What a fantastic day at the pool for the students of Avoca!
All students who attended participated in events best suited to their swimming capabilities. Some students attempted the 50m races whilst others participated in 25m events. Our junior and senior relay teams were fabulous.
Overall Avoca PS came 3rd at the Bong Bong Carnival, but on handicap won 1st place.
Kaitlyn was senior girl champion.
Thanks to the mums and dads who also cheered our swimmers on!

Bong Bong Swimming Carnival

Welcome BBQ
Thanks to the families that could join us last week. A new P&C executive were elected with the first formal meeting of the year set for March 21st. A huge thank you to the Bakery at Kangaroo Valley for the delicious cake. It was also special for the new captains to share the moment with their families.

District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to:
Jessica, Kaitlyn, Bodhi, Ebony and Poppy
Each of these students qualified for the District Carnival held at Bowral Pool on Monday 22nd February.
Jessica and Kaitlyn swam as part of the Senior Girls relay placing second.
Our P6 relay team, Ebony, Kaitlyn, Jessica and Poppy won their event and are off to the Regional Swimming Carnival to be held at Dapto on March 8th.

The science of today is the technology of tomorrow.
Edward Teller

Southern Highlands Science and Engineering Discovery Day
On Monday March 7th our stage 3 students will be combining with stage 3 students from Burrawang, Glenquarry and Kangaloon to form a small schools team at this year’s challenge.
Mr Waterman will accompany the students to Mittagong RSL and he will manage the team on the day.
The day is designed to engage students in hands-on science and engineering activities.
Parents are asked to sign and return the permission note.

Staffing 2016
This year we welcome Mr Neil Waterman to the staff of Avoca PS.
Mr Waterman will be teaching the 3-6 class each Monday. During this time, students will participate in novel studies and HSIE. Mr Waterman will also supervise Scripture and then run a whole school fitness program.
Mr Waterman will also be teaching K-2 most Friday’s to allow for Mrs Hopwood to have a day in the office.
As discussed at our recent parent meetings, Avoca PS has the funds to sustain two classes until lunchtime each day. After lunch the students will combine whilst teachers have RFF. Afternoon lessons will include: music, art, fitness, library and sport.
Last week the painters arrived and the library is now looking quite refreshed. Mrs Schaefer is taking over the role of librarian in 2016. Students will borrow and enjoy library sessions each Wednesday.

Over the term, the library will be having a makeover. We intend to purchase an interactive screen, new furniture and some new shelving and display units. Things will be a little unorganized as we change the space into a dynamic learning space.

The library is also transferring to the computer borrowing system called OLIVER.

Lots to keep us busy!

Weekly Assembly

Assemblies will now be held each Friday morning from 9:15 to 9:45am. As the library undergoes its transformation … 3-6 classroom will be used.

This week students will be presented with the certificates from Swimming School.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Moss Vale Community of Schools began the Positive Behaviour for schools program a few years ago. This program has been updated to reflect a learning focus.

At Avoca PS our key values are:

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND SAFETY

This means we expect our students to show:

1. Respect to each other, school property and to respect learning.
2. Responsibility by assisting others, helping out and taking responsibility for their own actions.
3. Safety by being aware of themselves, their surroundings and others.

Students demonstrating our key values are rewarded with OSCARS which are used to enter a weekly prize draw. At the end of each term we hold a special day to reward students for their positive behaviour.

“You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book!” – Dr. Seuss

Library News


http://www.facebook.com/avocapublicschool

Canteen

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

Ice blocks available 20c

Served at lunchtime by Year 6 students

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