

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 6!

I can't believe we are already halfway through the term. This week, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our amazing teachers. Not only have they been busy getting to know all the students in their classes and prepare lessons for each day, they have also been participating in a range of professional learning activities before and after school. This year, we are particularly focused on the quality teaching of Mathematics and the introduction of a new English and Mathematics syllabus in K-2. As such, the teachers have been engaging in a range of activities to improve and hone their skills in delivering engaging, innovative and explicit lessons. The extra time and effort they have put in already this year is simply inspirational. Our students are certainly in great hands!

Director Visit

Last week the Director of Educational Leadership, Kylee Owen, and Tim McCallum (Executive Director, School Performance), came to our school to see and hear about the wonderful things we are doing. They had an opportunity to tour the school, visit classrooms and talk to students and staff. I was so proud to showcase what we are doing here at ABPS and both Mrs Owen and Mr McCallum were enthralled with what they saw. Mr McCallum sent a lovely email following the visit, stating, "I was highly impressed with the staff who are re-shaping their pedagogy to deliver the new K-2 curriculum with expertise and energy."



NAPLAN

Starting from Wednesday 15th March, students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in NAPLAN. NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress.

It is important to note that NAPLAN is a one-off test that provides a snapshot of learning. It is imperative that we do not put undue pressure on our children to perform in these tests. Teachers see on a daily basis what their students can and cannot do, and they modify their teaching accordingly. Due to this they have a much better understanding of your child than what a one-off test can give you. Please reassure your child that NAPLAN is not something to be worried about. We encourage them to have a go and try their best.

School Photos

Our annual school photos will be held this term on **Tuesday 28th 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 focused 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.

Attendance

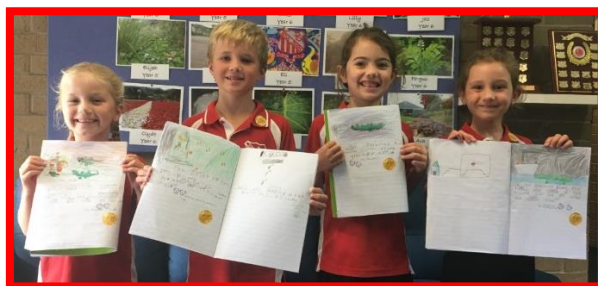
Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can impact your child's learning more than you think. When your child misses one day a week over a year, that's 40 days of school, 8 weeks of lessons and 2.5 years over their school life lost. As your child's education has already been interrupted through periods of learning from home due to COVID-19 over the last 2 and a half years, now is the time to prioritise face-to-face learning and making the most of every school day. Avoca Beach Public School strives for the expected attendance rate which is above 95% of students at school each day over the year. Your child's attendance rate is measured by the minute, so arriving late to school and leaving early will also affect this rate.

Online permission notes

In the interest of minimising paper and looking after the environment, we have been attempting to do more of our permission notes online. This is a new system, and we are still working out the bugs. To help the office staff, when completing permission notes that require a payment, we ask that you please complete the permission and payment at the same time. This will help to avoid confusion and the need to follow up with families. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Wall of Fame

Our Year 1 students have been working hard on their writing skills and I have been so excited to see their wonderful sentences in response to the quality texts they are reading. Emmy, Abigail, Harrison and Indy from 1H used extremely descriptive language in their writing and we are very proud of them.



Ben Thomas
Principal

Quote of the Week

"Teaching is the profession that teaches all other professions."

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards.

KB	Knox Behrens, Zuri Eljerban Eden Snaith, Aspen Suters	3J	Jack Isbester, Poppi Hall Bonnie Hurrell, Koa Philips
KT	Maeve Morriss, Knox Mumford Jasper Lamshed, Gigi Budd	3/4S	Kingsley Boyle, Mia Van der Donk Harry Handel, Hana Collyer
KW	Brody Murphy, Emerson Hayes Oden Everitt, Ella Rodrigues	4D	Beau Banfield, Sasa Dowling Johnny Hurrell, Poppy Mann
1F	Delilah Tarawhiti, Phoenix Coleman Nyah Philips, Jonah Burque	5/6B	Jack Miller, Jack Harris Marlon French, Evie Sherratt
1H	Indigo Carson, Beau Sedgwick Chloe Tigges-Campos, Keller Love	5/6C	Indiah Shiers, Finn Brown Willow Hayes, Jonah Geary
1J	Bodhi Carmichael, Evie Norris Riley Campbell, Huxton Hall	5/6D	Tyler Hudson, Violette Wolters Kai Berthot-Craig, Max Stuart-Thornton
1/2M	Joshua Kotris, Stevie Glaser Conor McMahon, Oliver O'Keefe	5/6G	Rosie Williams, Jax Burque Harriet Viles, Will Ceccato
2H	Nina Rodrigues, Ren Hirose Dash Dowdle, Saskia Johnson	5/6T	Ryder Santry, Ava Campbell Ella Williams, Lewis Audley
2M	Evie Fortey, Max Farrell Skyla Duff, Elissa Shaw		
3F	Mateo Johnson, Indah Forster Summer wright, Ned Foster		

**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.

Parent App

Recently, the NSW Department of Education have rolled out a new 'Parent App' designed to provide parents and carers with another form of communication with their children's school. For our families at ABPS, this app will give a prompt phone notification when any new Events, News Articles and Newsletters are posted to our website. This app is a great way to keep up to date with recent events and upcoming information, however we would like to make it clear that this app should be used *alongside* our Avoca Beach Public School App. Our School App will remain as our primary app for communication. If you feel like the NSW Parent App may be useful for your family, it can be accessed on the App Store by searching 'parent app' or by following this link.

<https://apps.apple.com/au/app/nsw-education-parent-app/id1494658146>

Sydney North Cricket

Congratulations! Harry Lowbridge has gained selection in the Sydney North Area Primary Cricket Team! This is an excellent effort when you consider the fact that there are over 150 schools to choose from in our area. The Sydney North team will be playing some of the other 13 areas (which makes approximately 2 100 schools that students have been selected from, in the state) in the NSW PSSA Boys Cricket Championship. The competition is being played at Lismore and Ballina from Tuesday 7th to Friday 10th March. After the competition, a NSW team will be chosen to play in a National Championship at Darwin. The only other Avoca Beach student to achieve this was Hadley Jackson in 1996. We wish Harry all the best of success and hope he enjoys the wonderful experience that lies ahead of him!

Craig Blanch

PSSA -Tennis

Congratulations to Flynn Smith who represented our school at the zone tennis trials last Friday. Flynn will now attend the Sydney North Trial. We wish him every success.

Later this term, we will be selecting a group of students to represent our school at the teams event.

Roxanne Davies

SCC PSSA Rugby League Trials

The Southern Central Coast PSSA Under 11s and Under 12s Rugby League trials were held at Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy Campus today. The trials ran in two sessions, with the Under 11s trialing first at 9:30am and the Under 12s trialing at 11am. Representing ABPS for the U11's division was Zeus Curnow and Koa Payne. Representing our school in the U12's division was Harry Lowbridge and Zaiden Taylor. The NRL Central Coast Development Team were there to warm-up the students and referee the games. All the boys who attended showed tremendous effort, playing for roughly 40 minutes of game time in the heat. They were all respectful to the NRL staff and teachers and showed outstanding sportsmanship to each other throughout the games.

From the trial games, all of our representatives made a positive impression on the selectors securing their positions in the side which will now represent the Southern Central Coast PSSA at a Combined Zone Trial on Tuesday 14th March at BWSC, Woy Woy Campus. A massive thank you to the NRL Central Coast Development team for their resources and assistance with the running of the day. Congratulations Zeus, Koa, Harry and Zaiden for your selection and thank you for proudly representing our school.

Angus McBride





Our School Garden

Dear ABPS Community,

Our school garden needs 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 the hope 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

Telephone: 02 4382 1416

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Angus McBride

Out of Bounds Week 5

RESPECTFUL	<p>Help others to stay in the right space</p>
RESPONSIBLE	<p>Only use equipment when supervised</p>
PERSONAL BEST	<p>Stay where you can be seen</p>

The Snack Shack

Do you have a child that is sensitive to GLUTEN? The Snack Shack has a range of canteen made GLUTEN FREE menu items available.

Gluten Free Cheese Toastie
 Gluten Free Pasta Bolognese
 Butter Chicken
 Nachos
 Salads
 Quelch Sticks
 Frozen Yoghurt Sticks
 Frozen Juice Cups
 Popcorn

BIRTHDAY BUCKETS.....

If your child has a birthday on a school day you are able to buy a bucket full of frozen quelch sticks for them to share amongst their classmates at the beginning of lunch. It makes them feel very special. The quelch sticks are dairy and gluten free so safe for students with intolerances/ allergies and also individually wrapped therefore safe from any germs. Birthday buckets can be ordered everyday online at Spriggy Schools

We still need more volunteers on the roster please <https://signup.zone/abps-snack-shack>

Mr Goaty GELATO

GELATO DRIVE

FRIDAY 17 MARCH

Beat the heat and support Avoca Beach PS P&C by purchasing Mr Goaty Gelato tubs and scoops!

Mr Goaty Gelato is dairy free for the P&C

HOW IT WORKS

Pre-order and pay for tubs via the SPRIGGY app by Wednesday 15 March. Tubs are pint size and \$16 each or \$60 for four.

Pick up your order from 3pm Friday 17 March. Look for the van at the top playground! Mr Goaty will also sell scoops that afternoon with a portion of profits given to the P&C.

GELATO FLAVOURS

- Vanilla Bean
- Double Chocolate Honeycomb
- Butter Caramel
- Boudi Bush Honey
- Banana Split

VEGAN SORBET

- Local Lime & Passionfruit
- Strawberry

All flavours are free from nuts, egg, and gluten. Gelato is made with cow's milk and sorbet is dairy-free.

Mr Goaty Gelato is coming to ABPS!

Get excited everyone, we have lined up Mr Goaty Gelato to visit the school on Friday, 17th March from 3pm. \$8 from every tub of gelato sold goes to the P&C which in turn supports the school. Has there ever been a better time to stock up on gelato? Mr Goaty will also be selling scoops on the day, direct from their van.

To pre-order, please head to your Spriggy App and click on the Events tab. Further details on price and flavours can be found in the attached flyer.



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, i.e., 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, i.e., 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, i.e., 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. All the positions will be up for election.

Kind regards
Laura Day
Ph: 0432 015 588



**Clean up Australia Day Beach Clean Up
Plastic Free Avoca Beach
Sunday 5 March 830-930am**

Everyone is welcome to come join us as we pick up rubbish on and around the beach and foreshore in Avoca Beach, NSW, for Clean-up Australia Day 2023.

Address: Hunter Park, Avoca Drive, Avoca Beach, NSW, 2251

Sign in at our table in Hunter Park from 8:30 am and the clean-up runs from 8:45am to 9:30am.

Bags and gloves provided but please bring spares if you have them, a reusable water bottle and closed shoes.

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

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OCCI-CC is a volunteer marine conservation organisation based in NSW. It aims to promote and educate the community on marine and coastal environmental issues. It also participates in programs that conserve and protect these environments.

JOIN US at AVOCA LAGOON, FOR CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY, SUNDAY 5.3.2023 to 'kick some butt'

AQUAFUN supplies the kayaks for access to the waters edge; we work whilst having fun.

Meet at the OCCI table near Aquafun in Heazlett Park to sign in and get your bags 9.30.am for a 10.00am start. Bring your own gloves, mossie spray and garbage 'pickerupperers' if you have them. Gardening gloves are good! Shoes (you can get wet), sunscreen and hats are essential.

An adult **MUST** accompany and participate with children under 16.

To book in for the day ring or text Linda on 0404450429 or email lindaroberts4@bigpond.com

Snacks will be served for all helpers from 12pm, after we have tallied our collection for the database

WE NEED pre bookings to make sure we have enough boats, bags and food!!!

Friends and neighbors are welcome to join us when they register too!





STUDIO M
DANCE & ACROBATICS

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NEW IN 2023
TUMBLETOWN
 ACROBATICS FOR PRESCHOOLERS
 AN ACROBATICS PROGRAM
 FOR 3-6 YEAR OLDS



KINCUMBER COLTS
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New and returning players
can register online at
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



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.



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DANCE YOUR WAY TO FUN, FRIENDS & FITNESS

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CLASSES HELD AT ERINA FAIR, NEAR THE LIBRARY

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

See coastalphysie.com.au/timetable for more class times.

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