School Organisation:
Thank you parents for being so patient with us over the last two weeks. This year we are welcoming Mrs Robyn Bromfield and Mrs Sharon Pecanac into the Avoca school office. These ladies will share the School Administration Manager (SAM) role until the position is filled permanently. Hopefully this will occur during this term. The General Assistant (GA) position remains unfilled with Mr Mark Luhr assisting in a casual capacity. Again we are hopeful that more permanent arrangements can be made this term.

Unfortunately the staff are experiencing many technical issues at present. The process of getting everyone onto the system is slow and Mrs Hopwood has not yet had full access re-established. These technical difficulties are also hindering our attempts to get all new students onto the computer network.

In 2015 we began plans to renovate the school library. The library computer system is also being upgraded and OLIVER will begin this term. Mrs Schaefer is working hard to get Avoca ready. Over the Summer holiday period we had prepared for and expected painters. They have not arrived. As a result we have limited use of the library at this stage.

Class Organisation:
Avoca Public School is about to be re-classified as a P1—one teacher school. Mrs McIntosh our permanent classroom teacher has extended her maternity leave and will return in a part-time capacity in Term 2. The school is currently using funds to run a K-2 class, taught by Mrs Hopwood and a 3-6 class, taught by Mrs Schaefer. Student numbers must be entered next week and official re-classification will come in Week 4 or 5. By running the two classes, staff are using the Learning Support teacher time, RFF and Library staffing allocations, as classroom teacher time. Thus it will be necessary for the school to have K-6 sessions. Staff are carefully considering options to best meet the needs of students. Arrangements will be discussed in detail with parents at the upcoming Welcome BBQ/Meet the Teacher Evening on Wednesday 17 February 5.30pm—6.30pm.

School Captains 2016:
Students in Year 6 are busily preparing their election speeches to be delivered this Friday at assembly. Assembly will be Friday morning, 9:15-10:45am in the Library. Following the assembly all students and staff will vote. Captains will be presented with their badges at our Welcome BBQ/Meet the Teacher Evening.

Community:
The local Avoca community are saddened by the passing of Mrs Audrey Jackson. The Jackson's were very supportive of the school and had attended some Open Day events and were here for the official opening of the new classroom. Our P&C will be catering for the funeral to be held on Friday afternoon in Bowral and then at the Avoca Community Hall. Parents are asked to bake cakes and slices, these may be sent to school Friday morning. If you are available for sandwich making on the day …. please contact Chloe.
Swimming Carnival:
Many thanks to the parents …. Avoca had all students attend the mini carnival last Friday. Thanks mums and dads for keeping everyone as warm as possible and cheering our students on. It was great to see the enthusiasm of our students. Certificates and ribbons will be handed out at the weekly assembly …..
Friday 9:15-9:45am … School Library.

Swimming Lessons:
Students are working really hard each day! The students are having a longer than normal lesson each day as the program usually runs for 10 days…but we are only going for 8. Wednesday will be the final assessment day, with water safety and rescue techniques on Thursday. Parents are welcome to come and observe the lessons and see the progress of all students. We arrive at Kangaroo Valley Pool around 1pm each day and exit the water around 2pm.

Gardening / Cooking Program:
Students will resume cooking and gardening next week…thanks to our lovely parent volunteers Amanda and Bec. Amanda will be gardening during lunchtime and students can join her. Bec will be running a cooking program after lunch each Wednesday. Students are rostered onto this program to ensure everyone gets a turn and the groups are small. A small fee is added to the school fees to cover the cost of materials. Thanks also to Paula….who has bravely volunteered for minding Amanda and Bec’s pre-schoolers!
Canteen:
The canteen currently has no FORKS! They have all mysteriously disappeared! If any parents are around the local op shops, could you grab some please??

Missing resources: At the end of last year, students were not asked to return library books. Home readers
And …. School reading folders were not checked ...so some class reading books went home too!
If there are books at your house....could they please be returned.

STAGE 3 CAMP
Monday 5th September to Friday 9th September
Cost approx. $340
Details soon!

Southern Highlands Newspaper: Kindergarten Pictorial Spread
This will appear on Monday 21st March .... The local newspaper photographer will be visiting over the coming weeks to take the photos.

Happy Birthday
Monday 8th Feb—Thursday 11th Feb
   Special Swimming and Water Safety Program @ Kangaroo Valley Pool. K-6 attending.

Thursday 11th Feb
   Mrs Hopwood attending PPC Executive Meeting

Friday 12th Feb
   Avoca P&C catering for hall function. No swimming due to Kangaroo Valley Show

Monday 15th Feb
   Mrs Hopwood attending Professional Learning

Thursday 18th February
   Bong Bong Swimming Carnival @ Bowral Pool

Friday 19th Feb
   Robertson Show—Students have entered art works.

Monday 22nd Feb
   District Swimming carnival

Tuesday 23rd Feb
   Year 6 Taster day @ Moss Vale High School

Thursday 25th Feb
   Mrs Schaefer attending LAST meeting @ Colo Vale PS

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**CANTEEN MENU TERM 1 ~ 2016**

Thank you to all the parents that have volunteered this term. Students may order week by week or by the term.

  **Meals $3  or Meal/Drink combo $4 per child.**

Orders are needed by Thursday each week. Students place order and money in locked box in canteen. Families wishing to pay by the term ….see Chloe

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