# **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,

Week 5 is here and the students have had an amazing start to Term 2. The teachers have all been working very hard to provide a rich balance of academic, sporting, cultural and creative experiences for the students.

#### **Attendance**

Every school in NSW now has an attendance target that needs to be met and our school is focused on improving student attendance in line with our 2021 – 2024 Strategic Improvement Plan. The aim is to increase the amount of students whose attendance is at 90% or greater. In 2022, our target is to have 83% of students, attending school 90% of the time or more. We acknowledge that COVID-19 has impacted attendance this year, but so far, our attendance rate at 90% or above, is sitting at 67%. We are hoping to work with families to improve on this over the next two terms.

## **Applications for Extended Leave**

The Department of Education discourages travel, in the form of family holidays, during school time. However, if you do need to travel during the school term, an Application for Extended leave form must be completed. These forms are available from the front office and should be completed before the travel period. Documentation such as a travel itinerary or e-ticket are required to be attached to these forms. A Certificate of Extended Leave will be provided following submission of the application.

### **Enrol for Kindergarten 2023**

As we near the second half of the year, it is time to start calling for enrolment applications for 2023. If you have a child starting in 2023 or you know of someone in the community who does, please come into the school to start the enrolment process.

#### **Buddy Program**

It has been so nice to see our buddy program up and running again this year. The purpose of our buddy program is to support a smooth transition for children starting school and in the early years of their schooling. However, the benefits of our buddy program are much more than just that. Our programs promote social and support networks, a sense of community and a sense of belonging in the school. I also love seeing how caring our older students are with their buddies and the leadership skills that they develop throughout the process.

#### Staffing news

Congratulations to Miss Remy, who is expecting her first baby at the end of June. Miss Remy will be taking maternity leave from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Miss Jackie Kay, will be taking over class 1R. Miss Kay comes from Parramatta West PS, where she was permanent on a Year 1 class. She has a wealth of experience, knowledge and enthusiasm. We welcome Miss Kay to Avoca Beach PS, and wish Miss Remy all the best coming up to this exciting time for her family.

#### Wall of Fame

Hanni and Violet in 1G came to see me last week with their amazing writing. Mrs Gould has been working hard with her class on independent writing skills and they have been doing such a good job ensuring that their writing has correct punctuation and descriptive language. Evanna, Atlas, Elio and Ellie in KT have also been working hard on their writing skills. They have been learning to write sentences from dictation, using correct punctuation, spelling and spacing. We're so proud of our clever Kinder students!

A huge congratulations to Olivia in 5/6C, who is the first student to receive 25 stellars this year. Thank you for always being so respectful and responsible Olivia!



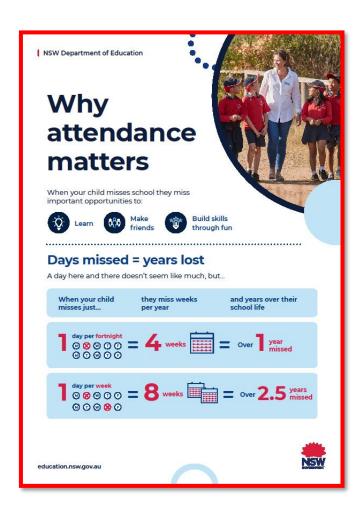




Ben Thomas Principal

## Quote of the Week

"Respect your parents. They passed school without Google!" - Anonymous



## Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards.

КВ	Napier Bennett, Riley Campbell Ari Garrett, Jacinta Boyle	3B	Hudson Douglass, Elijah Hanson Ari Jarmaine, Zander Jones
КЈ	Clover Clayton, Oscar McCormack Stevie Glaser, Remi Crum	3F	Alex O'Rourke, Jake Banfield Frankie Drinkwater, Josh Tarawhiti
КТ	Atlas Czura, Milliana Williamson Olive Hayes, Levii Carney-Flanders	4B	Cody Gee, Charlotte Fisher Mackenzie Cruikshanks-Finn Doug Minor
KW	Luke Prosser, Matilda Forster Freya Moorcraft, Alex Sempka	4J	Violette Wolters, Cooper O'Brien Abigail Armytage, Ari Pulley
1G	Hanni Dowling, Milly Waters Lenny Warren, Max Farrell	45	Sam Carlisle, Audrey Parker Lewis Audley, Lily Rangott
1M	Jack Gilroy, Thomas Grace Nyah Bauerhuit Broughton, Conor McMahon	5/6C	Zaiden Taylor, Lillie Van der Donk Jack Walker, Charlotte Coleman
1R	Hugo Ceccato, Mia O'Brien Immy Feist, Jed Carroll	5/6D	Kahu Slater, Archie Bourke Samarah Livingstone, Hickson Fisher
2A	Aiden Gee, Alexis Sedgwick Clive Morriss, Florence Jardine	5/6F	Felicity Jones, Seb Farmer Grace Tamblyn, Tilleah Bennett
2D	Estella Filo, Eeva Tapper Hamish Peterson, Fynn Suters	5/6T	Isabella Ruzek Lily Parker, Kai Berthot-Craig
2M	Dylan Miller, Joey Morton Toby Hall, Alexa Mann		



Our Amazing Maths Race is back for round 2!

On Tuesday 7th June, ABPS students will become competitors in an exciting day of creative and practical maths challenges. Students will bring home any information they need in the next two weeks.

Parents, you are invited too! If you would like to help out in our Amazing Race and judge the students as they complete their outdoor challenges, either return the yellow note sent home with each family or contact the office.

Date: Tuesday 7th June

Time: 11:30am – 2pm

## **Cross Country Report 2022**

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, students from Avoca Beach Public School walked to Heazlett Park to compete in our annual cross country carnival. Pleasingly, we got a break in the rain, and we were able to run a full primary carnival. Participation was outstanding with lots of students participating to earn points for their house. Congratulations to our zone qualifiers that have earnt the opportunity to run in the Southern Central Coast Zone Cross Country Championships which was held last Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022. School Carnival results are listed below.

Cross Country Carnival Results 2022				
	8/9 Years Boys			
] <sup>st</sup>	Hudson Douglas			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brixton Ennion			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Zane Napton			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Frankie Drinkwater			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ari Jarmaine			
6 <sup>th</sup>	Kingsley Boyle			
8/9 Years Girls				
<b>]</b> st	Nina Markey			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sasa Dowling			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Arwen Probst			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Phoebe McKinnon			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ruby Buchan			
6 <sup>th</sup>	Poppi Hall			
10 Years Boys				
<b>]</b> <sup>st</sup>	Zeus Curnow			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cooper O'Brien			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Taj Eljerban			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ace Garrett			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Max Rattray			
6 <sup>th</sup>	Joel Peterson			
	10 Years Girls			
] <sup>st</sup>	Violette Wolters			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Olive Morris			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Indiah Shiers			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Felicity Jones			





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5 <sup>th</sup>	Willow Hayes			
6 <sup>th</sup>	Brielle Hayes			
11 years Boys				
] <sup>st</sup>	Kai Berthot - Craig			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Charlie Beaton			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Noah Day			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dylan De Gruchy			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Zac Battye			
6 <sup>th</sup>	Eli Sims			
11 Years Girls				
<b>]</b> st	Talia Tebb			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bondi Werner			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ava Knight			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Matilda Harvey			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ellie Brien			
6 <sup>th</sup>	Payton Arnold			
Senior Boys				
<b>]</b> st	Callum Krumm			
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2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jem Stead			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oliver McDonald			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kahu Slater			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kieran Singh			
6 <sup>th</sup>	Elijah Cohen			
Senior Girls				
<b>]</b> st	Carla Norris			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Isabelle Ruzek			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Olivia Sumowski			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tilleah Bennett			
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mia Jamal			
6 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Abra			





## **House Results**

1st: Bradman 2nd: Jackson 3rd: Newcombe 4th: Freeman



## **Southern Central Coast Zone Cross Country Championships**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 48 students from ABPS travelled to Rogers Park, Woy Woy to compete in the Sothern Central Coast Zone Cross Country Championships. Conditions were tricky with showers throughout the day. Our runners did an incredible job, representing our school with perfect behaviour and gritty determination. The students in the list below finished in the top 6 of their events and will now compete in the Sydney North Cross Country Championships on the 16<sup>th</sup> June. A fantastic effort! We wish them all the very best of luck. As a result of all the competitors amazing efforts, Avoca Beach Public School was crowned ZONE CHAMPIONS for the 10<sup>th</sup> straight year! What an incredible achievement!

SCC Zone Results				
Callum Krumm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Senior Boys			
Carla Norris	3 <sup>rd</sup> Senior Girls			
Talia Tebb	3 <sup>rd</sup> 11 Years Girls			
Zeus Curnow	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 years boys.			
Nina Markey	4 <sup>th</sup> 8/9Years Girls			
Olive Morriss	4 <sup>th</sup> 10 Years Girls			
Ava Knight	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 Years Girls			



















## **NSWPSSA State Touch Football Championship**

Last week, Bondi Werner represented Sydney North at the NSWPSSA State Touch Football Championships. Bondi played 13 games over 3 days, showing tremendous skill, team work and sportsmanship. Her team won the majority of their games and narrowly missed out on the semi-finals finishing 5<sup>th</sup> out of the 13 areas represented. It is a tremendous achievement to have made the Sydney North team and we congratulate Bondi on her success.









#### **Chess 2022**

This term Avoca Beach Public School have entered 3 teams into the Central Coast Primary Schools Competition with the NSW Junior Chess League. Our highly skilled and experienced A Team comprises of Hannah Abra, Kahu Slater, Leon Haak and Callum Krumm, representing the school in the Championship grade (the highest grade) for the very first time. So far, they have played against Central Coast Adventist School and Gosford Public School. The have already won 5 out of the 12 games played. Our B and C teams are playing in the Rookie grade and consist of Finn Brown, Ajay de Gruchy, Frankie Drinkwater, Felix O'Gara, Archie Bourke, Owen Gillet, Lewis Audley and Ari Jarmaine. After playing multiple teams against Central Coast Adventist and Our Lady of the Rosary Wyoming, they have won an astonishing 22 out of 32 games played and had 3 draws. It was a privilege to watch our students compete with such respect and admiration for their opponents and I am looking forward to watching them compete in the many more rounds to come. A huge thank you to the parents who have been volunteering to transport the teams to our away games. We couldn't do it without you







## **Premier's Debating Challenge**

Best of luck to our two Stage 3 debating teams that begin their first round of debating in The Premier's Debating Challenge. The students will go head-to-head with Kincumber Public School on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at Avoca Beach Public School. Both teams have been working very hard to learn the rules and skills of a debate and are now ready to put their knowledge and critical thinking skills into action! Good Luck debaters!

## **Tjudibaring A.E.C.G. Dance Project 2022**

Congratulations to the 10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who participated in the 1st Tjudibaring A.E.C.G. Dance and Cultural Workshop. The workshop was held at Avoca Beach Public School on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> May. 47 students in total worked with cultural leaders and choreographers Stu McMinn and Juanita Duncan to learn about traditional and contemporary Aboriginal Dance. Students were given opportunities throughout the day to create, connect and dance with other Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students from our Tjudibaring A.E.C.G. schools. We look forward to seeing our students build cultural connections throughout the year during different workshops and dance performances. Well done Avoca Beach students!





Zaiden Taylor (Yr5), Napier Bennett (Kindy) and Angel Lockyer (Yr2).



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#### **Staff Profile**

#### **Louise Duck**

Avoca Beach Public School has been such a great school to work at that I have been here now for over 30 years!

Throughout the years, I have enjoyed building relationships within this community. I love nurturing students to grow and learn and feel great satisfaction when they grasp a skill or concept. There's no greater reward than when a student says, "Thank you" because they appreciate what you have done for them!

Currently I am Assistant Principal of Stage 3, but I have taught across all stages since my time at ABPS. These last two years have come full circle, where I am teaching students I taught when they were in kindergarten.

I was born in Cootamundra and attended Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga. My first teaching positions were at Cootamundra Public School, EA Southee School, Cootamundra and Balranald Central School. Balranald was such a great start to my teaching career. Working in the country was truly a rewarding experience and I made many great friends which I keep to this day.

I travelled extensively throughout Britain, Europe and America before relocating to the Central Coast.

My husband and I have two beautiful children who are both studying since finishing high school. We have two gorgeous dogs, Rosie, a golden retriever and Frankie, a dappled dachshund.

Some things you may not know about me; I hold a current boat and scuba diving licence. I have studied piano to 7<sup>th</sup> grade and keep native stingless bees and honeybees. I assist with the Duke of Edinburgh program at Macmasters Beach SLSC and am currently planning a family holiday to Uluru in July. A few years ago, we conquered the Old Telegraph Track on our journey to the northernmost point of the Australian continent, Cape York.

I love working with such an amazing staff and community at Avoca Beach Public School. It certainly is a beautiful place to be.







## **Esther Hartley**

I have been lucky enough to have worked at Avoca Beach Public School for 7 years now as an Assistant Principal. There is not a day that goes by that I do not feel grateful and privileged to live and work in such an incredibly beautiful place on the Central Coast. I made the sea change after missing the beach life I once had as a child growing up. After years of doing the 2-hour commute to and from work each day battling the Sydney traffic, it was time for a change. When the opportunity arose to apply at Avoca, I jumped at the chance!

Before moving up to the Central Coast I worked in South Western Sydney schools as both a teacher and an Assistant Principal. I have worked on all stages across Kindergarten to Year 6 across varied school contexts, catering for students with a diverse range of socio-economic, cultural, language and intellectual backgrounds. It was here that I began to develop a passion for using technology as a tool to engage students across all Key Learning Areas and develop their creativity. I continually strive to update my skills through professional development and dedicate the sharing of my knowledge to develop teacher capacity and improve student outcomes.

Before following my passion for education, I followed a very different career path. After completing my Bachelor of Commerce (Management) degree in 2000, I worked for many years in the field of advertising as a media planner/buyer, managing million-dollar ad campaigns for Woolworths. I developed a huge array of skills that I have continued to use throughout my teaching career. Although the position was challenging and exciting, it didn't feel rewarding and I wanted to make more of a difference. I reflected on the part time job I had as a swimming instructor to pay my way during university. I remembered how rewarding it was to be able to teach new skills to them, see that sparkle in their eyes when they had mastered something new and watch the confidence inside them grow as a result. I decided to go back to university and complete my Bachelor of Teaching (Postgraduate) in 2007 and I have never looked back.

This year I am working part time at Avoca Beach Public School whilst still on maternity leave. I have a 3 year old son, Jax and a 4 year old French Bulldog, Cheeko. Both keep me very busy on my days off! My interests include swimming, surfing, bush walking, martial arts and finding new places to snowboard during winter. I would have to say that Lake Tahoe and Mammoth Mountain in California have been the highlights so far! The one thing I continue to miss about moving up from Sydney has been my Kung-fu training. I was extremely dedicated and committed, moving through the belts over several years. I trained with Gary Martin Kung-fu in 3 forms: Tai Chi Chuan, Pa Qua and the famous 12 animal art called Hsing-I. In addition to the physical components, I learned how to control my emotions, manage stress, set high performance goals, use positive mental imagery, practise acupressure and use Chinese medicine. Shortly before moving up to the coast, I was awarded my 3rd degree black belt in all 3 styles after months of additional training, studying for the written exam and the gruelling 5 hour grading. The training was unlike any other. It taught me perseverance and determination to achieve my goals.

I am passionate about developing curiosity and creativity within the classroom. I am very much looking forward to continuing to inspire the students at Avoca Beach Public School, helping them to develop the skills necessary to achieve whatever they want in life!











## **ABPS P&C President's Report - 2022**

Firstly, at this AGM, I would like to acknowledge and personally thank the small, but very dedicated executive crew who turn up to every P&C meeting to discuss, brainstorm and support this fantastic school of ours. I feel blessed to have had each of you supporting me in this role for the past 12 months. Special thanks must go to the two VP's Deirdre Flanagan and Emma Peat, Shayna Doyle our wonderful treasurer and our fabulous secretary, Jacinta Campbell – thank you ladies.

The P&C continued providing a 5 day week canteen service to parents and students. We now have two paid employees, Lyndsay, our canteen manager, and Lara our Canteen Assistant, these employees are an fantastic asset to our canteen, and both are always looking to build upon all of the freshly made, home cooked options which keep us alighted with our Healthy Eating Strategy – thank you both for your hard work and dedication to making our canteen great!

We are also responsible for the running of the uniform shop. The shop is run entirely by volunteers, none more so than Jo Newman who continues to do an amazing job. Thanks Jo for the hours of your own personal time you dedicate to keeping the students in uniform.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at Avoca Beach PS for a successful 2021, it's certainly had its challenges, but your commitment to our children is unwavering, thank you.

Over the past 12 months, even though we've had a state wide lockdown, home-schooling and various other challenges to overcome, we still managed some great things, to name a few we were successful in gaining a \$30,000 community building partnership grant from local government, these funds are (along with funds from the school & P&C) contributing towards the fantastic upgrade to the K-2 playground which we hope to see completed shortly. We held a successful Mother's Day Stall in 2021 and a trivia night, with funds raised going towards:

- · K-2 decodable readers (\$3,000)
- team singlets (\$1,000)
- · contribution towards the re-surfacing of the basketball court.
- funded the Year 6 medals for their end of primary school presentation \$1,202.40
- The P&C also funded \$500 to each class teacher to put towards their classroom, this was a special way to say thank you to our wonderful teachers for all they do a total of \$11,000

The P&C also assisted with the tendering process of the OOSH which has recently commenced at the school.

Finally, thank you to each and every person who has volunteered their very valuable time to help out at any P&C events over the past 12 months, it's very true what they say that "many hands make light work". Without your hands the events we run to raise funds for the school would not be near as successful, and in most cases not possible.

I look forward to a successful year ahead with the continuing partnership between the P&C, school community and Avoca Beach Public School.

Laura Day P&C President

## Mother's Day Stall

A huge thank you to our wonderful community for supporting our Mother's Day stall we held a few weeks back. We raised a total of \$2,120! These funds will go towards supporting our wonderful school with some upcoming projects. A big thank you to our stall co-ordinator, Shayna Doyle for running the stall from start to finish and our wonderful volunteers who helped on the stall.

#### **P&C AGM**

The P&C held their AGM on 10th May 2022 and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest P&C members, and our returning members, we are looking forward to lots of wonderful events this year to help make it our best one yet!

Congratulations to the following P&C members who were elected:

President – Laura Dav

Vice President(s) – Deirdre Flanagan & Emma Peat

Treasurer – Emma Norris

Secretary – Jacinta Campbell

Our executive members for this year are - Laura Day, Jacinta Campbell, Emma Peat, Deirdre Flanagan, Emma Norris, Brooke Harris, Elisa Williams, Michelle Tarawhiti, Shayna Doyle, Paula Jamal. Steve Peat.

Thanks also to our sub-committees for 2021:

Uniform committee – Jo Newman, Laura Day, Jacinta Campbell, Elisa Williams, Deirdre Flanagan, Emma Peat, Lara Napton;

Canteen committee – Lyndsay Buening, Laura Day, Jacinta Campbell, Emma Norris, Lara Napton;

Mothers & Father's Day stall(s) co-ordinator – Shayna Doyle;

Fair Co-ordinators – Brooke Harris and Jacinta Campbell.

We are always on the lookout for new members to join the P&C, everyone is welcome to join any of our meetings which are held the second Tuesday of each month during school terms. Our next meeting will be held 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7pm in the staffroom – hope to see you there!

Kind regards

ABPS P&C Committee Email – avocabeachpandc@gmail.com



## World Ocean Day Clean Up 5 June 2022

#### **Plastic Free Avoca Beach**

Everyone is welcome to come join us as we pick up rubbish on and around the beach and foreshore in Avoca Beach, NSW, in celebration of World Ocean Day 2022. The theme for this year is Collective Action for the Ocean.

## **Hunter Park, Avoca Beach**

Registration is at 8:45 am and the clean up runs from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

Bags provided but please bring a pair of gloves if you have them and bring your own reusable water bottle.

To sign up before the event check out Plastic Free Avoca Beach Facebook page or visit <a href="https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/fundraisers/avocabeach/avoca-beach-clean-up">https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/fundraisers/avocabeach/avoca-beach-clean-up</a>



WHALE, WHALE, IT'S THAT CREATIVE TIME OF YEAR... ORRCA's 'Splash of Creativity' Art Competition is now OPEN.

We invite all creative members and friends of ORRCA to join in the fun! Submissions are now open for our 3rd Annual Art Competition!

All entries will go into the running to win some ORRCA merchandise, feature on our social media sites and in our member newsletter.

This year's rules are outlined below so get busy as submissions close on the 1st of June 2022!

Let's make a splash and have some 'whaley' great fun!

ORRCA's 'Splash of Creativity' Art Competition Rules:

- Create a marine mammal (whale, dolphin, seal or dugong) inspired artwork of any description and in any art media ~ anything goes!
- Select the appropriate age category:

12 years and under,

13-18 years,

19 years and over

Like the ORRCA FB page and/or Instagram Page

There are two options for submitting artwork:

- 1) Post your artwork publicly via your Facebook or Instagram account WITH the hashtag #orrcacreatesasplash2022 AND the age category they are entering (12 years and under, 13-18 years, 19 years and over), your settings must be 'public' OR
- 2) Email orrcacensusday@gmail.com with your artwork, name, description, and which age category you are entering.
- You can submit multiple entries
- Posts are encouraged to be shared publicly so that the ORRCA team can see artwork and hashtag
- All entries must be submitted by 1 June 2022.
- There will be one prize pack per category
- Winners will be announced on World Oceans Day (8 June 2022) via ORRCA social media channels and will also be published in the ORRCA members newsletter 'Flippers & Flukes'. #orrcacreatesasplash2022

#### **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 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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