

Newsletter

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Our innovative, collaborative and inclusive culture empowers and supports every learner.*

Dear Parents,

It's been busy week here at Avoca Beach PS. Students have been out at touch football, AFL, cricket, soccer and rugby league. We have had spelling bees, opportunity class tests, dance festival rehearsals, string group Opera House Rehearsal, musical auditions and chess tournaments! I would like to thank all of our wonderful teachers who give up their time to provide these amazing extra opportunities for our students.

This week we are celebrating EDUCATION WEEK, a celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our schools, students, staff, and education system.

The theme of Education Week this year is;

Creating futures – education changes lives

This year we continue to celebrate the journey students and learners take throughout the NSW Education system, focusing on how we are creating futures for our students, staff, and families. We celebrate all types of learning that occurs at all levels across our education system, and we have a shared responsibility to help shape the lives and create the future of today's learners.

We are inviting our parents and carers to our House Families Program on Wednesday 3rd August starting at 12:20pm, followed by recess from 2pm until 2:20pm. We hope to see you there.

Athletics Carnival

We have a new date for our K-6 school athletics carnival at Mingara Athletics Centre. It will now be held on Monday 15th August. A note will be emailed via School Bytes early next week. Please ensure you return this and any money outstanding as soon as possible.

School Bytes

We have been trialling a new way of sending home notes requiring permission and money. Parents are receiving emails with permission notes and are then able to reply and give permission by completing the forms. Please ensure that the school has your most up to date email address so that you receive important information. If your email address has recently changed or you would like to add an additional email address, please email the school on: avocabch-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Wall of Fame

Some clever KT students visited me last week to show me their fabulous writing.



Congratulations to Zane and Kai Napton who are the latest members of the Millionaire's Club. Great effort with your reading boys!



Zane Napton 3F



Kai Napton 4S

School Fair

The countdown is on for the school fair, which is only 3 weeks away. Make sure you have Sunday 21st August free for this fabulous day.

Nikki Tobin
Relieving Principal

EDUCATION WEEK 2022

To celebrate Education Week, we would like to invite you to participate in our House Families Program on Wednesday 3rd August starting at 12:20pm under the basketball cola and concluding after recess at 2:20pm. Families and students will be participating in a lesson and activities to learn about and develop "persistence", followed by a BYO recess in the playground. As part of Avoca Beach Public School's Strategic Direction 2021-2023, House Families is an initiative where students and teachers from Kindergarten to Year 6 meet every week to develop relationships and skills to encourage and foster a "sense of belonging" for our students, staff and community.

We hope that you are able to join us on Wednesday.

Dance Festival – Information for students who are attending

Show Date: Show A – Tuesday 6th September 6pm & 8pm

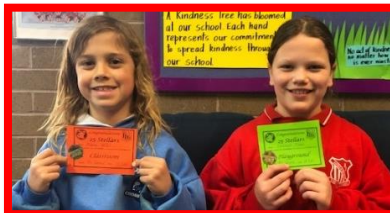
Tickets on Sale: Monday 22nd August 11am

Adults \$24, Concession/Student/Child \$20

<https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/theatres>

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards.

KB	Beau Sedgwick, Phoenix Coleman Emmy Dawes, Willow Andrews	3B	D'Artagnan Smith, Jaxon Bailey River Carpenter, Sonny Carmichael
KJ	Major Rodgers, Tessa Reed Eli Faunce, Elke Tapper	3F	Poppy Mann, Eamon Krumm Jake Banfield, Thomas Rolls
KT	Ayla Barlow, Will Barker Huxley Ford, Olive Hayes	4B	Max Rattray, Jonah Geary Brielle Hayes, Lily Woods
KW	Christoff Hechter, Frankie Fitzpatrick Millie Quieros, Hunter de Ruiter	4J	Arlo Lamshed, Violette Wolters Polly Carpenter, Fin Love
1G	Bowie Andrews, Levi Davies Finn Napton, Nellie Lowbridge	4S	Olive Morriss, Sam Carlisle Evie Sherratt, Aspen Carpenter
1M	Nina Rodrigues, Saoirse Audley Ren Hirose, Dash Dowdle	5/6C	Elijah Cohen, Ava Campbell Phoebe waters, Ace Harvey
1R	Henry Viles, Joshua Kotris Mackenzie Frykberg, Charlie Gillett	5/6D	Leon Haak, Sophie Bowmaker Ariana McVeigh, Samarah Livingstone
2A	Liam Wright, Clive Morriss Marie Hechter, Alexis Sedgwick	5/6F	Jett Johnson, Willow Carpenter Zach Johnson, Hugo McKim
2D	Emilie L'Olive, Abbey O'Brien Harper McMahon, Nina Markey	5/6T	Tyler Hudson, Ajay de Gruchy, Isla Davies
2M	Bonnie Hurrell, Peyton Halwagy Ace Clayton, Frankie Mumford		

Congratulations to our 25 Stellar recipients

Chess

On the 22nd July the A team represented Avoca Beach Public School in an away match against Central Coast Grammar. This was their last round in the Championship grade competition with the NSW Junior Chess League. All four students played difficult games against a highly competitive team. A special mention to Hannah Abra who took home the win against an extremely talented and well-known player on the coast in a game that lasted over an hour! Congratulations to Callum Krumm, who also won his game against his opponent. They both played a highly strategic games, showing immense focus and skill. Stay tuned for this space for the final results of the tournament for all three of our chess teams.



SPELLING BEE

On Wednesday the 27th July our champion spellers from Stage 2 and Stage 3 battled it out in our School Spelling Bee finals. It was inspiring to see these students stand up and challenge themselves by attempting some difficult words.

Thank you to our wonderful student leaders for running the event. Your professionalism and leadership skills ensured the Spelling Bee was a success.

Congratulations to all students who participated in Year 2:

Violet Parker, Javi Eljerban, Florence Jardine, Harvey O'Gara, Ace Clayton and Solomon Watkins.

Well done to Harvey O'Gara for being reigning spelling champion for Stage 1!

Congratulations to all students who participated in Stage 2:

Eamon Crum, Frankie Drinkwater, Reef Clarke, Mia Campbell, Abigail Armytage, Jax Burke, Luka Veljovic, Lily Rangott and Kai Napton.

Well done to Kai Napton for being reigning spelling champion for Stage 2!

Congratulations to all students who participated In Stage 3:

Felix O'Gara, Finn Brown, Cooper Thomson, Hannah Abra, Archie Bourke, Leon Haak, Ari Michalk-Banning, Riley Geary and Charlize Denham.

Well done to Felix O'Gara for being reigning spelling champion for Stage 3.

Kai and Felix will be representing our school in the regional finals to be held in August. We wish them all the best!

Anne Braund

CRICKET

Congratulations to the Avoca cricket team who won their first game of the year. It sounds strange but that is how long the side had to wait after a bye in the first round to playing Ettalong in the second, due to a long spell of rain and other activities. Ettalong got a score of 49 runs off 20 overs. Best of the bowling was Kieran Singh with 3-4 off four overs. Three excellent batting displays from Cohen Jones 19, Tyler Hudson 18 and Harry Lowbridge 24 saw our team on 61 and the winners at drinks break. Thanks to the Ettalong side for playing the game in the right spirit, the parents who transported and supported the students at the game and to Matt McLeod who organised the match today. Well done team and good luck in the next round.

AFL

Last Monday ABPS mixed AFL team travelled to Bateau Bay to play the first 3 Rounds of the Tony Lockett knockout competition. Up first were Niagara Park PS. After a slow start, we were fortunate enough to win 21 to 0. Progressing into the 2nd Round we came up against a strong Berkley Vale PS team. At half time the scores were pretty level but after some amazing goals from Oscar Newman and Elijah Cohen we came away with a win, 51 to 13.

We then progressed into the 3rd Round. We were up against Terrigal, who notoriously field a strong team every year. Terrigal began well with a quick goal and a couple of behinds. ABPS were a little rattled but rallied to be up by 1 at half time. TPS came out strong after half time, keeping us scoreless. We eventually went down TPS 36 to ABPS 12.

I want to thank all the Stage 3 boys and girls who have given AFL a go this year. For a bunch of students who primarily don't play the game I think they did ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!!!! I am so proud of all of them!

TOUCH FOOTBALL

On Thursday 28th July, the girls touch football team travelled to Umina Beach to play against Umina Beach in Round 4 of the PSSA knockout. After 2 washouts, we finally found a sunny day to put our skills to the best. Both sides had representative players and it showed in a great game between the two teams. The Avoca Beach girls drove the ball extremely well through the middle of the field and on the back of it were able to set up some fantastic tries for our team. Our outside backs communicated and shifted across the field so well and were able to shut down many of Umina Beach's attacking plays. Eventually Avoca Beach ran out 5-1 winners. They will now play in Round 5 and the Semi-Finals of the touch knockout Sydney North. Congratulations girls!!

Mr. Mac



Rugby League

On the 27th July ABPS Opens Rugby League team competed in the Sydney North P.S.S.A Classic Shield at Rogers Park, Woy Woy. We played Kincumber in our first game and utilised our strong running forward pack to gain momentum and get across the try line multiple times. Our next game was against Copacabana which was a very tough and competitive game. Unfortunately, we battled against a few injuries which left us missing players in crucial positions. All the students did a great job and played well for their first couple of games as a team.

Hugo McKim was solid in defence and had some strong runs. Zach Johnson looked electric with the ball in hand and was very reliable. Zac Battye impressed with his cover defence and ability to play in any position we needed. Zaiden Taylor was instrumental in leading the team around the field and showed an outstanding work ethic in attack and defence. Callum Krum had some great runs for his first ever game. Ace Harvey and Jeremiah Stead competed in every play and made some brilliant efforts in attack and defence. Harry Lowbridge provided some great tackle busts and set up his outside players. Oscar Newman made some courageous runs and earned our team a lot of metres. Noah Day and Jack Miller were enthusiastic all day and gave our side energy when they were injected onto the field. Our Year 4 halves pairing although being some of the youngest and smallest players on the field showed maturity above their years to control the games. Our other Year 4 students did a great job stepping up against much bigger competition. Ace Garret showed no fear and gave it his all and Koa Payne showed his courage too with some very strong runs. Hickson provided some fantastic runs beating numerous defenders' countless times. Elijah Cohen was agile and explosive and gave our side confidence on the edge. Eli Boys-Smith was strong in defence and had some good touches with the ball.

Finally, a big thankyou to Glen for giving up his time to help coach and train the side and for running water on the day. Well done to all the boys and thank you for proudly representing our school.

Mr McBride

Staff Profile**Craig Blanch**

Hi Everyone,

I hope this letter finds you all happy and healthy. I'd like to start by acknowledging the traditional custodians of this land, the Darkinjung nation and the custodians of all the lands where I have been involved with education. Biripi and Worimi nations where I grew up on the mid-north coast, Wangaaypuwan nation of Ivanhoe and the Kamilaroi nation of Boggabilla and Toomelah.

My interest in teaching goes right back to Year 9 in high school where I was a trainee instructor. I became a pool guard at our local pool and during school sport in summer (as well as playing cricket), I assisted the teachers by instructing bronze medallion groups. To see them pass on exam day gave me such a thrill and from those positive experiences I wanted to continue helping people to achieve. One of the highlights back then was teaching a Year 12 student how to swim. I got permission to be at the pool half an hour before sport and I would teach him then and by the end of term, he could swim 50m unassisted.

This naturally progressed into the vacation swim schemes where we taught children to swim in the summer holidays in intensive 4-week programs, 5 days a week. You would teach 3 different groups, have morning tea, teach 3 more, have lunch and then teach 2 more before the end of the day.

I was actually in the pool when my supervisor told me that I had a temporary teaching position at Ivanhoe Central School, that was in the western region of NSW. I taught a composite Year 1/2 class. I was there for almost ten weeks and teaching 'G' on the recorder, when I got a call from Graham Ellis, the Principal at Boggabilla Central School, asking me if I wanted a permanent position. I accepted and so now travelled to the north-west of NSW past Moree to Boggabilla.

A very small Aboriginal community of 500 people, Boggabilla was an active place as there was always something happening. Our school was unique because it was a fully demountable high school set down beside an existing primary school. I taught 3-class composites e.g., 2/3/4 and 4/5/6 during my 4 years there. I was privileged to help train the local rugby league side, the Toomelah Tigers, who won the Moree competition 4 years in a row. This mighty side also had a star NRL player, Ewan McGrady (nicknamed 'Panda') who won the Rothmans Player of the Year award in 1991. Other noteworthy people I met whilst teaching there included the Bangarra Dance group, Sharon Finnan (Australian WD Netball) and Ernie Dingo (an absolute pleasure!)

Moving to Avoca Beach in 1992, I played with the Avoca Rugby club for 4 years and loved every minute of it! I have taught every grade from Year 2 to Year 6 and back again. I took on the role of Aboriginal education coordinator meeting Burnam Burnam, Dave Ella and Yothu Yindi along the way. I've coached girls' soccer, boys' rugby league and cricket. I've been the Zone athletics organiser for several years taking it from Adcock Park to Mingara. I've also been the Sydney North Manager for rugby league, athletics (Homebush Bay was like a second home there for a while) and cross country.

There are many more excellent memories and the 'lightbulb moments' that I still look forward to, when a student finally says, "aha, I've got it!" It's what still gets me up in the morning!

Looking forward to many more good years at a fantastic school, all the best everyone!



Staff Profile

Dennis Jarmaine

Hi everyone, my name is Dennis Jarmaine and I have been a primary school teacher for 19 years. I spent the first 7 years of my career working at Kincumber Primary School. I thoroughly enjoyed my years at Kincumber, and I thank my colleagues and the students at Kincumber for providing such a supportive and enjoyable beginning to my career. My position at Kincumber was only temporary and when I got engaged to be married, I knew it was time to seek a full-time position. I applied for a teaching position at Avoca Beach Public School late in 2010. Pleasingly, I was successful with this, and I started my time at Avoca Beach Public School at the beginning of 2011. I love teaching at Avoca Beach. I've always had a special connection with the local area. My dad was prominent member of the surf club as I was growing up and as a result, I spent a lot of time in Avoca Beach in my early years. I feel very at home here. I live in Forresters Beach with my 2 Children, Mae (11) and Ari (8), my wife of 14 years, Michele and our dog Nissa. We all, not Nissa, attend Avoca Beach Public School. Having the opportunity to watch my family thrive in such a wonderful setting is rare and it is certainly something I haven't taken for granted. I grew up absolutely obsessed with basketball. I still play, and although a lot slower, and significantly less athletic, I still love playing the game. I grew up in Terrigal, attending both Terrigal Primary School and Terrigal High School. I reflect positively on my schooling, and it was my Year 4 teacher, Mr Webber, that inspired me to seek teaching as a profession. My teaching philosophy is heavily influenced from the year I spent with Mr Webber in 1987.

I believe students need 3 things to be successful in the classroom. The first is trust. Trust in your teacher and your peers. Students need to know that they can take risks within the educational setting free from judgement. The second is Effort. Give everything your best and in doing so, it can relive some of the educational pressure that can build up. You can't do any more than your best. The third is fun. You must be having fun. Students need to laugh and be entertained. If they enjoy the process of learning, they will learn.

I am extremely grateful to have my teaching position here at Avoca Beach. We have an outstanding cohort of students, an engaged community, and a supportive and talented staff. I look forward to supporting the students on their educational journey.





Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop now has School Tracksuit Pants and Sloppy Joes in stock!

We have also just received our House T-shirts.

Polos and the New Red Jackets are not due in until September. Watch this space for their arrival!

Some of you have these on order already. Do not panic if your order says completed and you are still waiting on stock. You have been moved to a backorder system and your items will be delivered as soon as they arrive.

Spriggy has now been updated too.

If you have any questions, please come and see me at the uniform shop - Thursdays 2pm - 3:30pm!

Thank you

Lara

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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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

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For Parents of Catholic SRE Students

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Parish, Terrigal
Sacramental Programme 2022

First Holy Communion

- Available for children in Year 4 and older who have received Baptism, Confirmation and Reconciliation.
- Enrolment will take place at the church after the Masses on the following two weekends:
- Saturday 30th July & Sunday 31st July
- Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th August
- Enquiries to the Sacramental Co-Ordinator, Janette Merrotsy at the Parish Office on 4367 4610 or 0421 416 555.



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- * Fun and safe environment to learn cricket
- * 16 week program run at Erina Oval on Saturday Mornings 9:30 - 10:30am
- * Commences 8 October.
- * 5 week break at Christmas
- * Kids receive a Junior Blast player pack upon registration.



Master Blasters Ages 6-8



Master Blast is for boys and girls, is fun, safe, active and best of all, it's cricket and it's a blast!

- * For both boys and girls
 - * Saturday Mornings 9:00 - 10:30am
 - * Everyone gets a chance to bat and bowl
 - * 16 week program commencing 8 October.
 - * 5 week break at Christmas
 - * All games are played at Erina Oval
 - * Weekly training
- * Kincumber-Avoca Cricket Club provide a playing/training shirt, club cap, Christmas BBQ and presentation day.

* Subject to public health orders.



Junior Club Cricket Ages 9-15

Junior Club cricket is for boys who want to socialise, have some fun and keep active in a competitive environment.

- * Graded competitions to suit all skill levels commencing 8 October.
- * One day games of cricket, played on Saturday Mornings.
- * Formats vary with age. Shorter pitch and fewer players for younger age groups.
- * Players receive a playing shirt and a training shirt. New players receive a club cap.



All Girls Cricket Ages 9-15

All Girls Cricket is just for girls. It is fast, exciting and gives girls a fun and friendly environment to play Australia's favourite game with all their friends!

- * One day games of cricket commencing 8 October 2022.
- * Formats vary with age. Shorter pitch and fewer players means more action.
- * Players receive a playing shirt and a training shirt. New players receive a club cap.



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