



Avoca Beach Public School Newsletter



11th May, 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

P & C MEETING—Tonight 7.30pm in the staffroom.
All welcome!

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – YEARS 3, 5, 7 & 9 On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week students in Years 3 and 5 will sit for tests in Writing, Language Conventions, Reading and Numeracy as part of the National Assessment Program. You can help prepare your children for these tests by making sure they get a good night's sleep and have an appropriate breakfast before they leave for school.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MONEY FOR SCHOOLS
At this point in time I have not received any indication in **writing** if any of the projects put forward will be funded. We can be confident some projects will be funded but it's a matter of waiting until we receive confirmation in writing.

MOTHERS DAY STALL was a great success thanks to **Lisa Macnamara** and the team of mothers who helped on the day. A special touch to Thursday was the assembly item by the three Kindergarten classes especially for their mums.

2008 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT A copy has been included in this week's newsletter. The Annual School Report is a record of the school's self-evaluation process. It is conducted annually and is part of the ongoing cycle of school planning and evaluation. The Annual School Report provides information on the performance of the school in national and state testing programs. It also provides information about the context in which that information should be considered. Key aspects reported on include:
• staff and student background information
• student performance
• school self-evaluation
• targets for improvement.

When viewing the graphs on student performance in the National Assessment Program there is a category referred to as **Like School Group (LSG)**. A Like School Group is a group of schools which are similar on the basis of two community factors including:
• the average socio-economic status of the school community
• geographical isolation.

All primary, secondary and central schools have been allocated to one of nine Like School Groups, unless they are a selective school.

Peter Whelan,
Principal.

REMINDERS

- School Costs—\$38 per student, maximum of \$80 for 3 or more students payable at school office.
- Life Education—\$7 per child payable by 13th May.
- 3/4W & 3/4D Maitland Bay 15th May—\$5.50.
- 3/4M & 3/4V Maitland Bay 18th May—\$5.50.
- Going Green with Dr. Deane performance 1st June—\$5.

ATTENTION YEAR 4 PARENTS

Application forms for **2010 Opportunity Classes** have arrived. Parents who wish for their Year 4 child to sit for the test for placement in an O.C class in 2010 must complete an application form. If you require one please return the slip below to Mrs Vallis by 20th May. Opportunity classes are for academically gifted students.

Wilma Vallis,
Assistant Principal.

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I require an application form for the O.C placement test.

Name: _____

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

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Please return this slip to Mrs Vallis by 20th May.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY, FRIDAY 15TH MAY—ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS

On Friday, 15th May, children throughout Australia are being asked to walk to school with their parents or carers, while learning to be safe, active and healthy. If you can't walk all the way, combine a walk with public transport. If you must use the car, try leaving it a good distance from school and walking the rest of the way. All children will receive a sticker to wear on the day.

Louise Duck,
Coordinator.

WORLD VISION FUNDRAISING GALA BALL

Saturday 8th August from 6—11pm at Mingara Showroom. \$89pp or \$850 for table of 10. Includes beer, wine, bubbly, three course meal and entertainment. Tickets:
www.DeNagyCollections.com.au.

WILDLIFE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are able to spare an hour or two to help with fruit cutting for the flying foxes at Wildlife Arc, please call Sharon Scriven on 0435 057 463.

CANTEEN NEWS

- Please find enclosed our revised menu/price list. We have endeavoured to keep our prices low while concentrating on making plenty of healthy options. Please throw away the previous menu. This one starts today.
- **OUR REHEAT FACILITY IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE! We still have our toasting facility available.** This decision was based on the previous guidelines not being followed by parents and children, which meant we were not complying with the food, health and hygiene regulations. Please see me if your child requires a special diet and would like to make alternative arrangements.
- A huge thank you to Ellie Hardcastle for adding her finishing touches to the menu making it user friendly.
- Our curly apple machines have arrived. Please pay and collect your machine as soon as possible.
- Special thanks to all our volunteers for last week: Justine Martin, Liliana Martinez, Tracey Mitchell, Ngaire Hobbins, Cindy Cunningham, Kathy Sinnett, Sharon Scriven, Susie Hunter.
- This weeks roster:

Tue May 12	Sally Brooks, Leanne Neubauer
Wed May 13	Emma Hardy
Thur May 14	
Fri May 15	Katherine Thomson, Melissa Brown
Mon May 18	Kylee Bakarich
Tue May 19	Matylda Walton, Michelle Langthorne

Regards,
Kylie Hoskin.

**NUTRITIOUS
FOODS**

