



Avoca Beach Public School Newsletter



Term 1

2009

Week 10

30th March, 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

THE SCHOOL FAIR

Sunday turned out to be the perfect day in all respects. The big crowd were treated to a Fair that had just about everything thanks to the preparation and planning of Paul Buffey and the huge number of parents who were part of the organisation, the setting up for the day on Sunday morning and of course, the running of the stalls on the day. A big thanks to the Fair Committee and the great support the Fair received from parents and citizens of Avoca Beach and further afield. The P&C turn all the money made from the Fair back into learning resources for the students in the classrooms. The three big ticket items are:

- Two interactive whiteboards (approx cost \$8000 each)
- Joint funding with the school to provide additional support for students experiencing difficulty with their learning in literacy and numeracy. (\$5000)
- Joint funding with the school to provide extension groups in literacy, numeracy and ICT. (\$5000).

ROAD SAFETY

Included in today's newsletter is a report by Judith Price-Maljers, the P & C representative (along with Paul Buffey) on the committee looking at ways we can address issues of concern relating to road safety, in particular the picking up and dropping off of students each day.

During last Monday's meeting Peter Roberts (parent) spoke to the committee about the difficulties parents/carers experience in picking up their child if they are disabled, on crutches or in some significant way, incapacitated.

There is a disabled car space in the staff car park which parents/carers are welcome to use in such cases.

Mrs. Duck has designed a Road Safety survey which will be sent home with students today. Surveys need to be returned to class teacher by Thursday 9th April.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES

The following penalties apply to offences committed in school zones during posted school hours.

Speeding

Minimum fines of \$128 and 4 demerit points

Approach children's crossing too quickly to stop safely

\$384 fine and 4 demerit points

Double Parking

\$231 fine and 2 demerit points

Stopping on or near a children's crossing

\$308 and 2 demerit points

For a full list of all penalties and offences, visit

www.rta.nsw.gov.au/schoolzones or call 13 22 13.

REMINDERS

School Costs—\$38 per student, maximum of \$80 for 3 or more students payable at school office.

CONGRATULATIONS Ms Renwick (5/6R) who has been successful in gaining, through merit selection, a permanent classroom teacher position at Manly Village Public School. Kylie of course has mixed feelings about her appointment. She is very happy at this school but is not a permanent member of staff. We will miss Kylie's contribution to the students, particularly in areas of sport and dance. Ms Stevens will be replacing Ms Renwick on 5/6R. As you know Ms Stevens currently has the role of release from face-to-face teacher and is therefore familiar with the students in 5/6R. Ms Stevens will work with Ms Renwick and the other members of the Stage 3 team to bring about a smooth transition for the students. Ms Lawler will be taking over Ms Steven's role of release from face-to-face teacher. Ms Stevens and Ms Lawler are delighted to be taking up their new roles and I am confident they will both do an excellent job.

Peter Whelan,
Principal.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC AND PARKING

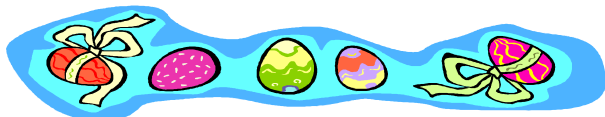
You may have seen a group of people with Peter Whelan on Monday afternoon surveying the picking up of our children. This group included Charlene Zimmatore, Gosford Council's Road Safety Officer and Lisa Hammond, the representative from the NSW Department of Education and Training. Also attending as the teacher representative was Louise Duck and Paul Buffey and I as the parent representatives.

At present we are enlisting the help of the Council and DET to make our school a safer place for our children. We are looking at both short term and long term resolutions to what I'm sure many of you see are unsafe and inadequate conditions when we are dropping off, and in particular, picking up our children.

There are many restrictions on The Round Drive that make alternatives to our present situation very difficult, but we are making a start. This will require all of us to work together in order to keep the children safe. In the coming months you will be receiving information on the status of this initiative through the newsletters and we will be asking for your input on occasion, for example, homework activities that you and your children will do together are being planned for each stage, this will give us important information in order to plan the direction we will take.

If you would like to discuss any of this with me please contact me on 43824456, otherwise please read all future items on this matter, as being informed is crucial. I think we all understand the immense importance of this issue, and as a community, let's look forward to an improved and most importantly, a safer, place for our kids.

Judith Price-Maljers
P&C Representative.



EASTER RAFFLE

Children are asked to donate chocolate eggs, bunnies and cane baskets and in return they receive tickets in the draw to win an Easter basket. Eggs etc. can be brought to Mrs. Crayn's room any morning after 9am.

Tickets are now on sale before school outside Mrs. Crayn's room in the mornings. **Tickets 50c each or 3 for \$1.**

ATTENTION YEAR THREE PARENTS

In the last week of this term Year 4 will attend Camp Toukley.

During this time Mrs. Duck and Ms. Walkerden will continue to work with Year 3 to reinforce test sitting strategies and Narrative text type writing.

This will assist all students when they sit for the NAPLAN in May.

Stage Two Teachers.

NIMBLE FINGERS?

Helpers are needed to wrap gifts for the ever popular Mother's Day stall. If you are able to take home a small box of gifts to wrap at your leisure over the Easter holidays (sample and wrapping provided), please collect from the front office and return by Thursday 30th April (week 1 of term 2) or call Adrienne Ferreira (Jim and Leo's Mum) on 0403 820 808 if you can take part in the wrapping morning in Term 2.

MUMS NEEDED

Two mums are needed to play soccer this season for the "Yummy Sharks". If interested, please contact Jo Harries on 0410 263 072.

WORKWISE are taking enrolments for "Certificate II in Community Services Support Work" for people who wish to pursue a career in the community services sector, particularly relating to disability work. For enrolment and eligibility details contact Workwise on 4353 2199.

VOLUNTEER EXPO

Come along and find out how you can help your community by talking to different Central Coast Community Organisations on Thursday 14th May from 10am—3pm at Camp Breakaway, Highview Ave., San Remo. Enquiries 4329 7122.

KINCUMBER & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Please phone June on 4363 1044 if you are interested in the following:

"**The Brekky Club**" requires volunteers for Mondays 7am—8.30am to aid with the preparation of breakfast for the students at the Centre.

"**Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group**".

"**Carer's Morning Tea**" meet every third Wednesday from 10am—12pm \$2.00. Come along and share your caring experiences together with support and information sessions. Phone 4363 1044.

THANK YOU, what a great day—the weather, the people, the atmosphere!

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed to helping me on my stall, "The White Elephant". I could not do this without your help. You all work so hard setting it up, packing away and most importantly selling all those lovely goods.

My helpers on the stall—THANK YOU (Liliana and Jesus Martinez, Jackie Elder, Rebecca Mezzone, Kylie Wade, Cindy Cunningham) and anyone else on the day—I'm sorry if I've forgotten you.

Tina Verschoor.

CANTEEN NEWS

- We nearly have enough requests to place an order for curly apple machines. They will be available at the beginning of Term 2 (\$29.00). If you would like to place an order please phone me on 0412 583 636.
- We have an EASTER SPECIAL this Friday. Please see insert for details and have all orders in by this Wednesday.
- Special thanks to all our volunteers last week: Kylee Bakarich, Kelly Adams, Kellie Hayes, Michelle Butler, Sally Roberts, Barb Livingstone, Leonie Leonard, Gina Cartwright.
- This weeks roster:

Tue Mar 31	Liliana Martinez, Sally Brooks
Wed Apr 1	Matylda Walton, Linda Van Hove
Thur Apr 2	Janet Griffin, Kerry Jones
Fri Apr 3	Di Hayman, Sandy Gilbert
Mon Apr 6	Sonya Walters, Cathy Bissett
Tue Apr 7	Katherine Thomson, Sam Lemon

Regards,
Kylie Hoskin.

**NUTRITIOUS
FOODS**

