



# Avoca Beach Public School Newsletter



26th October, 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)** In May this year students throughout Australia in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 sat for tests in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Parents and schools have recently received the results of those assessments. The importance of this information lies in its capacity to inform teaching and learning programs and to provide feedback to teachers, students and parents on learning attainment.

The data we receive enables a comparison between our school's performance and the overall state performance. (No data has been provided that allows a comparison between our school and the overall national performance. Also, schools are only provided with the growth in learning data for students who were at the **same school for testing in Year 3 and Year 5.**)

**YEAR 5**

**How does the learning growth between Years 3 and 5 in our school compare to the state as a whole? (Growth in learning data can only be provided for students in Years 5, 7, and 9.)**

	AVOCA BEACH P.S.	STATE
READING	121.2	87.7
WRITING	51.4	60.2
OVERALL LITERACY	86.0	77.6
NUMERACY	105.9	95.3

**How did the average score of students in Year 5 at this school compare with the students throughout the state?**

	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Punctuation & Grammar	Overall Literacy	Numeracy
<b>State Average Score</b>	503.1	491.4	503.0	507.9	500.4	502.8
<b>Avoca Beach Average Score</b>	550.2	512.4	515.9	542.4	530.6	521.2

**How did the average score of students in Year 3 at this school compare with the students throughout the state?**

	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Punctuation & Grammar	Overall Literacy	Numeracy
<b>State Average Score</b>	423.8	423.4	424.0	426.8	424.6	406.0
<b>Avoca Beach Average Score</b>	432.8	430.8	433.7	448.7	433.8	408.9

As in previous years one of our school targets was to increase the percentage of students in both Years 3 and 5 in the top two performance Bands—Bands 5 and 6 in Year 3 and Bands 7 and 8 in Year 5.

YEAR 3	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Punctuation & Grammar	Overall Literacy	Numeracy
State	48%	52%	51%	53%	51%	41%
Avoca Beach	58%	54%	58%	65%	58%	47%

YEAR 3	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Punctuation & Grammar	Overall Literacy	Numeracy
State	40%	27%	37%	40%	34%	35%
Avoca Beach	60%	32%	34%	54%	48%	44%

**OVERALL PERFORMANCE** of Year 3 and 5 students was once again high. Of particular note is the growth shown in Reading and Mathematics result. This is gratifying as Reading is a major focus in the school's 2009 – 2011 Management Plan and additional funding (sourced from the P&C and school budgets) for teacher aide support has been strategically used to provide additional individual and group tuition for students in these key areas. Writing results were down on what we anticipated. We are currently carrying out a detailed analysis of the writing results to pinpoint areas for improvement. Teaching and learning strategies will be developed to address these areas. Writing will be a major focus for improvement in 2010.

**AUSTRALIAN AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE** Mrs Vallis, earlier this year was nominated by a school community member for an award in the category of **Excellence in Teacher Leadership**. This nomination was made on the basis of Mrs Vallis' credentials as an outstanding classroom teacher who is passionate about her own learning and the learning of students and colleagues. In particular her inspirational leadership in syllabus implementation has energised the staff to work together to improve student learning outcomes.

**WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL** students sometimes have a ball of some description with them. Could you check they have a bag to carry the balls in rather than under their arms or in their hand? If in their hand they tend to bounce them and this is a dangerous practice, especially if they lose control and the ball runs out on the road. I have spoken to the students about this at assembly.

**INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS** are being installed this week in all Stage 2 and 3 classrooms and the library. Interactive whiteboards will be installed in the other 8 classrooms as part of their upgrade which will commence immediately after the building of the three new classrooms is completed.

Peter Whelan,  
Principal.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF NSW MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**

This year forty-five students entered the University of NSW Mathematics Competition. One student was awarded a high distinction, seven students a distinction, twenty-one a credit and sixteen a participation.

**Congratulations to all participants. These are excellent results and continue to show improvement.**

Wilma Vallis  
Assistant Principal.



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Week 2

## DISCO

On Thursday 5th November, ABPS will be holding a school disco. To be able to come, you must bring a gold coin donation. K-2's theme is "Crazy" from 4.30—5.30pm Stage 2's theme is "Sports" at 5.45—6.45pm



Stage 3's theme is "Nerdy" at 7.00—8.00pm. Please come because there will be many great games and lots of fun! If you have a CD that you would like to bring with you, please label it with your full name and class so we can return it to you without any hassles.

Thank you,

SRC.

## COLOURING IN COMPETITION

Last week, a colouring in competition (K-3) and a design a poster competition (4-6) was sent home. This is a non-compulsory activity and is to be mailed on your own accord, not sent back to the school please. The competition is being run by the Koori Kids Foundation. (This organisation also raises funds selling Aboriginal wristbands.)

The aim is to provide our children with a greater understanding and awareness on the importance of energy safety both indoors and outdoors at home and at school.

Regards,  
Craig Blanch,  
Indigenous Contact.

**Wii JAM NIGHT**—Please note this event has been cancelled due to lack of interest.



**"Tickled Pink Trivia" Girls Night In** was the place to be on Friday night. 250 women from Avoca Beach and surrounding suburbs came together to raise much needed funds for The Cancer Council for women's cancer projects.

The Girls Night In Committee would like to thank all of the businesses and people that so generously donated to make our night the incredible success that it was. A special mention must also go to the families and friends of the Committee members for their patience and support leading up to the event!

Great food, trivia, live auctions, silent auctions and live music was enjoyed by all. The initial goal of \$10,000 was well and truly surpassed and in fact doubled! The final figure is to be confirmed. Congratulations and a huge thank you to everyone who contributed. Sonya, Jodie, Kelli, Jodie, Maureen and Roberta.

## CANTEEN NEWS

- It's great to see many children making healthy choices when ordering from the canteen. Remember to keep hold of your green tickets. Collect 5 for a free lcybite.
- Special thanks to all our volunteers for last week: Leanne Neubauer, Lee Davies, Stacey Brown, Alison Larkin, Ruth Haseler, Collette Marsden.
- This weeks roster:

Tue 26 Oct	Karin Stockholm, Janelle Sykes
Wed 27 Oct	Linda Van Hove
Thur 28 Oct	Janet Griffin, Leonie Leonard
Fri 29 Oct	Sharon Scriven, Carmel Hamilton
Mon 2 Nov	Kylee Backerich
Tue 3 Nov	Gina Cartwright, Michelle Langthorne

Regards,  
Kylie Hoskin.

**NUTRITIOUS  
FOODS**



**BOOK CLUB** orders are due in on **THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER**. Please make sure that all order forms, money or cheques are placed in an envelope. Clearly label the envelope with the child's name and class. Children should put the envelope in the **BOOK CLUB BOX in the LIBRARY**.

## P & C MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 20th November at 7.00pm on the school oval. Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00. Family tickets \$12.00 for a family of five. Movie will be "Bedtime Stories" plus popcorn, drinks, chips, confectionary, BBQ, fairy floss and ice creams.

Bring your own blanket and esky if you wish!

## SWIMMING SCHEME

Congratulations to the 33 students who received their swimming certificates. A wonderful achievement!

Louise Duck,  
Swimming Scheme Coordinator.