THIS WEEK … our Chess Teams competed brilliantly, Kindy students are enjoying newly hatched chickens and ducks, and Kindy and Year 1 students had fun on their Sports Day. We have been overwhelmed with amazing works of art and can’t wait for the Art Show on Saturday night and the Family Festival on Sunday.

NEXT WEEK … we’ll be busy learning, a group of students head to the CIS Athletics Day and Year 6 students get ready to head to Canberra.

PERSEVERANCE … Part of teaching children to persevere is helping them to cope with failure. It’s impossible to learn, grow or improve without making mistakes. Many children (and adults) become embarrassed and frustrated when success doesn’t come easily and they give up. If we could see mistakes and failures as an opportunity to learn and refine our skills, we would be more able to persevere towards our goals. Children LOVE to hear about the failures and mistakes of their parents and teachers and how we pushed past the frustration. Take the time to share your story with your children this weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Art Show and Family Festival.

Mrs Deb Cooper
Head of Primary
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“You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it.”
Maya Angelou

We held our Prefect elections this week and I had the privilege of informing those successful candidates of their new office. It is always tinged with sadness though as we say thank you to a number of students who exhibit the qualities of great leaders but are not voted through in our democratic process. In talking with all of these wonderful students however, it is hard to look past the willingness, the desire to represent their peers and to note the potential each of them have to step up, step out and step forward as youth leaders. And leadership comes with expectations, a chance to vision, an opportunity to challenge the status quo and most of all, to encourage students to explore what it means to follow Jesus, a true servant leader. So here’s to another great team of Prefects, prepared to grow and seek to make our school a better place!

Mr Benton Craig
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SPORT

Newcastle One-Day Chess Competition
This week 15 students from Avondale School competed in the Newcastle One-Day Chess Competition. There were 62 teams from all over the region amounting to over 170 students. As the competition progressed our students were consistently playing on the higher ranked tables. After seven rounds of chess our teams were highly ranked with the outstanding result of three teams in the top six places.

1st  17 pts  New Lambton 5th Primary School (A)
2nd  15 pts  Tighes Hill Primary School (A)
3rd  14.5 pts  Avondale School (A)
4th & 5th  14 pts  Avondale School (B)
6th  13.5 pts  Avondale School (tied with 5 other schools)

Congratulations to Darcy S, Ryan M and Jayden B who scored an impressive 6/7 wins.

Knights & Rookies Chess
On Wednesday, 60 students from local schools played the second half of this year’s Newcastle Junior Chess Competition in the MPC. Students from Years 2-6 play in the two division competition. Congratulations to the following teams:

Knights
1st  34.5 pts  Avondale School (B)  
   Alan K, Caleb S, Harry S and Sean O
2nd & 3rd  24 pts  St Mary’s Primary School (A)  
   Biddabah Public School (A)

Rookies
1st  30.5 pts  Avondale School (C)  
   Kylan M, Darcy S, Rose J Benzen B
2nd  26.5 pts  St Mary’s Primary School (B)
3rd  22.5 pts  Avondale School (D)  
   Ryan M, Ethan G, Jayden B, Harry K

Year 1 Father’s Day Photoshoot

CIS Athletics Day
Wednesday, September 14
Avondale School has 13 students who will be representing our school and the HRIS at the CIS Athletics Day to be held at Homebush next Wednesday, September 14. Congratulations to the following students: Tegan C, Reilly D, Rhiannon D, Greg E, Stephanie E, Olivia G, Meshach I, Lachlan M, Georgia N, Bailey S, Vaai T, Libby G and Joshua M.

SPORT UNIFORM TERM 3
Kindy wear sport uniform on MONDAYS & TUESDAYS
Years 1 & 2 wear sport uniform on TUESDAYS
Years 3-6 wear sport uniform on TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS
Year 7 School Vaccination Program 2016

The final vaccination day for 2016 will be NEXT TUESDAY, September 13.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE? If your child has missed any vaccinations they will be offered any missed doses on this day.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED ALL HPV VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2016? Any Year 7 student with missed doses of the HPV vaccine can be caught up in 2017.

Any questions, visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx

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Years 9-12 Music & Drama Excursion to Aladdin The Musical

On Wednesday, all of our elective Music and Drama students travelled to Capitol Theatre in Sydney to see Aladdin the musical. “Our experience at Aladdin was absolutely amazing! The production and the set were vibrant and the transitions of the sets and between scenes were very clean. We really enjoyed seeing how they brought the animation to the stage. One thing that really stood out was how they took numbers in the original that were short solos and turned them into impressive ensemble numbers. The genie character was up to date with his jokes. Aladdin and Jasmine’s duet was so good and the live orchestra was also really cool. Some of us took the chance to go down and check out the orchestra pit. It was amazing!”

(Samantha, Josh, Mikayla, Marcus and Jem - Year 9)

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Year 12 Music Perform at Lizotte’s

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Avondale School
WEEK OF WORSHIP

The BRIDGE

Coming next week!

Presents: USA Guest Speaker
Willie Ramondette, “Hit the Ghetto Rocker”
Featuring the Zaida Youth Band

When: Monday - Thursday P1, MPC
      Friday P4, MPC

Also:
Monday 12th September 7pm
Wednesday 14th September 7pm
Friday 16th September 4pm
Saturday 17th September 7pm (Main Event)

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SEE YOU THERE

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GENERAL

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New at the Canteen
We have a new frozen yoghurt in the canteen. There are three new flavours, all natural, 98% fat free and gluten free for only $2. Come check it out!

2017 Planning
We are excited about our plans that we have programmed for your child/ren in 2017. These plans are based on the assumption that your child/ren will be returning after the Christmas school holidays. However, if you find your circumstances are changing or you think they may be changing for 2017, please notify the Principal by the end of this term via email to admin@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au. As stated in the School Handbook, a term’s notice is required for us to plan appropriately and efficiently for your child. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE
You will choose your prizes in library classes next week. Congratulations to the 230 students who have borrowed your library books, so please remember your library bags and books next week. What an excellent and enjoyable job!

Calend r
Primary Calendar - Term 3
Art Show 6.00 pm @ the CLC.........................................September 10
Family Festival ......................................................September 11
CIS Athletics Day .....................................................September 14
Wyong Chess Competition .........................................September 15
Year 6 Canberra Trip .............................................September 19 - 22
Year 5 Colonial Day ....................................................September 22
Last Day of Term 3 ....................................................September 23
Daylight Saving Starts .............................................October 2
Labour Day Holiday ..................................................October 3
First Day of Term 4 .....................................................October 10

Secondary Calendar - Term 3
Art Show 6.00 pm @ the CLC ........................................September 10
Family Festival ......................................................September 11
Week of Worship .....................................................September 12 - 16
Year 7 Vaccinations Dose #3 .........................................September 13
Year 11 Final Exams ..................................................September 16 - 23
Year 12 Final Chapel Program 9.30 am MPC .................September 23
Last Day of Term 3 ....................................................September 23
Daylight Saving Starts .............................................October 2
Labour Day Holiday ..................................................October 3
First Day of Term 4 .....................................................October 10

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Some years ago Florence Chadwick attempted to swim 42km from the coast of California to Catalina Island. After 15 hours a heavy fog began to block her view, she became disoriented, and she gave up. It was very frustrating when Chadwick learned that she had quit just 2km short of her destination. Two months later Chadwick tried a second time to swim to Catalina Island from the coast. Again a thick fog settled in, but this time she reached her destination, becoming the first woman to swim the Catalina Channel. Chadwick said she kept an image of the shoreline in her mind even when she couldn’t see it. When the problems of life cloud our vision, we have an opportunity to learn to see our goal, to persevere. When we feel like quitting this is our signal to remember our goals and keep pushing on. Perseverance is steady persistence in a course of action, a purpose, especially in spite of difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement. I love this quote from an early American President: “Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence ... The slogan ‘Press On!’ has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.” Calvin Coolidge
Enjoy the news for this week.
Dr David Faull
Principal

2016 ART SHOW
“My Family”

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Library
Years 7-12 Reading Rulz!
Don’t miss out on the opportunity to earn House points while reading a book. You have until November 4 to complete your reading for 2016. Check out the additional information and download the reading record sheet from the High School iCentre Landscape page.

Makerspace
Activities in the iCentre Makerspace for Years 7-12 this week have included knitting, electronics and robotics. The space is open Monday to Wednesday each week and is a great chance to do something you love, or try something new.

K-6 Library Prizes
Students have read hundreds of exciting fiction books and informative non-fiction books during Term 3. It’s now time to return your library books, so please remember your library bags and books next week. Congratulations to the 230 students who have borrowed books every week this term. What an excellent and enjoyable job! You will choose your prizes in library classes next week.
Avondale School

Family Festival

Sunday 11 September • 9am - 2pm

Attractions on the day...

Carnival Rides
Market & Produce Stalls
Live Entertainment
Laser Tag
1km & 3km FUN RUN
Animal Farm & Pony Rides
Competitions & prizes

Pre-purchase unlimited Carnival Ride Armbands $20 ea

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