

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.*

WELCOME BACK!!

A very warm welcome to all students, parents and staff to the 2023 school year. I'd also like to especially welcome all the new members of our school community. Our school has a proud tradition of excellence in academic, cultural and sporting achievement and we look forward to building on this further throughout 2023.

2023 Calendar

A draft calendar of events will be sent home with this newsletter so you can start planning the term. We will send an updated calendar when more events are finalised.

2023 Classes

Our numbers have continued to fluctuate over the holiday break and we will also be dropping to 18 classes for 2023. We will need to determine final numbers when students return on Tuesday and then hopefully we can form our new classes as soon as possible. As always, students have been placed according to the advice of their teachers, their learning and social needs, and where possible, their friendship groups. Please ensure that you talk positively with your child about entering their new class for the year and give them time to settle in and get comfortable with the changes.

Parent Information Sessions

We are looking forward to being able to run our parent information sessions again this year. These information sessions will run from 6pm – 7pm in the library. The dates for these are as follows:

Kindergarten- Wednesday 8th February

Stage 1 (Yr 1 & Yr 2)- Tuesday 7th February

Stage 2 (Yr 3 & Yr 4)- Monday 6th February

Stage 3 (Yr 5 & Yr 6)- Thursday 9th February

Formal parent interviews will also be held at the end of Term 1 to discuss the progress of your child.

Bell Times

A reminder that our bell times are as follows:

9am- Supervision begins. Please do not send children to school earlier than this time, as there will not be supervision for them.

9.20am- Roll call and class begins (NB- there will be time allocated for a fruit/water break in the morning session)

11.25-11.35am- Lunch eating time

11.35-12.15pm- Lunch play time

12.15pm- Second learning session

2-2.20pm- Recess

2.20pm- Third learning session

3.20pm- Home time bell

Student Leadership

Congratulations to our student leadership team for 2023. Our SRC and House Captains are as follows. We look forward to your leadership throughout the year.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Finn Casey	Payton Arnold
Harry Lowbridge	Ellie Brien
Felix O’Gara	Melody McRae
Zaiden Taylor	Sienna Scott

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Bradman	Newcombe	Jackson	Freeman
Felicity Jones	Lily Parker	Isla Davies	Eli Sims
Charlie Beaton	Owen Harris	Mae Mitchell	Ava Campbell
Noah Day	Zac Battye	Matilda Harvey	Ella Williams
	Zach Johnson	Kai Berthot-Craig	Harriet Viles

Ben Thomas
Principal

Quote of the Week

“A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen.” – Denise Witmer

OSHC Update

As many of you are already aware, Big Childcare Pty Ltd have announced that they will not be operating their OSHC service at our school from this week, until staffing issues can be sorted out. Unfortunately, the school just found out that vacation care was also cancelled at the last minute. I have been in touch with the Department of Education School Infrastructure team, who manage OSHC services and they have since been in contact with Big Childcare regarding this closure. We hope that arrangements can be made as soon as possible to get the OSHC service operational again. Attached is a letter with more information and contact details if you have any further questions.

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CLOTHING SWAP

Sunday 19 February, 4 – 6 pm
Avoca Beach Scout Hut

Give your unwanted clothes a second life, find new items to love, and reduce your environmental footprint all in one go!
Please register below.

[REGISTER](#)

Men!
Women!
Kids!

The Snack Shack

We are so excited to be back and see all those smiling faces again. For the first few days we will be using your child's Class name from last year, until we have been notified by the school of all new class names and students. Once the new classes have been issued you will be prompted by Spriggy Schools to update your child's class in system before ordering, so please allow enough time to do this before CUT OFF.

For anyone new to the school here are the details of the Snack Shack. We are open Mon-Fri 8.30 - 2.30.

LUNCH 11.252 students from each class collect pre ordered lunches from the canteen in the class basket, which is taken to the designated eating area for their stage. Lunches are handed out in individually labelled bags. Some items may need to be collected from the canteen (i.e. frozen items, noodle cups, warm milo) these items will be highlighted on the bag and the student needs to bring their bag up to the canteen to show us and collect their item. SECOND BELL will sound at 11.35, this is when students are allowed to come up to the canteen to purchase items with cash (or their pre ordered frozen item with their bag) we have canteen made frozen yoghurt sticks which are only \$1 and very popular, frozen juice cups, quelch sticks, a selection of drinks and snacks. MIDDLE BELL sounds at 11.55 this is when the canteen closes and no more frozen items available.

RECESS 2.00.... any item ordered for RECESS needs to be collected in person from the canteen. Popular items are pancakes, cheese & bacon rolls, vegemite scrolls, banana bread, chips and the ever popular Sipahh Straw and milk. Some small snack items are available over the counter for cash but the regular items need to be pre ordered.

All menu items have been audited and approved in accordance with THE NSW HEALTHY CANTEEN STRATEGY. The Snack Shack is owned and operated by the P&C with all proceeds being put towards providing better equipment and learning environment for our students. There is one member of staff per day, so with order numbers reaching over 150 some days we heavily rely upon VOLUNTEERS to help us. Volunteers enable us to keep our costs down and continue to provide a healthy affordable service to our school community.

If you are able to help us out at all we would be very grateful. Volunteers are only required for 2 hrs between 10-12 to help make up orders, pack baskets and serve at the counter. The students are so excited to see their parents helping out, here is the roster for you to add your name if you have a spare 2 hrs... (NB if you have your name on roster and need to cancel PLEASE notify the canteen staff as we do not get notifications from this app and will need to find replacement)

<https://signup.zone/abps-snack-shack>

All items need to be pre ordered using our online ordering app SPRIGGY SCHOOLS which you will need to download and set up with an account for each child. Orders must be completed BEFORE the 8.30am CUT OFF time and for SUSHI only, it will need to be ORDERED BEFORE 8am THURSDAY. We are able to take orders over the counter if you miss the cut off, please send CASH and ask your child to order BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS. If you have made an order online and need to add to it or cancel it, you can do this yourself online before 8.30.... if adding to an order you need to make sure ALL items required for that day are in the cart and CONFIRMED all together. If you have forgotten to order and realise after school has started, please RING the canteen via the office BEFORE 10.30 and we will organise a lunch. Any late orders will be restricted to items we are able to provide at that time.

<https://www.spriggyschools.com.au/>

We look forward to meeting all the new kindy students and new volunteer parents,
Lyndsay and Lara

Road safety



Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children and others safer during drop-off and pick-up times during the school week:

- Make sure your children are fastened in the correct child car seat for their age and size and that it is fitted correctly.
- Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.
- Watch for flashing lights on buses. They let you know that there may be children crossing or about to cross the road. A 40km/h limit applies when school bus lights flash.
- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au






Lives lost on NSW roads.
Our goal is zero.






Traffic and Parking around your School



Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.



-  **A School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.

SCHOOL ZONE
 8:30 - 9:30 AM
 2:30 - 4:00 PM
 SCHOOL DAYS

-  **School Bus lights** – buses use signs and orange flashing 'wigwag' lights to warn motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the 'wigwag' lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.


-  **A No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.


NO PARKING
 8:30 - 9:30 AM
 2:30 - 4:00 PM
 SCHOOL DAYS





 8:30 - 9:30 AM
 2:30 - 4:00 PM
 SCHOOL DAYS



 NO PARKING


THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP BUT YOU MUST

 - stop for up to 2 minutes only
 - stay within 3 metres of vehicle

**Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones
HEAVY FINES and DEMERIT POINTS APPLY**
-  **A Bus Zone** means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times.

BUS ZONE
 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM
 SCHOOL DAYS

-  **A No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.

NO STOPPING
