

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,

We have been so proud of our students and their commitment to the whole school musical. Their positive attitude, creative talents and sense of fun has created such a happy vibe around the school. Cast A did an amazing job last week and we are looking forward to watching Cast B rock the stage this week. An enormous thank you to all the teachers for the time and effort they have put into making this show happen. It really has been a mammoth task. Special thanks to Mrs Davies, Mrs Jarmaine, Ms Spencer, Mrs Fuller, Mr Jarmaine, Mrs Hartley, Mr Wade and Mrs Braund. These teachers have worked tirelessly to write scripts, choreograph dances, source costumes, create props, organise sound and music and coordinate backstage. We are all so thankful for the work that has been done to provide our students with this memorable opportunity.

Wall of Fame

We have so many talented students in the Avoca Beach community and there are a growing number of girls who have been joining Glen "Micro" Hall for regular surf coaching before school. They have even been lucky enough to have World Surf League Qualifying Series surfer and 2-time Australian Junior Champion, Molly Picklum, also join them for lessons. All this training is obviously paying off, with Talia Tebb winning the Woolworths Surfer Grom Final at Curl Curl on 16th October and Olive Morriss coming 2nd in the same event. Talia and Olive now sit in first and second spot in the national rankings! Talia also won the Rip Curl contest at Newcastle and Zara Hall finished 2nd in this contest, earning both girls qualification for the Rip Curl finals at URBNSURF in Melbourne. What an achievement by our Avoca girls!

I spoke to Micro about how fantastic it is to offer this world class coaching to the girls, to which he replied, "watching the girls walk off to school from the beach with wet hair, a hot chocolate in their hand a huge smile on their face makes me so happy. It's the best way to start the day before school".



Kindergarten 2023 & student enrolments for 2023

We are still getting enrolments coming in for Kindergarten 2023 and we are trying to finalise numbers in the coming weeks. Please make sure that you have submitted enrolments for 2023 ASAP so numbers can be finalised and we can start working on class structures. Could we also ask that you let the office know if you will not be returning next year. We are taking many enrolment enquiries at the moment and we need to make sure places are available for all our local students.

Musical Reminders

- Cast B will perform this week, with shows on Tuesday and Thursday night and a matinee performance on Wednesday.
- Tickets are available through Trybooking and are \$5. There are not many tickets left.
- Please drop students off at 5.30pm and pick them up from the classroom from 7.30pm.
- Bring along small change to purchase drinks and ice creams at intermission. All proceeds go to supporting the Year 6 farewell fundraising.
- Stay home if you are unwell and if you are displaying Covid-19 symptoms, please take a test (PCR or RAT) to ensure a negative result.
- While we will do everything we can to ensure adequate ventilation on the night, it is still an inside event. As such, mask wearing is encouraged. Masks will be available at the door.

Rebel Sport community kickback program

As we start to head into summer sport season, I'd like to remind everyone about Rebel Sport's community kickbacks program. If you sign up for a loyalty card with Rebel Sport, you can nominate Avoca Beach PS every time you make a purchase and Rebel will donate 5% of all purchases back to the school to spend in-store and provide more resources for the students at our school.

Ben Thomas
Principal

Quote of the Week

"Never give up on what you really want to do. The person with big dreams is more powerful than one with all the facts." – Albert Einstein

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards.

KB	Riley Campbell, Jacinta Boyle Chloe Tigges-Campos, Emmy Dawes	3B	Willow Sumowski, Beau Banfield Stevie Fraser, Phoebe McKinnon
KJ	Rio Sinodinos, Delilah Tarawhiti Lily Pace, Jonah Burque	3F	Zane Napton, Zoe Tague Arlie warren, Alex O'Rourke
KT	Ayla Barlow, Aston Douglass Bohbella Ivison, Elio Bishop	4B	Jack Harris, Carter Rodgers Oliver Blakely, Maeve Grace
KW	Indi Coleman, Hunter de Ruiten Keller Lover, Freya Moorcraft	4J	Anu Tandel, Jax Burque Macy Lester, Voilette Wolters
1G	Indi Ennion, Max Farrell Violet Miller, Archie Neville	4S	Audrey Parker, Sienna Mackaness Owen Gillett, Indiah Shiers
1M	Jack Gilroy, Luka Morrow Taiga Collyer, Kain Paterson	5/6C	Felix O'Gara, Melody McRae Cameron Dalton, Jack Miller
1R	Hugo Ceccato, Ruby Ramsay Evelyn McKim, Sol Rolph	5/6D	Ari Michalk-Banning, David Parker Dylan de Gruchy, Arianna McVeigh
2A	Solomon Watkins, Brittany Wilcox Indah Forster, Dakota Coleman	5/6F	Austyn Mackie, Tilleah Bennett Ava Moyle, Willow Carpenter
2D	Nina Markey, Hana Collyer Angel Lockyer, Zane Kneller	5/6T	Poppy Hilton-Foster, Lily Parker Dylan McMahan, Zoe Powling
2M	Georgie Jones, Ryder Glaser Joey Morton, Jasmine White		

Congratulations to our 25 stellar recipients!



**Staff Profiles
Debbie Bowditch**

Hello, my name is Debbie Bowditch and you know me from the school office where I have been one of the School Administration Officers for 6 years. I have worked in both Primary (Woodport and ABPS) and High Schools (Erina and Gorokan) on the coast for 16 years, initially as a casual Administration Officer for 7 years before gaining permanency.

Prior to working in schools, I studied at university and held Marketing and Communications positions in Sydney and on the Central Coast.

My greatest and most enjoyable life experiences are being mum to two fabulous sons Cameron (26) and Toby (23) and being married to my wonderful husband, Michael, for 33 years. Outside of work I enjoy snow skiing, overseas travel, Pilates, spending time outdoors, holidaying in our caravan and spending precious time with family and friends.

I really enjoy working at the school because no two days are the same, plus I get to work with an amazing team of dedicated, talented, professional and fun people in a great school community. Interacting with and helping your child/ren is a privilege and something I know I will continue to enjoy for a number of years to come.



Lara Jaksich

My name is Lara and I currently work in the school office. I have been so lucky to have this opportunity to work at ABPS. I come from a large High School which is a very different environment to a primary school and I'm absolutely loving the change.

I grew up on the Northern Beaches of Sydney before moving to Brisbane with my husband Steve and two girls Jemma and Sophie. We lived in Brisbane for 8 years before moving to the Central Coast with two more children added to our tribe, Riley and Tamzin as well as a dog called Buddy. I have lived on the Central Coast for 14 years now and I can't imagine living anywhere else.

When I'm not at work I spend my time with my family, friends and two dogs Leo and Jasper.

Working at ABPS is such a privilege. I am loving the chance to work with such a team of hardworking and dedicated people. Helping the students brings me so much joy and they always put a smile to my face.

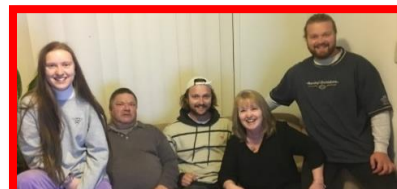
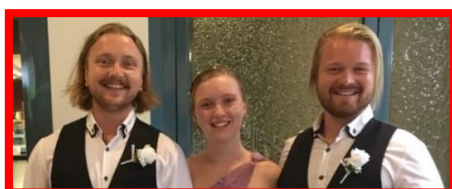
**Heather & Greg Stratton**

Greg and I moved to Avoca Beach from Sydney nearly 25 years ago. I came from a working background in corporate travel and Greg in landscaping. We are blessed to have three beautiful children Rhys 26, Jaxson 22 and Jemma 19 who all attended Avoca Beach Public School so we have been a part of this school community for 21 years.

Over the years, as parents, we were both part of various different school activities including fairs, street parties, parent working days at the school and I was a constant in the classrooms as a parent helper even in classes other than those of our children. We were also actively involved in the community sporting groups coaching/managing league, soccer and cricket teams.

In 2015 Jemma finished year 6 at Avoca Beach Public School. Through my constant communication as well as evolving friendships with both teaching and administration staff I was lucky enough to become part of the staff in term 4 2015. Greg was then fortunate to have the opportunity to become part of the staff from 2019 as a casual with permanency following in 2020.

This is a school that we are both extremely proud to be a part of both as former parents and now staff, able to contribute to the school from both sides of the fence. We have seen the school develop in many different ways over years gone by but the one constant has always been the devotion of staff at all levels to their students and the community. It always has been and will continue to be a privilege to be part of the team that works together and provides our students with nothing but the best!



MR DOWNEY + MR RILEY WELCOME YOU TO
**YEAR 6 INTO 7
TRANSITION
PROGRAM
@KINCUMBER HIGH
SCHOOL**

2022



ORIENTATION DAY

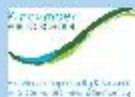
TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER
ARRIVE AT 9AM AND
DEPART BY 2PM

- MINI-LESSONS
- TREASURE HUNT
- MEET THE STAFF

ORIENTATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER
5:45 - 7:30PM

KHS HALL
PARENTS AND STUDENTS ARE
WELCOME



**BOOK PACK SALES FROM THE P&C - EVERYTHING
YOU NEED TO START YEAR 7 IN 2023**

\$80 - DRIVE THROUGH SERVICE (CARD ONLY)
KHS STAFF CARPARK

- TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER - 4-6PM
- THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER - 6-8PM





Old school uniform - recycling

Don't forget we are still taking donations of the old school uniform (Monday – Friday, 8.30-2.30pm). Last day for donations is this Friday! There is a labelled tub outside of the school canteen for all donations.

P&C Meeting – Tuesday, 15 November – 7pm

Our next meeting will be held on 15 November from 7pm, meet in the staffroom. All welcome.

ABPS P&C Committee

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop is fully stocked. Just waiting for the jackets to arrive which should be in the next 2 weeks!

We are opened -

Thursdays 2:30 - 3:30pm

We will also be open on the **last head start day** -

Friday 18th November 9:30am - 12:30pm - if new starters would like to come and see the uniform and try sizes on!

Any **EXCHANGES** - Please return to the shop or the office with child's name, class and details of exchange.

Please make sure TAGS ARE STILL ATTACHED.

The Snack Shack

It has been a busy start to Term 4 already. Many thanks to the people that have volunteered so far to help me out while Lyndsay is away.

I've attached the link to the sign-up sheet for anyone that is able to donate a couple of hours packing lunches with me. Especially on Fridays - we are still in need of some help as it's our busiest day. I promise I'll give you a drink and make you laugh. And your kids love seeing you! We have had a few problems with SPRIGGY orders not coming through. Please make sure you are getting your confirmation email to ensure your order was completed. Obviously though, no child will go hungry.

Please ensure the IOUs are paid as promptly as possible via the SPRIGGY app or cash over the counter. I will send out some more reminders this week to overdue IOUs.

<https://signup.zone/4QhBNJcmwrcggM3s8>

Thank you

Lara Napton

ABPS Uniform Shop & Snack Shack

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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 or use the contacts provided on the website.



PIANO LESSONS WITH KIM

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 sounds, symbols and language of music on the keyboard. I would be pleased to answer any questions on 0411 123 129 or via Email pianolessonswithkim@gmail.com

**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

or check out the Website: www.dancepantsparties.com.au

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**Central Coast
Summer Holiday
Junior Chess
Tournament
(ages 6 to 17)**

Entry fee \$10

For full details please
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**Rated by
NSWJCL**

Tuesday 24 January

Must pre-enter by Sunday 22 January

Central Coast Grammar School

9.30am – 4.00pm

**With an educational checkmate puzzle competition
and lots of prizes. Practice puzzles provided on entry.**

**Minimum ability: Must know how to move the
pieces and complete games largely unassisted.**