LAST WEEK … Our students are settling in well to the new school year and taking up the challenges of a new grade. Year 5 students had an absolute blast at camp as they became a little more independent and resilient.

THIS WEEK ... We're looking forward to seeing you all at our Swimming Carnival on Tuesday at Morisset Swim Centre. Thursday is our ‘MakerDay’ to raise money for our Makerspace and STEM program. Kindergarten students have their final rest day on Friday.

STEM PUP … This is a Pop Up Project involving Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. This week students will have the opportunity to experiment with bubbles during lunchtimes. Sounds like FUN!

DID YOU KNOW … that Students become more resilient and capable when you allow them to solve some of their own problems. Growth occurs when we support children to figure out solutions for themselves. The struggles they have today allow them to develop the strength they need for tomorrow.

MAKING A MARK … “Treat everyone with kindness and respect, even those who are rude to you – not because they are nice, but because you are.” Anonymous

DONE AND DUSTED … Our information sessions with Years 11 and 12 last Monday were successful, packed with punch and reasonably well-attended. Thank you to all those families who made it out! Our Swimming Carnival was one of our best ever in terms of organization and participation in the races. Well done to all four houses – Pacific, Hunter, Watagan and Macquarie! We also started our Step Up on Thursday afternoon (3:30 – 4:30pm).

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … Information sessions for students and parents step up will be held this week – Year 8 (6:45pm) and Year 10 (7:30pm) are tonight, while Year 7 (6:45pm) and Year 9 (7:30pm) are on Tuesday night. We have our Year 12 students taking Week of Worship as well. Please pray for an opportunity to be blessed by their words each day.

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … Some words of wisdom this year … “For success, attitude is equally as important as ability.” Anonymous
Makerday Mufti - Thursday, February 18

We are in the process of creating an amazing new learning space on our primary campus. A double classroom has been allocated as a flexible learning space named the MakerSpace. What is a MakerSpace all about? Collaborating, trying new ideas, making inventions, using your creativity, innovating, experimenting, discovering and finding your passion!

We are planning a special fundraising day to help equip our MakerSpace room. Next Thursday, February 18, will be ‘Makerday’ where all students can come to school in mufti clothes and be involved in fun STEM challenges. We ask each child to bring $2 for this special project. Please note students must wear closed in shoes and no makeup or jewellery is to be worn. Thanks in advance for your support.

No Parking

We have a number of parents parking in the drop off zone at the front of the Primary School Office in the afternoon at the end of school. This area is a NO PARKING zone from 3.00 pm until 3.30 pm every day to allow after-school buses to safely collect students. We encourage you to use our car line service. Thank you for noting this.

Bus Pass / Opal Cards

Paper bus passes have been replaced this year with Opal Cards. Students need to carry their cards and tap them every time they board the bus. Opal Cards were sent home this week for students who had a bus pass in 2015. If your child is in Year 3 in 2016, and you completed and returned a bus form to the school by the 20 November 2015, their pass has been posted to your home address. All new applications for bus passes and change of address etc need to be completed online at transportnsw.info/school-students. Once completed, the application is to be printed, signed and returned to the school for endorsement. The school will then send it through to Transport NSW, who will send the Opal card directly to the address provided on the application. If you have any queries please contact Transport NSW on 131 500.

APPA – Avondale Primary Performing Arts Auditions (Years 3 to 6)

Auditions for APPA will be held at lunchtime next Wednesday, February 17. Students in Years 3 to 6 who would like to audition for the group need to complete and return a signed permission note and learn a short script to act out. Applications and audition scripts are available from the Primary Office.
Year 12 Week of Worship
February 15 - 19 is Week of Worship! Each year, our Year 12 class leads out, setting the tone at the start of the year with a powerful spiritual program. This year the class has chosen the theme “Revival - Bring it Forward”. The class is praying for a revival in our school... not something that’s happened in the past, but a move of the Spirit that will lead us into the year and beyond. Why Week of Worship? It’s all about uplifting the God we serve, and allowing Him the space to move amongst us and touch us with His Spirit at the start of the year. The Year 12 band will play each day, and five students will present thoughts on Submission, Conviction, Confession, Repentance, and Revival! Presenting this year will be Braydon H, Madison K, Jordan W, Grace V and John L. The program will run Mon - Thurs from 8:45 - 9:40 am, and 12:04 - 1:04 pm on Friday. Parents... feel free to stop in and check it out. Please pray for our school as we head into this special week!

K-6 Library Borrowing
Kindy to Year 6 students have been eagerly bringing their library bags to the iCentre and borrowing lots of library books this week. Most students have jumped right in and begun borrowing our colourful picture books, fabulous fiction and informative non-fiction books. Remember that if you forget your library bag on your library day you can come to the iCentre the next day and do your borrowing.

Year 7 Students
This week Year 7 students have begun discovering the high school section of the library during their English classes. Year 7 students are able to borrow up to six books at one time, and we encourage them to borrow from our great range of fiction and non-fiction regularly throughout the year.

Music at Avondale
If you would like to be involved in any of these ensembles, please contact Mrs S Cooper, Mrs Campbell, Miss Knopper or Mr Craig.

Primary Music Room
Grade 3 – 4 Choir - 8:30 – 9:15 am ......................... Wednesday
Junior String Ensemble - 8:15 – 8:45 am ...................... Thursday
Intermediate String Ensemble - 8:15–8:55 am ............ Tuesday
Senior String Ensemble - 3:20 – 4:30pm ..................... Tuesday
Music Building
Grade 5 – 6 Choir - 8:30 – 9:15 am ......................... Thursday
Secondary Choir - 3:30 – 5:00 pm ......................... Wednesday
Intermediate Band - 3:30 – 4:15 pm ......................... Thursday
Concert Band - 3:30 – 5:00 pm ......................... Tuesday
Primary Ensemble Room
Primary Handbells - 3:20 – 4:30 pm ....................... Tuesday
Junior Band will commence in a few weeks for students beginning band instruments. If you are interested in learning a new instrument, or are learning but not involved in an ensemble, please contact Mrs Shelley Cooper about joining. Please contact Miss Knopper if you wish to be involved in Stage Band and Secondary Handbells later in the year.
We Value respect

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

I read an editorial in the media this week and the headline was ‘Respect – a quality seriously lacking in today’s society.’ It caught my attention because that is the value we have been promoting at Avondale. The article pointed out some of the behaviours in public places and on the road that demonstrate a lack of respect for individuals and personal safety.

Respect means valuing each others’ point of view. It means being open to being wrong. It means accepting people as they are. It means not dumping on someone because you’re having a bad day. It means being polite and kind always, because being kind to people is not negotiable. It means not dismissing people because they’re different from you. It means not gossiping about people or spreading lies.

Respectful behavior should be something that children want to do without overindulgent rewards. However, it is good to associate respectful behavior with intangible rewards such as praise, recognition, extra responsibility, and privileges.

Teaching respect takes patience, time, and a willingness to do as you preach. Modelling respectful behavior makes for an effective teacher. Time isn’t everything though, is it? It takes years to rear a respectful child and only moments to fill one with anger and disrespect.

Which one do you choose?

Have a great week!

Dr David Faull

**SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016**

| Term 1 | Wednesday, January 27 - Friday, April 8 |
| Term 2 | Tuesday, April 26 - Friday, July 1 |
| Term 3 | Monday, July 25 - Friday, September 23 |
| Term 4 | Monday, October 10 - Monday, December 12 |

**Primary Calendar - Term 1**

Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6).................................February 16
APPA Auditions Years 3 – 6 ..................................February 17
MakerDay Mufti Fundraiser ..................................February 18
Kindy Rest Day ..................................................February 19
HRIS Swimming Carnival .......................................February 24
Interim Reports ...................................................February 29
Year 1 Team Building Incursion .................................March 2
Parent Teacher Interviews .....................................March 3
Open Day .........................................................March 8
Chess Competition ................................................March 9
CIS Swimming Carnival .........................................March 22
Easter ........................................................................March 25 - 28

**Secondary Calendar - Term 1**

Year 8 & 10 Information Evening ...............................February 15
Year 7 & 8 Information Evening ...............................February 16
Year 12 Week of Worship .................................February 15 - 19
Year 12 Work Placement ........................................February 22 - 26
Secondary Vaccinations ........................................February 23
HRIS Tennis Juniors ................................................February 23
Interim Reports .....................................................February 29
Year 10 Business Week .................................February 29 - March 4
Open Day ...........................................................March 8
HRIS Swimming ....................................................March 9

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**CANTEEN**

**Munchery News**

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then click the Login button.
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