



Avoca Beach Public School Newsletter



Term 2

2009

Week 9

22nd June, 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Adherence to our school uniform is not what it should be, particularly for the girls. As a school community there are many reasons why we should be proud of our school and the uniform is one of those reasons. The school uniform policy is explicit.

“School uniform is compulsory at Avoca Beach Public School. On each day that your child is out of uniform a separate note is required.

Winter Uniform – Girls

Red, grey and white tartan pinafore with a white skivvy or blouse underneath. Red jumper or sloppy joe with school crest. White socks or grey tights. Black leather shoes.

Boys and Girls Sports Uniform

Black shorts with school emblem for both boys and girls (girls also have an option to wear a red pleated skirt).

Girls: White T-shirt with red school crest

Boys: Red T-shirt with white school crest

Black tracksuit pants (NOT BIKE PANTS, TIGHTS ETC OR TRACKSUIT PANTS WITH STRIPES DOWN THE SIDE) can be worn in winter on sport and PE days. Year 6 may wear their Year 6 shirt with the black shorts on sport and PE days.

Hats: A wide brimmed red hat is compulsory every day of the school year.”

Uniforms are available for purchase from the P&C room. The uniform shop is run on a voluntary basis by Debbie Buffey and Samantha Andersen. They do a fantastic job which I am extremely appreciative of. The uniform shop is open on Monday mornings from 9.00am. For working Mums and Dads, order forms and price lists are available from the school office and you can leave these (with the correct money) any time. The clothing is then delivered to the child on the following Monday.

There is also a stock of second hand clothing available from the school office.

If anyone is experiencing financial difficulties please see me as there is a fund at the school to assist in these instances.

A small number of students in Year 6 have indicated to me that they have grown out of their pinafore and their parents do not wish to purchase a new pinafore as they will get only one term's use out of it. I have spoken to Debbie Buffey from the P & C uniform shop and she is prepared to provide a pinafore **to students in Year 6** who have out grown their current pinafore and this can be returned at the end of Term 3. **The bottom line is, I**

want every student in this school in the correct school uniform each day. School uniform gives students a sense of identity, pride in themselves and their school and eliminates the problems associated with competition with 'the latest fashion'.

JEWELLERY

The only acceptable items of jewellery are sleepers or studs in the ears and a watch. Other items of adornment worn for religious reasons require a note. The wearing of scarfs is certainly not encouraged as they pose a possible danger to student safety, particularly in the playground.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

THREE NEW BRICK CLASSROOMS

Last Wednesday I had a 2 hour meeting with Bovis Lend Lease Site Supervisor and the Project Design Team. Work on the new classrooms may commence as early as late July.

READING WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS were conducted last Tuesday night and Thursday afternoon by Mrs Munton. There was an attendance of 5 and 14 parents (grandparent) respectively. Research indicates that most parents are unsure of how to teach reading or help their children with literacy development. Research also shows that children from homes where parents model the uses of literacy and engage children in activities that promote understandings about literacy and its uses are better prepared for school. Fathers have a particularly important role to play with their boys. If dad finds reading enjoyable and important the chances are their boys will also. According to Purcell-Gates (2000), the number of children achieving literacy success was significantly increased when parents co-operated actively in their children's school education right from the start.

Starting in this week's newsletter Mrs Munton will be including useful tips for parents, carers and grandparents.

Peter Whelan,
Principal.

SCHOOL PHOTOS—MONDAY 29TH JUNE

Payment envelopes have been sent home today with **each** student. Students should bring their envelope (with money enclosed) on the day (29.6.09). It is vital that each child returns their own envelope, even if payment is enclosed in a sibling's envelope.

Please note cheques should be made payable to "The School Photographer" **NOT** the school.

Envelopes are self-explanatory with price breakdowns, methods of payment and options for parents to select. No package will be produced unless the student has an envelope.

Family photo envelopes are available from the school office.

Please note that full winter uniform is to be worn.

GET FIT FOR FREE

Be at school Tuesday (tomorrow) morning for a "WORKING Bee", commencing at 9.30 sharp in front of the office, weather permitting. If it's raining the working bee will the following Tuesday, 30th June.

The gardens at the front of the school are being mulched and planted with new plants and we need all the help we can get.

Bring along gloves and a shovel if you can help. Coffee and muffins provided.

Paul Buffey,
P & C President.

WANTED

A replacement treasurer for the P & C is required at the commencement of 2010. It's a voluntary position where knowledge of MYOB or Quickbook is an advantage but not necessary. Please contact Paul Buffey on 0400 006 065. Training will be provided.

TRADESMEN

If you have a trade and are interested in proposed new work at the school phone Dane Lalic on 0411 406 559 or Transfield on 1300 888 293.

HOT TIPS ON HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH READING

Start with what interests your child. If your child is interested in surfing, then that is the best place to start. Visit bookshops, libraries, surf shops, places where you can find books, brochures, videos and software programs that are of interest.

The key is providing a way to read the material. If the book is too difficult, try recording it chapter by chapter for your child to read along.

Take it in turn to read one page each or for struggling readers, try one sentence each. This will provide meaning and purpose to reading.

MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Last week four students represented the school in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. The school representatives presented a prepared speech followed by an impromptu. All speakers did exceptionally well with two children being awarded runners-up in their divisions. Congratulations to all participants.

Roxanne Davies and Sue Walkerden,
Coordinators.

REMINDERS

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

Stages 2 & 3 "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes" 24.6.09, \$13.50.

School Photos—Monday 29th June.

Stage 3 "A Journey to Antarctica" performance 1.7.09, \$6.00.

UNI NSW SPELLING AND WRITING COMPETITION

These will be held tomorrow, 23rd June.

Stage 2 spelling will be held at 10.10am in Mrs. Vallis' room.

Stage 3 spelling will be held at 10.10am in Mrs. Hardy's room.

Mrs. Vallis,
Assistant Principal.

NAIDOC WEEK

As part of our celebrations for NAIDOC week (5—12 July, last week of this term), the students will be decorating their very own boomerang which they can take home on the last day of this term. These have been provided for through school resources at no extra cost to families. We hope your child enjoys them. Tomorrow, Tuesday 22nd June, the fundraiser for "Koori Kids" will commence. Wristbands will be sold outside Mr. Blanch's room for \$2. There are a limited number available so it will be a first come, first served bases until sold. Money raised goes towards supporting school children in need to attend representative sporting events.

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).

HEADLICE

There have been several reported cases of headlice in recent weeks. Please be diligent in checking your child/ren's hair daily and treat immediately if necessary to avoid infestation. It is also recommended that hats, hair brushes, headbands, bed linen and towels be washed in warm soapy water.

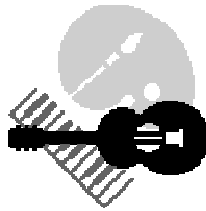
BOYS BASKETBALL

On Friday 19th July, the Stage Three boy's basketball team went to Niagara Park to play against Valley view in our first game of the school knockout comp. Both sides were evenly matched with 8 players on each side. Everyone played exceptionally well and in the end we were just too good for them winning 66 to 18. Thanks to David Cracknell for coaching us.

Written by Nic T and instructed by Sam C.

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
Phone 0409 986 327 OR leave a note for us in The band pigeon hole at the office.

MEDICATION PROCEDURES AT SCHOOL

In accordance with DET protocol, only medication prescribed by a doctor (with detailed dosage instructions etc.) and accompanying letter from parent can be administered at school. Over the counter medicines such as panadol/analgesics, cough syrup etc. cannot be administered by any staff member. Students suffering asthma should carry a puffer in their school bags or leave one at the school office for self administration when needed.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

- Thank you those who have volunteered to help at the athletics carnival BBQ/canteen already. Unfortunately we do not have enough volunteers to run this facility yet. If you can spare an hour of the day to help out please contact me on 0412 583 636 or fill in the slip below before this Wednesday.
- A volunteer has advised us of a new lunch container that is suitable for keeping food hot. If you would like to know more about this product, please contact me.
- We would love to have some new volunteers in Term 3 (especially on a Monday as we are a little short). If you can help out once or twice a term, please fill in the slip below and return it to the office or canteen.
- Special thanks to all our volunteers for last week: Michelle Butler, Emma Benson, Virginia Riley, Kylie Micklethwaite, Lisa Short, Kerry Allen, Danielle Eurell, Leonie Leonard. .
- This weeks roster:

Tue 23 June	Karin Stockholm, Leanne Neubauer
Wed 24 June	Tracey Mitchell, Ngaire Hobbins
Thur 25 June	Jodie Myers, Lisa Short
Fri 26 June	Athletics Carnival—helpers needed
Mon 29 June	Kylie
Tue 30 June	Matylda Walton, Michelle Langthorne

Regards,
Kylie Hoskin.

**NUTRITIOUS
FOODS**



HELP!

If anyone has a spare ticket(s) to sell for the Central Coast Dance Festival "Cheerleaders" Group on Tuesday 23/6/09, please phone 0404 081 225.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT MT PENANG GARDENS

Dip Dip Dip Day is on 21st July. Activities include: plant discovery walks, dip netting, kids gardening, arts and crafts. Adults \$7.50, seniors/concessions \$4.50, children \$5.00 (under 5 free), family pass (2 adults and 3 children) \$20.00. Session times 10.30am or 1.30pm. Phone Roland on 4340 1002.

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.....

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Yes, I can assist in the canteen BBQ at the Athletics Carnival on Friday 26th June..

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