

# Newsletter

## Avoca Beach Public School

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Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

*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,

We are off and running! Week 4 is here already and the students are settling into the routine of their new classes. Our teachers are focussing on building relationships, developing team spirit in their classes and modelling high expectations for learning and behaviour. Our Kindergarten students are also starting to master the routine of 'big school', and they have already been visiting me to show some of their amazing work. What an amazing group of Kinders we have! I am so proud of all the students and their settled start to the year. They've already set the tone for an extremely positive and productive 2023.

### **New Staff**

This year we welcome Mrs Jodie Ward, Assistant Principal Curriculum and Mrs Kim Crompton to our teaching staff at Avoca Beach PS. We also have Mrs Michele Jarman, Mr Luke Tosevic, Mr Mackenzie Wade, Mrs Cassie Fuller, Mrs Leah Scott and Mr Angus McBride returning in temporary positions. Mrs Erin Smith returns from maternity leave in 2023 and our new school counsellor, Mrs Sharon Read will be at the school every Monday and Tuesday. A full list of staff and their classes is below.

### **2023 Staff**

KT- Mrs Tobin (Kindergarten Assistant Principal) & Mrs Scott

KB- Mrs Bramford

KW- Mr Wade

IJ- Mrs Jarman

IH- Mrs Hartley (Stage 1 Assistant Principal) & Mrs Smith

IF- Mrs Fuller

1/2M- Mr MacDonald

2H- Mrs Hecht & Mrs Ayton

2M- Mrs Moy

3J- Mr Jarman

3F- Mrs Faunce & Mr McBride

3/4S- Ms Spencer

4D- Mrs Davies (Stage 2 Assistant Principal)

5/6B- Mr Blanch

5/6C- Mrs Crompton

5/6D- Mrs Duck (Stage 3 Assistant Principal)

5/6G- Mrs Gould

5/6T- Mr Tosevic

Science RFF- Mr McBride

Music RFF- Mrs Irvin

Geography RFF- Mrs Boarer

Learning Support- Mrs Munton

Learning Support- Mrs Scott

Instructional Leadership- Mrs Ward (Stage 1 Assistant Principal)

SLSO- Nami Lee  
SLSO- Trish Carpenter  
SLSO- Pip Scollon  
SLSO- Rachael Grice  
SLSO- Annmaree Denham  
School Admin Manager- Lara Jaksich  
School Admin Officer- Heather Stratton  
School Admin Officer- Deb Bowditch  
School Admin Officer- Kathy Rudd  
General Assistant- Greg Stratton

### Parent Information Sessions

We are aware that some parents were unable to attend our parent information sessions. To ensure everyone has access to the information shared at these sessions, we will upload the presentations to our school website. These can be found at the following link:

<http://avocabch-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/parent-information.html>

If you have any specific questions, please contact the school to arrange a phone call with your child's teacher. Please note, parent interviews will be held at the end of Term 1 to discuss the progress of your child.

### OSCH Update

It has been extremely upsetting to come back to school and find out that the OSCH service did not operate over the school holiday period and is still not in operation. I have been in contact with the School Infrastructure Asset management team, who are responsible for before and after school services, to try and get some answers moving forward. Below is the latest response. I will keep communication and updates coming as I receive them.

*Dear Ben,*

*Thanks for your email, please find some information below to answer your questions.*

*We are currently working with Big Childcare to understand whether they will return to your school site and what the options for care are for your school community, which may involve a tender process.*

*Regarding the transfer of BASC Vouchers, if Big Childcare confirms they will not be returning to operate the Avoca Beach PS service and many families transfer across to Copacabana OSHC and want to use their vouchers at this service, the Department can contact parents to gather interest and facilitate a transfer of vouchers to this service.*

*Please note the Department will wait to confirm the next steps of the service before transferring any vouchers. Thank you for your patience, I hope to provide you with an update as soon as I get some more information.*

*If parents have any questions or concerns, they can contact the Department directly at [BASCreform@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:BASCreform@det.nsw.edu.au)*

### Swimming Carnival

Our annual Swimming Carnival (for Years 3-6 and any Yr 2 turning 8 in 2023) is scheduled for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy from 8:30am-2pm. The carnival permission note was sent home last week. We are looking forward to some excellent racing and don't forget to wear your House colours proudly!

### School Photos

Save the date! Our annual school photos will be held this term on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. Further information will be sent home with student envelopes later in the term.

### Voluntary Contributions

Our voluntary contribution fees will remain the same for 2023. The fee is set at \$43 per student or \$86 per family. These contributions go a long way to supporting our school to provide high quality educational programs for every student. Last year we used these funds to upgrade our library computer lab and turn it into an engaging STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) space for all students to participate in future focussed lessons. This year we will use funds to go towards the upgrade of student toilet facilities and purchase of resources to support the new English and Mathematics syllabus.

### Uniform

Our first PBL focus for 2023 will be on uniform. Uniforms give students a sense of belonging and enhance pride in their school. Wearing a uniform shows unity and identity. In much the same way football followers will wear their team's jersey or scarf, a uniform builds a sense of community. Students will engage in lessons around school uniform throughout the week and we will remind them what the correct uniform is. Please support the school in encouraging the wearing of full school uniform each day. A particular focus will be eliminating the wearing of oztag/footy shorts and Santa Cruz socks.

Our school uniform shop is open Thursdays from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

### Attendance

As mentioned at our information nights, we want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being in school. One way we can help make this happen is to be sure your child attends school each day unless they are sick or are absent for a justified reason.

Protecting the wellbeing of our students through the reporting and monitoring of student absences is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools. Notifying the school either before or on the day that your child is away helps us keep accurate student attendance records to support you and your child. **We encourage you to notify the school of all absences using our school app, a handwritten letter or a phone call to the office.** As a further measure, to eliminate unexplained absences, we will be sending a reminder text message if your child is absent and we have not received an explanation already. You can also reply to these messages to provide an explanation for an absence.

### Wall of Fame

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the Newcastle Permanent Iron Person last weekend.

#### U/10 males

2nd - Ace Garrett

5th - Zane Napton

#### U/11 females

2nd - Matilda Harvey

5th - Violette Wolters

6th - Olive Morriss

#### U/12 males

1st - Alex Hall

Congratulations to Frankie Mumford, who competed at the State Oztag championships over the weekend. Frankie's team finished the tournament in 2<sup>nd</sup> place!

Ben Thomas  
Principal

### Quote of the Week

*"Don't put a limit on anything. The more you dream the farther you get."* – Michael Phelps (28 Olympic medals)

**KINDERGARTEN WELCOME BBQ**

THURSDAY 2nd March 2023

4:00pm – 5:30pm.

The P&C are putting on a welcome BBQ for all of our new Kindergarten families on Thursday 2nd March in the bottom playground (weather permitting). This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and carers and for your children to have a play with their big school friends. Delicious sausage sandwiches and drinks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

**School Song**

Below are the words to our school song. Kindergarten students will attend their first assembly this week and they will be starting to learn the words to our school song and national anthem in preparation. Why not have a sing along at home and discuss the school song with your children. We are all proud to belong to Avoca Beach PS!

**School Song**

This is our school,  
Let's make it thrive.  
We want to learn,  
We want to strive.

Let's show the world what we can achieve  
We all belong here at Avoca Beach.

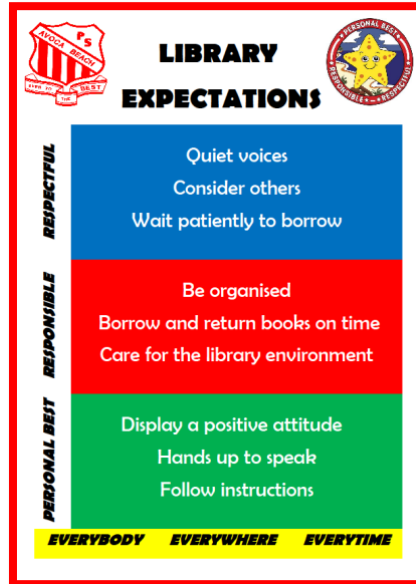
In our rooms or on the fields  
We love to do best,  
We cheer on all our friends  
When they're put to the test.  
We care about our school  
There's beauty all around,  
There's something about everyone,  
Special to be found.

This is our school,  
Let's make it thrive.  
We want to learn,  
We want to strive.

Let's show the world what we can achieve  
We all belong here at Avoca Beach  
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**Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards.**

<b>KB</b>	Jackson Frykberg, Lottie Spence	<b>3J</b>	Airlie McGovern, Oren Barlow
<b>KT</b>	Summer Wilson, Kaitoa Parata	<b>3/4S</b>	Will Stewart, Aiden Gee
<b>KW</b>	Aria Kissun, Max Behan	<b>4D</b>	Mia Campbell, River Carpenter
<b>1F</b>	Oscar McCormack, Charlie Stewart	<b>5/6B</b>	Felicity Jones, Cooper O'Brien
<b>1H</b>	Harrison Mullahey, Emmy Dawes	<b>5/6C</b>	Ruby Rangott, Jacob Cohen
<b>1J</b>	Bo Blanch, Eli Downes	<b>5/6D</b>	Finn Casey, Sonnie Eppleston
<b>1/2M</b>	Olivia Harris, Thomas Williams	<b>5/6G</b>	Esther Wilson, Jack Verhagen
<b>2H</b>	Avalon Czura, Layla Down	<b>5/6T</b>	Eda Portelli, Shiloh Morrow
<b>2M</b>	Cleo Drinkwater, Liam Casey		
<b>3F</b>	Rosie Lamshed, Jediah Petersen		



### Our School Garden

Dear ABPS Community,

Our school garden is in need of your support to bring new life to our green space. The garden is a vital part of our school community, providing a hands-on learning environment for our students and a beautiful outdoor space for all to enjoy.

Specifically, we are seeking the following items to help regenerate our garden beds:

- Rich soil to provide the foundation for our plants to thrive
- Cherry tomato plants to add some delicious produce to our garden
- Strawberry plants to give our students the opportunity to learn about growing and harvesting berry crops.

We are reaching out to you in hopes that you may have these items to donate or know of a local source that could help us with our cause. Any amount would be greatly appreciated and will help us to continue to cultivate and maintain our garden beds.

If you are able to help, please contact us at

Email: [avocabch-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:avocabch-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Telephone: 02 4382 1416

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Angus McBride

## The Snack Shack



It is so lovely to see our new Kindy students coming up to the canteen and also ordering lunches. Please remind ALL your children that if they have an item highlighted on their bag it will need to be collected from the canteen (eg frozen treats, noodles and nachos) also ALL RECESS items need to be collected in person (we are working with the teachers in kindy for the first few weeks to make sure all orders are received while they are getting used to their new environment).

Don't forget CUT OFF time for SPRIGGY SCHOOLS is 8.30 am for all normal items BUT 8.00 for SUSHI only on Thursdays. Please ring the canteen if you have missed the cut off.

**Nutrition Snippet**

HOW TO PACK A HEALTHY LUNCH BOX

A good lunch gives children energy and nutrients to learn, play and grow.

But what does a healthy lunch box look like? Find out in our [short video](#).

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)  Cancer Council  
Healthy Lunch Box



Welcome back to the new school year, and a special warm welcome to our new ABPS families. The P&C are looking forward to another wonderful year of fun and fundraising. Keep an eye on our socials and also the newsletters for upcoming events we are running – these include Kindergarten BBQ, election day BBQ and a special visit from Mr Goaty Gelato in March!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th March, in the staffroom. This meeting will start with our AGM at 7pm and will be followed by our monthly meeting at approximately 7.30pm. We welcome anyone interested in becoming a part of our wonderful P&C to come along.

All executive positions will be open for election, and we will be looking for volunteers to fill all roles.

Listed below is a brief outline of those roles and what each role involves. You don't need previous experience just a willingness to have a go, we are a team, and we work together offering support and understanding to one another. We are all busy people, and we give what time we can and whatever involvement you wish to have it is welcomed, as an observer, a P&C member, a fundraising organiser or a member of the executive, everyone is welcome.

### **President**

- Lead and plan along with the Secretary, P&C meetings held once a month, this involves setting the agenda, following the agenda, and ensuring all items are given fair time for discussion and equal opportunity. Importantly making sure our meetings are in regulation with the P&C constitution.
- Ensuring motions passed are followed through and business arising from previous meetings are addressed if necessary
- Liaise with our Principal and teaching staff
- Support and facilitate our volunteers, ie fundraisers/uniform shop volunteers
- Support paid staff
- Option to attend the central coast P&C meetings and to be involved with local government
- Provide a P&C report for the end of year school report
- Represent our P&C in public forums, ie end of year assembly/Kindy orientation
- Provide an end of term report to the school to have on the school website
- Contribute to the school newsletter
- Access the P&C Face book page
- Signatory for the P&C bank accounts

### **Vice President X 2**

- All of the above to support the President and Secretary or in the absence of the President

### **Treasurer**

- To provide a financial report for each meeting
- Responsible for P&C funds and financial statements
- Receive and deposit cash, ie provide floats for fundraising events
- Submit financial accounts of P&C for independent audit each year and provide these to the P&C Federation
- Signatory for the P&C bank accounts
- Responsible for payment of wages for canteen staff



**Secretary**

- To assist the President in writing the agenda for meetings
- To distribute agenda prior to meeting
- To record the minutes, along with reports, publish and distribute to members and attending individuals of P&C meetings
- To keep an up-to-date list of all financial members
- To collect correspondence received from the school office
- Signatory for the P&C bank accounts

**Executive Member: (includes office bearers and up to 6 other members)**

- Responsible for ensuring decisions made by the P&C are adhered to and acted upon
- Meetings just for the Executive can be called by the President, or a Vice President in the absence of the President between general meetings should urgent matters arise
- Support the office bearers

If you have any questions regarding positions or would like something added to our agenda, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0432 015 588 or [avocabeachpandc@gmail.com](mailto:avocabeachpandc@gmail.com). All the positions will be up for election.

Kind regards  
Laura Day  
Ph: 0432 015 588

We still have lots a space free on our volunteer's roster, so if you can spare 2 hrs from 10-12 please come and help, your children will be over the moon to see you.

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





**PIANO LESSONS WITH KIM**

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 [pianolessonswithkim@gmail.com](mailto:pianolessonswithkim@gmail.com)

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**KINCUMBER COLTS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**

New and returning players can register online at [www.kincumbercolts.com.au](http://www.kincumbercolts.com.au)

**2023 Registrations NOW OPEN!**

Register for the \$100 Active Kids voucher and check out our Website, Facebook or Instagram page.  
Cost Inc: Insurance, Club Polo, Playing Shorts & Socks, plus 40-year Commemorative Training T-Shirt

**U6 & U9:** Active Kids Voucher + \$60  
**U10 to U17:** Active Kids Voucher + \$95  
**All Girls Tackle are FREE**  
in 2023 when you use your Active Kids Voucher  
**Girls playing League Tag & Tackle:** Active Kids Voucher + \$95

All enquiries to: Registrar Leana Kirkwood - 0439 534 170 or e-mail [secretarykincumbercolts@outlook.com](mailto:secretarykincumbercolts@outlook.com)



Avoca FC  
January 10 at 8:30 PM

WANTED!!! O35 PLAYERS

At AVOCA FC we have had for many years a solid group of O35 and O45 teams. As these teams "age up" we would like to create a NEW O35 team for season 23 to strengthen our ranks and to become part of our proud "Gummy Shark" legacy.

No experience necessary. Just a passion for the game. a sense of humour and love of chat about past glories... perceived or imagined is a MUST.

We have a wonderful social scene, guaranteed laughter and banter at every game and as a side benefit it is also great for fitness too... or some may say great for local Physios.

The season runs from April through to September and games are played on Saturday afternoons.

So if you are looking for a team to join this season or are just interested to find out more please reach out to Sean King on 0448360169 or [sean.king3177@gmail.com](mailto:sean.king3177@gmail.com).



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**EMPOWER GIRLS FOR LIFE**

with affordable, age appropriate dance classes

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Our main classes run on Thursdays, with performance classes on Tuesdays, and additional Ladies & Preschoolers classes on Monday mornings.

See [coastalphysie.com.au/timetable](http://coastalphysie.com.au/timetable) for more class times.

0413 692 363 | [coastalphysie.com.au](http://coastalphysie.com.au)

**SHARKIES**

**2023**

**REGISTRATIONS OPEN DEC 1ST**

- MINI \$120
- INTERNATIONAL & MODS \$170
- FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE
- GIRLS PLAYING BOTH GLT & TACKLE, SECOND REGO IS ONLY ADDITIONAL \$30



**NEW 2023 POLO SHIRT FREE WITH REGO**



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