THIS WEEK ... all students have been participating in swimming lessons. Our Touch Football Teams represented us well on their gala day and the Knights and Rookies chess teams competed in finals. Today our students will participate in a Remembrance Day Service as we contemplate the sacrifices made for our freedom.

NEXT WEEK ... we continue swimming lessons, our cricket team competes and students will be busy with assessments.

OUR VALUE ... As we focus on the value of Compassion I am acutely aware of every child’s need to belong and be accepted. Yet children who are a little different in some way often never find unconditional acceptance. An important aspect of Compassion is seeing things from the perspective of another and responding emotionally to their needs. If we could create a culture of compassion and empathy, we would also create an inclusive and accepting school. Do you model an attitude of acceptance and tolerance? Do you show through your words and actions the love and compassion that Jesus shows for each of us?

“Don’t pick on people, jump on their failures, criticise their faults - unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging. It’s easy to see a smudge on your neighbour’s face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own.” Matthew 7:1-2

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“A little consideration, a little thought for others makes all the difference.” Eeore

Last night I was privileged to engage with our Year 12 cohort at their formal. I watched and marveled at our students who, seemingly overnight, morphed into stunning and handsome young adults, connecting with and sharing moments with each other, and showing a maturity not yet seen before in some! A wonderful testament to the journey we walk with these students, allowing them to grow, test some boundaries, strive for excellence and ultimately, become the beautiful butterflies we hope each one develops into. A delightful end to a week of experiences from HRIS Touch Football and the challenges of strong opponents to the amazing moments of Year 7 being only feet away from pods of dolphins. Creating experiences to learn and value. What a great week, Avondale School Secondary Campus!

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Canteen News
Our School Canteen is now on Landscape - there is the latest menu, information on how to set up Munch Monitor (online ordering) and a link to Munch Monitor. Primary families, please note that the Canteen is happy to accommodate your child and their lunch while swimming is on this term. We can either have the lunch ready before swimming or keep it fresh and hot for those coming back later. You do not need to stop ordering because your little ones are at swimming during the lunch period.

Volunteers Needed for Years 7-9 Exams
We would be grateful to find volunteers from our parent / grandparent body to read / write for Years 7-9 students during their exams as follows:
28/11 11.05 am - 12.45 pm Reader
29/11 11.05 am - 12.45 pm Reader
30/11 6.50 am - 11.00 am Writer
Please contact Mrs Karen Price at kprice@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au if you are able to help for one or all sessions! Thank you.

K-2 Learn to Swim Program
November 7 – November 18
The two-week Learn to Swim program for all K-2 commenced on Monday at Morisset Heated Pool. Students are required to bring their clearly named swimmers, thongs and towel each day (goggles are optional). Classes leave at the following times:
CLASS DEPART SCHOOL
1S Mrs Schur 10.45 am
2D Mrs Dumbrell 10.45 am
1H Mrs Hobson 11.15 am
1W Mrs Wind 11.15 am
KF Mrs Fraser 11.45 am
2V Mrs Vaughan 11.45 am
KSL Mrs Lawson 12.15 pm
2W Mrs Watson 12.15 pm
KL Mrs Lawrence 12.45 pm

Years 3-6 Swimming Program
WEDNESDAYS
CLASS DEPART SCHOOL
3R Mr Robinson 12.50 pm
4B Mrs Bishop 12.50 pm
3M Miss Moncrieff 1.25 pm
4R Mrs Roberts 1.25 pm
3S Mr Skinner 2.00 pm
4PR Mrs Pascoe 2.00 pm
FRIDAYS
CLASS DEPART 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

Newcastle Chess Finals
The best Chess Teams in the Hunter Region from Public, Catholic and Independent schools met in Newcastle for the finals of the 2016 Primary Chess Competition.
In the Knights Division our Avondale School Team (Alan K, Caleb S, Harry S, Sean O) placed second (20.5 pts) to Newcastle Grammar School (22 pts).
In the Rookies Division our Avondale School Team (Kylan M, Darcy S, Rose J, Benzen B) placed second (18.5 pts) to Newcastle Grammar School (19 pts). Special congratulations to Alan K and Harry S for achieving 6/7 for the day.

HRIS Touch Football
Our Girls and Boys Touch Football Teams competed this week at the HRIS Gala Day at Wallsend. The Avondale School Teams displayed great sportsmanship and perseverance throughout the day. The girls’ team finished the day with 4 wins and two draws putting them in 3rd place out of eight teams. The boys finished the day with two wins, one draw and one loss putting them in 5th place out of nine teams. A big thank you to the coaches Mrs Hill and Mr Hosken who were very proud of the enthusiastic effort displayed by all players.

SPORT UNIFORM TERM 4
Kindy - Year 2 wear sport uniform on MONDAYS
Years 3 & 4 wear sport uniform on WEDNESDAYS
Years 5 & 6 wear sport uniform on FRIDAYS
Textiles Technology Fashion Illustration Course
On Monday, Year 8, 9 and 10 Textile Technology students had the privilege of partaking in a one-day fashion illustration course hosted by Whitehouse School of Fashion. Students learnt the skills of a 9 head figure drawing, texturing, rendering, fashion illustration tips and facial design. Students were given the tasks of completing a body figure, drawing clothing with texture, shading, adding colour and rendering. Congratulations to the three students who received awards on the day. Encouragement Awards were given to Margaret G (Year 10) and Hannah C (Year 10). A Young Designer Award was given to Tally W (Year 8) who also received a scholarship to a design workshop in Sydney hosted at the Whitehouse School of Fashion.

Mathematics SWOP Students Shine
Hundreds of thousands of students in primary and secondary schools from around 30 countries sat the 38th Annual Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) on July 28. An Australian initiative, the AMC was introduced in 1978 as the first competition of its kind. It is now a truly international competition which tests everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving. Avondale School entered all 21 Year 7-9 Mathematics SWOP students into this year’s AMC. Two students received a Certificate of High Distinction, two obtained a Distinction, fourteen achieved a Credit and three received a Proficiency Certificate. At the conclusion of presentations in Chapel this week, Mr Anthony Hibbard, Avondale School’s Secondary Mathematics Coordinator, stated, “I am extremely impressed with the progress made by all of our students who have been participating in our Mathematics SWOP program in 2016. It is a credit to the students and to their SWOP facilitator, Miss Chanel Scheman”. We wish to congratulate our 2016 Mathematics SWOP students who achieved these outstanding AMC results!

- **Proficiency Award**
  - Vanessa C (Y9), Tyson H (Y7), Tanya V (Y9)

- **Credit Award**
  - Liam B (Y7), Matthew B (Y8), Samara B (Y7), Grace B (Y7), Sophie G (Y7), Isaac H (Y8), Brayden H (Y8), Sebastian M (Y7), Ashley M (Y8), Scarlett M (Y7), Ethan M (Y9), Byron R (Y7), Olivia R (Y9), Gloria R (Y9)

- **Distinction Award**
  - Ty D (Y8), Olivia M (Y7)

- **High Distinction Award**
  - Nicholas H (Y8), Benjamin L (Y7)

School on Sunday?
It’s not often Year 10 are at school on Sunday working! Practical projects need to be finished for the year so the pressure is on to complete them. Mr Lynn was very pleased with the workmanship and productivity of the 15 students who turned up ready to work last Sunday morning.

HRIS Senior Touch Football
Our students played in extremely hot conditions at the HRIS Senior Touch Football. Our Girls’ Team was out-played but enjoyed the competition. The Boys’ Team was undefeated all day up until the final. They played so well! The game went to extra time drop off. They lost in the end but are to be congratulated on so many levels for their efforts. Thanks to Mr Gorry for all his work with them over the past year.

Student Baptisms Celebrated
This week in our Secondary Chapel we stopped to acknowledge the awesome work that the Spirit of God is doing in our school. In 2016 over 20 Avondale School Secondary students have given their lives to Jesus and been baptised. The Bible says that all of heaven rejoices over one sinner that repents ... what a party they must be having up there! Each student was given a World Changer Bible and a set of Bible Studies. This many baptisms is a testament to our Church and School community supporting, teaching and upholding kids in their spiritual journey with Jesus.
PLEASE NOTE

Volunteers Needed!
The Parents and Friends team are looking for volunteers to help out at our food stall for the Avondale School Carols by Candlelight on Sunday, December 11 between 4.30 and 8.00 pm. If you are able to offer 1 HOUR of your time it would be greatly appreciated! Please contact the P&F Special Events Coordinator, Georgie on oreillydg@bigpond.com or 0409 826 905.

Return of K-6 Library Books
Please make sure that all primary library books are returned by the end of next week. If library books are lost then they need to be paid for so that they can be replaced. Please note that there are prizes for the first three classes to return all their library books.

K-6 Library Prizes and Parties
Borrowing is now finished for the year. Congratulations to all students who borrowed and read so many exciting books during 2016. Students who have borrowed every week during Term 4 will choose their prizes next week and the 200 students that have borrowed EVERY week this year will receive their library party invitations during library classes. WELL DONE!

Years 7-12 Library Book Return
All books need to be returned by Thursday, December 1 to ensure charges are not made for outstanding books at end of year sign off. Students who will be returning to complete their HSC in 2017 are welcome to borrow books for use over the holiday period. However, all books currently on loan should be returned by December 1 and when borrowing records are clear other items can be borrowed for the holidays. Winners of the highest borrower prize for this term will be announced on December 1.

from THE PRINCIPAL

It is about 8.30pm and the last of the children have headed off to bed. Mum and dad are sitting down for the first time all day. Dad gets out his iPad immediately and starts reading an e-book. The wife suddenly says, “Honey, I want to talk with you for a few minutes”. She begins to talk and after a few minutes looks at her husband who is busy reading and exclaims, “Are you listening?”. He is tempted to reply, “Of course I am!” but realises his mind is still on what he has been reading. The e-book was really interesting. However, he really needed to show he cares by putting down the iPad and giving his wife his full attention.

Many of us are poor listeners. Teenagers can get frustrated because their parents always have a quick answer, when actually they just want someone to listen to their struggles and accept them. One teenager said, “Sometimes I would just like to talk until I know what I want to say”.

Real friendship is built on acceptance, understanding and being a good listener. Listening may just be the most compassionate thing you do today. Enjoy this week’s news.

Dr David Faull
Principal

Calendar

Primary Calendar - Term 4
K-2 Swimming ............................................................. November 7 - 18
Tri-Schools Cricket.......................................................... November 16
Kindy 2017 Visit #2 ....................................................... November 24
Get Active Ends for Term 4 ............................................ November 24
Pupil Free Day ............................................................... December 2
Kindy Christmas Concert .............................................. December 7
Last Day of Term 4......................................................... December 12
Primary Speech Night 5.00pm MPC ................................. December 12
Last Day for Staff ............................................................ December 16

Secondary Calendar - Term 4
Year 12 Cambodia Schoolies Service Trip .................. November 13 - 28
Year 11 Retreat ............................................................... November 16 - 18
Year 10 End of Year Exams ........................................... November 21 - 25
Get Active Ends for Term 4 ............................................ November 24
Year 11 Geography Excursion ........................................ November 28
Years 7-9 End of Year Exams .......................... November 28 - December 1
Pupil Free Day ............................................................... December 2
Last Day for Term 4 (Sign-Off Day) ............................. December 9
Secondary Speech Night 7.30pm MPC .......................... December 12
Last Day for Staff ............................................................ December 16

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SCHOOL TERMS 2017
Term 1 Monday / Tuesday, January 30/31 - Friday, April 7
Term 2 Wednesday, April 26 - Friday, June 30
Term 3 Monday, July 24 - Friday, September 22
Term 4 Monday, October 9 - Monday, December 11