Swimming Carnival

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In an act of impatience, a very stressed businessman ignored the road signs and tried to beat traffic by swerving around a lane of cars that had come to a stop. However, the lane he pulled into had just been laid with fresh cement, and his Porsche 911 got stuck. This driver paid a high price for disobeying the road signs.

The Bible also tells of a king who also paid a high price for his disobedience. (1 Sam. 13:8-13)

This week I watched as the caring Kindy teachers began to extend the work of parents, carefully explaining why it was important to follow instructions and be obedient. One of the first principles that young children need to learn for their own safety and survival is – obedience. To do what we are told when we are told.

As we grow older we sometimes think that our actions are all our own and we can choose as we please, but we often do this at our cost. We learn to do what is right by practicing obedience – to tell the truth, to follow instructions immediately.

And that is a good choice – to choose to obey, even for Porsche drivers!!

Have a great week!!

Dr D J Faull
Principal

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**Attendance & Punctuality**

It is great to have the students back and settled into the learning agenda with the teachers. We really do appreciate your efforts to have the children at school on time for the start of school. It is a requirement that attendance rolls are marked and it is a huge help if everyone is at school on time. Every class, every day is important.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

It is almost time for Initial Reports to be sent home. Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 2 March from 4pm. Please call Mrs Bennett in the office to book an appointment to discuss your child’s progress with their teacher.

**Student Well-Being**

Avondale takes responsibility for students safety and wellbeing seriously. We have in place proactive measures to achieve this outcome. All Adventist schools across Australia have common practice in this area. A letter outlining these polices is attached to our school website. If you require further information please visit www.avondaleschool.com.au.

**Swimming**

Our swimming program has commenced and next week’s lessons are to take place on 24, 25, and 26 February. Please refer to the letter that was sent home for further details about our swimming program.

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**Students of the Week**

Pre-Kindy - Sebastian
K-2 - Isobel
3-6 - Sophie

**Values Award**

Pre-Kindy - Beau
K-2 - Arsalaan
3-6 - Jessica

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**Awards**

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This week in Pre-Kindy we have learnt about the letters f and e. We ate something frozen for the letter f, and eggs for the letter e. On Tuesday we started learning about special places, and everyone drew a picture of a place that is special to them. It was good to see everyone identifying a place that holds special meaning for them. Our Bible story has been about Daniel and his friends. We have also been learning about obedience for our value this fortnight. Our class has been embracing the bucket filling theme very well. Children are demonstrating kindness for others on many occasions. I hear this has been working well for children at home also. Your child will start to bring home special bucket filling cards soon. When they have collected 10 of these cards, they will receive a special certificate in chapel. They can receive these cards from any teacher, including in the playground also. On Wednesday Mrs Greensill taught the class while Mrs Thompson was in teacher’s meetings. The class did really well learning to relate to a new teacher. Thursday was our swimming day, and it was great to see how many confident swimmers we have in Pre-Kindy. Well done children, keep up the good work. Parents, if you haven’t returned your child’s swimming permission form, please do so. Please ask me for the class code if you have not signed up for Edmodo yet. The code changes every couple of weeks to keep the site secure. We have the majority of the class on Edmodo now. Thank you everyone for making yourselves available for communication in this way. Our letters of the week have been Tt and Ss. So it is appropriate that we went swimming on Thursday.

For Bible we are learning all about the wonderful gifts that God gives us, starting with Creation. Your child got a special letter from Jesus this week reminding them what a special treasure they are.

This week we can show you how we worked hard on your Valentine’s Day hearts. We wanted to let you know just how much we love you for the love that you show us! We talked about how much God loves us and that it is the greatest love that we will ever know. “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34

This week we have enjoyed lots of swimming activities. Congratulations to Years 3-6 for their efforts at the Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. A big thank you to Avondale School Cooranbong Campus and Mr Head for organising this event. Our thanks also go to our parents for supporting this event. We began our swimming lessons on Thursday and we are working hard to develop our swimming skills. We are already looking forward to next week’s lessons which are to take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Thank you to Mrs Ryan for teaching us on Wednesday while Miss Dias was attending a professional development course. Mrs Ryan let us make these great pictures in Visual Art. We designed colourful patterns and then painted over the top of them using black paint. The next stage of the artwork is to etch some designs in our work and this will enable our beautiful patterns to be revealed.

Well done on your great efforts this week everyone!
Garden News
On Wednesday we planted carrot seeds with Mr Drury and we look forward to seeing them sprouting so we can harvest them and eat a yummy salad. (K-2)

TCN News
This week at TCN we have been continuing to write our scripts for the first edition of the news for 2016. Everyone is trying to find a special angle for their story. Interviews have continued this week for the advertised positions, and TCN employees will be notified by mail of their position once all the interviews have been conducted. There have been some impressive resumes submitted, and students gave careful answers to the interview questions. I was rather impressed to find one student who had a well thought out question for the interviewer.
Every student holds the jobs of script writer and reporter, which helps to develop their writing and speaking skills. Look out for the mail late next week, when the additional jobs will be announced.
We Value Obedience

Campus Information

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