Practice, practice...
Have you noticed with the cooler weather that some of the trees’ leaves are changing colour? An evergreen tree is always green despite the changes in the weather around it. It is green in the heat of summer as well as in the cold of winter. We have been talking about thankfulness and appreciation in our family values over the last two weeks. Our thankfulness like the evergreen tree should be unaffected by the changes around us. We should be thankful – always!!

Often in all the things we get to do, we get so busy we forget to say THANK YOU. It doubles the pleasure when you help someone out and they say thank you.

It was Rose Kennedy that said – ‘Birds sing after a storm; why shouldn’t people feel as free to delight in what remains to them and be thankful for it.’

Take a moment and thank someone today!

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr DJ Faull
Principal

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**Church Service**

This week has been filled with many rehearsals because TOMORROW, Saturday 4 June, we will be taking the church service at Toronto Adventist Church. The students have the opportunity to participate in special items and the general running of the program. We want to encourage all of our students and their families to be in attendance. We would love you to join us as we worship at Pastor Brock’s church. Students need to be at Toronto Church by 10:30am for an 11am start. K-6 students need to wear their regular winter uniform and Pre-Kindy students need to wear their sports uniform. Toronto Church kindly extends a special invitation for you to join them for lunch in the hall after the service. See you tomorrow!

**Pumpkins**

The last of the pumpkins were picked this week so for those of you who missed out last week, there’s a few more available now. Please visit our administration office to purchase one of our pumpkins. Prices range from $5 to $8. Be quick they’re selling fast.

**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.

**Position Vacancy**

Avondale School, Toronto Campus, has a vacancy for the receptionist’s position. This part-time position would suit a person who is focused on the valued presentation at the front office as well as the day to day support of staff and the enrolled student community. Office and accounts experience with supporting qualifications would be essential with knowledge of MAZE software being desirable.

Please forward your application and supporting CV to admin@avonaleschool.nsw.edu.au by the closing date of 17 June 2016.
Pre-Kindy

We want to give a very BIG WELCOME to our newest Pre-Kindy student, Archie, and his family. Archie has fitted in beautifully to his new class, and he has made some great friends already.
We have had a BIG week in Pre-Kindy learning our parts for our church service. We have done such a good job, and we have all tried our very best! We can’t wait to show you our items, so please remember to come along on Saturday. The children are so excited. You won’t be disappointed.
We loved our gardening time this week because we all got to harvest a lettuce and take it home, along with a few carrots. Our regular program has been a little different with all our church service practices, however we have still been doing our reading. It never ceases to amaze me how keen the children are to learn their alphabet sounds. Well done Georgie for achieving your goal this week!!
Have a great week everyone, and I am looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday at our Campus Church.

K-2

This week we have been very busy preparing for our church service and we are looking forward to being able to share it with you.
Our reporters for this week are:
Grady – There was an accident (on the freeway). The school bus was really late.
Georgia – The science group cut out a rectangle. They made a helicopter.
Arsalaan – This Saturday we are doing our church service. We have a special item and will sing a song.
Katie – In the garden - They picked pumpkins. They planted broccoli or cauliflower.
The theme for this week for show and tell was ‘Creatures that live in the ocean’. We were very interested in sharks and how an octopus can fit through tiny holes. Next week our theme will be ‘Tell us about a favourite book’.
Congratulations to the following students:
Speedy Math – Grady, Georgia, Isobel, Luis, Eden, Ioana, Katie, Mikayla and Daniel.
Star of the Week – Katie
Merit Award – Isobel
Super Improver Wall – Isobel, Ioana, Tyler and Arsalaan
Bucket Filler Award – Arsalaan and Mikayla
As you can see we have had quite a week of personal achievements and as a result I had the pleasure of handing out all these certificates during chapel. Well done class, we are continuing to make great progress in all areas.
This week our ‘super sound’ was ‘ee’. We were able to fill a whole page in one session of ‘ee’ words. We then chose some colours and coloured all the ones that rhymed with each other.
Next week our ‘super sound’ will be ‘or’.
The letters for next week will be ‘u’ ‘c’ ‘b’.
Looking forward to seeing you all at the church service.
We have been working very hard this week to prepare for tomorrow’s service at Toronto Church. Our items are sounding great and we really hope you can come along and support the program. We are required to be at Toronto Church at 10:30am for an 11am start and we need to remember to wear our regular winter school uniform.

Well done to everyone for a fantastic effort with our projects. It is just great to see all the creativity and hard work that has gone into completing this requirement. A BIG thank you to our parents for the assistance they provided to ensure that we fulfilled this requirement.

We have been learning about some very interesting things in History with Mrs Ryan. Years 3 and 4 are learning about explorers and Years 5 and 6 are learning about migrants. We are working hard in class on some presentations we are planning to give next week. In Maths we have been learning all about fractions and decimals and this has included looking at such things as equivalent fractions and for the older children, ordering decimals.

We look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at our church service program!
We Value Appreciation

Chaplain’s Message

Huh?
There was a man by the name of Nicodemus - interesting name, right? Well, this man Nicodemus was quite an important fellow. In fact he was one of the top Jewish leaders at the time. When the dark of night had come, Nicodemus went to find Jesus. He wanted to talk with Jesus, quiz Him, and get to know what He was all about.
The conversations started with Nicodemus giving Jesus a compliment saying that he was clearly a teacher from God. Jesus turned to reply to this comment saying, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again” (John 3:3). Not exactly flowing with the previous comment. Jesus, in His classic style, goes off script, seeing beyond what Nicodemus was saying on the surface and getting to the real issue. The problem was that Nicodemus wasn’t aware that Jesus was doing this. The two of them went back and forth for quite a while. Ultimately though, Nicodemus left the conversation confused. He didn’t understand what Jesus was trying to say. Nicodemus - the religious leader who was meant to know all things relating to God - left the conversation totally lost and confused.

A little later the author of the text, John, tells another story about a woman from Samaria. Before telling the story, John gives a little background: Jesus was a Jew and this woman, who he was about to converse with, was a Samaritan. The two people groups - Jews and Samaritans - had been in an almost 500 year race war. It was commonly known in both cultures that the two people groups do not converse with one another. However, in the classic spirit of Jesus, He goes against the norm. Jesus interacts with the woman from Samaria as if this race war did not exist. Similar to the confusing conversation Jesus had with Nicodemus, Jesus gave a confusing comment to the woman, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water” (John 4:10). It’s easy to understand why the woman was confused by this sentence. Again, similar to the conversation with Nicodemus, the two of them - Jesus and the woman - go back and forth talking with one another. The difference in this conversation was that this woman was not expected to understand these things. She was simply a woman, so the culture would say, a woman from Samaria. The thing is, Jesus does something powerful when conversing with this woman - He sees her heart, her willingness to journey with God. “The woman said, “I know that Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.” (John 4:25-26).

As I read these stories, I find it interesting which of these two people, the religious leaders and the woman, saw Jesus for who He really was. The one who was meant to know the things of God leaves confused. Yet the woman, who wasn’t expected to understand because the “things of God” were beyond people like her, she understood. I find this powerful because Jesus shows through this story that He makes Himself known to those who want to know Him. The religious leader thought he already knew Him because he knew the information about God. He thought he’d arrived. It wasn’t until much later in the book of John that we see Nicodemus “get it”. But this woman who had been an outcast all her life, Jesus gifted with understanding. He gifts the same to us today.

Pastor Brock
School Chaplain

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Campus Information

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