

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,

Welcome to Week 7 and the first month of winter. Our Stage 3 students and teachers had a very cold start to the season with temperatures plummeting just in time for their excursion to Canberra. Thank you to Mrs Duck, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Faunce, Mr Tosevic and Pip for giving up time away from their families to take our students to experience the nation's capital.

Reconciliation Week

Last week our students celebrated Reconciliation Week. Classes learnt about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and explored how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for this year was *Be Brave. Make Change*, which is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to *Be Brave* and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can *Make Change* for the benefit of all Australians.

Staffing news

This week Miss Kay begins on class 1R and will be on that class for the rest of the year. We will also welcome Mrs April Hassall, who will take over the RFF role on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Hassall will be doing History lessons with our Year 3 -6 classes in Terms 3 and 4.

Maths Enrichment Day

This Tuesday 7th June, we will hold our Maths enrichment day, in the style of the Amazing Race. A big thank you to Mrs Gould for her organisation of this day. We look forward to lots of fun and challenging activities. We are also excited to have many parents taking part in the day and also working with students from Kincumber HS, who will support our Stage 3 Maths challenges.

Kindergarten 2023

We are now starting to take enrolments for Kindergarten class of 2023. Our official Kindergarten Headstart 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.

Boccia Gala Day

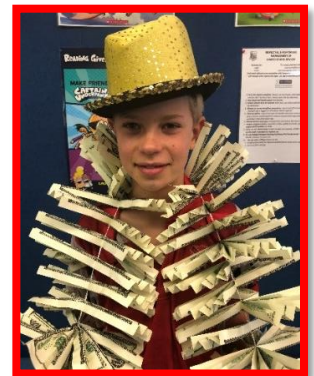
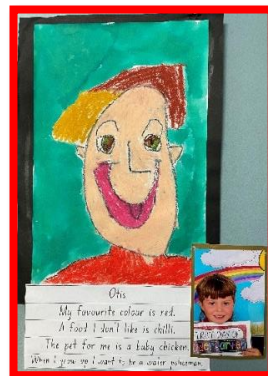
Another exciting opportunity for our students with special needs to compete against other school on the Central Coast is the Boccia Gala Day. Last Friday, three students attended this day and had a wonderful time competing. A big thank you to Mrs Tobin for her organisation of this event and to our amazing SLSOs for always supporting our students and giving up their time for training sessions over the past few weeks. The boys finished equal first in their pool. An amazing achievement!



Wall of Fame

This week I had a visit from Chloe & Otis in KB. They showed me their beautiful self-portrait and the writing they had done about themselves. We have some very talented Kinder students this year!

It is also exciting to see more students getting close to joining the Millionaire's Club for Literacy Pro. This week we celebrate Leon in 5/6D.



Ben Thomas
Principal

Quote of the Week

"A well-developed sense of humour is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk through the tightrope of life." – William Arthur Ward

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards.

KB	Chloe Tigges-Campos, Otis Graham	3B	Arwen Probst, Zanzi Missio-Crick
KJ	Saskia Tigges-Campos, Eli Downes	3F	Ivy Huggart, Kingsley Boyle
KT	Adeline Lavers, Huxley Ford	4B	Luka Veljovic, Sandy Mitchell
KW	Evie Norris, Taj Mills	4J	Willow Hayes, William Ceccato
1G	Kylah Conwell, Indi Ennion	4S	Joel Peterson, Aspen carpenter
1M	Zoe Tsolakis, Ren Hirose	5/6C	
1R	Sol Rolph, Mila Limpus	5/6D	
2A	Koa Philips, Indah Forster	5/6F	
2D	Thomas Lucas, Harry Brown	5/6T	
2M	Harvey O’Gara, Jack Barker		

PBL Values Assembly Presentation



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

KB	Emmy Dawes, Harrison Mullahey	3B	Ace Roumanous, Elijah Hanson
KJ	Tayari Gee, Billy Braund	3F	Zoe Tague, Zane Napton
KT	Archie Van der Donk, Natalia Lucas	4B	Stella Webster, Audrey McDonald
KW	Tao Guy, Indi Coleman	4J	Taj Eljerban, Abigail Armytage
1G	Ava de Ruiten, Oliver O’Keefe	4S	Jacob Cohen, Indiah Shiers
1M		5/6C	Piper Sheridan, Cameron Dalton
1R	Hugo Webster, Kai Turner	5/6D	Scarlett Russell, Chloe Stewart
2A	Frankie Mee, Charlotte Inga	5/6F	Jeanie Watkins, Alex Hall
2D	Hana Collyer, Mahli Kunzli	5/6T	Isabelle Ruzek, Callum Krumm
2M	Lenny Zimmer, Gabby Pilkington		



Chess

On the 26th May the A team represented Avoca Beach Public School in an away match against Wyong Public School in the Championship grade competition with the NSW Junior Chess League. All four students played highly challenging games, demonstrating strength, patience, focus and a fighting spirit. Congratulations to Kahu Slater and Callum Krumm, who won their games against their opponents. I look forward to accompanying all three teams in the upcoming matches against Wamberal next week.

Mrs Hartley



Stage 1 Take 3 from the Sea

Stage 1 are studying the ocean as part of our English and Science units. Last Tuesday, we braved the windy conditions to participate in 'Take 3 from the Sea.' Armed with gloves and tongs we gave back to our community by removing plastic and waste from the shoreline. Students scoured the beach for tiny pieces of plastic that sea life may see as food. The idea is that if each time we went to the beach we removed 3 pieces of rubbish we would be looking after the ocean environment.

We live in a beautiful part of Australia, so while we were down there we made sure that we also had some fun! Thank you to the parents who came down and helped. We really do appreciate your support.

Stage 1 teachers.



Premiers Debating Challenge 2022

Congratulations to our wonderful Stage 3 debating teams who have both successfully won their first debate against Kincumber Public School.

Good luck to our Year 6 team 'The Avoca Beach All Stars' (Cameron Dalton, Olivia Sumowski, Mae Jarmaine, Hannah Abra, Carla Norris and Tilleah Bennett) who will be travelling to Copacabana Public School in Week 8 for round 2 of The Premier's Debating Challenge.

Good luck to our Year 5 team 'The Avoca Beach Rising Stars' (Sienna Scott, Jasmine Youssef, Finn Casey, Dylan McMahon and Finn Brown) who will be travelling to Woodport Public School in Week 8 for round 2 of The Premier's Debating Challenge.

PSSA Netball

On Tuesday the 31st May, the Stage 3 girls netball team travelled to Lemon Grove Courts in Ettalong Beach to compete in the first two rounds of the NSWPSA Knockout. Despite the wind and cold, we had a fantastic day!

The girls came away with a 24 - 1 win over Pretty Beach PS in the first round which meant we progressed to round two against Ettalong PS. The girls gave it their all though were defeated by a strong team. A big thank you to the parents who came along to support on the day.

The girls represented Avoca Beach with pride and displayed outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day. Well done girls!

Miss Remy

PSSA Hockey

On Thursday 26th May we drove to Wyong to play our very first game of hockey. We had been training for a long time and we were very excited. We played against Blue Haven Public School, and we won 8 nil. It was a lot of fun. Now we advance to the Sydney North Finals and play against Camden.

Thank you to Ms Spencer and Miss Drew for training us.

Sophie Bowmaker and Lilly Folbigg



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Junior Cross Country 2022

On Friday 3rd June, students from Avoca Beach Public School competed in the K-2 Junior Cross Country Carnival. It was wonderful to see the younger students carrying out house chants, encouraging their peers and trying to achieve their personal best throughout their run. Thank you to all of the community who helped make it an enjoyable and successful event. Our top 6 runners in each event were awarded a ribbon at the school assembly. The results are listed below.

Year 2 Boys	Year 2 Girls
1. Clive Morriss	1. Pixie Graham
2. Mason Quieros	2. Hana Collyer
3. Oliver Lavers	3. Ruby Buchan
4. Ashwin Tandel	4. Dakota Coleman
5. Ned Foster	5. Charlotte Inga
6. Thomas Lucas	6. Jasmine White

Year 1 Boys	Year 1 Girls
1. Hugo Webster	1. Indi Ennion
2. Sol Rolph	2. Violet Miller
3. Archie Neville	3. Ava De Ruiter
4. Noah King	4. Zoe Tsolakis
5. Liam Casey	5. Cleo Drinkwater
6. Jack Gilroy	6. Saoirse Audley

Kindy Boys	Kindy Girls
1. Huxley Pulley	1. Tayari Gee
2. Aston Douglass	2. Lily Pace
3. Xavi Zimmer	3. Amelia Brennan
4. Bodhi Carmichael	4. Emmy Dawes
5. Keller Love	5. Stevie Glaser
6. Jonah Burque	6. Edie Cox

Staff Profile

Ms Bramford

My name is Suzanne and I consider myself very lucky to have been a teacher at Avoca Beach Public School since 2013. I'm one of those teachers who has been teaching my whole career and I love it now more than ever. The amazing students, teachers and families at Avoca Beach certainly help make my days so enjoyable.

My teaching career started on the South Coast in the Shoalhaven area, then moved to Wollongong, followed by six years at Bellingen Public School on the Mid-North Coast.

When my family and I moved to the Central Coast, I taught at Ourimbah and Lisarow Public Schools, before being appointed to Avoca Beach.

My husband Richard and I have 3 children who are 18, 20 and 22. We live on a small farm with sheep, chickens, ducks, honeybees and a veggie garden. We love nature and bushwalking, but to balance out all those peaceful activities, I particularly love cross country running, orienteering and going to the gym.

This year, I'm having an absolutely amazing time with Kindergarten (KB) and I also love catching up with my past students around the school whenever I can.

I wish everyone all the best for the remainder of 2022.



Mrs Jarmaine

I started working at Avoca Beach Public School as a casual teacher 8 years ago. I fell in love with the students, the dedicated staff and the community. I am currently teaching Kindergarten and I couldn't think of a more rewarding job. I feel extremely lucky to teach at a school where the students and community are so involved and connected.

I grew up in Jilliby, on the Central Coast and I started dancing from the day I could walk. I was selected into the 'Australian Ballet School' when I was 16 years old. Coming from a small country town, I was a small fish in a big pond. Melbourne seemed so far away from home. I realise now that the decision to leave home at such a young age, although hard, taught me so much about resilience and reward. This wonderful experience allowed me to travel throughout Australia, America, and Europe. Due to injury, this career was cut short. Although extremely disappointed, and somewhat disgruntled, I kept the point shoes close by. I was offered a position to teach ballet at the 'National College of Dance' in Newcastle. It rejuvenated my passion for dancing and showed me that perhaps teaching was my true natural talent. It was around this time that I met my future husband. He was studying teaching at the time, and I was ready for a change, so for the second time, I hung up the point shoes and tried something new. I enrolled in teaching at Newcastle University and rest is history.

We have two children, Mae, and Ari, who both attend Avoca Beach Public School. Along with Mr Jarmaine, this makes for one cosy ABPS family, most days.

I recently realised that I had never played in a team sport. With the encouragement of my family and friends, I decided to rectify this. I have recently joined Terrigal Soccer Club. It is quickly becoming the highlight of my week! It also shows that it's important to step out of your comfort zone to take risks and try new things. I also adore our family dog Nissa. She is a gentle giant, taller than me when she stands up. She's a Staghound cross and we all love her deeply. Daily walks and trips to Forresters Beach helps to keep life in balance.

I am passionate about The Arts, Aboriginal Education and creating a fun, inclusive and a supportive learning environment for all students. I'm not afraid to try new things, or new ways of teaching. My goal is to get the best out of my students. We need to be fluid and flexible on this endeavour. I realise how lucky I am to be working at this school and I look forward to teaching, guiding, and inspiring the children, as they continue on their ABPS journey.



THE SNACK SHACK

This week we have a SPECIAL MEAL DEAL to celebrate STATE OF ORIGIN kicking off. You can upgrade any Healthy Everyday Hot Meal Option buy adding a dessert (yoghurt, jelly or custard) plus a drink all for ONLY \$7.50

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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)

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