Years 5 and 6 joined with students from Glenquarry, Kangaloon and Burrawang Public Schools to participate in the Southern Highlands Science and Engineering Discovery Day Challenge on Monday. The challenge was against 8 other teams to design an idea based on a set task then build and test their creation.

Avoca had 2 teams working on 4 challenges: create a buggy to traverse the rough terrain of Mars, build a tower that can withstand an earthquake, build a bridge that can support weight of up to 9kg and design a power network to light up as many buildings as possibly with a limited budget.

All students showed great team-working skills and great enthusiasm through the day. Although our combined schools team didn’t win, they had positive attitudes when their creation did not go as well as they hoped and had fun on the day.

We would like to thank The Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong for organising the event, giving their valuable time and money. Without their help, the day would not have happened.

Southern Highlands Science and Engineering Discovery Day

School Uniforms

The P&C takes responsibility for the sale and supply of school uniforms. As the end of term approaches, sadly it is time to start thinking about the uniform needs for the winter. School Photos are usually taken in June with students wearing full winter uniform.

An order form is included with the newsletter today. In order to have uniforms ready for Term 2, families are asked to have orders back at school before the Easter break.

Bulb Orders

The first P&C fundraiser of the year….Bulbs! Please share the catalogue with family, friends and neighbours. The bulbs will be ordered at the end of Term 1 and will be ready for planting when school resumes after Anzac Day.

Order forms to be back at school before March 22nd

Missing

The padlock from the girls toilets has disappeared. Staff have searched but to no avail!

Parents…. Has a padlock accidently turned up at your house?

The padlock is keyed to our system….so we would appreciate it return!
Nearly all our new furniture is on its way! We have a little bit of cleaning and painting to do and then bookshelf assembly will begin!

OLIVER went live Monday. Today Mrs Schaefer spent two hours completing the final process….so tomorrow Library with OLIVER ….begins!!!

School Counselling Services

Avoca Public School has a school counsellor allocation of 0.05, this equates to one hour 46 minutes per week.

Our school counsellor is Mrs Melanie Brindley. She will be visiting the school on the afternoon of Tuesday March 8th and Tuesday March 22nd. Parents wishing to use this service are asked to phone the office, so referrals can be organized.

Chaplaincy Program

The National Schools Chaplaincy Programme began in NSW in 2007. The Federal Government is currently committed to funding the programme until the end of 2018.

Avoca Public School was a successful applicant and will receive $20,000 each year for the next 3 years. This equates to around 10 hours per week. The school has requested the assistance of Generate Ministries to find a suitable applicant for the position.

What will they do?

- Work with the School Learning Support Team to facilitate student wellbeing
- Facilitate lunch time programs to assist students in building friendships
- Support the educational goals through in-class support.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

At Avoca PS our key values are:

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY AND SAFETY

Students demonstrating our key values are rewarded with OSCARS!