

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,

Some fantastic things have been happening in and out of school in the past 2 weeks.

ANZAC Celebrations

On Wednesday 27th April, each class participated in lessons about the importance of ANZAC Day and we held a special assembly in the afternoon. Learning about ANZAC Day helps young children to understand the life and times of Australia and its people and also to further understand this significant day for Australians, who all recognise the importance of commemorating soldiers and, at the same time, promoting peace.

I would like to give a special mention to all the students, who played a part in the service, rehearsing in the lead up and attending local services at Terrigal and Avoca Beach on Monday. Also to Mrs Coleman and Mrs Cameron, who helped to coordinate these outside of school events. You were all outstanding representatives for the school at Monday's Dawn service.

Term 2 PBL Focus

This term we focus on the value, Responsibility. The students will participate in lessons throughout the term that focus on what it means to be responsible in the classroom, in the playground and in general. Some of our focuses include, being safe, being responsible for your own actions and making positive choices. We will celebrate those students who strive to display this value at our PBL Values Assembly in Week 5.

New Musical Instruments

We are so happy that our school band and strings groups can operate again. It has also been pleasing to see the number of students signing up to our school band since returning from Covid. We all know how important learning to read and play music is and the benefits it has with supporting other areas of academic development. To support our growing school band, the school recently purchased more instruments and invested just over \$6000 into our school music program. We look forward to seeing our fabulous students performing later in the year.

Cross Country

We finally got a day of sunshine for our annual Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday 3rd May. Our students are so lucky to have such an amazing, picturesque course to run. The theme for the day was fun and participation and it was wonderful to see every student embrace this. Thank you to Mr Jarmaine and Mr MacDonald for their organisation of the carnival and good luck to the 50 students who have qualified to represent our school at the Zone Cross Country next Friday.

Blakebrook PS Fundraiser

The final figure from our Disco Fundraiser for Blakebrook PS came in at \$4,424. The children from Blakebrook are still without their school due to flood damage and have to operate out of a neighbouring school. We received a lovely email from them recently, after they received the letters our students wrote and the donation we sent. Below is a snippet from their email:

"We received all of the beautiful letters from your students and have slowly been reading through them this week. The kids are loving that they are addressed to them personally! We really do appreciate this generous donation from your beautiful community."

NAPLAN

This week, students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN. NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress.

It is important to note that NAPLAN is a one-off test that provides a snapshot of learning. It is imperative that we do not put undue pressure on our children to perform in these tests. Teachers see on a daily basis what their students can and cannot do, and they modify their teaching accordingly. Due to this they have a much better understanding of your child than what a one-off test can give you. Please reassure your child that NAPLAN is not something to be worried about. We encourage them to have a go and try their best.

Finally, I hope all our Mums had a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday and you were spoilt by your family.

Ben Thomas
Principal

Quote of the Week

Congratulations Melissa Coleman winner of the Belle Property Mother's Day lucky door prize.



ANZAC Day 2022

A beautiful ceremony was had back in our school hall this year. The students did an amazing job, and I was very proud of them. Thanks to Mrs Coleman and the school choir for a wonderful performance and who could forget Greg Englert's bugle playing of 'The Last Post' and 'The Rouse'. Thanks again to everyone who helped me behind the scenes, who I thanked at the ceremony. It made for a lovely assembly.

Mr Blanch



The Kindergarten students performed at two assemblies last week to celebrate Mother's Day. They also made portraits to present to them. Well done Kinder!



Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards.

KB	Beau Sedgwick, Amelia Brennan Millie Boesenberg, Huxton Hall	3B	Mia Campbell, Ashley Schellekens Reef Clark, Willow Sumowski
KJ	Ashton Carmichael, Delilah Tarawhiti Elke Tapper, Harvey Forster	3F	Thomas Rolls, Poppy Mann August Everitt, Eamon Krumm
KT	Amelia Whiting, Saxon Wells Aston Douglass, Elio Bishop	4B	Brielle Hayes, Jack Harris Maeve Grace, Xavier Wulf
KW	Christoff Hechter, Indiana Coleman Keller Love, Scarlett Farrell	4J	Fin Love, Anu Tandel Jax Burque, Halle Smith
1G	Thomas Williams, Ava de Ruiter Finn Napton, Tahnee Ryan	4S	Luke van Skiver, Evelyn Pilkington Shiloh Morrow, Indiah Shiers
1M	Dash Dowdle, Saoirse Audley Elissa Shaw, Taiga Collyer	5/6C	Ava Campbell, Jack Walker Felix O'Gara, Ellie Brien
1R	Ruby Ramsay, Harvey Scerri Charlie Gillett, Evelyn McKim	5/6D	Eli Sims, Lilly Folbigg Saxon Randall, Noah Farrell
2A	Brittany Wilcox, Bodhi Sweetnam Dakota Coleman, Charlotte Inga	5/6F	Sienna Scott, Myles Whiting Hugo McKim, Charlize Denham
2D	Harper McMahon, Angel Lockyer Nina Markey, Olivia Hadfield	5/6T	Talia Tebb, Noah Day Claire Burchall
2M	Jasmine White, Frankie Mumford Summer Wright, Peyton Halwagy		

NAPLAN 2022

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All NSW schools will sit NAPLAN online in 2022.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN between **10th and 20th May 2022**. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not recommended. Students can use the public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in NAPLAN.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

Opportunity Class Placement for 2023

Opportunity classes cater for intellectually gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. Year 4 students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Thursday 28 July 2022.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2023, you need to apply between Tuesday 26 April 2022 and Friday 13 May 2022. You will need to apply using the online application at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunityclasses/year-5>. Applications will not be considered unless they are submitted. Your submitted status will appear against your dashboard application and you will receive a confirmation email.

Year 4 Overnight Camp

We are very much looking forward to the Year 4 overnight camp to Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre, commencing Wednesday 29th June 2022. Thank you to parents who have already completed the permission slip. If this has not been done but your child will be attending, please complete it and return it to your teacher. A copy of the excursion note can be found on our website. Full payment is due by 27th May 2022.

If your child is attending the camp, please also complete the online registration form to include any special dietary, health or medical requirements. The information provided on the medical and consent form will help the centre look after your child's health needs at the camp. If your child has an injury or pre-existing condition, allergy, special dietary needs or is on prescription medicines, please provide full details. The information you provide will be shared with your child's teacher.

The camp registration link is:

<https://bit.ly/Year4camp2022> Registrations must be completed by the 8th of June 2022.

PSSA Tennis

In the last week of Term 1, four of our students played in the Victor J Kelly Trophy Tennis competition.

Our dynamic team of Carla Norris, Mia Jamal, Flynn Smith and Jax Burque competed strongly against Niagara Park Public School. They won 8 sets to - 0.

The team progressed to the next round against Ourimbah Public School. Each player played a set of singles, a boys/girls doubles and finally a mixed. It came down to the mixed to determine who would progress. Unfortunately, Ourimbah were a little too strong this year. We wish them all the best as they enter the next round.

It was a privilege to watch our students compete with such a positive outlook and good sportsmanship.

Roxanne Davies

**Zone Netball**

On Wednesday the 27th of April, Melody McRae, Teagan Campbell and Ariana McVeigh represented Avoca Beach Public School by attending the Southern Central Coast Netball trials. All three girls played brilliantly and were all selected to then trial for Sydney North on Tuesday the 4th of May. The girls showed incredible talent and sportsmanship at this tough selection and although they were unsuccessful, did Avoca Beach proud.

Miss Remy



Futsal Championships

On Monday the 2nd May, the NSW Futsal Championships were held at Niagara Park Stadium. Avoca Beach Public School were proud to send both girls and boys to represent our school in the tournament. Our boys showcased their terrific football skills by making it through their difficult pool to the semi-final of the competition, only to be defeated by a very strong Green Point Christian College side. It was a pleasure to watch the boys give their absolute all on the futsal field. They should be extremely proud of their efforts. Our girls' side were successful in taking out the competition with a very convincing few games leading into their final against a competitive Terrigal Primary School side. The girls didn't shy away from scoring with goals coming from all areas of the field.

We are looking forward to hearing about how the girls go when they travel with Mrs Braund to Maitland in June to compete in the next tournament, the State Championship. Well done to all involved!

Mackenzie Wade



Come and Try Athletics

Last Friday George, Max, Darty, Harry, Oren and Josh had a fabulous day at Come and Try Athletics. They participated in a variety of activities such as running races, relays, shot put, javelin, discus and long jump. All the officials and helpers were friendly, supportive and encouraging to all participants, making it a fun, enjoyable day. Thank you to our wonderful, SLSOs: Nami, Trish, Pip, Rachel and Shelma for your assistance on the day and to the parents/family members who could attend. Everything was perfect, including the weather!



Staff Profiles

Nikki Tobin

As many of our ABPS community would know, I have been teaching at Avoca Beach Public School for many, many years.

I am married with 3 adult children who are currently studying at university. Two of my children live out of home with the third about to leave for the UK for the next few years. My children attended Avoca Beach PS and loved every minute of it.

Over the years I have been involved in the surf club, Avoca Sharks Soccer Club and Rebels Basketball. My husband and I enjoy playing golf, bushwalks, yoga, camping, travelling and taking our dog Frankie to the beach.

I first began my teaching career at Macquarie University Special Education Centre before moving on to work for the Department of Education. I have worked in a number of schools in Western Sydney, working with disadvantaged children. After ten years, it was time for a change.

Our family moved to Avoca Beach in 2003 just before my eldest child started school. I began teaching at Avoca Beach PS in 2005, sharing a Year 2 with Mrs Duck. Throughout my years teaching at ABPS, I have worked on all stages from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Kindergarten is one of my favourite grades to teach as it is a year of such huge emotional, social and academic growth for the students. My goal is for the students to have “the best year of school” and develop a love of learning and the resilience to “have a go” and try their best. I am also very passionate about students with additional learning needs and the importance of inclusion and supporting these students and teachers in a mainstream setting. In my current role as Assistant Principal Wellbeing, I am lucky to have the opportunity to spend time with students, teachers and parents ensuring they are achieving the best possible outcomes.

I am so very lucky to work in such a fabulous school with AMAZING staff, students, and parents. I love my job and our school and am proud to work at Avoca Beach Public School.



Mrs Davies

We sometimes ask kids what they want to be when they grow up. I had a brief moment where I wanted to be a hairdresser. I remember practising on a few dolls and wondering why their hair wouldn't grow back! After that, I can't recall wanting to do anything else but teaching.

My teaching career began when I was about 8! I was fortunate enough to have my grandparents live close to us on the Central Coast and every Friday night I would drag my grandfather downstairs to my 'classroom' to play schools! I had a class roll, workbooks and a black board. I would go over the lessons that I had been taught that week and set him homework that needed to be completed by the following Friday. He was a bit of a scallywag so it was a good introduction to behaviour management! I'm not sure if he enjoyed it but he knew that I did and it is something that I look back on fondly.

Throughout my schooling days, I was fortunate to have people who influenced the person and teacher I was to become.

Mr Wilson was my Year 4 teacher. He introduced me to 'social studies' – a blend of science and history. I liked him because he reminded me of a TV presenter from my favourite show at the time - 'In the Wild with Harry Butler.' It was a documentary style program and I remember getting the book for my birthday (from my grandfather!). Of course, I took it in to show Mr Wilson – I'm not sure that he saw the connection! Mr Wilson had us stand behind our chairs and recite our times tables everyday. While this wasn't the highlight of my day, I have never forgotten them, or him.

It was Mr Davis my history teacher who I thank for my love of storytelling and connecting. He would explain the concept of historical alliances by getting us to bring in a plate of food and strategically teaming up with people. At the end of the lesson we had to think who and why we teamed up with certain people – what was in it for us? I believe this was more than history, he was giving us a life lesson. He would stand on desks and recite speeches, engage us with his stories and encourage us to think beyond the here and now. What a legend he was! It would be a privilege to be remembered like him.

My final influencers are the family that surrounds me. My mum and dad gave my sister and I every opportunity that they could. We always knew they were there for us, no matter what. I have three amazing children (all very different!) who have taught me about patience, acceptance, difference and love. There isn't a thing I wouldn't do for them.

I believe teaching is a privilege, an opportunity to impact someone's life in a small way. The little things that my grandfather, Mr Wilson, Mr Davis and my family did and said made a difference to me. I am conscious of my impact on others. Finally, a tribute to my dad who told me, 'Find something that you enjoy, and you will never work a day in your life!' How right he was!





MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to our amazing school community for a wonderful Mother's Day Stall at the school for the students last Thursday. Thank you also to our parent/carer volunteers and the businesses that supported us including Nurtured Earth Organics, Like Mind's and Jenns Jams, and to the staff at ABPS for your constant support of the P&C. Total funds raised will be advised in the coming days!

Shayna Doyle
Mother's Day Stall Coordinator



MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA

Last Friday we welcomed mothers, grandmothers, step mothers and female role models into the school for afternoon tea. It was a lovely afternoon enjoyed by many, especially after not being on school grounds for so long. A big thank you as always to our wonderful volunteers, who without, these events would simply never be able to happen – Lara Napton, Jacinta Campbell, Deirdre Flanagan, Elisa Williams, Brooke Harris, Paula Jamal, Darren Napton and James Campbell.

A special thanks also to Ludos Bakery for the lovely scones, The Petal Sisters for the bouquet of flowers and our very own canteen assistant, Lara Napton who made the fantastic cake that was included in first prize of the raffle!

A big thanks also to Liza Boltz from Belle Property who brought in her own team to help with set up, serving and pack down of the afternoon tea and who provided the fantastic lucky door prize we gave away on the day.

Please support the businesses that support our wonderful school!

Laura Day

THE SNACK SHACK

As we are a P&C operated business we rely heavily on the help of volunteers to keep our prices affordable (any profit goes back into the P&C donations to the school)

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>

The Snack Shack Crew

Update from the Uniform Shop:

Many thanks for your patience with availability of uniform as we go through this period of transition to our new uniform.

Most items are now in stock.

One item we have no stock of is the size 8 Polo Shirt – I do apologise for this.

You can place your order on Spriggy but we are not expecting stock for a number of weeks – we are awaiting a confirmed delivery date on this item.

ETHICS CLASSES 2022

Our Avoca Ethics Team urgently needs another teacher for a Year 5/6 class.

Ethics classes are held at our school every Wednesday afternoon. We are looking for some more mums and dads who have a little spare time each week to help out at the school and be a part of our amazing team.

Teaching experience is not required but basic computer skills are necessary. Comprehensive training and access to the Ethics Curriculum is provided.

Ethics lessons are thought provoking and are designed to enhance a child's critical thinking and moral reasoning skills. This helps children form and express their own ideas based on logic and evidence, while respectfully listening to others.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call

Myleah O'Brien (Ethics Co-ordinator)

0404 881 267

Or check out our website at: www.primaryethics.com.au

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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 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

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A Fun Celebration of Heritage & History

SUNDAY MAY 15 2022

the 4 VILLAGES SHIPBUILDERS' HERITAGE WALK

via KINCUMBER - YATTALUNGA - SARATOGA - DAVISTOWN

8.am START - 1pm REGOs FINISH
AT KINCUMBER WATERFRONT
 (access via Carrak Road beside McDonalds)

An Easy 3 km - Flat - Very Scenic Walk
 through the four villages see...
 Historical Displays, Models, Dioramas

At DAVISTOWN - Until 3 pm.
 Entertainment - Stalls - Food
 Vintage Machinery - Classic Cars - Additional History Displays & more

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WALK AND BE IN THE PRIZES DRAW...

- START AT KINCUMBER WATERFRONT
- RECEIVE A 4 VILLAGES PASSPORT
 From 8. am to 1. pm : \$5 Adult, \$2 Child U15
 Children dressed up
- RECEIVE A 'QUESTION & ANSWER' FORM
- USE YOUR PASSPORT TO ENTER THE HISTORY DISPLAY MARQUEES,
 HAVE YOUR PASSPORT STAMPED AND FIND THE ANSWERS
 TO SIMPLE QUESTIONS ON YOUR Q&A FORM
 TO BE IN THE PRIZE DRAW TO

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