



# Avoca Beach Public School Newsletter



Term 2

2009

Week 10

29th June, 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

## SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thanks to all parents who helped make the carnival a success. In particular, **Rob Davies** who used his vehicle to transport equipment, **David Edwards and Paul Buffey** who also helped set up early Friday morning and **Kylie Hoskin** and her team of helpers who fed everyone throughout the day. It was great to see so many parents and grandparents at the carnival supporting the children. A big thanks to Stage 3 teachers and for their organisation of the day. K-2 will be holding their carnival on Thursday (weather permitting) at the school.

## ENHANCING THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

An attractive functional school environment is important. The P&C has recently organised two working bees (see note from Paul Buffey) to beautify some of the gardens. A significant amount of work has been accomplished particularly to the gardens at the front of the school. They look great. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

There has been a marked improvement in uniform and you can literally feel the impact this has had on the tone of the school. Thanks everyone for your co-operation over this matter.

## STUDENT REPORTS – SEMESTER 1

Last week students took their assessment folder home with their reports enclosed. You keep the report but please ensure the assessment folder is returned to your child's class teacher by Monday 6 July. I am sure you have taken the opportunity to affirm your child's efforts, progress and achievements and provided guidance in assisting them to set realistic learning goals for Semester 2.

## A REMINDER

School concludes for students on **Thursday 9 July**. Term 3 resumes for both staff and pupils on **Monday 27 July**.

Peter Whelan,  
Principal.

## KINDER ENROLMENTS FOR 2010

Pre-enrolment details are now being taken at the school office for students who live in Avoca Beach and will be commencing Kindergarten next year.

There will be a **parent information evening** in the school hall on Tuesday 1st September at 7.30pm. **Headstart** will commence on Friday 23rd October and will run every Friday for 5 weeks from 9.30am—11.30am.

**Kinder Orientation for parents and carers** will be on Friday 20th November at 9.30am (last day for Headstart).

## PEER TUTORING

We are currently implementing a "Peer Tutoring" program in Kindergarten, using students from Stage 2 and 3 (tutors). The tutors spend 10 minutes after lunch each day, playing sound and word games with the kinder children. Past experience has shown this program to be beneficial to both the tutor and the kindergarten student. Benefits include improved self esteem, increased sound and word knowledge, positive role models and sense of responsibility (see accompanying pictures).  
Mrs. Tobin,  
Kindergarten Teacher.

## SCHOOL LANDSCAPING

The Get Fit for Free Team led by Paul Hutchinson has done a fantastic job of landscaping the front gardens at school. The results are significant and it has really cleaned up the entry to the school and looks great. Thankyou Paul for your leadership and hard work. Thanks also to Nick Stylianou, Emma O'Farrell (Emma worked so hard), Stan Priestley, Angus and Tobi Smith of **Nova Hortus Landscapes** and Carl McNamara and team at **Live Lawns and Gardens** for all their help and expertise. Lastly thanks to Ian Wiseman for providing the extremely necessary and much needed sustenance that kept us going at such a fast pace. Your efforts really are appreciated everyone, thank you.  
Paul Buffey,  
P & C President.

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

- Spray jackets are now available in sizes 8-10; 10-12; 12-14. Price is \$25.00.
- Girls grey tights are also available and we have changed to cotton. Price is now \$7 a pair.

## REMINDERS

- School Costs—\$38 per student, maximum of \$80 for 3 or more students payable at school office.
- Stage 3 "A Journey to Antarctica" performance 1.7.09, \$6.00.

## 'KOORI KIDS' WRISTBANDS

The wristbands are now sold out. Thank you to the people who helped raise \$100 to support Aboriginal students to try their best at representative level in school sport.

**ST JOHN AMBULANCE FIRST AID COURSE FOR CHILDREN AGED 11—14 YEARS**

The course will be held at Suite 2, 88 Mann Street Gosford on Monday and Tuesday 13th and 14th July from 9am—1.00pm. Cost \$50. Contact Wendy, Simone or Libby on 4324 6047 for bookings and further information.

**NSW SPORT AND RECREATION** are holding July 2009 holiday activities. Please see notice board in foyer for details.

**THE MEGGS BILLY CART DERBY** will be held on 16th August at Georgiana Terrace, Gosford (next to Gosford Primary School. There will be market stalls, food and entertainment for all the family. Funds raised will go to United Way Central Coast Community Chest. Information email: info@gonedote.com or phone 4367 0899.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE BAND?**

We are going to be starting our new training band by week 1, term 4. It is important that we all start together, so we are asking for interested students or parents to get in touch with your expression of interest..

As we all know there are many considerations in deciding to learn a musical instrument. Our band committee are pleased to help anyone with questions about joining our school band.

**PLEASE NOTE: NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

Instruments to consider: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Percussion.

**ANSWERS TO FAQ:**

1. We don't teach guitar or piano/keyboard in our school concert band as these instruments are not practical in this format.
2. If you are considering percussion, please note that these are ALL of the instruments involved in the percussion section not just drum kit.
3. ALL ENQUIRIES [dianegardiner@gmail.com](mailto:dianegardiner@gmail.com)  
**Phone 0409 986 327** OR leave a note for us in The band pigeon hole at the office.



**CANTEEN NEWS**

- Thank you to all the fantastic helpers who helped in the canteen at the athletics carnival: Paul Buffey, Nick Styliahnou, Leeanne Fletcher, Nicole Germier, Barb Livingstone, Lee Scriven, Roberta Lohan, Cindy Cunningham and Jo Graves. Apologies if I have missed anyone.
- I will be drafting the roster for Term 3 this week. If you would like a specific date, please phone me by this Friday (0412 583 636).
- It's not too late to join our team of volunteers. If you can help out once or twice a term, please call me by this Friday or complete the slip below and return it to the office.
- Special thanks to all our volunteers for last week: Karin Stockholm, Leanne Neubauer, Kylee Backarich, Sally Brooks, Jodie Myers.
- This weeks roster:
 

Tue 30 June	Matylda Walton, Michelle Langthorne
Wed 1 July	Jessica Handley, Danielle Sawszak
Thur 2 July	Janet Griffin, Alison Larkin
Fri 3 July	Sandy Gilbert, Di Hayman
Mon 6 July	Lee Davies
Tue 7 July	Sam Lemon, Kelly Adams

Regards,  
Kylie Hoskin.

**NUTRITIOUS  
FOODS**



**PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL CANTEEN**

Yes, I can assist in the canteen on a: MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY (please circle)

ONCE or TWICE (please circle) per term.

Name ..... Phone No. .... Child's Name..... Class.....