Week 1, Term 2

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It was great to see our students in resplendent uniform honouring our past in the ANZAC March on Monday morning. It is important that we remember. Participating in services like this helps us value and respect the sacrifice that has gone before.

The Israelites who first entered the Promised Land with Joshua saw the mighty acts of God and believed (Judg. 2:7). But sadly, the very next generation “did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel” (v.10). So it was not long before they turned aside to worship other gods (v.12). They didn’t make their parents’ faith their own. They soon forgot!

No generation can live off the faith of the previous generation. Every generation needs a firsthand faith. When faced with trouble of any kind, the faith that is not personalised is likely to drift and falter. That’s the challenge for us to share our journey and demonstrate a faith that works so that the next generation can understand and build a faith of their own.

Welcome to a new term!!

Dr David Faull
Principal

Students of the Week
Pre-Kindy - Logan
K-2 - Arsalaan
3-6 - Kanayah

Values Award
Pre-Kindy - Thomas
K-2 - Mikayla
3-6 - Uriah

School Fees
A BIG thank you to all parents who settled their fee accounts for last term. If you have not yet done so please contact the administration office to arrange a payment to finalise your account. Our budget depends on having the fees paid so we can meet our invoice payments and wages. We would appreciate you making every effort to settle your fee account on time.

Mother’s Day
Mother’s Day is almost here and our students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their lovely mums on Tuesday, 3 May at our Mother’s Day stall. The prices of the gifts will range from 50c to $20. Funds raised at the Mother’s Day stall will go towards purchasing more reading books for our school.

Homework Reading Record Booklets
You will have noted that your child is bringing home a new Homework Reading Record booklet this term. Please take the time to look through the booklet and familiarise yourself with the requirements. The teachers are happy to answer any questions you may have about the Reading Record booklet. We look forward to awarding students for reading lots of books!

Medallions
On Wednesday Mr Bill and Mr Ron visited us during Chapel time. They came along to give us some very special medallions to commemorate the centenary of landings at Gallipoli. The medallions have a special picture of Simpson and his donkey on them and this will help us to remember the courage, mateship, endurance and sacrifice shown at Gallipoli all those many years ago. We want to thank Mr Bill and Mr Ron for coming along and giving us these special reminders of the sacrifice others made for our country.

Uniforms
Students are required to wear their winter uniform in Term 2. We are, however, allowing students to wear their summer uniform on warmer days during the first two weeks of the term. K-6 students are required to wear their sports uniform on Mondays and Fridays this term.
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Welcome back to another term! Doesn’t the year fly by so quickly? It seems like just yesterday that I was cooking Christmas lunch... now we’re in Term 2. Crazy!

If we haven’t met before, my name is Pastor Brock. I have the privilege of being the Chaplain of our School and the Pastor of our campus Church. You might be thinking, “What on earth does a Chaplain do?” Great question! As a Chaplain, it’s my job to care for the staff, students and their families. Each week, we pray for a particular family and send home a card to let you know. We also run a weekly Chapel on Wednesday mornings at 9am, where one of our classes takes a turn leading out and sharing about Jesus. We also do Bible studies and loads of other things. It’s great!

From next week, I’ll be sharing a short thought from the Bible. 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 I hope that you can gain some encouragement in the coming weeks.

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
Chaplain

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
Monday Closed
Tuesday 8:30am - 12:30pm
Wednesday 8:30am - 12:30pm
Thursday 8:30pm - 1:30pm
Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm

Uniform Shop Hours
(Tooranbong Campus)
Monday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Calendar - Term 2
Prompt payment due for fees...............29 April
Mother’s Day ..............................................8 May
NAPLAN.......................................................10 - 12 May
School Photos .............................................26 May
Queen’s Birthday .....................................13 June
End of Term 2..............................................1 July

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