THIS WEEK … we started with a scorcher of a day! Year 6 enjoyed a mystery party and came to school dressed as a special character for the event. Years 3R and 3S beat the heat by learning about capacity with water and different sized containers. We handed out the ICAS English and Mathematics Competition awards and were amazed at the number of students who had excelled in these competitions.

NEXT WEEK … swimming starts for Years 3-6 students. HRIS Tennis is on Friday and we have three teachers, along with their classes, involved in demonstration lessons for teaching students from Avondale College.

DID YOU KNOW … that our school has implemented new syllabi for English, Mathematics and Science? Our teachers are currently developing programs and resources for the implementation of the new History and Geography syllabi. As part of the implementation process teachers are involved in professional learning. Year Level groups work together to plan and program. This process will result in engaging new learning experiences for our students.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime if you would like to share some feedback about your experience here at school or would like to make a suggestion.

MAKING A MARK … “Your success is your responsibility. Take the initiative, do the work, and persist to the end.” Lori Myers

DONE AND DUSTED … Four days only this week, but packed with punch. We had our Year 9s doing our UChooz course (learning to be ok with yourself, being able to say no, and understanding what ‘growing up’ is all about), our Year 11s officially became Year 12 and the routines of class were re-established. We’ve swapped Mondays and Fridays around too, making our Chapel program on Friday mornings now – today we celebrated ICAS Maths Competition’s excellent results and some Computer Science School achievements. Proud as punch of some individual student sporting achievements too! We even saw some of our HSC students on campus throughout the week getting some last minute tips from our teachers for their big exams!

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … So obviously the HSC starts next week already – all our students start with English on Monday down at the MPC at Memorial Church. We wish them every success! Year 9 head off to Bungonia for a big but enjoyable week of camping and our Year 10 & 11 Music students enjoy a National Music Academy masterclass on how do give your best individual performance. Should be a great week!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … ‘Rhythm’ is the longest word in the English language without a vowel … now I know you knew that!

Hope you and your family enjoy a great weekend!

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GENERAL

ICAS Mathematics & English Competitions
We had 20 students earn Credits and 9 students earn Distinctions in the ICAS English Competition. Our students blitzed the ICAS Mathematics Competition with 38 students earning Credits, 8 students earning Distinctions and 4 students earning High Distinctions!

Primary

SPORT

Tennis Competition
The Primary Tennis Competition was held at the end of last term with 30 students participating. The top two players in the Year 5 and Under and the Year 6 divisions will compete at the HRIS Tennis Competition on Friday, October 16 at the Newcastle City Tennis Centre. Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Avondale School at HRIS Tennis next week:
Year 5 and Under Girls  Airlia K
Year 5 and Under Boys  Mitchell A and Harry C
Year 6 Girls  No Participants
Year 6 Boys  Elliot MQ and Tyson H

Year 3-6 Swimming
Commences Next Week
The swimming program for students in Years 3 and 4 will commence next week. Students in Years 3 and 4 will swim on Wednesdays and Years 5 and 6 on Fridays. Students will be under the instruction of qualified swim instructors at the Morisset Heated Pool. All students are to wear their sports uniform on their swimming day ONLY. Please note that swimming replaces Friday sport for the rest of Term 4. Students are required to bring clearly named swimmers (girls are required to wear a one piece or a rash shirt over swimmers), towel and goggles. A signed note from home is required if students are unable to participate due to illness. Students are assessed in swimming classes and certificates are awarded.

WEDNESDAYS
CLASS
DEP ART SCHOOL
3M Miss Moncrieff  12.50 pm
3S Mr Skinner  12.50 pm
3R Mr Robinson  1.25 pm
4B Mrs Bishop  1.25 pm
4PR Mrs Pascoe  2.00 pm
4R Mrs Roberts  2.00 pm

FRIDAYS
CLASS
DEP ART SCHOOL
5D Mrs de Martin  12.50 pm
6SM Mr Swafford  12.50 pm
5V Mr Venegas  1.25 pm
5M Mrs Morton  1.25 pm
6Ho Mr Hosken  2.00 pm
6Hi Mrs Hill  2.00 pm

ADRA Blossom Project Fundraiser
A very big THANK YOU to the Avondale School community for supporting the ADRA Blossom Project last term. Our goal as a school was to raise $10,000. As of this week our total is $9,655 with the Secondary School raising $5,200 and the Primary School $4,455 with some still to come in. This is an awesome result and so close to our goal. Well done everyone! This will make a real difference in the lives of the young women in Vanuatu. Congratulations to the following classes who raised over $250 and received free ice blocks at the end of last term:

1st $385.45  Mrs Dumbrell (Year 2)
2nd $315.75  Mrs Fraser (Kindy)
3rd $315.15  Mrs Morton/Mr Swafford (Year 6)
4th $289.50  Mrs de Martin (Year 5)
5th $271.60  Mr Skinner (Year 3)

Music Notes
All Band, Choir and Hand Bell rehearsals have been CANCELLED for next week (Week 2).

2016 Class Allocations
Over the next two weeks class teachers will be working to allocate students to class groups for 2016. We are unable to take requests for a preferred teacher, but are happy to consider extenuating circumstances or special needs. All requests must be made to Mrs Deb Cooper, Head of Primary, in writing.

ASD Support Group
We are beginning a support group for parents with children on the Autism Spectrum. The group will meet two times a term on a Thursday afternoon at 2.15 pm in Room 11. Our meeting dates for this term will be Thursday, October 15 and November 19. Come and join us for a hot drink and time to share your parenting joys, frustrations and strategies that work for you.

Kindy-Year 2 Learn to Swim Program
November 9 – 20
All students in Kindy, Year 1 and 2 will participate in a Learn to Swim Program at Morisset Heated Pool from Monday, November 9 until Friday, November 20. Students are required to bring their swimmers and towel (goggles are optional) each day for the two-week program.

SPORT UNIFORM FOR TERM 4
Kindy: wear sport uniform each Monday.
Years 1 & 2: wear sport uniform each Thursday.
Years 3 & 4: wear sport uniform each Wednesday along with their swimmers, towel and goggles for swimming.
Years 5 & 6: wear sport uniform each Friday along with their swimmers, towel and goggles for swimming.
SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Liam C (Year 10) competed in the State Titles for Archery during the holidays and he came 1st in the 15-17 year old age group. Liam competes nationally in November this year. Well done, Liam!

Last term Riley O came 2nd in discus and 1st in the 100m with a PB of 12.61 at the CIS Athletics Day. Congratulations Riley!

GENERAL

MUSIC NOTES

Choir rehearsals will resume next Wednesday. It is important to get started for our next church appointment in only two week’s time at Toronto SDA Church. Members should prioritise rehearsals and arrange conflicting appointments at other times. Please note that Band rehearsals have been CANCELLED for next week (Week 2).

TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS
YOU’RE INVITED TO AN
AWESOME
BREKKY & YOUTH GROUP
EVERY SATURDAY
9:30am
AT GATEWAY CHURCH
IN THE BLUE ROOM
BE THERE OR BE SQUARE

SPORT

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Last week someone stopped me in the street and complimented one of our Year 11 students who had just completed their VET Work Placement. The employer was impressed with the punctuality and attitude to the work that was assigned.

We all make choices and as a result of those choices there are often consequences. For example, students arriving late to school will blame the alarm clock. It was their choice to check it was set before they went to bed, but somehow the clock is to blame for the lateness.

Lots of the things we do at school are great preparation for the adult world of work and life choices. Students and staff do their tasks to the best of their ability, on time and mostly without prompting. We expect students to have the correct uniform and to present appropriately. This makes us accountable as a result of our choices. Our family value of responsibility is very appropriate to promote at this time as we set goals for the rest of the year.

It is great to see a young person accept the challenge to step up and make choices to be accountable for their lives. This begins with making right choices in small steps and works best when mums and dads work in partnership with the school. Enjoy the news for this week.

**Dr David Faull**

Principal

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**PLEASE NOTE**

**2016 Planning**

We are excited about our plans that we have programmed for your child/ren in 2016. 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 2016, please notify the Principal ASAP 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.

**Fee Reminder**

Just a reminder that all fees are now due. Many thanks to those who have already made payments.

**P&F Thank You**

Thank you to all the parents, helpers and staff who contributed to making our Family Festival stalls a success. A big thank you to all those who baked goods for the bake sale and a very special thank you to National Helicopters and Cocoa Nib for their support.

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**LIBRARY**

**K-6 Term 4 Borrowing**

It’s been great to see so many K-6 students remembering their library bags and borrowing lots of exciting books during the first week of term. Remember that if you forget your library bag on your library day then you can come and borrow the next day, your ‘extra chance day’. If your library bag is looking a little sad, we have new colourful bags for sale in the library for just $5.00. Enjoy your reading everyone!

**Year 10 Researchers**

This week Year 10 History students have spent time honing their skills in referencing assignments correctly in preparation for Year 11 and 12. They have also explored some of the great sources available to support their assignment on the 1960s. If you are a parent of a Year 10 student you may like to ask them to show you some of the resources available on this topic via the library catalogue online at accessit.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au

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**Primary Calendar - Term 4**

- Gateway Kids Soccer Stars - School Oval…………………….. October 11
- Get Active Starts for Term 4…………………………………. October 12
- Year 3 & 4 Swimming Commences…………………………….. October 14
- ASD Support Group……………………………………………. October 15
- Year 5 & 6 Swimming Commences…………………………….. October 16
- HRIS Tennis……………………………………………………. October 16
- Gateway Kids SoccerStars - School Oval………………….. October 18
- Kindy Bike Day……………………………………………….. October 21
- HRIS Chess……………………………………………………. October 23
- Gateway Kids Soccer Stars - School Oval………………….. October 25
- P&F Meeting 3.15 pm Admin Building………………………. October 28

**Secondary Calendar - Term 4**

- Year 9 Bungonia Camp……………………………………….. October 12 - 16
- Get Active Starts for Term 4…………………………………. October 12
- Year 10 & 11 Music Excursion………………………………. October 15
- Year 11 Food Tech Excursion………………………………. October 19
- HRIS Junior Touch Football…………………………………. October 20
- Year 11 Hospitality Cancer Survivor Function…………….. October 20
- Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews 4.00 - 7.00 pm………… October 20
- HRIS Senior Touch Football…………………………………. October 21
- AICES Basketball……………………………………………. October 22
- Choir at Toronto SDA Church……………………………….. October 24
- Year 7 Geography Excursion…………………………………. October 26

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**We Value responsibility**

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