

# Newsletter

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Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 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,

It has been another action-packed couple of weeks at Avoca Beach PS. A big congratulations to all the students who have been representing the school at Zone sporting trials and swimming championships. Many of our talented students have been successful. In the classroom, the students have been producing some amazing work and I have been blown away by the standard of work coming out of every grade.

### Chance to win \$3,000

The school P&C were lucky to be named an entrant in the Greater Bank Central Coast competition. If we win, it could see us granted up to \$3,000 which we would love to put towards a cubby/kitchen for the K-2 playground. To win this grant, we have to get as many votes as possible. Below is the link for voting – you can vote once per hour up until 29<sup>th</sup> March. Please share this link with friends and family and get voting!!

<https://www.greater.com.au/greatercentralcoast>

### NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit the NAPLAN assessments over the coming 2 weeks. While NAPLAN gives us a snapshot of how each child in Australia is performing in specific areas of literacy and numeracy, it is important to know that they do not assess all of what makes our children exceptional and unique.

The people who create and score these tests don't know that some of our students love to sing, are good at drawing or can teach others how to use a computer program. They have not seen the way that some of our students can dance with style, play basketball skilfully or speak confidently to a large group. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them when they are sad. They do not know that Avoca Beach kids participate in nippers, help their Mum and Dad or look after their brother or sister. They do not know that our students are caring, thoughtful and that every day they try their best. So when NAPLAN results do arrive, please remember that there is no single way to 'test' all of the wonderful things that make our children who they are.

### School Photos

Don't forget, our annual school photos will be held on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

### 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.

### **Kiss & Drop**

- Please time your arrival at the Kiss & Go Zone to pick up your children for 3:20pm onwards. We again ask for you to not start queuing before this time to avoid blocking the road of an afternoon.
- Encourage your child to make their way promptly from their classrooms to the Kiss & Go area and only collect them from the designated pick-up point. It gets very dangerous when children are just jumping in cars at all different spots along the road.
- Display the name card provided in your windscreen. Please contact the office if you need a replacement.
- As cars leave the area, please drive as far along the area as possible so there is space behind your vehicle for others. Teachers will load 3 cars at a time. Please drive out of the 3 loading bays in that order- 1, 2, 3.
- Please leave the Bus Bay free at all times. Queuing for Kiss & Go should wait prior to the Bus Bay area and move forward only when there is space in front on the Bus Bay area.

Please remember that kiss and drop in the morning is strictly a no stopping zone. Parents are to remain in their cars in this area. With a much higher volume of cars dropping off and picking up, we need to work together to ensure the safety of everyone and minimise disruption to our surrounding neighbours.

### **Dogs on School Grounds**

Just a reminder, that for various reasons, no dogs are allowed on any school grounds. If you see someone with their dog on the grounds, could you please remind them of this rule, which has been made to ensure the safety of every child.

The Council rangers may be called if a dog is seen on the school grounds.

Something of interest – Dogs on School Grounds:

Under the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87 owners of dogs must:

- Be 18 years of age or over
- Leash their dog when in a public place
- Ensure their dog wears a collar and identification tag when in a public place
- Ensure their dog does not enter a food consumption area or wild life protection area
- Ensure their dog does not enter a school or child care playground and any other place declared prohibited to dogs by Council

The NSW Consolidated Act pertaining to dogs states dogs are prohibited in some public places. Section (e) of the Act specifically refers to schools and states that this applies to dogs whether they are leashed or unleashed. The exceptions are assistance dogs that are specifically trained to assist those who are sight or hearing impaired.

### **Wall of Fame**

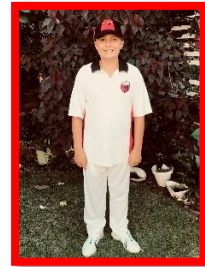
We have so many talented students at our school in such a wide range of areas. From mathematicians, to writers, to sportspeople and just being amazing humans in general. This week I want to acknowledge some of these super stars. It was wonderful to see Maevie and Lennox from KT with their beautiful artworks. I also had the pleasure of seeing the fantastic writing coming out of our Year 1 classes.

Two of our amazing students, Amelia in 4D and Ava in 2M, are ambassadors for the local Ronald McDonald House. Last weekend they attended the local Annual Ball where they spoke in front of 400 people about the importance of donating money to the cause. The night raised \$60,000! We are so proud of Ava and Amelia for their community citizenship.

Congratulations to Willow in 5/6C, who plays for the Rebels U12 Representative Basketball Team. Willow attended the Spalding Waratah North Eastern Junior League, held in Tamworth over the weekend. Her team were undefeated and won 4/4 games. Willow was also awarded most improved player of the tournament. An outstanding achievement!

Congratulations to Harry Lowbridge, who played at the NSW Cricket Championships last week. Harry was selected in the Sydney North team and travelled to Lismore for the 4 day championships. The Sydney North team performed exceptionally well and finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 14 teams. An amazing achievement! Well done Harry.

**The Wall of Fame**



**State Nippers**

Congratulations to all the students who completed at State Nippers. Some great results for our athletes!

**Ava Knight**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Board Relay

**Violette Wolters**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Board Rescue

2<sup>nd</sup> - Board Relay

2<sup>nd</sup> - Swim Team

**Matilda Harvey**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Board Rescue

2<sup>nd</sup> - Board Relay

2<sup>nd</sup> - Swim Team

**Olive Morriss**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Board Relay

2<sup>nd</sup> - Swim Team

**Felicity Jones**

2<sup>nd</sup> - Swim Team

**Lily Parker**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Board Relay

**Sonny Carmichael**

1<sup>st</sup> - Board Relay

**Oliver Lavers**

1<sup>st</sup> - Board Relay

**Jake Banfield**

1<sup>st</sup> - Board Relay

**Clive Morriss**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Board



Ben Thomas  
Principal

**Quote of the Week**

*"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure". – Colin P*

PBL Values Assembly Presentation



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

<b>KB</b>	Alex Fulton, Millie Hartley	<b>3J</b>	Nic Youssef, Jasmine White
<b>KT</b>	Noah Densmore, Sigrid Tsolakis	<b>3/4S</b>	Sonny Carmichael, Sophie Clarke
<b>KW</b>	Luca Crum, Scarlett Johnson	<b>4D</b>	Lydia Rodrigues, Brock Cartwright
<b>1F</b>	Ari Garrett, Kennedy Barnes	<b>5/6B</b>	Carter Rodgers, Kenzie Johnson
<b>1H</b>	Abigail Gould, Memphis Hutchin	<b>5/6C</b>	Chloe Stewart, Xavier Wulf
<b>1J</b>	Jasper Halwagy, Milliana Williamson	<b>5/6D</b>	Keira Verhagen, Ella Cunningham
<b>1/2M</b>	Nellie Lowbridge, Violet Miller	<b>5/6G</b>	Matilda Harvey, William Ceccato
<b>2H</b>	Zoe Tsolakis, Harry Jereb	<b>5/6T</b>	Sienna Mackaness, Ava Knight
<b>2M</b>	Hugo Ceccato, Tahnee Ryan		
<b>3F</b>	Ned Foster, Jediah Petersen		



**Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards.**

<b>KB</b>	Ky Duff, Amayah Wilkens	<b>3J</b>	Emilie L'Olive, Zane Kneller
<b>KT</b>	Frankie Morrow, Jed McIntosh	<b>3/4S</b>	Ruby Battye, Will Stewart
<b>KW</b>	Zara Downes, George Foster	<b>4D</b>	Myles McIlquham, Arlie Warren
<b>1F</b>	Luke Prosser, Ellie Youssef	<b>5/6B</b>	Dylan McMahon, Mackenzie Cruikshanks-Finn
<b>1H</b>	Hux Pulley, Lily Pace	<b>5/6C</b>	Sienna Scott, Noah Farrell
<b>1J</b>	Evie Norris, Taj Mills	<b>5/6D</b>	Ari Pulley, Zoe Powling
<b>1/2M</b>	Eliane Hall, Charlie Pearce	<b>5/6G</b>	Indi Reed, Ruben Illy Thomsgaard
<b>2H</b>	Lennox Warren, Imogen Feist	<b>5/6T</b>	Jasmine Youssef, Isla Davies
<b>2M</b>	Ava de Ruiten, Charlie Gillett		
<b>3F</b>	Leni Zimmer, Hamish Peterson		

### Cricket Report

Round 1 - Avoca Beach PS 103 defeated Ettalong PS 25.

Avoca batted first and defended strongly scoring 35 before drinks. The second half of the innings they increased their run rate to be 103 at the end. Tyler Hudson played an excellent captain's role (filling in for the captaincy role for Harry Lowbridge) scoring 40 retired. He was well-supported by Finn Casey 15 and a quick fire 19 from Koa Payne.

The bowling honours and excellent fielding were shared around the team, which was pleasing. Three run outs, four catches as well as three bowled, were the dismissals, limiting the other team to 25 runs (20 of which were sundries).

Good luck in the 2nd round, go Avoca Beach!

### PSSA Basketball

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March around 60 students from around the coast came together for the Combined Southern Central Coast and Brisbane Water PSSA Basketball Trials. All students with excellent skills were trying hard to gain a position to trial for the Sydney North Team later this month. We would like to congratulate Eli Simms, Willow Hayes and Olive Morriss for being selected and for their sportsmanship and effort. We wish them the best of luck for the next trial at Terrigal.

### Harmony Week – Week 9

Week 9 is Harmony Week, a celebration of cultural diversity, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Students will be participating in activities that promote inclusiveness and are invited to **wear orange on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, the colour that signifies meaningful communication and conversations. Keep an eye out for our Harmony Week activities on display around the school.



### World Down Syndrome Day – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March is the global awareness day for Down syndrome. We are participating in the 'Lots of Socks' campaign and students are asked to **wear crazy socks on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. The idea is to start a conversation, so when people ask about your socks you can tell them, "I'm wearing them to raise awareness of Down syndrome". Stage 1 will be attending an excursion on this day and are still encouraged to wear their crazy socks.





Celebrating  
**Harmony Week**  
20-24 March

**Monday**  
BUTTER CHICKEN   SAMOSAS   MANGO CHUTNEY

**Tuesday**  
SPECIAL FRIED RICE   PORK DUMPLINGS

**Wednesday**  
BURRITO   NACHOS

**Thursday**  
SUSHI   TERIYAKI CHICKEN   SPRING ROLLS



**SPECIAL MEAL DEALS**  
available from SPECIALS tab on 



**2023**  
**sports day**



**FRIDAY MARCH 24, 2023**  
KINCUMBER HIGH SCHOOL - HALL, OVAL, COLA

KINCUMBER HIGH SCHOOL  
KINCUMBA LEARNING COMMUNITY





## GELATO DRIVE

FRIDAY 17 MARCH

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




<p><b>HOW IT WORKS</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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&amp;C.</p>	<p><b>GELATO FLAVOURS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vanilla Bean</li> <li>Double Chocolate Honeycomb</li> <li>Butter Caramel</li> <li>Bouddi Bush Honey</li> <li>Banana Split</li> </ul> <p><b>VEGAN SORBET</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Lime &amp; Passionfruit</li> <li>Strawberry</li> </ul> <p>All flavours are free from nuts, egg, and gluten. Gelato is made with cow's milk and sorbet is dairy-free.</p>
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**Mr Goaty Gelato Fundraiser – don't miss out!**

Don't forget that Wednesday is the cut off for Mr Goaty Gelato orders. Place your order now via the Spriggy app (go to the events tab).

Orders will be distributed this Friday, from 3pm in the top playground, look for the Mr Goaty van and P&C staff who will help you get your order as quickly as possible.

Scoops also available to be purchased on the day!

Thanks for supporting our wonderful school.

P&C Committee

**Uniform Shop**

Size 8 polo shirts are now in stock. Please place your orders via Spriggy.

We are open **Thursdays 2:30 - 3:30pm**

## THE SNACK SHACK

Thank you to all our volunteers that have been in and helped, we have been super busy serving at lunchtime with the recent hot weather. We still have a few empty spots on the roster to fill.

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

To celebrate Harmony Day, we will be focusing on dishes from around the world for the week of 20-24 March.

A great chance for students to try something a little different or maybe have one of their family favourites at school.

Monday will be a focus on India with Special Meal Deals available for Butter Chicken, Vegetable Samosas and Mango Chutney.

Tuesday, we have Special Fried Rice and canteen made Pork Dumplings, always an Asian favourite.

Wednesday is always our Mexican favourite Nachos plus Chicken Burrito

Thursday we are adding Spring Rolls and Teriyaki Chicken to our Sushi Day.

Friday will be a combination of all favourites depending on availability.

Don't forget if your child has a Birthday, you can order a decorated BIRTHDAY BUCKET full of Quelch Sticks from the canteen for your child to share and celebrate with classmates. Quelch sticks are dairy and gluten free and also have the added hygiene of being individually wrapped. Quelch sticks are now available at 50c.



**MUSIC TUITION AT AVOCA BEACH** - GUITAR (ACOUSTIC AND ELECTRIC), SINGING, ELECTRIC BASS, BANJO, MANDOLIN and UKELELE. All styles and all ages, beginners to advanced levels, very experienced professional teacher. Phone Chris on 0422 802 222

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