THIS WEEK ... students from K-2 have been involved in an intensive swimming program. Year 2 students have been showcasing all kinds of different celebrations. Our Touch Football Teams had a great day of competition. Our Chess Teams were challenged in the finals. We have been busy completing assessments to document learning and growth. We held a Remembrance Day Service to help our students understand our history and show respect.

NEXT WEEK ... swimming continues for all students. Our girls’ Soccer Team plays a match. Students from Year 4 head to the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney. Our Cricket Team competes against other schools. On Thursday our ASD Parent Support Group will be meeting at 2.15 pm. All parents are welcome to join us to discuss the challenges of parenting!

Transitions and changes are often difficult for all of us. Some children (and adults) find change incredibly difficult. In order to support students, we have planned to have students spend a morning visiting their 2016 classrooms on Monday, November 30. They will spend time with each of the three Year Level teachers, and eat lunch and play in their new area. Teachers will take the time to discuss anything that will be new or different for 2016. Our goal is to build resilience and have students feel confident and excited about the year ahead.

MAKING A MARK ... “Never be afraid to trust an unknown to a known God.” Corrie Ten Boom

DONE AND DUSTED ... I can’t believe that we’ve had our last week of official classes preparing for Year 10 Exams next week! Without the pressure of assessments and just major practical works, Year 10 have been revising for their exams, while Year 7-9 students have been given opportunity to start their revision process in earnest and get tips on study for each subject. Our Prefects were really blessed at the Stand Tall event on Tuesday, encouraged and fired up to be better leaders. We had the privilege of representing our School at the Remembrance Day ceremony at Morisset Country Club RSL on Wednesday, while also taking time in our School program to stop and reflect on the sacrifice of many for our enjoyed freedom. Last night was a wonderful celebration of our Year 12 group at their formal! They simple seem to grow up overnight!

CHALKBOARD ITEMS ... We farewell our Year 12 Cambodia team on Sunday for two weeks, giving time, money and themselves in service. This is an awesome part of our program! As mentioned, we have Year 10 Exams and another week of revision and preparation for Year 7-9 exams. Our Year 11 group are well and truly into the rigours of their HSC program and will have a couple more assessments on their plate! We push forward in strength!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED ... One quarter of your bones in your body are in your feet. I wonder if that has anything to do with your balance too?

I trust study, revision and adequate sleep are top of the priority list this weekend!

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Knights and Rookies Chess Finals
This week our Knights and Rookies Chess teams went to Newcastle for the finals of the Hunter Region Chess Competition. In the Knights division it was a tough battle between St Phillip’s (W), Caves Beach and Avondale School. After seven rounds of chess the winning margin was only half a point.

1st Avondale School 19 points
2nd St Philip’s Waratah School 18½ points
3rd Caves Beach School 17½ points

Congratulations to Board 1 - Liam B (6.5/7), Board 2 - Elijah M (5/7), Board 3 - Alan K (4.5/7) and Board 4 - Liam C (3/7).

In the Rookies division it was also close at the top end of the competition with only two and a half points separating the top three teams.

1st St Philip’s Waratah School 20 points
2nd Newcastle Grammar School 19 points
3rd Avondale School 17½ points

This year has been very successful for our Avondale School Chess Teams with a top three placing in each level of competition with over 80 primary teams.

HRIS Touch Football
This week Avondale School sent a girls and a boys team to Wallsend to compete in the HRIS Touch Football Competition. This is the first time that the HRIS has held a Primary Touch Football Competition. Only one of our team members plays the sport weekly outside of school, so it was difficult to know what the standard of play would be like at this competition. Some teams had six of their players in local teams, which made the standard quite high. Both teams came away very happy with their results.

Girls Division
1st St Philip’s Christian College (PS)
2nd Newcastle Grammar School
3rd St Columba’s School
4th Avondale School
5th Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College
6th St Philip’s Christian College (C)
7th Macquarie College

Boys Division
1st St Columba’s School
2nd Newcastle Grammar School
3rd Avondale School
4th Macquarie College
5th St Philip’s Christian College (PS)
6th St Philip’s Christian College
7th Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College

Kindy-Year 2 Learn to Swim Program
November 9 – 20
All students in Years K-2 will participate in a Learn to Swim Program at Morisset Heated Pool until Friday, November 20. Students will swim every day and are required to bring their swimmers and towel (goggles are optional) each day.

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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.

ASD Parent Support Group
Our support group will meet next Thursday, November 19 at 2.15 pm in Room 11. We welcome all parents who would like to meet to discuss parenting challenges such as anxious children, managing change and developing social strategies. This is a great chance to meet new friends and share together.

GOLD CRUSH
Discovering the Rock of Ages
NOVEMBER 21 - 10:00am
www.gatewayscommunity.com.au
A Night Of Glamour

The Year 12 Formal is always a showstopper – with gorgeous girls in gowns and dapper lads in tow, the evening brings smiles, camera moments and an enjoyable walk down memory lane. It would seem our young people become adults in the blink of an eye, poised, wonderfully polite and full of hope for the future. In spite of the rain upon arrival, our Year 12 class of 2015 were in high spirits from the time their parents oo’d and ah’d until final goodbyes at 10.00 pm. Linton Gardens provides the perfect backdrop for this event, and Nicholas B and Jonathon G created an awesome atmosphere and program with entertaining movies, awards and music. Thanks for a great night, Year 12!

A Cambodian Adventure Awaits!

This coming Sunday at 6.30am, 23 Year 12 students and 4 staff members will embark on an adventure of a lifetime to Cambodia on our 7th annual schoolies trip. Throughout the year these students have worked hard to raise funds to purchase tickets, pay for expenses, and support Restore One’s project in the village. This year’s funds are paying to help build a home for a family in Chom Trou Village, as well as building a classroom for the deaf. The students will have the opportunity to explore history, experience culture, taste unique food and visit ancient sites throughout their travels. Please pray for our students and staff as they travel by plane, van and Tuk Tuk to make a difference in the lives of the people in the Chom Trou village of Cambodia.

A Word From the Chaplain

When we talk about hope here at Avondale School, how do we define it? What is it we hope for and where does that hope lead us? The Bible says in the book of Hebrews, “This hope we have as an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast...” What hope is this referring to? As Christians we believe that Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection gives us life, and it’s in that abundant life through Him that we live and move every day. That life that we’ve been given through Jesus extends beyond this life into eternity where we will be forever young. We rest our hopes in this simple message ... that Jesus died and rose again, and has gone into Heaven for us where he pours out His love, grace, forgiveness and hope as our High Priest and Advocate forever. Do you ever feel like a ship without an anchor, tossed by the troubles and trials this life throws at you? Jesus will be an anchor for your soul when you place your trust in Him. This hope leads us into eternity into the very presence of God, and this is the hope we live for and believe in here at Avondale School.

Pr Brian - Secondary Chaplain
Week 7 (ending Nov 20)
Week 8 (ending Nov 27)
Week 9 (ending Dec 4)

HELP NEEDED
Gateway Church, Avondale School’s campus church, are requesting the help of any parents who would be willing to help out at the Carols event on Sunday, December 6. Please contact Shellee Carrasco on 0400 310 440.

PLEASE NOTE
Volunteer Exam Readers and Writers Needed
We are needing some volunteers to be readers and writers for the upcoming Year 7-9 exams. If you are able to help for a morning, an afternoon, a whole day or more during the week of the November 23 - 26 we would love to hear from you! Please contact our Learning Support Coordinator, Mrs Karen Price, via email at kprice@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au or by phoning 4977 0215.

LIBRARY

Years 7-12 Returns
Friday, November 20 is the last day for high school borrowing in 2015 and all books need to be returned prior to sign-off day on December 4, or a charge will be made. Students who will be in Year 12 at Avondale School in 2016 are able to borrow books for research and study over the year end, provided they return all items on loan and then re-borrow items for use during the end of year break.

K-6 Book Returns
Have you returned your library books yet? Look under your bed and behind the couch and please bring your library books back to the library ASAP. Don’t forget that there are prizes for the first class in each stage to return all their library books!

K-6 Library Year-End Timetable
Library parties for perfect borrowers.
Library parties for perfect borrowers.
Library classes finish for the year.
Return all student class library books.
Return all parent library books.

10c Book Sale
Thank you to the many students and parents who visited our 10c Book Sale on Tuesday. Exactly 500 books were sold raising a grand total of $50.00, which will be used to purchase new chess sets for students to use in the library.

10c Book Sale

Primary Calendar - Term 4
K-2 Swimming..............................................November 9 - 20
Gateway Kids Games Night 7.00 - 8.30 pm MPC......November 14
Gateway Kids Soccer Stars - School Oval.................November 15
Year 4 PowerHouse Museum Excursion..................November 17
Senior Girls Soccer.........................................November 17
HRIS Cricket.................................................November 18
ASD Support Group..........................................November 19
Get Active Ends for Term 4................................November 19
Gateway Kids Kids Rally 10.30 am - 12.00 pm MPC...November 21
Gateway Kids Soccer Stars - School Oval (Last Day)...November 22
Year 6 Canberra Trip.......................................November 23 - 26

Secondary Calendar - Term 4
Band at Wyong SDA Church....................................November 14
Year 10 Final Exams .......................................November 16 - 20
Year 7-9 Final Exams.......................................November 23 - 26
Year 11 Geography Excursion..............................November 23
Year 10 Driver Education....................................November 24
Year 10 Life Skills Program.................................November 25
Year 10 Leadership Training.................................November 25
P&F Meeting 3.15 pm Admin Building.....................November 25
Pupil Free Day...............................................November 27
Year 7-11 Final Sign-Off Day...............................December 4
Secondary Speech Night 7.00 pm MPC.....................December 9

We Value hope