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Monday 8th February, 2016

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Our Parent/Teacher Information sessions are being held this week. These sessions will provide an opportunity for parents to meet their child’s teacher and hear about the activities and programs planned for the year. Details of the sessions are as follows.

Monday 8th

6.00pm – 7.00pm Kinder Information Night

Library

P & C Meeting 7pm

Tuesday 9th

6.00pm – 7.00pm Stage 1 Communication Night

Hall

7.00pm – 8.00pm Stage 2 " "

Wednesday 10th

6.00pm – 7.00pm Stage 3 " "

During these sessions parents will have the opportunity to complete a satisfaction survey which will inform our planning for 2016. I am hopeful that all parents will take the opportunity to attend these sessions.

This Friday we are holding a welcome BBQ for our new Kindergarten families. Thankyou to our P & C for providing the BBQ. We look forward to meeting all of our new families at this event which begins at 5.00pm.

This year one of our key areas of focus will be developing community engagement. One of the activities to support this focus will be the introduction of a Grandparents Day. This will be held on Tuesday, 5th April. Students will be able to invite their Grandparents or other significant elder family friend to visit the school. More information regarding the day will be given closer to the date. It will begin at 12.00pm.

Our Kindergarten students started last Tuesday and Wednesday. I have been extremely impressed with the settled way in which they have started their life at big school. Thankyou to the parents who have ensured that they have been well prepared. They look great in their school uniforms. A big well done to our Kindergarten teachers for the time and care they have provided to ensure a great start for our new students.

Today a note has gone home with all students regarding the Classroom Levy for each class. This levy covers the cost of textbooks to be used in the class to support teaching programs. It also includes a small payment to cover the various stationary items provided for the students to use throughout the year. I would ask for everyone’s support in paying this levy in the next two weeks. We are hopeful that the textbooks will be delivered this week and they will be given to the students as soon as they arrive.

This years Voluntary Contribution amount will remain at $43 per child or $86 per family. This year all contributions made will be allocated to purchasing additional literacy resources to support class programs.
A note regarding our upcoming Swimming Carnival on Monday, 29th February went home with all students in Years 3-6 last Friday. We are asking all students in Years 3-6 to attend regardless of whether they are intending on competing in the events. Year 2 students who turn 8 this year and who can swim 50 metres can also attend but they must be going to compete in the events. **Notes and the $9 payment should be returned by Thursday, 25th February.**

Congratulations to Taj in 5/6D who has been selected in the Australian Futsal team. He will competing in New Zealand in October. This is a great achievement. Well done Taj.

Regards
Ross Hallaways,
Principal.

**School Evaluation**

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.

Survey link [https://goo.gl/fHEZud](https://goo.gl/fHEZud)

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

Last year our school community generously supported the Woolworths Earn and Learn program and the school was able to purchase additional classroom resources.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**

In next week’s newsletter I will be outlining PBL at Avoca Beach PS and how students are acknowledged for demonstrating our school values of respectful, responsible behaviour and demonstrating personal best. This week students will be participating in lessons revising expectations at assemblies, walkways and transitioning between rooms.

**Quality Student Work**

This week Felix and Cooper from 4B displayed outstanding achievement in their spelling and mathematics work. Congratulations boys and well done!

Peter Graham
Deputy Principal

**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

**MEDICATION FORM** – A Medication form is available from the school office and must be completed before prescribed medication can be administered to a child. All medication must be clearly labelled with your child’s name, class and required prescribed dosage. **Prescribed medication only can be administered by the office.** This form is available on the ABPS website and must accompany the medication. Over-the-counter medicines such as Panadol, creams and ointments etc cannot be administered by any staff member.
RAISE want to be a youth mentor? Raise is bringing our In School Mentoring Opportunity (lsmo) program to the Central Coast in 2016. The program will run at Brisbane Waters Secondary College, Umina. To mentor you will need to be available on Mondays from 12.10pm to 2.10pm during school term from March to November. Find more information at mentor@raise.org.au or visit www.raise.org.au

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: 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

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-AVOCA PANTHERS – We Play Sunday Footy. Auskick (Boys and Girls 5-7 year olds) Boys; U11’s, U13’s U17’s. Youth Girls: U16’s. Hylton Moore Oval, East Gosford. Information contact Craig Williams 0437 772 290 or play afl.com.au
SNACK SHACK

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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
5 x nuggets with corn cob $4.00
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 8th  
Lisa Petheram

Tues 9th  
Jo Newman

Wed 10th  
Amanda Britten

Thurs 11th  
Lyn Cleverly

Fri 12th  
David Lowbridge, Fi Severne

Mon 15th  
Lisa Flaherty, Elaine Roy

Tues 16th  
Kylie Curtis

Wed 17th  
Dianne Jolley

Thurs 18th  
Michelle De Vanney

Fri 19th  
Kerrie Duddley, Krissie Gibbs

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. Please visit www.flexischools.com.au for details and to place orders.

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