



# Avoca Beach Public School Newsletter



Term 1

2009

Week 5

23rd February, 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

**NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY** Our eight SRC leaders travel to Sydney today to participate in the National Young Leaders Day, conducted at The Entertainment Centre, Darling Harbour. The purpose of this day is to empower and motivate students to be effective leaders in our school and the community. The objectives of the day are to:

- Promote the value of inspirational and positive role models as examples to others.
- Educate students about the need to grow in knowledge and practical skills in the area of excellence and leadership.
- Inspire students to make a positive contribution to their school.
- Empower them with practical skills of balancing school, study and commitments.

The program will involve speaking, question times, learning games and video presentations. It is anticipated that over 3000 students from government schools in NSW will attend.

Our SRC leaders will be accompanied by **Mrs Yates** and **Mrs Cameron**.

**STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS** A progress report on the social development and work habits of each student will be sent home **Friday 5 March**. Please sign the report and return to your child's class teacher confirming you have read the report. Reports will be then sent home with the children for you to keep. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the report with your child's teacher please do not hesitate to make an appointment to meet at a mutually convenient time. Likewise, if a teacher requests an interview, a prompt response is appreciated.

**PARENT/TEACHER EVENINGS** Thanks to all the parents/carers who attended the parent/teacher meetings in Weeks 3 and 4. Some parents indicated in their responses to a survey sent out to all families in 2006 and again in 2008 they would like more information about how to help their children with learning and more information about their child's learning program. The main aim of the parent/teacher nights is to communicate this information to parents. Teachers spend considerable time and effort in providing the relevant information on the night. **57%** of parents availed themselves of this opportunity.

**THANKS** Steve Marsden for creating a new instrumental accompaniment to our school song.

Peter Whelan,  
Principal.

## A REMINDER TO PARENTS TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the Principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

## REMINDERS

- School Costs—\$38 per student, maximum of \$80 for 3 or more students.
- Interrelate sex education for stages 2 and 3—11.3.09, \$15 one session, \$20 both sessions. Please refer to note.
- Stage 2 Colonial Show 16.3.09 \$16 (includes sausage sizzle).
- School Fair 29.3.09.

## WHOOPIING COUGH (PERTUSSIS)

In recent months there has been an increase in reported cases of Whooping Cough. The disease is caused by infection of the throat with the bacteria "Bordetella Pertussis". Symptoms usually begin just like a cold, with runny nose, tiredness and mild fever. Coughing then develops, usually in bouts, followed by a deep gasp (or "whoop"). Babies can be immunised at two, four and six months. Boosters are needed at four year of age and again at 15 years of age which are available from your general practitioner. For further information Call Central Coast Public Health on 4349 4845.

**WRITERS WANTED**

Entry is now open in the 2009 Schools Writing Competition. Students from all grades are allowed to enter. Entrants are encouraged to write about any topic as a poem or story (narrative).

Entries must be in by March, 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Enter online at [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net) or see Mrs Vallis for an entry form.

Prizes are awarded to winners. Look at the website for more information.

**ENTERTAINMENT AT THE FAIR!**

**HEY KIDS!** Don't be shy!

We need Dancers, Jugglers, Singers, Comedians and Musicians. Call today for a spot in the School Fair's Entertainment Program. You'll need your parent's permission of course! If you're already in the Band or Violin

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Contact Leeann (parent) on 4382 6615 or

0421 820 316.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

- Please remember to hand your orders into the blue tin at the office **before** school begins.
- Please ensure reheats are in a microwave safe container in a bag clearly marked with child's name and class.
- Special thanks to all our volunteers last week: Kylee Bakarich, Kellie Hayes, Emma Benson, Linda Van Hove, Nicole Germier, Sally Brooks, Jane Hughes, Gina Cartwright, Michelle Wonnacott.

• This weeks roster:

Tue 24 Feb	Liliana Martinez, Karin Stockholm
Wed 25 Feb	Joanne Graves, Penny Guthmann
Thur 26 Feb	Cindy Cunningham, Kathy Sinnett
Fri 27 Feb	Helen Marks, Sharon Scriven
Mon 2 Mar	Kylie

Regards,  
Kylie Hoskin.

**NUTRITIOUS  
FOODS**

**CAN YOU HELP?**

We need some families to sell raffle tickets at Kincumber Shopping Centre on Sunday March 22nd. If you can help please call Evelyn on 4382 6637. Ideally we have three families over the day. We have other days booked in as well, so if you can help on **any** weekend before the fair, please let me know.

If you can't help, don't forget to keep selling your tickets that have been sent home. You could have a chance to win one of our great incentive prizes.

Last year's prize was won by selling just **two** full books p s0 get selling!!

**AVOCA BEACH RUGBY UNION—PLAYER VACANCIES U/11'S**

A couple of spots are available in the U/11 team (boys born in 1998). The registration fee is \$130 and this includes shorts, socks, insurance, referees costs etc.

Junior rugby at Avoca is all about learning rugby in a fun environment with an emphasis on participation and a fair go. For more information about the club and junior rugby go to

<http://www.avocasharks.rugby.net.com.au/>

If your son is interested in playing please call Ian Cameron on 0424 342 786 or David Cullen on 0409 907 464.

**SEASONS FOR GROWTH** is a Grief and Loss Programme for adults affected by loss. Losses come in many forms including death, divorce, separation, loss of pets, jobs and friends. The course runs for 5 weeks commencing Tuesday 3rd March—31st March from 9am—11am at the Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre. Bookings are essential contact June on 4363 1044. Cost \$20.00 includes workbook.

**VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE APPEAL—MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA—ROCK, POP & CLASSIC**

Venue: The Atrium, Erina Fair

Date: Sunday 1st March, 2009

Time: Doors open 5.30pm for 6.00pm start

Tickets: \$25 Adults, \$10 children (cash only)

Tickets available at Erina Fair Customer Service Desk.

100% of all sales and funds raised from this concert will be donated to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal.