

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 back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a relaxing school holiday. This term will be another busy one and we are all very excited about our School Fair, which will be held on Sunday 28th August. Make sure you save that date and let all your friends and family know to come along and enjoy the day with us.

House Families Garden

The students did an amazing job working in their house families last term. Part of this program involved the design and construction of a house families garden. The students worked together to design the garden and also the friendship rocks within the garden. The end result is outstanding! Thank you to Mrs Braund, Mr Jarmaine and Mrs Fuller, for driving this garden initiative.



Term 3 Calendar

Included in this newsletter is our Term 3 calendar. We have another term filled with lots of exciting activities for the students.

Athletics Carnival

Our annual athletics carnival will be held this Wednesday at Mingara Athletics Centre. We look forward to getting the whole school back to Mingara for the day, after not being able to hold an athletics carnival for the past 2 years.

Amazing Race Maths Day

Two of our budding young technology students, Cooper and Cameron, put together an amazing video of the Maths enrichment day. This can be viewed at <https://avocabch-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/news/2022/6/amazing-maths-day-2022.html>

Kindergarten 2023

A reminder that this term we need to know who will be enrolling for Kindergarten 2023, as our anticipated enrolments need to be submitted to the Department of Education next week. 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 access the school website and submit an online enrolment form ASAP to secure their place.

<https://avocabch-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

Wall of Fame

A big congratulations to Emmy in KB, Cameron in 5/6C and Wren in 5/6F, who achieved 100% attendance for Terms 1 and 2. As a special treat for their amazing attendance, these students joined Mr Thomas for lunch in the last week of term.

Congratulations to Ari Michalk-Banning and Scarlett Russell both from 5/6D, who are the latest members of the Millionaire's Club. Great effort with your reading Ari and Scarlett!

Well done to Talia Tebb who won the Billabong Occy Grom Comp in the holidays at Duranbah. Talia took out the Under 12 division.



Ben Thomas
Principal

Quote of the Week

"Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will." – Suzy Kassem

PBL Values Assembly Presentation

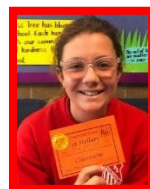


Congratulations to the students who received PBL Values Awards at the last Values Assembly.

KB	Amelia Brennan, Abigail Gould	3B	Stevie Fraser, Sonny Carmichael
KJ	Stevie Glaser, Eli Downes	3F	Arlie Warren, Brixton Ennion
KT	Charlie Pearce, Ellie Youssef	4B	Matilda Coleman, Luka Veljovic
KW	Edie Cox, Sammy Larkin	4J	Polly Carpenter, Willow Hayes
1G	Thomas Williams, Nellie Lowbridge	4S	Joel Peterson, Isabelle Slinkard
1M	Elissa Shaw, Cleo Drinkwater	5/6C	Teagan Campbell, Cohen Jones
1R	Noah King, Summa Eagles	5/6D	Jem Stead, Jack Verhagen
2A	Solomon Watkins, Ellie Spence	5/6F	Ruby Rangott, Grace Tamblyn
2D	Thomas Lucas, Violet Parker	5/6T	Ava Knight, Talia Tebb
2M	Summer Wright, Rosie Lamshed		



Congratulations to our 25 Stellar recipients!



FUTSAL

On Monday the 20th June, our girls Futsal team travelled to Maitland to compete in the School Futsal State Championships. The day began with the girls drawing their first two games. The third game saw our team to victory, ensuring they were through to the Semi Final against Terrigal. In this game I saw our team unite and put up a strong fight which ended in a penalty shoot-out. Lilly Folbigg showed strength and skill in making sure the ball stayed away from the goals!

Watching the Grand Final was inspiring. The girls worked together to score 7 goals to 2 against Newcastle East. Avoca Beach Public School came out as the state winners! Throughout the day our team showed resilience, sportsmanship and determination to achieve this result. A huge thank you to Taj Werner for helping coach the girls to victory. Congratulations to all involved!

Anne Braund



RUGBY UNION

The sun was shining! We were hopeful. It was game day. Wednesday 22nd of June, the Rugby Union team walked down to Heazlett Oval at 12:15. Terrigal were already there. Everyone was pumped, we were ready, we warmed up with some drills. We saw 5/6 C and some of 5/6D had made a tunnel for us when we ran out onto the field. We kicked off first and we cleaned out and got the ball, then Zaiden made a great run and scored our first try. Cohen kicked the conversion to make it 7-0. Terrigal kicked off and a knock on occurred, then a scrum followed by a bad pass. Cohen picked it up and scored our 2nd try, converted it to make it 14-0. Then Terrigal kicked back off and we couldn't hold off their amazing attack and they converted to make the score 14-7.

We kicked off, and right on halftime Terrigal scored another try to make it 14-14.

In the second half, Terrigal scored straight away to make it 14-21. We scored the next 3 tries, and Cohen kicked all of the conversions, it was 35-21, we were looking good! With 5 minutes to go they scored 3 tries, but missed the conversions, making the final score 35-38. Unlucky for Avoca.

As a team, we would like to say thank you to Mrs Munton & Mrs Scott for managing us. A big thank you to Josh for coaching us and to Grant and Gerard for the training sessions!

Cohen and Oscar



AFL GALA DAY

On Thursday the 16th of June we headed off to Hilton Moore Oval to play our AFL Gala Day. Throughout the day we played 4 games against St Johns, Central Coast Sports College, Wamberal PS and Shelly Beach. We played hard and won 3 out of the 4 games. Since we came 2nd we were able to go onto the next round. Everybody played amazing and it was a great day.
Sophie Bowmaker 5/6D

AFL, what a wonderful sport! It was the 16th of June and I was ready to go to my 2nd AFL Gala Day at Hilton Moore Oval with my friends. I was super excited. We played 4 great games of AFL and the boys won 1 game, drew another one and lost 2. The AFL Gala Day was an excellent day of AFL and I would definitely recommend playing or trying out AFL.
Archie Bourke 5/6D

PSSA GIRL'S HOCKEY FINALS

It was a sunny winter day, Monday 27th June, when we were driving to Narellan to play our hockey finals game against Camden for Sydney North. After arriving we warmed up and then Miss Drew put us in our positions. The whistle blew and it was time to play. Each quarter was about 12 minutes. Everyone played hard and did their very best to beat our opponents but unfortunately, we lost 3 nil. However, we all had fun and enjoyed the experience. Thank you to the parents who drove us to and from the event and thanks Ms Spencer and Miss Drew for training us.
By Phoebe Waters and Lillie Vander Donk

**NCCD (Nationally Consistent Collection of Data)**

At this time of the year, teachers are busy providing the state and federal governments with data on which students they make adjustments for in their classes.

All children should have equal opportunities and choices in their education. Often a Teacher has to make daily adjustments to their teaching practice so this can occur.

The NCCD occurs in all schools across Australia in July/August every year. This collects information about all the adjustments and accommodations teachers make to cater for individual needs of students. It is a time for teachers to reflect on their practice and evaluate classroom teaching programs.

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD website

(<http://www.nccd.edu.au>)

ABPS Website - Gallery

We would like to remind our ABPS families that our website is updated regularly with upcoming events, news and a gallery full of photographs. Most recently, our Year 4 Camp, K-2 and 3-6 Cross Countries have been uploaded! As we continue through Semester 2, our website will continue to be updated so make sure to jump on and take a look at what our students have been achieving in and out of school.

KB's thoughts about Mr Thomas' surprise!

Napier: "I loved it when Mr Thomas surprised us on Friday morning!"

Riley: "Mr Thomas surprised us with a trip to the movies. I liked the end of the movie because it was happy."

Abigail: "I liked the sandwich that had meat, lettuce, bread, lettuce, meat."

Harrison: "The best bit about the surprise was the bus because I liked everyone talking and yelling. It made me excited!"

Emmy: "Thank you Mr Thomas for being so nice and letting us go to the movies. I loved going on the bus."

Willow: "I liked it when Buzz opened the door and saw his friend and she was going to have a baby. Thankyou Mr Thomas for letting us go to the movies."

Amelia: "I loved Mr Thomas' surprise because we went on the bus, and it was my first time on a bus!"

Bo: "I loved watching the movie!"

Bodhi: "I loved Mr Thomas surprising me because I didn't know."

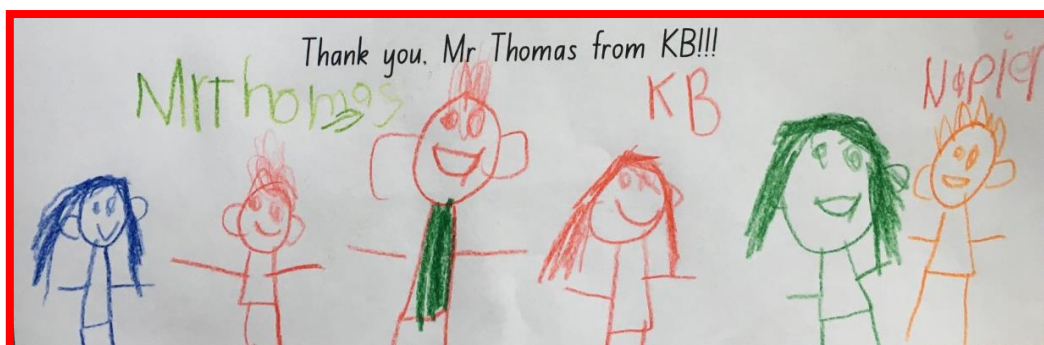
Beau: "My favourite thing about the surprise was watching Buzz."

Finn: "I loved that I didn't know we were going to the movies, and I was surprised."

Millie: "I loved Mr Thomas' big surprise!"

Eliane: "My favourite part of Mr Thomas' surprise was going to the movies."

Jacinta: "Thank you Mr Thomas for taking us to the movies. My favourite part was going on the bus."



Staff Profile

Brett MacDonald

My name is Brett and I am very happy to be teaching at ABPS. The students, teachers and community make it an enjoyable place to work. I've always wanted to be a teacher and very much enjoy what I do. Before Avoca Beach, I taught at both Chittaway Bay and Copacabana Public School and am now happily nestled in here at the best school on the coast. I aim to create a fun, inclusive learning environment filled with kindness, gratitude and empathy for one another.

I grew up in Berkeley Vale and attended both the primary school and high school in my area. I loved my experiences there and am passionate about public education.

My hobbies growing up included Rugby League, Touch Football and Snowboarding. I enjoy all physical activity and would give anything a go. I played Rugby League for 20 years and unfortunately my NRL career was cut short due to not being very talented. I love the snow and have been lucky enough to complete 2 ski seasons in Canada whilst at University and have skied resorts in New Zealand, America and Japan. Currently, I play touch football, oz-tag and golf whilst trying not to get injured :)

After a couple Covid postponements, my partner Kate and I will be married in Hamilton Island this September (please send all gifts to the office ;)). We live in Bateau Bay and love the leafy surrounds and walks around the beach. Kate is also a teacher and works in a support unit on the Central Coast. We have 1 fur-child, a dachshund named Reggie. She is gentle, loving and just a tad protective. The excitement she has each day you come home makes life that much more enjoyable.

I look forward to continuing to help foster the learning experiences of students at Avoca Beach. Please feel free to say hello whenever you see me in the community.



Staff Profile

Donna Ayton

So, here is a little snippet into my life.

I have been teaching at ABPS for 14 years. My previous school to teaching here was at Bateau Bay Public School, and even going further back I have taught at Ettalong, The Entrance, Toukley, Chittaway and Berkley Vale Schools. I have met so many fabulous friends along my teaching journey. However, my favourite school of all time is right here at Avoca Beach!

I live at Shelly Beach with my husband, Ron. I have three children, Gregory, Mathew and Brendan, who have moved on and living their own lives now. I also have four beautiful, precious grandchildren, Sage (5), Rory (3), Maeve (2) and Jude (who is only just one week old). When I have time, I really love reading and going for walks along the ocean. I have played netball most of my life and represented NSW in my younger years.

Teaching has always been 'in my blood'. When I as a little girl, I use to set my dolls up as students and pretend I was a teacher. I have taught most grades, cross-stage classes, behaviour classes, and gifted classes. But mainly my teaching career has centred around stage 3 classes. This year I am thoroughly enjoying teaching my wonderful class 2A. They are all brilliant, funny, kind and quirky!

My next number one passion after teaching is dance, drama and stage production. I have been lucky enough to have been involved with Dance activities in all the schools I have worked at. I have loved choreographing dance routines for the Central Coast Dance Festivals, along with creating an item for JRock (Rock eisteddfod), which was amazing! and dance numbers for musicals. Before I was a full-time teacher, I worked alongside producers and was a head stage manager, which was so exciting.

I am very grateful for living here on the coast and working with such a beautiful, caring and supportive staff, students and community. It's simply amazing having such wonderful people to share each day with.

Thank you for taking the time to read my little story outline. I am looking forward to meeting more of the community as the year progresses.





Our fair is just 5 WEEKS away and a dedicated team has been working hard to organise an AMAZING event, though we still need your help.

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING

1. Class stall coordinators needed

The following classes are still in need of a stall coordinator:

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| KT - Coordinator required | 2A - Coordinator required |
| 1R - Coordinator required | 4S - Coordinator required |
| 2D - Coordinator required | 5/6F - Coordinator required |

If you can coordinate a stall please get in contact with Laura on 0432 015 588 or email avocabeachpublicschoolfair@gmail.com

2. Sell raffle tickets

The P&C committee have **secured some days at the Avoca Markets and Kincumber Shops** to help your children earn their FREE RIDES WRISTBANDS by selling 2 x books of raffle tickets - don't forget two sold books = FREE RIDES WRISTBAND!

Please remember ALL proceeds go straight back to the school to help further students' education. We will have extra raffle tickets books available on the day if required.

Dates and times available:

- **AVOCA MARKETS** - Sunday 24th July one hour spaces 9am, 10am, 11am, 12noon and 1pm
- **KINCUMBER SHOPS** - Saturday 30th July one hour spaces 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, and 3pm
- **KINCUMBER SHOPS** - Sunday 31st July one hour spaces 10am, 11am, 12noon, 1pm, and 3pm

Please contact Brooke on 0437 248 858 ASAP to secure your spot.

Remember we need every book returned (whether sold, unsold or partially sold) for auditing purposes.

3. Bring in used books

Do you have pre-loved books/CD's or DVD's dusting your shelves, taking up space in your garage or cluttering your lounge room? If you would like to be rid of them, please pass them our way!

Please bring your quality items to the K-2 storeroom (ask the office ladies if you don't know where this is) from next Tuesday.

Don't forget to label your donations with your child's name and class for pizza party points! Any questions phone/text Sarita on 0403 784 785 or Laura on 0432 015 588.

4. Help in treasury on fair day

Would you like to count money on Fair day? We need volunteers to work in the treasury to count the many notes and coins that are raised. Please email

avocabeachpublicschoolfair@gmail.com if you can offer an hour or so.

5. Help with fair set up/pack down

If you're able to help with set up and/or pack down on the day please text Brooke on or email avocabeachpublicschoolfair@gmail.com

6. Start collecting items to fill \$2 jars

The \$2 jar stall is always a big hit. Jars will be sent home with those students who would like to donate items for the fair – these jars could have things like lollies, small toys, stationary etc. Get your thinking caps on - more information will come soon.

If you have any questions please contact Jacinta on 0437 242 927 or via email

avocabeachpublicschoolfair@gmail.com

THE SNACK SHACK

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>

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