

Newsletter

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Monday 20th June 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,

This will be our last newsletter for Term 2. Thank you for your support of the school throughout Semester 1. We've accomplished so much and provided a huge assortment of academic, cultural, sporting and social opportunities for the students.

Student Reports

Student Reports will be forwarded home to parents on Friday 1st July. Students from Years 1 to 6 are assessed on a five point scale in all Key Learning Areas. The gradings are: limited, basic, sound, high and outstanding. A description of each grading will be on the front of the reports. The majority of students will achieve a 'sound' grading.

A 'sound' grading indicates: The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills. Sound means they are achieving at grade level.

Students in Kindergarten have a different report which indicates their progress in meeting the outcomes of the Kindergarten syllabus.

Extra-Curricular activities

Debating, chess, choir, dance festival, enrichment days, soccer, rugby league, hockey, touch football, excursions, overnight camps, musicals, band and violin are all what we call extra-curricular activities. They are not part of the compulsory school curriculum. However, they are all activities that help to shape our students, allow them to have broad experiences and excel in a range of areas. They develop self-esteem, build confidence and provide a rich source of engagement for students. It is important to remember that our school provides a very wide range of these opportunities and it only happens due to the hard-working teachers, who are willing to put their hand up to take on the extra duties. I want to acknowledge Avoca Beach teachers for all that they do, above and beyond their job description, to support the wholistic development of the students at our school.

Air Purifiers

The Department of Education provided the school with some air purifiers last year. Thanks to our P&C, who spent \$4,500 to purchase another 8 purifiers, we now have one in every classroom and learning space.

K-2 Playground upgrade

We finally had a run of sunshine and our K-2 playground was able to be installed. A big thank you to the P&C for making this happen through their grant application. The children will be able to start enjoying the new equipment this week. The photos below show the amazing transformation.



Kindergarten 2023

We are now starting to take enrolments for Kindergarten class of 2023. Our official Kindergarten Orientation Program will begin in Term 4. If you know of any boy or girl who will be starting at Avoca Beach PS in 2023, please let them know to pop into the office, put their name down and collect an enrolment package.

School Security

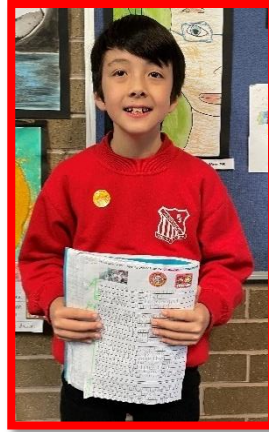
Unfortunately, over the long weekend, our school was vandalised. We love the fact that our school is open to the community and people can enjoy the great facilities. However, with the growing number of times we have had mindless vandalism lately, it may eventuate that the school needs to be fenced and our great community facility will not be available for families to utilise. It appears that a motorised scooter has been used to burn through the surface of our new basketball court and fire extinguishers were also let off. I ask again if the community can please keep an eye on the school and if you see anyone disrespecting it, call school security on 1300 88 00 21.

Kiss & Drop

Please remember to display the name cards in your window so we can ensure that kiss and drop flows as quickly as possible. If you require an extra name card for another car or have misplaced yours, please let the ladies in the office know and we will send another one home for you.

Wall of Fame

Stage 2 students have been working on their persuasive writing skills this term. Last week the students in 3F wrote very good arguments to persuade me to allow Mrs Fuller to bring in her puppy. This week, Harry in 3B did a great job with his persuasive text, where he argued whether it is better to be a teacher or a student.



Ben Thomas
Principal

Quote of the Week

"Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education." – Dr Martin Luther King Jnr

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards.

KB	Abigail Gould, Bo Blanch Riley Campbell, Eliane Hall	3B	Lydia Rodrigues, Steve Fraser, Rivers Botham, Phoebe McKinnon
KJ	Major Rodgers, Tessa Reed Kennedy Barnes, Jonah Burque	3F	Hope Newton, Mia Van der Donk, Brock Cartwright, Riley Frew
KT	Ellie Youssef, Evanna Dunn Jasper Halwagy, Jessica Jones	4B	Oliver Blakely, Ace Garrett Matilda Coleman, Lily Woods
KW	Indy Carson, Sammy Larkin Edie Cox, Lucas Mee	4J	Willow Hayes, Halle Smith Abigail Armytage, Anu Tandel
1G	Oliver O’Keefe, Archie Neville Violet Miller, Layla Down	4S	Shiloh Morrow, Isabelle Slinkard Koa Payne, River Randall
1M	Liam Casey, Luka Morrow Saskia Johnson, Taiga Collyer	5/6C	Charlie Beaton, Brianna Haydon Kiki Huggett, Piper Sheridan
1R	Avalon Czura, Eden Day Harvey Scerri, Millie Fulton	5/6D	Juon Paterson, Ryder Santry David Parker, Dylan de Gruchy
2A	Maddie Haydon, Marie Hechter Alexis Sedgwick, Nixon Guy	5/6F	Kitty Larkin, Zac Battye Austyn Mackie, Ella Williams
2D	Oren Barlow, Jesse Day Sophie Clarke, Eeva Tapper	5/6T	Noah Day, Rosie Williams Zoe Powling
2M	Poppi Hall, Ned Foster Ruby Buchan, Ashwin Tandel		

PSSA TOUCH FOOTBALL

On Friday 10th June, the Boys and Girls Touch Football teams went to Lisarow Sporting Precinct to play in an 8-school Gala Day completing the first 3 rounds of the PSSA knockout.

Due to the rain, school commitments and sickness there had been little time for each team to prepare. Each of the students did a tremendous job to learn the rules and skills of the game in a short space of time.

The boys team had two tremendous victories against Pretty Beach (6-2) and Gosford East (6-2), working well in defence and showing some slick attacking skills. They put in a valiant effort against Kariong in the final game of the day and went down 8-4. A wonderful effort boys.

The girls side boasting some students with touch football experience showed their fantastic ability to win their first two games as well against Pretty Beach (7-1) and Gosford East (8-2).

They came up against a quick Lisarow side in the final and held a 3-3 draw at half time. Each of the girls put their personal best into the second and they ran out 6-3 winners. They will now take on Umina in the quarter finals of the Sydney North Region. Well done girls. Thank you to all the parents and carers who helped with transport and were able to come along and support the teams on the day.



PSSA SOCCER

Tuesday the 7th of June saw glorious weather for our boys and girls Soccer gala day at James Brown Oval.

First up the boys played Empire Bay. Whilst defeated in their first game, they played well scoring a couple of goals against a tough defence. Their second game saw a strong attack against Pretty Beach, coming out as victors!

The girls banded together with one player short and showed strength and determination throughout their games. They won their first game against Empire Bay moving them onto the next round against Copa. The girls showed fantastic attack and defence scoring 4 goals. Both Lilly and Matilda successfully stopped any goals entering their nets! The girls will be progressing to the next round and we look forward to getting back on the field.

Mackenzie Wade and Anne Braund



Chess 2022

The chess teams have been very busy competing in the NSW Junior Chess League competition over the last 2 weeks. This week our A team played a challenging round in the Championship grade of the competition against Tacoma Public School. Congratulations to Kahu Slater and Callum Krumm, who won their matches against their opponents. The B and C teams showed perseverance and a true fighting spirit, competing against Wamboral and Copacabana Public School. They had impressive results with 5 wins and 3 draws out of the 16 matches played. Congratulations to Felix O'Gara, Archie Bourke and Ollie McDonald who won one or more of their matches. All students should be proud of the respect they showed their opponents and effort exhibited during each match. It was a pleasure to witness.

Mrs Hartley



Debating

Another fantastic debating round for our students in Stage 3. Our Rising Stars were successful in their debate against Woodport PS and it is wonderful to see their confidence building each week. Our All Stars team had a tough debate against Copacabana PS in which they lost. The adjudicator was very impressed with both sides. Our Rising Stars have their next Debate on Tuesday, 21 June, against Chertsey and we wish them all the best. Our All Stars will be debating against Brisbania PS. No date has yet been set for this. Congratulations and good luck in our upcoming debates.



5 Lands Walk This Saturday June 25th

It is so exciting that the 5 Lands Walk is back this year! With the mantra of “connecting people to people and people to place” everyone is very welcome to take part in the festivities.

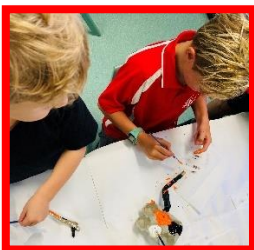
The event, which begins at MacMasters Beach, follows along Copacabana, Avoca and North Avoca and culminates at Terrigal beach, host performances, workshops, activities, stalls, art exhibitions and much more. You can do the entire walk or any part of it along the way. For those not wanting to walk just pop down and enjoy the festivities at any of the 5 beaches on Saturday June 25.

Kindergarten and Year 6 students (2021 and 2022) from Avoca Beach Public School have collaborated with a local artist during their “Buddy Time” to create art installations. Their work will be on display down at Avoca Beach as part of the “Ephemera Beach Sculptures” on the day! (Photos below are a sneak peek at the 2021 student’s work). Stage 3 students photographic exhibition will be on display all day at Copacabana SLSC.

Please come down and have a look at their amazing work and participate in the “People’s Choice” voting to go in the running for great prizes from sponsors.

Thank you to Vanessa Drinkwater for including ABPS in your vision and providing the driftwood and wool. Our Year 6 and Kindergarten students had a beautiful afternoon in the sunshine working together yarning in preparation for the 5 Lands Walk.

We look forward to seeing you down on the beach.



Tjudibaring A.E.C.G. Dance and Culture Project- NAISDA Excursion

Thank you to Jo Clancy, the teachers and the Developing Artists at NAISDA Dance College who opened their studio to our Stage 3 students on Wednesday 15th June. 27 students from our Tjudibaring A.E.C.G. schools were invited to attend the NAISDA workshop and learn about Traditional Cultural Dance.

Tilleah Bennett, Zaiden Taylor, Bondi Werner and Arabella Blanch from Avoca Beach PS travelled to Kariong to view the NAISDA students and participate in their Cultural Class. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the day and developed their skills, refined their technique, and made connections with many of the developing artists and students. Thank you NAISDA for this wonderful opportunity!

This week, the Tjudibaring A.E.C.G. students are meeting at ABPS for 2 Choreography Workshops. Students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 are exploring Contemporary Indigenous Dance and building a performance group for the A.E.C.G Awards night at the end of the year. We are looking forward to seeing you perform this at the end of the year.



Multi Sports Day

On Friday 17th June, D'Arty, George, Harry, Joshua, Max and Oren attended the multi sport day which was conducted by the NSW Primary School Sports Unit at Niagara Park Stadium. There was plenty of exciting and fun modified sports on offer which the boys enjoyed tremendously. They competed in the golf, table tennis, boccia, NRL, wheelchair NRL and tennis.

I was very impressed with the organisation of the events, the medical officers, the staff from the sports unit and the stadium staff. They did a fantastic job and were all very attentive and understanding of the students throughout the day.



Canberra Excursion

It was dark, cold but exciting as we all piled into the two coaches parked neatly outside the school gates. 6:00am was an early start but I was too happy to notice. Soon, the engine buzzed on and we were slowly making our way to Canberra.

The ride was painfully long but I managed to fill in the time with playing games and having nice chats to Mrs Faunce. When we arrived at Canberra, our first stop was the old Parliament House which was definitely the place that I learnt a lot from. We ventured to the House of Representatives and got introduced to many different things, like the speaker's chair and which sides either the opposition or the government sits.

One of my favourite places was the Australian Mint. It showed the money being imprinted and different ways for making the coins. When you looked through the window, you could see everything. There were lots of us and the workers were probably thinking, "Look at those crazy kids with their hands pressed up against the window!" I know that I had lots of fun, anyway!

Canberra was the best!! Even though it was my first excursion/camp, I knew it was my best and most fun one.

Written by Carla Norris 5/6D

The day had just begun.

6:00am on the first of June. I looked out of the tinted glass window, my hand high in the air waving, tears falling onto my lap. Then VROOM, the bus took off. Six hours passed and finally we arrived at Old Parliament House. We had to split into three groups so me and group two headed up second to the old brown door. We watched an information video, played a voting game with a partner and voted for different types of fruit ourselves.

The day quickly passed and the night soon had begun. Year 6 approached Questacon and what a time we had! There were experiments, air hockey, illusions and more. We had the time of our lives!

The next day, the pod playground awaited us. There were slides, climbing nets, swings and way more. At the end, we got to roll down the big hill.

Our last day finally had arrived. We went to the Institute of Sport and my oh my, there were rock climbing poles, wheelchair races, chin up bars, soccer, AFL, footy simulators and bike races. My friend and I tried them all. We had a blast.

It was time to head home. So all of us got back onto the bus and waited a whole other six hours till we got home. "Farewell Canberra!"

Written by Olivia Sumowski

Staff Profile

Emma Gould

Hello! I have been teaching at ABPS for close to 5 years and have spent the last few years having lots of fun teaching Year 1. I spent my childhood on the Central Coast dreaming of becoming a teacher and after completing university, started my teaching career at Valley View Public School before gaining a position at Pymble Public School. Commuting wasn't much fun and after 8 years, was fortunate enough to get a transfer to beautiful Avoca Beach. I absolutely adore teaching and have spent much of my career working with K-2. It brings me so much joy spending each day with these incredible little people and I am passionate about creating a classroom and learning environment that is creative and engaging, encouraging my students to see how much fun learning can be.

In addition to teaching 1G, I also coordinate many of the opportunities for gifted and high potential students and the enrichment days that we enjoy each term. I have always been interested in gifted education and helping students to become the best learners they can be. A few years ago I completed a Masters degree in Gifted Education and I thoroughly enjoy applying what I learnt in my teaching, particularly with young students. I love seeing young children realise their potential and become fully engaged in their learning!

I live with my two beautiful children (Jack, 8 and Abigail, 5) and my husband Nick in Saratoga. We are so lucky to live in a beautiful area and enjoy heading out on the weekend to enjoy the beaches and bushwalks around the coast. One of our favourite activities is to take our boat across to Lobster Beach early in the morning, when it's nice and quite! You can also find me stealing some quiet time to sit down and read or cook.

I love teaching at Avoca Beach and am so grateful to teach the amazing students we have at our school!



Jackie Kay

My name is Miss Jackie Kay and I have recently started working at Avoca Beach Public School where I am excited to be teaching the lovely 1R for the rest of the year.

After growing up on the Central Coast my teaching journey started at the University of Newcastle, where I found a passion for delivering quality and engaging content to students. I was fortunate to gain a position at Parramatta West Public School where I have spent the past 7 years as a classroom teacher. It was a valuable experience to be able to teach students from a variety of cultural backgrounds.

While I enjoyed my time in Sydney, towards the end of last year I decided that the time was right to return to the Coast. Outside of school life I enjoy playing netball and I have recently adopted a kitten who is full of energy and loves to play! I am also busily planning my wedding next year.

I love teaching because no day is the same and there are so many different types of learners to build relationships with. Throughout my career I have taught children who had newly arrived in Australia and had little or no English. It was amazing to see the growth that they made in just a year and how rewarding it was for them to be able to communicate and build stronger relationships in the classroom. Watching students develop and grow is the most inspiring part of being a teacher for me.

I am thankful to have the fantastic opportunity to teach at Avoca Beach and I am looking forward to meeting the community over the course of the year.



AVOCA BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOL FAIR 2022 SAVE THE DATE – Sunday 21st August, 2022

After 2 long years ABPS P&C are pleased to announce the return of our biggest fundraiser, and this year we plan to GO WILD at the school fair!

Get set for fun games, wild rides, activities, delicious food and MORE, gates open from 10am – 3pm.

This year the school ran a competition to create the artwork for our 2022 fair, with so many amazing submissions it was a tough choice though we are pleased to announce we have TWO winners - Milliana from KT who designed the Tiger, and Callum from 5/6T for the 'let's go wild' logo. CONGRATULATIONS to both on a wonderful job, we hope you love seeing your artwork displayed for the community.



VOLUNTEERS

As always, we have a dedicated team who are working hard in the background to put on an amazing fair for our community, though we will need your help. There are MANY ways you are able to get involved in our fair and we will be calling out for specific roles in the coming weeks. It takes many hands to create an event this big and we look forward to having as many people on board as possible.

If you can donate any time in the lead up to the event, and/or would like to join our fair committee please call Jacinta Campbell – 0437242927.

RAFFLE TICKETS

The raffle tickets are one of our biggest fundraisers for the fair, we are excited to be sending home 1 x raffle ticket book per child in the final week of term. More raffle ticket books will be available for collection from the office once the first full book has been sold. Please return all sold books and money to the office in an envelope which has your child's full name and class labelled on the front.

In other good news, every child that sells 2 x raffle ticket books will earn themselves a FREE RIDES WRISTBAND. Details on collection will be sent out closer to the event.

We look forward to putting on a HUGE school fair in 2022 and can't wait to share more information, keep your eyes on the newsletter and your email for further details.

THE SNACK SHACK

Online orders must be in before 8.30am each day (Sushi MUST be ordered BEFORE 8am Thurs) if your child is going to be off sick you can cancel the order yourself

before the closing times or ring the canteen via school phone BEFORE 10am.

If your child has ordered Sushi and is sick you are more than welcome to collect from canteen after 10.45 (please ring to inform us so we don't send it out to class)

If your child has come to school with no lunch and asks for an IOU at lunchtime they will ONLY be offered a plain ham, cheese or Vegemite sandwich or a sausage roll

(if we have any spare left) we have a number of outstanding IOU's still from parents ringing requesting late lunch orders or child presenting at canteen with no order.

IOU's can be paid online using the Spriggy Schools App (this can be done by selecting a date and making an "order" and selecting IOU on the top section) OR you can send the note back to canteen with cash.

PLEASE do not send any personal messages or text for lunch requests as both myself and Lara work part time and often don't receive messages until after work.

You are welcome to ring the canteen BEFORE 10am if you wish to make a late order.

There will be an end of term SPECIAL on Friday 1 July ... Chicken Burrito \$5 (chicken, rice, beans, salsa) optional drink ONLY \$2, please order choosing 1 July and Specials section (Please note this will not be live in Spriggy until next week)

Thank you for your ongoing support from
Lyndsay & Lara
The Snack Shack Crew



END OF TERM SPECIAL 

Fiesta Friday

1st July




Chicken Burrito \$5
Chicken, Rice, Beans & Mild Salsa

ALL DRINKS ONLY \$2

Book online @Spriggy Schools

1 JULY SPECIALS




**Central Coast
Winter Chess
Tournament
for ages 6 to 17**



**Rated by NSW
Junior Chess
League**

Monday 11 July

Entry fee \$20

includes lunch-pack
Payment details and food
options on contact with...

Gary Losh
glosh6090@gmail.com
0432 453 726

Must pre-enter by Thursday 7 July

Coast Community Church, Adelaide St, Tumbi Umbi
9.30am – 4.00pm

With an educational chess 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.**

MUSIC TUITION AT AVOCA BEACH - GUITAR (ACOUSTIC AND ELECTRIC), SINGING, ELECTRIC BASS, BANJO, MANDOLIN and UKELELE. All styles and all ages, beginners to advanced levels, very experienced professional teacher. Phone Chris on 0422 802 222

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Children's Discovery Day 2022
Tuesday, 5 July
10:00am – 2:00pm

- * Live Music
- * Hunter Heroes
- * Let's Love Water Show
- * Raffle
- * Educational Stalls
- * Educational Children's Activities
- * Lawn Games
- * Kookaburra Café
- * Plant Stall
- * Guided Tours

Tickets are \$5 per person.
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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN
AT HUNTER REGION
BOTANIC GARDENS**

Children's Discovery Day
10am-2pm Tuesday July 5
\$5 per person

Native Bee Talk
10am-11:30 Tuesday July 12
\$20 per person (includes morning tea)

Nature is Fun
10am-12pm Wednesday July 13
\$5 per person

Lego Display
All Day Thursday July 14
& All Day Friday July 15
\$5 per person

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