I am pleased to report that Mrs Lisa Foley has been successful in gaining a permanent teaching position at Wamberal Public School. She will take up this position on the 4th April. Mrs Foley has worked as a temporary teacher at Avoca Beach for the last five years and has been a greatly valued member of our teaching staff. Mrs Elizabeth Amos has been appointed as a temporary teacher to take over 5/6F from the beginning of Term 2.

Thankyou to all of the parents who took the time to complete our Satisfaction Survey on line. We had a total of 93 surveys completed. The results of this survey will be used to inform our evaluation of 2015 and our planning for this year. An overview of the responses will be included in todays newsletter.

A reminder to students in Years 2-4 who are registered for Sporting Schools that the program begins tomorrow. It runs for each Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8.15am for the next six weeks. We have a total of 73 students involved in the sessions. I had the pleasure of representing our school at the Kincumber High School Excellence Awards Presentation last Wednesday evening. I was impressed with the outstanding achievements of the students in the academic, sporting and creative & performing arts areas. Many of these students were graduates from Avoca Beach Public School and we can be proud of their achievements. It was obvious that our partner public high school is providing outstanding opportunities for our students.

A reminder that our school Swimming Carnival will be held next Monday. Please ensure that permission notes and the $9.00 payment are returned by this Wednesday.

We continue to work on improving the operation of our afternoon Kiss & Drop Zone for the safety of our students. 

A few reminders.

**FOR STUDENTS.**
- Move quickly to the Kiss & Drop area when released from class.
- Take backpacks off back.
- Ensure that children can enter car from the footpath.
- Move off as soon as children are safely in car.

A reminder that the morning Kiss & Drop Zone is now directly outside the main entrance to the school.

Thankyou to all those parents who responded to our School Banking survey at the end of last year. We had a positive response so we are now in the process of having the program introduced. There were a number of parents who indicated they may be interested in coordinating the program. Unfortunately a couple did not have their names on the sheet. If you are interested in being involved with the coordination please provide your name to the office. This involves 1-2 hours per week on a day that suits to do the administration.
We are reviewing our learning support processes this term. We are looking for volunteers that would be interested in assisting the school with the implementation of some of our programs. If you are interested could you please leave your name at the office. This assistance could be as little as 40 minutes per week or a day that suits you.

A reminder to parents of students in Years 5 & Year 6 that Kincumber High School is holding an information evening on Wednesday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} March starting at 6.30pm. All parents and students are welcome to attend.

Regards
Ross Hallaways,
Principal.

**Parent Satisfaction Survey Results**

Thank you to the 93 respondents who provided invaluable feedback about our school. This information will now be utilised as part of our school planning and the full results will be published in the 2015 Annual Report. A summary of some of the findings are below.

1. **The school maintains a focus on literacy and numeracy.**

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2. **There is good student access to computers and strong technology programs and resources.**

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3. **The weekly newsletter keeps the community informed about upcoming events and school achievements.**

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4. **The school website and App is a useful resource for parents.**

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Coding
At last week’s assembly students were provided information about a coding club at our school. In response to school evaluation and student engagement an opportunity will be provided for students to be involved in learning about and sharing their knowledge of coding.

What is coding?
Coding, in the simplest of terms, is telling a computer what you want it to do, which involves typing in step-by-step commands for the computer to follow.

When will coding club occur?
Every fortnight on a Friday afternoon in the last 40 minutes before the bell. Please note Stage 3 students are requested to not attend every session due to their commitment with sport.

All interested students will be receiving a permission note this week.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
This week students in all classes will be involved in lessons on Eating Time. Teachers will be rewarding students who demonstrate these behaviours:

- Be seated while eating
- Quiet voice
- Rubbish in the bins

Work, Health and Safety
Volunteers at school
If you are volunteering at our school you must sign in at the office when you arrive and leave. Always wear our visitors lanyard so staff are aware you are a visitor at our school. Please note all new parents/carers must complete the safety briefing prior to their first session supporting our students.

Peter Graham
Deputy Principal

INTERRELATE PROGRAM Wednesday, 9th March at Avoca Beach Public School. Time: 6.00pm - Where did I come from? 7.15pm Preparing for Puberty. 1 sessions $25.00 per family/ 2sessions $30 per family. www.interrelate.org.au (see attachment)

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

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

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.taekwondeastcoast.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

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

Respectful
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Personal Best

SNACK SHACK

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.

TERM 1 SPECIALS

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

Mon 29th Sabina Kelley, Tanya Sykes
Tues 1st Fi Cleverly-Noble
Wed 2nd Danielle Eurelle
Thurs 3rd Sheree Lewis
Fri 4th Pamela Johnson, David Lowbridge, Carly Werner

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. Visit www.flexischools.com.au for details and to place orders.

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