LOOKING FORWARD TO THE HOLIDAYS
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**We Value Humility**

**Principal’s Message**

In his book *The Hidden Brain*, science writer Shankar Vedantam describes the day he went for a leisurely swim. The water was calm and clear, and he felt strong and proud for covering a long distance so easily. He decided to swim out of the bay and into open water. But when he tried to return he couldn’t make any progress. He had been deceived by the current. The ease of swimming had not been due to his strength but to the movement of the water.

In our dealings with friends something similar can happen. "Going with the flow" can lead us to believe we’re stronger than we are. When life is easy, our minds tell us that it’s due to our own strength. We become proud and self-confident. But when trouble hits, we realise how little strength we have and how helpless we are. Humility is the true key to success. Successful people can, like the swimmer, think they did it all. Humble people share the credit and are thankful for support. To say ‘thank you’ is a great gift that anyone can say. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility and understanding.

Thank you, for your encouragement and support this term. It was great to catch up with many of you this week at Report time.

Enjoy the break!

Dr David J Faull
Principal

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**Avondale Signage and Brochures**

We have received lots of positive comments about the new signs at the entry to the school. They do look great and we are grateful to Toronto Church for helping to make this happen.

We also have new brochures so if you know a family who is looking for a great school, excellent family atmosphere and top teachers, please take a brochure. We would just love some new enrolments to start next term.

**Enrolments 2017**

We have begun to take enrolments for next year. If you know of family or friends who may be interested in enrolling their children at Toronto Campus then please tell them all about our great school.

We are very pleased to report that Toronto Campus achieved outstanding results in last year’s NAPLAN assessments, as published in the School’s Annual Report for 2015. All of the results for both Years 3 and 5 were above the national minimum standard. Please share this great news with your family and friends.

**Pre-Kindy extra day - Expressions of Interest**

We are pleased to share that all positions except one are filled for our Pre-Kindy classes. Therefore we are calling for expressions of interest in opening for another day - Friday. Should there be sufficient interest we could present a case to the Avondale School Principal for opening an extra day.

Please share this information with family and friends and register your interest at Reception. Thank you!

**School Discussion**

A Huge thank you to our parents for coming out on Wednesday and discussing your child’s progress. We are tracking every child and your support makes a difference.

Over the break you could ask your child to read to you for just 10 minutes and then ask some questions. Research tells us that regular reading and discussion can boost performance, especially for boys. Why not give it a try!!

**School Fees**

The prompt payment of school fees is appreciated. Please note that the School depends on your payments to pay its bills for wages and school improvements. If you have an outstanding balance on school fees, please settle your account promptly.

**School Photos**

We have been advised that we should receive the school photos in the week we return from holidays. Looking forward to seeing all your lovely smiling faces.

**TERM 3 COMMENCES ON MONDAY 25 JULY**

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**Students of the Week**

- Pre-Kindy - Rosie
- K-2 - Darius
- 3-6 - Sophie

**Values Award**

- Pre-Kindy - Abel
- K-2 - Kayden
- 3-6 - Grace
We always have an eventful week in Pre-Kindy. This week we spent some time learning about India as Mrs Thompson’s daughter is in India practice teaching. The children made birthday cards for her, as Wednesday was her 21st birthday. We all prayed for Miss Thompson because she was very sick with a very bad tummy bug. We also talked to Miss Thompson via video call, and we even got to see what it is like in India. The children were very caring, and some even prayed over the phone.

Our gardening time was spent looking at different plants and talking about our gardens. We then harvested our radishes and potatoes. It was straight to the kitchen with our potatoes, even though a few children were adamant their potatoes were going home for tea. Logan made sure he had a good stash to take home, but alas, we washed and prepared our potatoes and cooked them up as chips. Yum.

This week Mrs Thompson has been finding out all the wonderful things we know, and she has been doing a lot of assessments. She is very impressed! As a result, children will not bring home a reading book this week.

In Library time we read a story about being angry. We learnt about a contents page, a glossary, and an index page. Have a great week everyone, and enjoy the holiday break for the next three weeks!!

3-6

Well done to everyone in Years 3-6 for their efforts in the last week of the term. We worked very hard on our stories and we are very proud of the results. We typed our stories up on the iPads and we even decorated them. Very impressive! We had a great time on Thursday as we had a very special end of term activity with Mrs Ryan. We had biscuits and we decorated them with all sorts of interesting and yummy things. Of course we got to eat them and they were very delicious. Thank you Mrs Ryan!

A BIG thank you to everyone for bringing in their money on Thursday for Muru who is the boy we sponsor through Asian Aid. We really enjoyed Mufti Day and we are just so glad that our generous support can provide a boy with an education. A very big congratulations to those students who received 100% in their end of term spelling test. What an outstanding effort! Have a fantastic holiday Years 3-6!
Prayer Requests

We would like to encourage our school community to come together in prayer.

If you have any prayer requests, please feel free to let the staff know, so that we can include your request in our prayers.

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Calendar - Term 2

End of Term 2......................................................1 July

Calendar - Term 3

Start of Term 3......................................................25 July
Open Day........................................................................18 Aug
Newcastle Perm Yr 5-6 Maths Comp.............................24 Aug
Canberra Trip Yr 6 ...........................................19-22 Sept

School Term Dates 2016

Term 1 Wednesday January 27 - Friday April 8
Term 2 Tuesday April 26 - Friday July 1
Term 3 Monday July 25 - Friday September 23
Term 4 Monday October 10 - Tuesday December 13

Chaplain’s Message

Holidays

Hasn’t this term gone quickly? Or maybe for some of us, it hasn’t gone quick enough! Regardless of how this term has gone for you, the school holidays are upon us. I hope they can be a time when you and your family can relax!

Over the past 10 weeks, I’ve been sharing short thoughts from the Bible. We’ve been looking through the Book of John chapters 1-6. As the Chaplain of our school and the Pastor of our campus Church, it’s my job to care for our staff, students and their families. I hope that these short thoughts from the Bible have provided comfort in some small way. Next term we’ll continue looking through the Bible, and if you have any questions, I’d love to hear them! If you’re not a Christian and think the Bible is a bit strange, I’m with you! It really can be a bit of a strange book. I also believe that it’s powerful and can speak directly into our lives. So if you have questions, I’d love to hear from you.

One final thing: if there is anything I can do to support your family, please don’t hesitate to ask. If you have any questions about the Bible, Church, Jesus or anything else you can think of, please don’t hesitate to reach out. You can contact me through Reception or send me an email (bgoodall@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au), whatever works for you.

Know that your family is in our prayers.

Pastor Brock
School Chaplain