

# Avoca Beach Public School

## Stage 2 Newsletter – Semester 2 2022



### Welcome back!

Welcome back to school for Semester 2. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday and you are looking forward to an exciting semester ahead. This stage newsletter contains information for parents about the programs running this semester and other relevant information.

### Classes 2022

The five Stage 2 classes remain the same for this semester. The teachers for these classes are:

- 3B – Mr Craig Blanch
- 3F – Miss Cassie Fuller
- 4J – Mr Dennis Jarmaine
- 4B – Mrs Anne Braund
- 4S – Ms Christine Spencer

Ms Esther Hartley is the Assistant Principal and Stage 2 Supervisor (Wed-Fri) whilst on part time maternity leave. Mr Dennis Jarmaine is the relieving Assistant Principal and Stage 2 supervisor (Mon-Tues). Supervisors work closely with the teachers to provide support, development and enrichment opportunities. The team will also work closely together, jointly planning the teaching and learning programs to ensure consistency across the stage. Other teachers who work with the Stage 2 students during RFF this semester are:

- Miss April Hassall – History
- Ms Julie Boarer – Library

### Communication

Teachers at our school are aware of the importance of maintaining effective and productive communication between home and school. If you need to speak with the class teacher, please contact the school office or write a note to the class teacher. Teachers are extremely busy with class and extracurricular responsibilities. Emails and messages will be responded to as soon as possible.

### Attendance and Punctuality

In Stage 2 we follow a sequential program of learning which begins promptly at the start of each day. Absences and late arrival at school

can impact on your child's learning. Please ensure your child is only absent for genuine reasons. Arrival at school by 9:20am is essential and allows your child to start the day on a positive note, as the day's routines are outlined and the first lesson begins immediately. If your child arrives late, or is required to leave early, please make sure you fill in a student leave form at the front office before attending the classroom. Absence notes should be sent to the class teacher or absences can be notified via the school app.

### Excursions

In Term 3 a Stage 2 excursion has been planned at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney. In this hands-on STEAM workshop students will be given the opportunity to use art to engage with one or more concepts from the Digital Technologies curriculum. Students will learn how the STEM subjects intersect with art and how MCA artist educators use STEM in their art-making practice. Year 3 will visit the museum on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September and Year 4 will visit on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The cost of the excursion will be \$55.

In Term 4, students will have a local excursion to Wyrabalong National Park, Bateau Bay to compliment our Science & Technology unit this semester on Earth & Space. Students will bushwalk the area to observe how human activity has caused erosion in the national park and investigate how it can be minimised. They will also explore Bateau Bay Beach to study the headland and rocks and investigate living things on the rock platform. More information will be given towards the end of the term.

### Teaching and Learning Programs English

Students will be learning about informative and imaginative texts from a variety of multimodal sources. Students will continue learning and applying the super six strategies when reading to help them understand and improve their comprehension.

## **Mathematics**

Students will be developing their mathematical knowledge, skills and understanding through learning experiences across all number and algebra sub strands, with fractions & decimals and multiplication & division being a major focus. Other sub strands covered this semester include: chance, area, time, 3D, volume & capacity and position.

## **Science and Technology**

All Science units have been written to embed the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Design Process:

1. Define & think
2. Brainstorm
3. Research & plan
4. Develop & make
5. Test & improve
6. Evaluate & share

Students will develop knowledge and understanding, focusing specifically on the Earth & Space strand. Students will explore the concepts of day and night and study the observable changes over time on the Earth's surface that result from natural processes and human activity.

In addition, Stage 2 will participate in STEM sprints towards the end of Term 3 with a particular focus on using the STEM process and robotics in mini design challenges.

## **HSIE - History**

During RFF Stage 2 students will study a Community and Remembrance unit. They will apply the skills of historical inquiry and communication to explore how significant individuals, groups and events contributed to changes in the local community over time.

## **Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)/ Sport**

Students will be required to continue to wear their sports uniform each Wednesday and Friday.

This term Stage 2 will participate in weekly dance lessons each Wednesday. On Friday, students will also have a weekly stage sport session focusing on modified sports.

For Personal Development this semester students will focus on Cyber Safety during Library lessons and mandatory Child Protection lessons will be taught with their classroom teacher in Term 4.

## **Creative and Practical Arts**

All Stage 2 students will be participating in weekly dance lessons during Stage 2 sport time. In visual arts, students will focus on creating various artworks and make connections between subject matter. Particular art techniques will be explored, including sculpture.

## **Before and After School**

In the mornings, children should arrive between 9:00am – 9:15am. There is no supervision before 9am. It is important that any change to regular pick-up routine be made clear to the student and if in doubt a letter to the teacher so that we can assist them.

Our school website and school app are also regularly updated to keep parents informed of school, stage and class events.

Once again, welcome back to Semester 2. We are all very much looking forward to sharing in your child's learning journey this semester.

Kind regards,  
Esther Hartley (Stage 2 Supervisor), Dennis Jarmaine (Relieving Stage 2 Supervisor)  
Christine Spencer, Cassie Fuller, Craig Blanch, and Anne Braund.