

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,

I want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support of our school. Your support means everything to us, and it's a key component of our continued success.

We're incredibly proud of the progress we've made so far this year. Our teachers and staff have worked tirelessly to unpack two new syllabus documents and ensure that our students receive the best possible education, and I am grateful for their dedication.

I also want to thank you for your active involvement in your child's education. We had fantastic participation at our Kindergarten and Stage 1 reading presentations and so many of our amazing mums at the Mother's Day breakfast. Your commitment to your child's success is an integral part of our school's community and we couldn't do it without you.

As we move forward to the half way mark of the year, we want to assure you that we remain committed to providing an excellent education to our students. We'll continue to work hard to ensure that our school remains a place where your child can grow, learn and thrive.

Enrol for Kindergarten 2024

As we near the second half of the year, it is time to start calling for enrolment applications for 2024. If you have a child starting in 2024 or you know of someone in the community who does, please come into the school to start the enrolment process.

Attendance

Every school in NSW now has an attendance target that needs to be met and our school is focused on improving student attendance in line with our 2021 – 2025 Strategic Improvement Plan. The aim is to increase the number of students whose attendance is at 90% or greater. In 2023, our target is to have 83% of students, attending school 90% of the time or more.

We acknowledge that there are often events out of our control that impact attendance, but so far, our attendance rate at 90% or above, is sitting at 71%. We are hoping to work with families to improve on this over the next two terms. We are so getting closer to achieving our target!

Applications for Extended Leave

The Department of Education discourages travel, in the form of family holidays, during school time. However, if you do need to travel during the school term, an Application for Extended leave form must be completed. These forms are available from the front office and should be completed before the travel period. Documentation such as a travel itinerary or e-ticket are required to be attached to these forms. A Certificate of Extended Leave will be provided following submission of the application.

Wall of Fame

It was so nice to have Ace and Ava from 5/6T come to visit me last week. They have been working on their descriptive writing and engaging the reader by incorporating a ‘sizzling start’. The descriptive language used in Ace and Ava’s narratives was absolutely outstanding! A big shout out to Harry Lowbridge for his amazing sporting achievements already this year. It is an enormous achievement to make a Sydney North Regional sport team and compete at a NSW Championship. Not only has Harry done this, he has now made 3 teams!! Harry has already competed at the NSW championships for cricket and he has now been selected to represent at the NSW championships for Rugby League and Rugby Union. I’m sure we’ll be watching Harry on TV one day very soon.



Ben Thomas
Principal

Quote of the Week

“It takes a village to raise a child.” – African proverb

Congratulations to the students who received Merit Awards.

KB	Tallow Freeman, Alfie Hall Paige Newton, Millie Hartley	3F	Liam Wright, Jack Barker Alexa Mann, Peyton Halwagy
KT	Lacey Bailey, Jed Stanley Noah Densmore, Lottie Neville	3J	Carter Botham, Oliver Lavers Emilie L’Olive, Ryder Hutchin
KW	Meadow Blanch, Willow Hall Zahli Conwell	3/4S	August Everitt, Phoebe McKinnon Charlotte Inga, Liam Banfield
1F	Napier Bennett, Ellie Hughes Jonah Burque, Oscar McCormack	4D	Asha Harris, Joshua Tarawhiti Stevie Fraser, Harrison Sheridan
1H	Ashton Carmichael, Scarlett Farrell Ayla Barlow, Bohbella Ivison	5/6B	Oliver Blakely, Noah Day Piper Sheridan, Teagan Campbell
1J	Brielle Clark, Eli Downes Brielle Clarke, Huxton Hall	5/6C	Poppie Graham, Macy Lester Willow Carpenter, Zac Battye
1/2M	Amelia Brennan, Aston Douglass Noah King, Major Rodgers	5/6D	Luke Van Skiver, Evelyn Pilkington Olivia Schellekens, Myles Whiting
2H	Mackenzie Frykberg, Archer Neville Levi Davies, Hudson Bednarczyk	5/6G	Lily Parker, Izzy Slinkard Zara Hall, Arlo Lamshed
2M	Jed Carroll, Sol Rolph Hugo Webster, Millie Fulton	5/6 W	Ava Campbell, Ace Garrett Charlie Beaton, Douglas Minor

Congratulations 25 Stars!



Ronald McDonald House

Well done to our students! \$502.00 was raised for Ronald McDonald House at the school disco.

PSSA CRICKET KNOCKOUT

Avoca Beach defeated Kincumber Public School in round 2 of the state knockout and will now play Woodport soon in round 3. The winner of this match will play Ourimbah Public School in round 4.

A good start by Harry Lowbridge (retired 42) and Tyler Hudson (16), made the way for a big innings. Koa Payne batted well and retired with 42 runs. Sundries were 63, which with some other runs gave Avoca 5/172.

The bowling was rusty after the holidays with sundries totalling 78. However, their highest score was 8 and were 9/100 at the end of play. Best of the bowlers was Koa Payne with 3/12. The team is determined to work on their bowling and fielding more in the lead up to the game against Woodport, good luck boys!

PSSA Netball

Team: Ellie Brien, Teagan Campbell, Melody McRae, Ava Campbell, Lily Rignall, Alandra McVeigh, Brielle Hayes, Eda Portelli, Sienna Mackaness and Dylan McMahon.

On Thursday 18th May, the Stage 3 netball team travelled to Adcock Park courts to play in the first round of the NSW PSSA knockout. Avoca Beach played against East Gosford Public School. The entire team showcased their skills and teamwork for a brilliant win 29-3! With not much time we progressed through to round 2 to play against Woodport Public School. This game was tight in the first quarter at 4-3, however the team stormed away strong to be up 8-4 by the end of the first half, through to a triumphant 14-6 win! Well done! The whole team represented Avoca Beach with fantastic sportsmanship over the day.

A huge thank you to the parents who came along to support the team.

Excitedly, we are through to round 3 and we look forward to playing against Empire Bay Public School in the coming weeks.

Mrs Scott



East Gosford Netball

Our Avoca netball team competed in our first PSSA game was against East Gosford. We won the first quarter, the score being 11 nil. Feeling extremely proud of ourselves, until suddenly East Gosford got their first goal, the score now being 15 to 1. Then East Gosford came out of their shell and scored another 1 and... make that two in the next two quarter. Now it's the last quarter and hoop after hoop Avoca was getting closer to winning and were right underneath the ring, we then go to shoot our 29th and winning goal as the whistle goes!

Woodport Netball

We played a challenging game of netball against Woodport, with the first quarter being 3 to 4 our way. It was like every time we got a goal they'd get one in too. The second quarter we were doing great but then one of our players had a harsh fall and had to sit out for a quarter resting on the sidelines. Brielle then had to go in Centre position attacking the ball. The third quarter was close with a score of 10 to 6 our way. The fourth quarter we had to give it our all to stay on the top. The result was 14 to 6 our way. And now we are through to the next round!!

GO AVOCA!!

Written by Brielle Hayes & Sienna Mackaness

Chess Tournament

Last Wednesday, Avoca Beach Public School entered 3 teams into the Central Coast Primary Schools one day tournament with the NSW Junior Chess League. This year our A Team competed in the Championship grade to give them the opportunity to play against more experienced players. A huge congratulations to Felix O’Gara, Owen Gillett, Ari Jarmaine and Javi Eljerban who played a combined total of 24 matches on the day against 6 other teams from schools across the Central Coast, including Copacabana, Coast Christian School, Central Coast Grammar, Holy Cross, Wamberal and Gosford. A special mention goes to Javi Eljerban who excelled on the day, winning a whopping 5 out of 6 games played!!! Our B and C Teams competed in the Rookie grade against 7 other teams from schools across the Central Coast, including Wamberal, Copacabana, Wow Woy, CC Adventist, Terrigal, Warnervale and Ettalong. Congratulations to our B Team who won 12 out of their 24 matches played. These fantastic results are a credit to each one of the team members including Xavier Wulf, Taj Eljerban, Jacob Cohen and Jack Gould. Our C Team had praiseworthy results and consisted of Zane Kneller, Thomas Lucas, Jackson Dawes and Lisa Hechter. A huge congratulations to Lisa Hechter who played exceptionally well, winning 4 out of 6 matches! For many of our students it was the first time playing in a chess tournament and I congratulate them all! It was a privilege to watch them compete with such respect and admiration for their opponents and I am looking forward to watching their skills continue to grow in the future. I would also like to give a special mention to the other students that have been committed to the Chess Club this year who were not able to participate in the tournament. All of our students are to be commended for the commitment and dedication given, playing on a weekly basis since the start of the year. Chess Club will continue for all for the remainder of the term. I would also like to thank the parents who volunteered to transport the teams on the day. Thank you, we could not have done this without you!

Mrs Hartley



Festival of Instrumental Music

On the 17th of May the school's senior strings group went down to Meadowbank Public School to play in the Sydney Opera House rehearsal with many other schools.

They grouped into 1st violins, 2nd violins, 3rd violins, violas, cellos and double bases. All played as one big orchestra.

They played 3 pieces of music: A'la Media Noche being the first, The Robin Hood Adventure being second and The High Road being the last.

They all did a great job!

Tjudibaring A.E.C.G. Dance Project 2023

Congratulations to our 8 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who participated in the 1st K-2 Tjudibaring A.E.C.G. Dance and Cultural Workshop. The workshop was held at Avoca Beach Public School on Friday the 19th of May.

58 students in total from our A.E.C.G. Tjudibaring public schools worked with cultural leader and choreographer Stu McMinn to learn about traditional and contemporary Aboriginal Dance. Students were given opportunities throughout the day to create, connect and dance with other Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students from different schools. We look forward to seeing our students build cultural connections throughout the year during different workshops and dance performances.

Well done Avoca Beach students!



Last week, Zaiden Taylor, Sasa Dowling and Macy Lester from Stage 3 were given the opportunity to meet at Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre for our A.E.C.G. Tjudibaring Performance Workshop. Over the next 2 weeks our Stage 3 students will be exploring Contemporary Indigenous Dance and will be working towards building a performance group for the Central Coast Dance Festival. The A.E.C.G. Tjudibaring Dance group will be performing at Laycock Street Theatre in Gosford on Wednesday 28th of June. Good luck Zaiden, Sasa and Macy!



National Walk to School Day

KB students show their support for National Walk to School Day on Friday 19th May.





MOTHER'S DAY STALL

A huge thank you to our incredible community for supporting our Mother's Day stall, we hope all the special female figures in our lives felt spoilt. We raised a total of \$1615 which all goes straight back into supporting our school. A HUGE thank you to our coordinator, Michelle Tarawhiti for her tireless efforts – from sourcing products via local suppliers (thanks Mel and Marnie), creating gift ideas and running the stall on the day. Another very special mention to Dominica Clark who spent many hours helping create and putting together some of the special gifts. We would also like to thank our wonderful volunteers for their time helping at the stall!



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Thank you so much to everyone who came out and joined us for the Mother's Day breakfast. It was such a great turnout and lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces enjoying the delicious food on offer. Special thanks to Chris Romanous from [Ray White Saratoga – Kincumber](#) for providing the catering and the brilliant lucky door prize. A huge shout out to Lara Napton and Laura Day who both volunteered their time to put this event together. Thanks to all of the volunteers who came along to help prep and set up, it is greatly appreciated.



Uniform Shop

Stock up on all your winter uniform.

Warm School Track pants, New Red Jacket, Sloppy Joes - all available now!

Back to School Vouchers expire at the end of June. Don't let them go to waste!

These can be used face to face at the shop on Thursdays from 2:30 - 3:30pm.

Thank you

Lara

THE SNACK SHACK

Warm Milo available before school from 9am!

We still need lots of volunteers for our roster please. Just 2 hours from 10-12 is a massive help to us being able to get all the lunch orders out on time and serve at the counter. Your children will be so excited to see you in the canteen. The roster is in the link below

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

AVOCA BEACH TENNIS SCHOOL

We currently have vacancies in our Saturday morning beginner groups.

Phone **Karen** on **0434679107** for further enquiries.

MUSIC TUITION AT AVOCA BEACH - GUITAR (ACOUSTIC AND ELECTRIC), SINGING, ELECTRIC BASS, BANJO,

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