



Avoca Beach Public School Newsletter



Term 3

2009

Week 1

27th July, 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME back to school. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. Term 3 looks to be as busy as the first two terms. Included in this newsletter is the term calendar. Use the calendar plus stage and weekly newsletters to remain informed of school events.

STAFF CHANGES

- Mr Gatland will be taking library and computer classes while Mrs Kelly is on leave till 17th August.
- Mrs Vallis will be Relieving Principal while Mr Whelan is on leave till 3rd September.
- Miss Green will be teaching 3/4V till 4th September.
- Mrs Duck will be relieving Assistant Principal, responsible for Stage Two till 3rd September.
- Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mrs Spencer will jointly relieve as Assistant Principal, responsible for Kindergarten and Stage One for the remainder of 2009.
- KST will be taught by Mrs Spencer and Mrs Webster for the remainder of 2009.
- KM will be taught by Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Fennell for the remainder of 2009.
- 5/6GT will be taught by Mrs Tobin for the remainder of 2009.

MAXIMISING LEARNING TIME The link between school attendance and student performance has long been recognised. Students need to be at school each day and on time. The following figures and stated reasons for late arrival indicate that there is room for improvement when it comes to being at school on time, ready for the commencement of lessons. When students arrive late the learning of their class is disrupted. They have missed initial instructions and information related to the day. Students who are frequently late due to disorganisation at home are sent the message that being punctual and ready for the school day is not important.

For the first 108 school days of 2009 there was a total **213 students late for the commencement of school.**

52% stated they were late because they 'slept in' or for a reason that related to family disorganisation (couldn't find uniform, homework not done, keys lost etc).

27% stated they were late because of an appointment.

21% of the reasons stated for late arrival varied from car problems, family reasons, travel and sickness.

The 'sleeping in' reason is of concern. Few schools in NSW commences the day later than we do. If children are sleeping in it may be because they are staying up too late. Sensible routines and an organised daily existence are very important for all children, as is the value of punctuality.

An examination of the same data for the remainder of the year and for the same period in 2009 will indicate if we have made improvement in this area.

LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL EACH MORNING-TERMS 1 & 2

	2008	2009
Reasons relating to lack of organisation	50%	52%
Medical and other appointments	32%	27%
Other including car problems, family reasons etc	18%	21%

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPUTER COMPETITION

This year thirty two students entered the University of NSW Competition. One student was awarded a high distinction six were awarded a distinction, eight a credit and seventeen a participation.

Congratulations to all participants. These are excellent results.

Wilma Vallis
Relieving Principal.

HOT TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD WITH READING

Before starting to read, support your child to be successful rather than set them up for failure. Browse through the book before reading begins and discuss the illustrations, any unfamiliar words (like the names of characters or places in the story) and the sequence of events in the story. Say something like "This book is about Sam and Sally. They go to the zoo to see all the animals. I wonder what will happen to them."

This activity takes very little time but ensures that your child has the background knowledge and confidence to start.

Remember to read and re-read the same text. If a child reads a home reader once, they gain very little. By reading and re-reading the same book (maybe 3 times in total) they will improve their sight words and become more fluent.

Karen Munton,
STLA.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME—YEARS 2-6

The scheme will run from 21st September until 2nd October, 2009 at the Peninsula Leisure Centre. The cost will be \$95. If you have not reserved a place for your child and would like more details, please pick up a note from the office.

Louise Duck,
Coordinator.

BOOK CLUB

There are two book club orders that have not been collected: 99 1/2 jokes and riddles and My top 100 trucks (sticker book). Contact school library.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

It was a productive Staff Development Day on Friday July 10 for all schools in our Local Management Group (Avoca, Copa, Pretty Beach, Kincumber P.S. and Kincumber H.S.).

Many thanks to Aaron Smith, manager of Harris Farm at Erina, for his assistance in the catering of this day.
Diane Humphreys.

REMINDERS

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

Year 2 transport excursion 15.9.09, \$18.50 (+ \$1.10 on the day for ferry).

BASKETBALL REPORT

On Tuesday 7th July, the girl's basketball team played a knock out round at Gosford City Basketball Stadium. We played Copacabana P.S. We had a fortunate win with a score of 34-18. Both teams played well and fairly and we will be progressing to the next round. Thank you Mrs. Tobin for coaching our team and thanks to all players:

SOCCER REPORT

Avoca Beach P.S. soccer team went off to play Terrigal P.S. at Duffy's Road Oval on 6th July.

A special thanks to Mr. Wiseman, our coach.

We now progress to round 3 and play Erina Heights P.S. at Frost Reserve on Wednesday 29th July at 9am.

URGENTLY NEEDED!

The RSPCA at Somersby are in need of clean towels and blankets to help keep their animals warm this winter.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office.

CANTEEN NEWS

- Hooray! School is back so....hurry in for a hot dog this Friday (see below for details).
- We will be having some fantastic healthy food promotions this term so please read the weekly newsletter for details. There will be some great prizes to be won.
- Please remember to use your price list as a reference when filling in your lunch order bags. Tomato sauce and BBQ sauce are 30c each. We are endeavouring to update the price list on our website. This will be completed soon.
- Special thanks to all our volunteers for the last of term 2: Samantha Lemon, Linda Van Hove, Lee Davies, Cindy Cunningham, Kathy Sinnett.
- This weeks roster:

Tue 28 July	Liliana Martinez, Jenelle Sykes
Wed 29 July	Leonie Leonard
Thur 30 July	Sally Brooks, Jane Hughes
Fri 31 July	Tanya Hunt, Gina Cartwright
Mon 3 Aug	Leeanne Fletcher

Regards,
Kylie Hoskin.

**NUTRITIOUS
FOODS**



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This Friday 31st July at the canteen
ONLY \$2.50 EACH
(includes tomato sauce)

The usual menu **WILL** be available on this day however, if you are ordering a hot dog please hand your order in to the canteen by this Thursday 30th July.