I would like to welcome back all of our students and families to the new school year. A special welcome to our 16 new students along with their families. Over the next two days we also welcome our sixty new Kindergarten students.

The students in Years 1-6 have had a smooth start to the year. Classes were formed on Thursday morning and I am hopeful that we will be able to move forward with the class structures we have in place.

We welcome Mr Peter Graham as our new Deputy Principal. Mr Graham has come from Edgeworth Public School and is looking forward to working with our students, staff and school community. Mrs Ashleigh Alarca has also joined our staff, working on 3A.

At present we have 507 students with twenty classes.

I have included a staffing list with this newsletter and it is also on our school website. I have also included a copy of the Term 1 calendar and this can also be accessed on the website.

We will be holding Parent/Teacher Information sessions next week for all stages. The timetable for these sessions is as follows:

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All parents are invited to attend these meetings to meet the teachers and hear about the activities and programs planned for this year.

As notified at the end of last year Gosford Council has agreed to alter the morning Kiss & Drop Zone to the present bus zone outside the main entrance to the school.

Unfortunately the council is still awaiting the signs to make this change. I have been told that it should happen in a couple of weeks. I will inform the community as soon as the new signs are installed. Until this happens we need to continue to use the existing Kiss & Drop Zone in the mornings.

Over the holidays a number of school upgrades were undertaken. Our canteen renovations were completed with internal painting and the replacement of the vinyl flooring.

The staffroom renovations were completed so that the room can now be used for staff meetings.

The K-2 playground upgrade was begun with the concreting around the edge of the area & drainage completed and the main playground area excavated ready for the laying of the synthetic grass this week. I am hopeful that this area will be ready for use later this week.

The demountable at the end of the K-2 playground was removed on Friday and we will now begin to redevelop this area. I would like to acknowledge the work of our General Assistant John Tilley who coordinated the completion of these projects.
The first P & C Meeting for the year will be held next Monday night. The meeting will be held in the Staffroom and begins at 7.00pm. All parents and community members are invited to attend.

Our School Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday, 29th February at Peninsula Leisure Aquatic Centre. All students in Years 3-6 will attend. Students in Year 2 who turn 8 this year and can swim 50 metres also have the option to attend. A permission note will be sent home this week.

Regards
Ross Hallaways,
Principal.

I would like to introduce myself to the Avoca Beach PS community. My name is Peter Graham and I am the newly appointed Deputy Principal. Previously I was the Deputy Principal at Edgeworth Public School (Newcastle) and prior to that I was the relieving Deputy Principal at Wamberal Public School. My wife and I are very busy at home with our three boys Jack, Will and James. After having spent the majority of my career on the Central Coast I understand the exemplary name Avoca Beach Public School has across the educational community. This is an outstanding public school providing a diverse and extensive range of opportunities to engage students. I believe in strong school and home partnerships which benefit our students with improved outcomes. I have already met a number of parents and community members and look forward to getting to know the Avoca Beach school community even more into the future.

Volunteer Photographer
I am seeking any photographers who would like to volunteer their time and expertise to take a range of promotional photos of students at Avoca Beach PS as part of promotional materials celebrating student success and achievement. If anyone is interested or would like further details please contact the office.

Peter Graham
Deputy Principal

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

WOY WOY RUGBY CLUB at Woy Woy Lions Rugby Club Total cost for the season: $25 for unders7s, $80 for 8s to 11s $90 for 12s to 18s. Registration days at Ettalong Oval: Sat 6th Feb 9am - 1pm and Sat 13th Feb 1pm – 4pm. woywoyrugby@outlook.com, www.woywoyrugby.com.au

SHIM JANG TAEKWONDO. All ages martial arts training located at Kincumber, Terrigal, Wamberal and East Gosford. First 2 Lessons Free! Call 0423 412 300

KINCUMBER LIBRARY EVENTS. Craftnoon @ Kincumber Library, Lego @ the Library, Science Fun @ Kincumber Library. For further details and information contact website at www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/libraries or Kincumber Library on 4304 7641.
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SNACK SHACK

CANTEEN NEWS TERM 1 2016
The newly renovated ‘Snack Shack’ Canteen is now open for business, a new menu and price list will be sent home this week. In Term 4, 2015 a renaming of our school canteen competition was held. It was a very tough decision to make as there were so many fantastic names entered, but the final decision and the winning class was 2B naming our school canteen ‘Snack Shack’. Mrs Bramford and students were very excited and happily received ice blocks as their reward.

SNACK SHACK WEEKLY SPECIALS
Tuesday  Caesar 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.

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 1st  Clair Carn
Tues 2nd  Kate Craig
Wed 3rd  Jane Whitworth
Thur 4th  Jennifer Smith
Fri 5th  Bev Jackson, Susie Hunter
Mon 8th  Lisa Petheram
Tues 9th  Jo Newman
Wed 10th  Amanda Britten
Thurs 11th  Lyn Cleverly
Fri 12th  David Lowbridge, Fi Severne

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 04322680392.

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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