THIS WEEK … This week has been a fun final week of term. Our SWOMP program has been a celebration of worship. We have learnt that God is our Creator, Provider, Protector, Saviour and King. Thanks to all the parents who visited us for SWOMP. Students from 3M had a great night, camping out here at school. Year 6 students have been writing and performing puppet plays and Kindergarten students celebrated the end of the term with Jolly Phonics Fun Day.

NEXT TERM … Monday is ANZAC Day. We invite students to wear their full winter school uniform and meet us in the top railway commuter car park from 9:30 am, ready to begin the march at 10:00 am. Tuesday is our first day of school. We’ll begin with a special ANZAC Day assembly. I wish you all a restful and relaxing holiday break. Don’t forget that holidays are a great time to make memories with your child. Sharing a book together is not only memorable, it’s a great learning opportunity. It’s a really valuable use of your time. Looking forward to seeing you all again for a fantastic second term!

MAKING A MARK … "True generosity is an offering; given freely and out of pure love. No strings attached. No expectations. Time and love are the most valuable possessions you can share." Suze Orman

DONE AND DUSTED … A sensational week of camps this week – huge praise to staff and students alike for making each of the Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 adventures so positive. Staff who held the fort on campus are also commended – a very full, long but rewarding week. Year 12 rounded out the term with all of their Mid Year Exams and seemed to put their best foot forward. We are very proud of our hard-working HSC students.

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … And now we stop for a couple of weeks, rejuvenate and get excited about our winter term. We begin with ANZAC Day on Monday. We encourage you to come and support our local Morisset ANZAC March (9:30am at the top carpark at Morisset Railway Station). We ask that students wear their winter uniform. It would be great to have a strong representation of students proudly supporting the memory of the great men and women who fought for our free country. Then we have our Year 12 Retreat (Wed – Fri), followed closely by HRIS Football, Year 12 Parent/Teacher night, Year 10 Work Experience and NAPLAN for Years 7 & 9. Wow! We’ll be looking at June before you know it.

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … “What we think determines what happens to us; so if we want to change our lives, we need to stretch our minds.” Wayne Dyer

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Primary Performance Groups – Plus One Service
The Primary Performance Groups music was outstanding at the Plus One Service held at Memorial Church on April 2. It was wonderful to have the Choir, Strings and Bell Choir perform. One grandmother was so moved by the music she shed a tear. Well done students, all that practice is SO worthwhile! A huge thanks to Mrs Campbell and Mrs Shelley Cooper for their hard work with our students.

HRIS Cross Country – Friday, May 6
The HRIS Cross Country will be held in Week 2 of Term 2. We encourage all HRIS Cross Country Team students to continue training over the holidays.

HRIS Basketball Teams
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent our school at the HRIS Basketball Gala Day:

GIRLS JUNIOR TEAM
- Tegan C
- Ebony D
- Emily G
- Kahila H
- Matilda J
- Jayna J
- Mattea K
- Jess W

GIRLS SENIOR TEAM
- Nikysha B
- Charlotte B
- Erin B
- Gemma L
- Amy M
- Abi U
- Williamina U
- Savannah W

BOYS JUNIOR TEAM
- Jake B
- Talen B
- Ethan G
- Marcus H
- Ezra H
- Jason L
- Noah H
- Caleb M
- Aidan P
- Jeremiah S

BOYS SENIOR TEAM
- Mitchell A
- Aidan B
- Dontai G
- Ethan H
- David L
- Elijah M
- Oscar O
- Caleb S
- Bailey S
- Junior V

ANZAC Day March - April 25
We invite students to attend the ANZAC Day March in Morisset on April 25. Students are to wear their full winter school uniform and meet in the top railway commuter car park from 9:30 am, ready to begin the march at 10:00 am.

Winter Uniform
In Terms 2 and 3 students are required to wear their full winter uniform. As the weather has been unseasonably warm, the first two weeks of term will be a transition period where students will be able to wear either their full summer or full winter uniform. Full winter uniform is to be worn from Monday, May 9.

For your convenience the Uniform Shop will open in the second week of the school holidays from 9.00 am until 5.00 pm on Thursday, April 21 and Friday, April 22.

SWOMP
This week Avondale Primary school students have ventured into the forest during our Super Week Of Mega Praise. The Music Building at Avondale School was been transformed into a jungle, with Crunch the Crocodile, Mike the Monkey, Gerald the Giraffe, Simba the Lion and Polly the Parrot welcoming us each day. Don’t miss our last program to be held on campus tomorrow Saturday, April 9. We would like to invite parents, caregivers and their children to come and experience what students have enjoyed all week. Pr Daron has saved his most difficult balloon for the last program. Hot drinks and morning tea will be served from 10.30 am under the bus shelter, with the program commencing at 11.00 am in the Music Building. The program will conclude at 12.10 pm.
Old Friends, New Connections

The ReUnion Committee has been busy making plans and extending invitations for our program on 14 May, 2016. We are trying to connect with, and invite, as many former students and teachers as possible to this event. If you have any school historical material, photos, magazines etc. we would love to add these to the display.

Many of the people attending, including some from overseas, have not been back on campus since they left school. Please help us to advertise this event to any former students you may know or have in your social networks. It should be a great day for meeting old friends and making new connections. We would like to invite you to attend and enjoy the program.

Camps, Camps and More Camps

It has been a really busy week with a number of students involved in school camps at a variety of challenging venues. The students have returned safely and have many stories to tell. The camps in summary:

Year 7 – an expedition to the Watagans with group activities, orienteering and bushwalking and a sleepover at school.

Year 8 – a two night camp at brilliant Broken Bay Camp with cooking damper, high ropes, abseiling and rock climbing as well as sunrise walks on beach.

Year 10 – a fantastic location at Anna Bay with a rotation of activities including a study unit in Geography on the dunes, paddling kayaks with dolphins, building confidence navigating a bicycle on a challenge trail etc.

Year 11 – “The Great Race challenged students with city navigation, reading directions and attending to coursework objectives and using public transport.

Feedback from the students has all been positive. Special thanks to our Year 11 Peer Support leaders who worked across the two days with Year 7. We’d like to pay tribute to our teachers who were either committed to a camp, or busy covering classes for those involved. A great team effort.

A Big Thank You

As we conclude a really busy term we thank you for your support and encouragement of your child in learning tasks. Especially appreciated were the parents who came to discuss students ‘progress in the CLC earlier this term. Thank you for your support.

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MUSIC LESSONS

The following is a list of private teachers offering music lessons at School.

Please contact these teachers directly.

Alison Hodge - Voice .................................................. 0420 528 868
Angela Miller - Piano (Simply Music) ........................................ 0421 464 797
Claudio Carrasco - Bass/Guitar/Piano/Voice/Drum, Drums 0404 079 867
Cybéle Coutet - Voice, Piano ........................................ 0423 455 977
Emma Jones - Flute .................................................. 0432 925 199
Esther Albert - Cello, Violin, Double Bass 0439 420 661
Fred Cracknell - Saxophone, Clarinet, Brass 0404 082 151
Garry Lawier - Group Guitar, Ukulele .................................. 0438 608 180
Jake Bisognin - Guitar .................................................. 0400 389 612
James Dennett - Drum Kit ........................................ 0401 549 084
Jan Hughes - Piano .................................................. 0417 203 197
Kylie Smith - Piano, Voice (Suzuki, AMEB) 0418 282 644
Kylie Stacey - Piano (Simply Music, AMEB, Trad) 04973 3234
Mitchell Wallace - Bass Guitar, Guitar 0435 578 723
Ngareta Rorich - Piano (Simply Music) 0421 548 340
Trish O'hearn - Brass .................................................. 0402 003 214
Valmai Hill - Piano, Theory ........................................ 0414 288 931
Zayne Mariassoue - Guitar ........................................ 0421 730 045
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

I seem to notice folk who sleep under bridges or set up a bed under an overhang. I feel sorry for these people.

Francis Chan, in his book Crazy Love, tells of a family with an interesting tradition. On Christmas and Easter morning, the Robynson family doesn’t focus on opening presents or chasing Easter eggs. Instead, they make pancakes, bake scones, make coffee, and serve the breakfast to the homeless. This is a small but creative way to show God’s love and generosity to the poor.

God expected this kind of generosity from His people. In Deuteronomy 15, Moses emphasized the reality of poverty – the Bible speaks about, “a hard heart”, “a closed hand,” “an evil thought”, “a grudging spirit”; a reluctance to see the needs of the poor. Among God’s people, there must always be a spirit of generosity toward the poor. Let’s open our hearts and our hands.

‘If there is among you a poor man of your brethren . . . you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand.’ —Deuteronomy 15:7

We have parents who bring bread to school to distribute, we have people who donate almost new school uniforms, we have families who give hours to help with reading, or the P & F members who serve our school from a generous heart.

It was John Bunyan who wrote, “You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”

Generosity stems from the heart that has experienced God’s grace.

Enjoy the news for this week!

Dr David Faull
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Year 7-12 highest borrowers
Congratulations to the highest borrowers for this term, who each receive a book voucher:

- Years 7-8: Grace B
- Years 9-10: Hope L
- Years 11-12: Dorcas P

If your name is not on the list, don’t worry! Next term you will have another chance to win the prize, so start borrowing at the beginning of term … and keep borrowing throughout the term.

K-6 borrower prizes
Prizes, prizes and more prizes have been chosen by all the excellent borrowers from Kindy to Year 6 during library classes this week. Congratulations to all these students that have borrowed books EVERY week this term.

Dr David Faull
Principal

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FUNDS for CAMBODIA

Bread is available over the holidays on TUESDAYS, 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm. All donations are happily and gratefully received for our Year 12 Cambodia trip at the end of the year! Thanks so much!

WINTER UNIFORM TERM 2

Winter Uniform starts the first day of Term 2

The uniform shop will be open in school holidays:
- Thursday, April 21, 9am - 5pm
- Friday, April 22, 9am - 5pm

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