney and have been teaching in various roles for the past 31 years.

I have 2 children who are all grown up now. My eldest studied Architecture and is currently managing quite a few 'Pinot and Picasso' stores and my youngest is currently finishing her last year of Environmental Science and she would love to get a job surfing and swimming with dolphins.

Both my children attended Narara Valley Performing Arts Selective school and were active in the surf club. My eldest studied Art and Dance in her HSC and loves to dance, paint and sing while my youngest is a State high jumper and competed in many years of Little Athletics and Nippers carnivals.

My family and I moved to the coast 21 years ago and I worked at many schools casually for a while whilst waiting for a transfer and then worked at Woodport Primary school for 8 years.

During my time at Woodport, I taught kinder for 5 years and various other stages as well.

This is where I used my skills as well as interests in softball and sport. I coached Boys Softball Knockout teams and was involved in PSSA sport at Regional and State level.

I was also involved in the Surf Club with my children and did my bronze and became a surf lifesaver for 10 years both at Avoca Beach surf club and Soldiers Beach.

I have worked at Avoca Beach Public School for the past 11 years and during that time I have taught PDHPE for 7 of those years as well as stage 2 and stage 3. I have also coached many Softball Knockout teams and co-hosted the very popular Talent Quest with Mrs Coleman.

For the past 2 years, I have been the Teacher Librarian, which I have really enjoyed, as I love books and encouraging the students to read. There is nothing like getting a box of new books and watching how excited the kids get when they come into the library and see all the new books on display ready to borrow and of course I also enjoy hosting the very exciting Book Week parade.

Over the last 10 years, I have devoted more time to my personal interest in singing and performing and I have enjoyed becoming part of the Central Coast karaoke community, entering competitions and hosting karaoke nights at home.

My newest interest has been in learning to ride a motorbike and I have now been riding for the past 5 years and currently ride with my partner and friends whenever we can, weather permitting.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I love coming to work each day and I am very lucky to work in the library of such an amazing school and I am grateful to have the opportunity to teach all the wonderful children from such a supportive and caring community.





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### **Uniform Shop**

Uniform shop is now fully stocked with the new Polos! We are only waiting on the New Jackets which hopefully will be in soon.

Uniform shop will be open from 2:30 - 3:30pm on Thursdays with extra opening times to be confirmed for headstart.

Thank you  
Lara

## THE SNACK SHACK

Welcome back to Term 4, hope you all enjoyed the holidays. Our end of term Pizza Special was a great success, thank you for all your orders. We are currently in the process of finding quotes to upgrade our ovens and kitchen layout so we are able to cope with the ever-increasing orders. If you know a local kitchen fitter or plumber that would be interested in quoting please contact the canteen.

Term 4 is typically our busiest term and we would really appreciate some help with serving, and packing lunches so we are able to get them out on time. If you are free for a couple of hours between 10-12 please add your name to the below roster.

**PLEASE NOTE** Lyndsay will be overseas for 3 weeks, so please do not send any direct messages regarding lunch orders as I won't receive them. Please ring the canteen via the school phone if you have any problems, Lara will be happy to help.

Cancelling orders.... If your child has a lunch order and will be off sick you are able to cancel the order yourself online BEFORE 8.30am OR ring the canteen BEFORE 10am ...

Late orders..... If you have missed the cut off for ordering, you can send in cash and order over the counter or in emergency ring the canteen BEFORE 10am..... SUSHI cannot be ordered after 8am, if you have ordered Sushi and your child is sick, please ring us so we can keep it in canteen for you to collect if you wish.

**IOU orders**..... We understand life is busy and sometimes the cut off for ordering is missed or your child just forgot to pick up their lunch box, we will always feed any child that is brought up to us, or comes up to tell us they have no lunch. Please understand we are only able to offer a simple sandwich or sausage roll (if we have enough spares available), the child will be given an IOU note to bring home, you can either pay online (as if ordering an IOU for the next day's date) or send in cash with the note to the canteen. We have had over \$700 of IOU issued this year so far, prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

If you are able to help us on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday between 10-12 we'd love to see you and your children will be even more pleased. We are going back to using the online volunteer roster to try and save us some more time for cooking.

Please click on the link and pop your name down if you have a free couple of hours. ( please note we DO NOT get notified if you take your name off the roster, so we'd really appreciate you letting us know if you can't fulfil your shift so we can find a replacement )

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

## Ethics @ Avoca Beach PS

### ***Can you help facilitate ethics classes at your school?***

We are looking for volunteers. We would love to be able to offer classes to all students enrolled in ethics and keep the classes comfortably small to allow everyone to participate.

Ethics classes run for 30 minutes on Wednesday afternoons. Please consider whether you are available to help. Grandparents and the wider community are welcome to apply.

Detailed lesson plans are provided by Primary Ethics and have been approved by the Department of Education. Primary Ethics provides teacher training. The training consists of online self-study modules and a comprehensive 2-day workshop (in-person or via Zoom). For more information about the program and to apply please visit

<https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/> If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Julia Kosheleva on 0402 414 041 or [Julia.kosheleva@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:Julia.kosheleva@primaryethics.com.au) or use the contacts provided on the website.





### Children's Disco Parties

Hosted by local Ali Payne - As seen at Avoca Beach Fair

Put your feet up while I make your child feel like a star and create a fabulous party experience with lasting memories ☺

I bring all of the equipment – Professional sound system, Music and lights as I guide the children through dancing and games with prizes, stickers, stamps, coloured hairspray and loads of fun!

In your home or the venue that you hire

For more information contact Ali on Ph: 0414 321 746

or email: [info@dancepantsparties.com.au](mailto:info@dancepantsparties.com.au)

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