Our parent information sessions were held last week. It was pleasing to see so many parents take the opportunity to attend these sessions to hear about the organisation of the stage and classes for 2016. A big thankyou to all the teaching staff for giving their time to organise these sessions.

It was also pleasing to see a lot of our new Kindergarten families attend the welcome BBQ last Friday evening. It was a great opportunity for the parents to begin to make connections with each other and for the children to have some time to develop their new friendships. A big thankyou to the P & C for organising and providing food and drinks for everyone.

Our School Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday, 29th at Woy Woy Peninsula Centre. All students in Years 3-6 are expected to attend. Please ensure that the permission note and $9.00 payment is returned this week. A reminder that students will be asked to assemble at 9.00am so that they can board the buses by 9.10am.

Thanyou to those parents who have now paid their classroom levies. The teachers have begun using the textbooks and students have also been given the stationary items needed. Your assistance in finalising this payment this week would be greatly appreciated. As mentioned at the information evenings the preferred method of payment for all activities is via the online method on the website. The office has noted a significant increase in using this payment method and it makes the process of accounting for payments much easier.

The note regarding the Life Education Program which begins on Monday, 7th March went home last week. Could you please ensure that this permission note and the $10.00 payment is made by Friday, 26th February.

A note regarding the Interrelate program went home today. This program is for students and parents in Years 3-6 and will be held on Wednesday 9th March in the hall.

Years 3-4 6.00pm – 7.00pm, Years 5-6 7.15pm – 8.15pm. Payments can be made through the office.

Our new K-2 playground was opened for use on Wednesday. The students are enjoying racing each other on the running track, playing on the ‘grass’ or just sitting quietly feeling it. We are starting to use if for PE, Sport & Fitness sessions K-6. In Term 2 we propose to make all playgrounds K-6 which will allow all students to access the new playground but will also allow our K-2 students to use the oval if they like. We will now begin to develop the area to the north of the K-2 oval, installing a large sandpit, blackboards, gardens and seating for our K-2 students. I am in the process of gaining quotes to extend and upgrade both of our play equipment areas and we are planning on having new playground markings completed for the students to use.
Council has now installed the new signage for our morning Kiss & Drop Zone so as of today parents are asked to use the area directly outside the main office gate for dropping off students in the mornings. The afternoon arrangements have not changed.

Regards
Ross Hallaways,
Principal.

School Evaluation – Final reminder
We are proud of parent involvement in our school-home partnerships. We highly value the input of our community into the future directions of our school. Each year we evaluate areas of our school and this year we are evaluating parent satisfaction and communication. Parents are encouraged to complete the anonymous survey by using the link below or by locating it on our school website. The survey will close this Friday with responses used in planning for 2016. Survey link [https://goo.gl/fHEZud](https://goo.gl/fHEZud)

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Positive Behaviour for Learning, known as PBL is an evidence-based whole school systems approach that:

- addresses the diverse academic and social needs of every student to support them to be successful
- enables schools to establish a continuum of supports to meet the needs of every student
- is team driven, using a problem solving approach (data, systems and practices) that engages students, parents and all school staff
- establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community
- provides a framework for the school and its community to collectively support the wellbeing of every student.

At Avoca Beach PS our school wide expectations are:

Our mascot Stellar is a visual reminder to all students of our school’s values. Students will participate in weekly lessons revisiting how these expectations look when in the classroom, on the playground, moving around the school and other areas. Students who consistently demonstrate these expectations are rewarded with a Stellar. Students then hand in their Stellars at the end of the term for the PBL Rewards Day.

PBL is a highly successful framework utilised across numerous public schools with Avoca Beach PBL team leading supportive and proactive strategies providing success for our students.

Work, Health and Safety
Your Child’s Medical Needs
Information about allergies, asthma, diabetes and medical procedures in the last 12 months helps us support your child’s health and wellbeing. Please provide relevant information to the school.

Please note: Information you provide will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.
Updated Details
Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises. We particularly need to keep phone numbers up to date for emergencies. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Peter Graham
Deputy Principal

MAKING PAYMENTS – The School Office does not carry any MONEY for change. Please either have correct money or make payment on the website under $Make payment

UNIFORM SHOP opening hours Wednesdays 8.30am – 9.30am and Fridays 3.00pm – 4.00pm.

PIPPA’S BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE NOW OPEN (200m from Avoca Beach Public School). Registered with Multitask Family Day Care, Monday to Friday 7am—9am and 3:30pm—5:30pm. Please contact Pip for any enquiries 0426 042 671 or email: pippascollon@bigpond.com.

EAST COAST TAEKWONDO ACADEMY – Lessons held at Copacabana Public School on Tuesdays from 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Membership includes (for a limited time), free uniform, free one month training and TKT instructional DVD. Contact 7th Dan Master Chris Pennington of 0416 102 487 or 4390 3370 or visit www.taekwondoeastcoast.com.au.

DYNAMIX DANCE Dance & Acro Classes. Enroll now 2016. Come along for a Free Trial Lesson. Michelle Parkin: www.dynamixdance1.com email: dynamixdances@hotmail.com

THE FRENCH CLUB – at Avoca Beach Public School. Enrolling now Term 1, 2016. Tuesday from 3.30pm-4.30pm. Fun Language Clubs for Kids. Phone 0430 286 590, nathalie.roy@lcfclubs.com.au or www.lcfclubs.com.au

TERRIGAL BMX CLUB is holding a Come & Try Day on Saturday, 20th February, 2016 from 1pm-4pm at Duffy’s Road, Terrigal. There is no cost involved in taking part on the day.

AVOCA BEACHSIDE MARKETS our next market is Sunday, 28th February from 9am-2pm at Heazlett Park Foreshore.

## Respectful

## Responsible

## Personal Best
SNACK SHACK WEEKLY SPECIALS

Tuesday  
Cae
sar Wrap $4.00

Wednesday  
Nachos $4.00 sour cream or avocado 50c extra

Thursday  
Homemade spaghetti bolognaise $4.00

Thursday  
5 x nuggets with mini salad $4.00

Thursday  
5 x nuggets with corn cob $4.00

Thursday  
5 x nuggets with snack cup $4.00

Friday  
SUSHI $3.50 each roll, sushi orders must be placed by Thursday each week and orders placed on FLEXISCHOOLS can be placed as a reoccurring weekly order.

Pumpkin & Fetta Salad $5.00  Hawaiian Burger $4.00

Avoca Beach Public school canteen needs your help to operate efficiently, to be able to keep up with the high demand of freshly prepared recess & lunches. If you are available to do just one rostered day each term please message me your details on 0432680392, Kimberly Bridgefoot.

CANTEEN ROSTER:

TERM 1

| Mon 22nd | Tash Hill |
| Tues 23rd | Myleah O'Brien |
| Wed 24th | Bindi Collins |
| Thurs 25th | Jenny Flett |
| Fri 26th | Graeme & Calista Kent |

Thank you for taking the time out to help in the canteen. If you are unable to attend your rostered day please call me ASAP. Kimberly Bridgefoot 04322 680 392.

Did you know that uniforms and canteen items can be ordered online?
Payments can be made from savings or credit accounts via this method.

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P and C Report – Jackie Concar

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.” Henry Ford.

Firstly I would like to welcome all the new families to our school, it was great to meet a few of you at our Kindy BBQ and for those that were unable to attend I would like to extend a warm welcome to all Avoca School families. Once again I would like to welcome everyone to join our P and C Committee, whether you’re a new family joining or have been at the school for a while and would like to get more involved in your school.

**P and C Meetings** are held on the second Monday of every month at 7pm in the Staff Room and we try and get through everything by 9pm. We discuss issues directly involving our P and C for example the uniform shop, canteen and fundraising events and we act like consultants to our Principal and teaching staff. It is your chance to have your say, hear debates and understand what and why decisions are made within the school. You are welcome to have as little or as much involvement as you wish. You can have an active role or just come along as an observer. All are welcome. It was wonderful to see so many come along to last Mondays meeting.

**Calendar** – Please find attached our P & C Calendar events for the year. If you would like to be involved or have an idea then let me know and we can put it on the agenda for our next meeting. We always need more help in these events, please don’t assume someone else will do it, we are all busy!

**Canteen** – I’m pleased to say that our renovations in the canteen are nearly complete and a huge thank you to Michael Taylor for an awesome job. We have renamed the canteen the Snack Shack and will have an opening celebration once our last bit of painting has been completed.

**Uniform Shop** – Unbelievably busy!! Please accept our apologies to all those who are still waiting for their uniform. It has been a very frustrating few weeks trying to get supplies in as soon as possible and I would like to thank you for all your patience and understanding. Stock sold out within half an hour of opening on our first day and we are still waiting for supplies to come through. Lessons have been learnt along the way and we are doing are our best. We will get uniforms sent out to those who have ordered through flexi schools as soon as we receive our orders!

**Facebook** – We have a P & C Facebook page which is a great way of keeping up to the minute on P & C News.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or ideas my email address is: pjjmbconcs@hotmail.com

Thanks Jackie Concar
## AVOCA BEACH P AND C 2016

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Dear Principal,

Important news for your school community. Make sure they're aware that they may be eligible to receive a $1000 benefit to be used on selected dental services.

Many families in 2014 and 2015 were surprised to discover their children were eligible for the Commonwealth Government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

If their child was eligible in 2014 and received services it may be worthwhile checking eligibility for 2016 as they may now be able to access a further $1000 to be used over another 2 consecutive calendar years.

The Child Dental Benefit Schedule provides eligible children with $1000 dental benefits over a 2 calendar year period and covers selected services including: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure seals, fillings, root canals and extractions.

It is important for families to check their eligibility with Medicare to see if they are eligible in 2016. If families first utilised the benefit in 2015, they may also have additional funds available to be used in 2016 for their child.

To gain access to benefits children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

It is vital that children establish good dental health habits whilst they are young. We encourage you to share information about this government scheme with your school so that families are able to take advantage of the reset $1000 free dental benefit*.

We’ve included some basic information on the scheme overleaf and on our website which you can share in your school's newsletter, website or social media channels.

We look forward to helping the children of your school smile for life!

Yours Sincerely,

Sharon Webber - Centre Manager | Pacific Smiles Dental, Erina

*Fee when services covered by the Commonwealth Government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating dentists for treatments provided to eligible patients.
Kincumber High School Year 6 into 7 Transition Program invites you to our...

**Meet & Greet Evening**

Wednesday 2 March from 6:30pm (for approximately one hour)

Kincumber High School Hall

For Year 5 and 6 families from the Kincumber Learning Community.

- Meet the Senior Executive - Janine Debenham (Principal); Paul Broadbent (Deputy Principal); Matt Riley (Deputy Principal)
- Overview of the educational opportunities and programs at Kincumber High School
- Hear from current students
- Question and Answer session
- Student led tour groups of the school grounds and facilities.
- Light refreshments available on the night

If you are considering Kincumber High School for Year 7 in 2017 or 2018, then please come along. We would love to show you our school.