



AVOCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 4-6

Friday 8 June 2018

Mrs Hancock's Herald,

Thank you to all the parents that had prepared for the Athletics Carnival following our Parents and Citizens meeting last Monday. It was almost going ahead until we had all the rain. **Nevertheless, we can now look forward to the Athletics Carnival again this coming Friday, 15 June, at Eridge Park.**

Mrs Schaefer has settled back into life at Avoca PS. She is investing her time in our classroom and library, teaching information skills, conducting borrowing and unpacking all things BOOKS for the students this term. She has been so warmly welcomed by the students and says she can't wait to get to Avoca each week!

Thank you to Mr Arthur Duddy from UOW who has been managing and teaching our students Basketball again this year. The students are surveyed before we select sports and basketball was a class wide hit for the students this year. We will be looking at a Dance Program for next term to further develop skills across all genres of activity.



We've had a number of events in the last two weeks, namely Killalea and thank you to Mrs Yearsley for accompanying our students on the excursion. And, the Soccer Gala Day, again accompanied by Mrs Yearsley and Mrs Wyllie. It is with this culture of support that Avoca does so well and really stands out in the community for its care and dedication towards students. It does get busy at our little school, but the students gain so much from attending these special days!

Have a great fortnight,

Mrs Hancock

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Mittagong RSL/Rotary Club Bowral

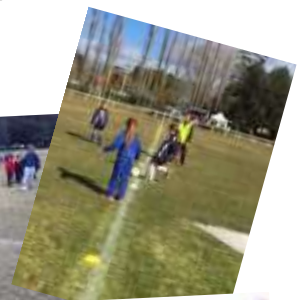
Science and Engineering Day

Students were very fortunate to have been able to attend the Science and Engineering Day at Mittagong RSL. Our Stage 3 students were separated across the community of schools to work in groups to design, manipulate and sort experiments. Students were able to learn, watch, view and play with so many objects and tasks, it was a great day had by all. Our school was lucky enough to have 2 representatives, Savannah and Eden, in the finals of bridge building too! Well done.



Tallong Soccer Gala Day

It was cool one for our Soccer Gala day this year at Exeter Oval. Thank you to Mrs Yearsley and Mrs Wyllie for attending. All the students enjoyed their day and spoke fondly of the time spent with our community of schools' friends.



Parents and Citizens Meeting Term 3



Mr Stuart Davies and Avoca PS are working on a date for P&C term 3. If you have preferences for a time and date can you please send them to Stuart for planning. A lot of exciting activities in the pipelines for APS, including a possible TRIVIA NIGHT!

Update—Athletics Carnival Eridge Park

Unfortunately, our Athletics Carnival was postponed until Friday, June 15. The same program will run on this day, with the same coordination of events and activities. Mrs Yearsley & Mr Davies have worked tirelessly to reschedule donations and Mrs Daniels has managed to administer communication across the community to reschedule this event. Mrs Wyllie has continued to work on Athletics skills on a Thursday and now can get in one more session before next week, a big thank you to her also! We are very thankful for all the hard work. The carnival was postponed due to council regulations and a combined COS PSSA ruling for safety and wellbeing, owing to rain.

TENS / TOWN MATHS GROUPS K-6



The TEN and TOWN program compliments regular numeracy programs, Best Start and Count Me In Too. The TEN/TOWN program is not a withdrawal model, but a class program which incorporates short, focussed and frequent opportunities designed to increase the rate and proficiency of numeracy learning for all students. The process involves teachers using professional judgement, and information gathered from previous class assessments to processes. Students have been engaging with the challenges and priorities in literacy and numeracy as a part of the Premiers Learning Priorities across NSW.

Kindergarten 2019 Update

We will be hosting a Kindergarten/Open evening at APS showcasing our beautiful school and offering tours, talks and information to new families or prospective enrolments.



Chaplaincy Program Update Term 2

In our recent **What's The Buzz** lesson we explored how to share and how to take turns. We also look at how you might feel if something you care about is taken without your permission, and how you could cleverly fix the problem. Through discussion, drawing and writing, and roll play activities students will develop skills they can use when they share in their everyday lives.

As part of the Chaplaincy Program we have introduced Circle Time to our Avoca students. Using simple, fast-paced, fun activities students practice and develop a variety of important interpersonal skills including, but not limited to, listening and sharing others' viewpoints, speaking up, expressing their own ideas, taking turns, working in small and large groups and calming techniques.

Teachers & Staff Professional Learning



Teacher professional learning (TPL) helps teachers and staff gain insight into and knowledge of their craft. It encourages the development of new ways of thinking about content and new approaches to teaching. This will substantially affect student achievement over a sustained period of time. Changes in teaching practice and improved student achievement need to be observed and/or measured.

In implementing changed practice, teachers acquire new knowledge, modify their existing beliefs and attitudes in relation to their teaching and sustain that change over time. This change in teaching practice needs to correlate strongly with the improvement of specified student outcomes.

Our staff at Avoca PS are mandated by Departmental Policy to attend and develop their craft through a series of Professional Development workshops. These workshops occur across the year and are set out for teacher and school leader professional growth.

Please be advised that as we move into our new Strategic Direction and Plan for the 2018-2020 period many new courses and workshops are provisioned for the staff to maintain currency of skills and, safety and wellbeing procedures for all.

Reminder Bridges for Learning—Anxiety Seminar Tuesday 12 June

Bridges for Learning in conjunction with Way Ahead Mental Health Association NSW are hosting The Small Steps presentation which aims to help identify the following:

- the difference between normal anxiety and anxiety disorders
- types of anxiety
- signs and symptoms of an anxiety disorder It also includes a question and answer session.

The presentations will be on the 12th June at BDCU Bowral.

Parents from 1:30-2:30 (we have sent out an offer and encouragement for all to attend).

Small Schools Debating Competition Round 1 Tallong V Avoca

“All children should play a musical instrument”

Students from TEAM A 3-6 Avoca debated the Tallong TEAM A in a first round meet at Avoca PS on 31 May, 2018. It was challenging being the affirmative team for this first debate as we presented many good arguments during our speeches but Tallong was able to take the victory.

Our next round is Tuesday 19 June, against Exeter PS. Team A will be debating offsite at Exeter PS and their visiting TEAM B will debate our TEAM B onsite at Avoca PS. Good luck Teams!



CONGRATULATIONS—Assembly Awards

Our Bronze award winners week 4-6; (awards are handed out with Mrs Schaefer owing to no assembly)

Denver Damaso

Honour Behr

Olivia Brumfield

Roo Coulson

Archie Holohan

Isobel Davies



Oscar Winner- **'the all-rounder' Week 4-6**

Roo Coulson

Welcome back to Roo!

The Coulson family has returned from their trip and Roo has settled back in to learning and life at APS so well!



Community Notice Board & News

- BDCU Children's Foundation in Bowral have booked Dr Justin Coulson for several community forums on the 11th and 12th September. These events are free and open to everyone. Avoca PS will be attending this event. Please see attached flyer in the APP.
- Bowral Little Athletics Club is looking for members this coming 2018/2019 season.

Find them on Facebook or www.bowrallittleathletics.com.au



Canteen Term 2

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WEEK	DATE	MENU ITEM	NAME
4			
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7	15 June	NO canteen—Athletics CARNIVAL	P&C
8	22 June	Nachos	Wyllie Family
9	29 June	Spring Rolls and Fried Rice	Behr Family
10	6 July	SUBWAY (NOT INCLUDED IN MEAL DEAL)	Brumfield Family

School Calendar 2018

Week 7 Monday 11 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 12 June	Bridges for Learning Seminar- Moss Vale
Thursday 14 June	Learning Progressions Training -Mrs Hancock (Warilla)
Friday 15 June	Athletics Carnival NEW DATE 9.00-2.30pm
Week 8 Tuesday 19 June	Debate Avoca V Exeter TEAM A and TEAM B
Wednesday 20 June	Mrs Daniels SAP Training
Thursday 21 June	School Photo Day from 8.30am—please come in full WINTER school uniform Director Network Meeting Moss Vale High School- Mrs Hancock
Friday 22 June	Back Up date #3 Athletics Carnival

School Uniforms and School Photography Dates 2018

MSP Photography are attending APS on Thursday 21 June. Please make sure you have your uniform up to date and submit any uniform

orders to Keshia Coulson (Roo's mum) prior to this date. Please find in your child's bag the photography forms for you to order your prints this year. Please return to office as soon as possible.



Remember to check in with our teaching staff at anytime. Please feel free to book a meeting or send supportive information in to bridge the connections between home and school!