THIS WEEK … our Cross Country Team ran the track at Avondale College in preparation for the HRIS Cross Country event today. Year 2 visited historic Sunnyside House on Avondale Road, Year 1 enjoyed a beautiful day at the Reptile Park and Year 4 had fun with their Team Building morning here at school. Another busy week of fun and learning!

NEXT WEEK … we have some Year 10 students visiting us for Work Experience and more College students observing our teachers at work. Years 3 and 5 students participate in NAPLAN testing. We know this creates a lot of stress for some students. We do our best to reduce anxiety and stress during this time. The testing is just one small window into performance that allows us to compare our cohort of students to National results. We use the data to track and improve the effectiveness of our teaching program. Please support us in de-escalating student anxiety and encouraging them to relax and give the tests their best shot. Facing challenges with support allows students to continue to develop resiliency.

To all our fabulous mums, thanks for all the things you do to help your children become awesome adults! We hope you feel treasured and loved as we celebrate Mother’s Day!

Mrs Deb Cooper
Head of Primary
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MAKING A MARK … “Facts from paper are not the same as facts from people. The reliability of the people giving you the facts is as important as the facts themselves.” Harold S Green

DONE AND DUSTED … A great week had by all – back into the swing of learning, homework and the routine of class activities! Years 7 and 8 enjoyed their Poetry in Action program on Thursday, we did ourselves proud in the HRIS Cross Country today and some of our Year 11s had the opportunity to deliver some hampers to local community members with the Morisset Meals on Wheels.

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … A schedule for the NAPLAN tests next week has been shared with you, Year 12 Business Studies take to Luna Park, Year 10 engage in Work Experience, and we begin the week celebrating our mums! Our Year 12 teachers have done the reports, so they should be coming your way by the end of the week (with a Parent Teacher night following) and please remember we have a great careers website (www.avondaleschoolcareers.com) to check out as well. Landscape is a great place to find out about things too, noting the week allocations are correct there (so yes, we are just finishing an ‘A’ week)!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … “Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact.” William James

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Volunteers Needed – Thursday, May 12
We need two volunteers to read the Numeracy NAPLAN paper to Primary students next Thursday, May 12 from 9.15 am to 10.30 am. If you are able to help, please email Mrs Price at kprice@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au. Thank you for your help.

Year 12 Cambodia Family Portrait Fundraiser

Don’t miss out book now!

WHAT YOU RECEIVE

Online Code: RQ1 8PS X7D

$20 Book Today

Year 4 Team Building Morning
On Thursday Year 4 students participated in a Team Building program. Each of the activities required a high level of cooperation and teamwork. The teachers and students of Year 4 would like to sincerely thank the kind parents who willingly gave up their time to help out. Congratulations Year 4, you excelled yourselves!

Primary Chess
The Knights and Rookies teams will be playing their first five rounds of chess on campus in the CLC on Monday, May 23. Our Knights and Rookies teams will be playing Barnsley Public, Biddabah Public, St Mary’s Primary, Charlton Christian College and Cooranbong Public. The Kings Chess team will be playing their first five rounds of chess on campus in the CLC on Wednesday, June 1. Our Kings team will be playing New Lambton South Public, Belair Public, New Lambton Public and St Philip’s Christian College.

Students in the chess teams have started after school coaching on Monday afternoons from 3.20 pm until 4.30 pm with our School Chess Coach.

SPORT UNIFORM TERM 2
Years K-2 wear sports uniform on MONDAYS
Years 3-6 wear sport uniform on FRIDAYS
Secondary

**GENERAL**

**School Blazers**
School blazers are not just for the Prefects. If your child would like a blazer the Uniform Shop can help you. Students in blazers look great!

**Damage / Vandalism**
Sometimes the balance between common sense and youthful vigour combined with a ball can cause windows to break or put a hole in gyprock. Please be aware that if it’s an accident, there will be a $30 cost plus one Sports Detention. Intentional damage will cost $50 and two Sports Detentions. A callout for broken glass is $150 on average. Thank you for noting this. Students have also been notified!

**YEAR 7-12 ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES OUT NOW!**
The Assessment Schedules for Term 2 have been emailed to parents and students, along with the iCal links to subscribe to the assessment calendars. Students have also been given a hard copy.

**STEP UP**

**Year 7 Camp**
Year 7 Camp was the perfect way to end a busy Term 1. Students learnt new skills in sailing and kayaking on the lake as well as enjoying the outdoors in the Watagans, playing games and walking through the bush. It was jam packed with fun and activities to get to know each other a little better and to step out of their comfort zones just a little.

**Avondale School Does Meals On Wheels!**
On Wednesday this week, eight of the Year 11 Community and Family Studies class volunteered to assist the Morisset ‘Meals On Wheels’ team to do some special Mother’s Day deliveries. Students engaged in hand delivering hampers to a number of elderly community members in the Cooranbong to Morisset Peninsula area. There were so many smiles and appreciative comments from those who received these welcomed parcels! The intergenerational experience saw stories shared and moments of laughter – students particularly enjoyed talking to some of the community’s war veterans. A couple of days before Mother’s Day, the Year 11 students felt honoured to be part of this opportunity to deliver hampers to those who cannot always cook for themselves. They can’t wait to do it again!

**Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN Timetable - May 10-12**

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**A CHANCE TO:**
- Do independent study
- Complete your homework
- Get some help with writing (just sorting that essay out!)
- Get some help with maths (even that tricky homework question!)
- Get some guidance on that assessment task you need to start!

Hope to see you there!
Dear Parents,

School photography day is coming up very soon. Group and portrait photographs can be purchased by following the link above or by using the envelope. School Photos will be held at school on Tuesday, May 17. Photo order envelopes were sent home with students today. Inside the envelope there are instructions on how to make your purchase. Family photo order forms are available at the School Offices. Please note that school photos purchased online DO NOT require envelopes to be returned to school. Late fees / additional charges will be applied for purchases after photo day. Order online now at www.advancedlife.com.au using the online order code 7LJ 86X 7GD.

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Business Office Update
Many thanks to everyone for making payments for school fees. Because costs of mailing have skyrocketed we will not be sending out statements to you via post unless you specifically request them. We are currently taking steps to set up electronic copies to come via email. (Thanks for your patience on this one!) If in the interim you need a copy, please let the Business Office personnel know and these will be forwarded to you. We are happy to assist.

Parents and Friends News
Thank you to all the parents, teachers and students for participating in last week's Mother's Day Stall. Avondale School raised over $1,000 and Toronto School raised over $200. Well done! A big thank you to Glenys and Jeff Rout, and Deb and Russell Cooper (Hunter Valley Homewares) for all the lovely donations of gifts. Thanks also to Glenys, Sarah, Michaela, Simone, Belinda, Nicole and Rachael for helping. Happy Mother's Day mums! We hope you enjoy your gifts. We would like to give a big welcome to Nadine Dunne who has helped. Happy Mother's Day mums! We hope you enjoy your gifts. We would like to give a big welcome to Nadine Dunne who has accepted the role of P&F Coordinator. Our next P&F Meeting is coming up on Thursday, May 19 at 3.15 pm. All welcome!

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SpineOut Magazine
The latest edition of SpineOut is available in the Secondary School section of the iCentre Landscape page. SpineOut includes creative writing, artistic works, opinion pieces and book reviews for high school students across Australia. If you would like to submit an article or review a book for this magazine, please contact Mrs Blyde.

Music in the iCentre
Students entering the iCentre at lunchtime on Wednesday enjoyed an impromptu violin recital. Thank you Andrew T, you really made our day.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
On the way home from a family camping trip, 6-year-old Tanya and her dad were the only ones still awake in the car. As Tanya looked at the full moon through the car window, she asked, “Daddy, do you think I can touch the moon if I stand on my tiptoes?” “No, I don’t think so,” he smiled. “Can you reach it?” “No, I don’t think I can either.” She was quiet for a moment, then she said confidently, “Daddy, maybe if you hold me up on your shoulders?” Faith? Yes - the childlike faith that daddies can do anything. True faith, though, has the written promise of God for its foundation. In Hebrews 11:1 “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Jesus talked a lot about faith and throughout the Gospels we read of His response to those who had great faith. When we have faith in God, we will find that all things are possible (Luke 18:27).
A childlike faith unlocks the door to untold possibilities! Enjoy the news for the first full week this term.

Dr David Faull
Principal

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Mother's Day ................................................................. May 8
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School Reunion ............................................................ May 14
School Photo Day ....................................................... May 17
P&F Meeting 3.15 pm - all welcome! ............................. May 19
String Ensemble at Lakeside Church ........................... May 28
Family Portrait Fundraiser for Year 12 Cambodia Trip ...... May 29
HRIS Basketball .......................................................... June 7
Pupil Free Day ............................................................. June 10
Queen's Birthday Holiday ........................................... June 13

Secondary Calendar - Term 2
Mother's Day ................................................................. May 8
Year 12 Business Studies Excursion ............................... May 9
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Year 10 PDM Excursion ............................................... May 18
Year 12 Food Tech Incursion ....................................... May 19

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