



# Avoca Beach Public School Newsletter



Term 1

2009

Week 3

9th February, 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

**THE P&C BBQ** for Kinder parents was a great success. Thanks to the P&C members who were able to help out on the night and to all the Kinder parents who were able to attend. For new Kinder parents I'm sure your sense of connectedness with the school community will strengthen throughout your child's educational journey at this school. It was beaut to catch up with you again at this informal occasion.

**STUDENT SAFETY** is being compromised before and after school time each day. This occurs if:

- Parents use the staff car park as a pick up and drop off zone.
- Parents double park out the front of the school blocking the footpath and causing students to walk on the road.

We are all aware of the difficulties and limitations placed on parents picking their children up and dropping them off because of the physical set up of the road. This however places greater responsibility on parents to act in a more thoughtful and responsible manner. **Student safety should be our first priority at all times.** I ask all parents not to:

- **Park illegally out the front of the school**
- **Not to use the staff car park as a pick up and drop off zone for their children.**  
Car parks are notoriously hazardous places for children for obvious reasons.

**SCHOOL COSTS** for 2009 will remain at **\$38 per child** and a maximum of **\$80 per family**. This money is used to fund learning programs and buy resources for students. This year this money will help fund extra teachers' aide support in the classroom for students who are struggling, extension groups, and interactive whiteboards for classrooms. Your prompt payment of school costs will directly benefit your children.

**TEXTBOOKS** A reminder that textbooks will be sold at school by the Top Book Shop on Thursday 12 February. Requirements have been detailed in a separated class note sent home to all parents. **Cheques should be made payable to Top Book Shop** and NOT to the school.

**SEX EDUCATION** An organisation called Interrelate have been delivering sex education programs to students for a number of years. They will be at the school on the night of the 11 March to provide a sex education program for students in Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6. **A parent must accompany their child and attendance is optional.** Further details of the

program will be sent out closer to the night.

**TEACHER/PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS** have been organised by teachers to provide information about your child's learning program for the year. Last year 78% of parents attended these sessions. Let's see if we can achieve 100% attendance in 2009.

**Tuesday 10 –**  
**5.30pm – Year 2**  
**6.00pm – Year 1**  
**6.30pm – Kindergarten**  
**7.00pm – Stage 3**

Peter Whelan,  
Principal.

## CANTEEN NEWS

- Our "**Back to School Special**" is on this Friday 13th February. Please see enclosed flyer for details. Please ensure all orders are in to the canteen by this Wednesday. There will be **NO** other lunch items available on this day, however the usual recess items and frozen foods will be available.
- Special thanks to all our volunteers last week: Lee Davies, Katherine Thomson, Virginia Riley, Kylie Micklethwaite, Stacey Brown, Alison Larkin, Susie Hunter..
- This weeks roster:  

Tue 10 Feb	Kelly Adams, Leanne Neubauer
Wed 11 Feb	Jessica Handley, Danielle Sawszak
Thur 12 Feb	Jodie Myers, Kelli Wilson
Fri 13 Feb	Danielle Eurell, Melissa Brown
Mon 16 Feb	Kylie Bakerich
Tues 17 Feb	Kellie Hayes, Emma

Regards,  
Kylie Hoskin.

**NUTRITIOUS  
FOODS**



**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

On Friday, the 2009 Swimming Carnival was held at The Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Thank you to all parents who assisted by helping with timekeeping, judging and starting events.

One school record was broken by Tate Felton. Tate swam the nine year boys 50m freestyle in 37.38.

Congratulations to the winning house, Newcombe.

The point score was:	Newcombe	224
	Freeman	190
	Bradman	183
	Jackson	145

In next week's newsletter the fastest times for each event will be published.

Stage 2 Teachers.

**ENTERTAINMENT AT THE FAIR!**

**HEY KIDS!** Do you sing in the shower?

Do you dance to the TV ads?...Then you should perform at the school Fair on

Sunday 29th March! Forget SingStar—this is for real! Contact Leeann (parent) on

0421 820 316 or 4382 6615 for more details.

If you are in the School Band or Violin Group you're already invited to perform. All other talents welcome!

**FOSTER CARE INFORMATION NIGHT**

Interested in becoming a foster carer? The Department of Community Services are holding an information night at Mingara Recreational Club on Wednesday 11th February, 2009 from 7pm—8pm. Information includes: different types of fostering, financial allowances, support provided and questions answered on the night. RSVP Baringa Head or Cindy Egan on 4352 6500.

**TIME FOR A CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE?**

Gosford TAFE is running an 18 week course "Career Education and Employment for Women, Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training" from 9am—1.30pm four days a week. For more information phone Pauline Eade on 4348 2282.

**KINCUMBER COLTS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**

Registrations for U/6—U/16's will be held Sunday 14th February from 9am—1pm at Colts Clubhouse, Ozanam Recreational Facility, Empire Bay Drive, Kincumber South. Phone Stacey Jackson on 0427 683 548 or Donna Hide on 0407 433 113.

**STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA**

In July 2009, students aged 15—18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5—10 months. If you are interested in becoming a host family call 1300 135 331 or visit webside [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au).