The exciting news is that we collected 3780 Woolworths Earn and Learn points this year. Thank you so much for sending the stickers to school. We do appreciate your support. We have already placed our Earn and Learn order and we can’t wait to receive the resources. We also want to extend our sincere thanks to the Avondale Early Learning Centre for donating points to our school. Their generous gift is certainly appreciated. Thank you everyone!
It is only a few weeks till our Speech night. I know some students who want to improve their scores so they are taking their responsibility seriously and doing some extra study and practice. The word responsible means that you have taken on a task and you are going to see that task through – to see it finished. It may be something small like tidying up your desk or locker or it might be like our Year 12s at big campus preparing for those exams. No one else can do it, they have to step up to the responsibility.

The musical items for Speech Night are also important and I know the teachers are working with classes to learn the songs. It is important that everyone makes a contribution. If someone decides to sing another song or not to play their note the performance would not be as good as when everyone takes their responsibility.

A responsible person will keep in mind that to achieve success:

• Always finish what you start.
• Keep working at something that is difficult until you complete it.
• Don’t give up on difficult jobs or situations, own the task and finish it.

When we face challenges it is great to remember that ‘No one is defeated until he gives up!’ A responsible person will stick to the challenge and make it happen.

“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.”— Thomas Edison

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

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**Swimming**

Swimming lessons for this term are planned to take place on 22, 23 October, 26 November and 4 December. Please refer to the letter that has been sent home today for more information about our swimming lessons.

**Kindy Assessments**

Students who are joining our Kindy class in 2016 will participate in the Kindy assessments on Tuesday, 20 October at 9am. If your child is going into Kindy at Toronto Campus in 2016 and will not be at school on this day please contact Tammy in the office to arrange an assessment time.

**Jump Rope**

Our students are participating in the Jump Rope for Heart PE activities and fundraiser this term. You will already have received the fundraising form. Funds raised will go to the Heart Foundation and our school. Students can look forward to a special jump off day later in the term.

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**Awards**

**Students of the Week**

Pre-Kindy - Lacee
K-2 - Caitlyn
3-6 - Nicholas

**Kindness Award**

Pre-Kindy - Kitty
K-2 - Logan
3-6 - Cassie

**Values Award**

Pre-Kindy - Cooper
K-2 - Jessica
3-6 - Benjamin
Pre-Kindy have been learning about living and non-living things in our new unit of work with Miss Dias. They have been sorting pictures and choosing which category they belong to. In Maths we have been working on numeracy concepts – counting backwards, before and after numbers, number identification. Our Maths rockets are filling up fast. Our Big Book this week was called, “Monkey Puzzle.” See if your child can retell the story to you.

It is exciting to see many of you getting on Edmodo and reserving your child’s Letterland character for the dress-up day. If you haven’t talked to your child and chosen their character yet, please do this soon. We are wanting every child to come as a different character if possible. If you have any problems, please see me.

Topics for our News Talks will be on Edmodo soon. We are finalising these at the moment. The children work well when they have a topic to talk about. Keep up the good work everyone.

This week we have made two birthday cards, one for Dr Faull, and one for Mrs Bennett.

Our cards looked really good!!

Have a great week everyone.

Our speaker at chapel this week was Dr Peter Kilgour who took a creative talk on ways to manage our emotions. He had a great demonstration using balloons, candies and water, plus a can of fizzy drink. He is the Head of the Education Department at Avondale College so we were very blessed to have him visit us. Thank you Dr Kilgour.

Our class sang Happy birthday to Mrs Bennett on Wednesday as it was the celebration day of her birth. What a wonderful day. Happy birthday to Dr Faull for Tuesday also, who shares the day with Kayden. We made Dr Faull a card which he really appreciated.
Today in the garden we planted some pumpkin, lettuce and watermelon seeds. Soon we will replant them into our garden and look forward to eating them when they are fully grown. Especially the watermelon!! Our worms in the farm are devouring all the goodies that we are feeding them like mashed up banana and other fruit. We were also able to take some celery home. Try it with some peanut butter on it – yum!

**Campus Information**

**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.

**Office Hours**

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**Calendar - Term 4**

- **2016 Kindy Orientation** .................................................. October 27
- **Pupil free day** .............................................................. November 27
- **Last day of school for 2015**.............................................December 8
- **Speech Night** .................................................................December 8

**TCN NEWS**

This week in TCN we started filming the green screen newsroom clips of our news anchors. Reporters have been rehearsing their parts getting ready for filming on Friday. We hope to have the next edition of the news out very soon.

We have exciting news regarding an upcoming excursion. We have been invited to watch the midday news being filmed at NBN Studios in Newcastle. NBN don’t usually offer excursions for primary students, however they have made an exception for us because of our TCN news program that we run. It will be very beneficial for the TCN news crew to see a professional newsroom operating. Please send back the permission slip regarding this excursion as soon as you receive the excursion note. Thank you.