THIS WEEK … we have enjoyed the talents of our students with ‘Avondale School’s Got Talent’ competitions. A team of students very effectively showed off their public speaking skills at the HRIS Competition. Our HRIS Cross Country Team competed brilliantly at the CIS Carnival. Teachers are completing student reports, which will be emailed to you next Friday.

NEXT WEEK … is a sporting delight with Athletics Days on Tuesday for Years 3 and 4, Wednesday for Years 5 and 6, and Friday for Year 2. Year 6 students head to Ourimbah for a practical lesson in bike safety and Year 5 students are off to the IMAX Theatre in Sydney.

OPTIMISM … This week we have continued to learn about Optimism. This is a great value to focus on in the lead up to reports. Many students will be delighted to see their reports, while other students may feel disappointed. The important part of debriefing with children about their report is to frame the information positively. Below expected grades need to be framed as an opportunity to implement strategies and look forward to future growth. Take the time to commend your child on the positive aspects of the report while looking positively at the growth opportunities.

Happy weekend!

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MAKING A MARK … “We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.”  Oscar Wilde

DONE AND DUSTED … 4 days saw us straight into more reports, handing in tasks and into the business of learning. Year 10 enjoyed a production of MacBeth on Tuesday and a handful of students flew off to Cairns for their Duke of Ed trip on Wednesday. Other than that, it was business as usual!

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … We have a routine week ahead with the addition of HRIS Basketball. A really special event on Sabbath next week is the Pre-Tour Concert. This is a fundraiser for our students in Band, Choir and Strings to generate their payment of tour by getting ticket sales! It’s a great night out and we’d love to see you there! June 25, 7.00 pm, MPC.

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … “Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can’t help them, at least don’t hurt them.”  Dalai Lama

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Year 2-6 Athletics Days
The Athletics Days for students in Years 2-6 will be held next week on the Primary Oval.

Tuesday, June 21
Year 3 and 4

Wednesday, June 22
Year 5 and 6

Friday, June 24
Year 2

Students are required to wear their sport uniform on the day of their Athletics Day. To raise money for school projects, the P&F will be selling slushies from the sport shed for $2.00 on each Athletics Day.

Parent Helpers Needed
Mr Head would love the help of parents who would be willing to assist a teacher in the operation of one of the athletic events. If you are able to assist, please phone the Primary Office on 4977 0215 and leave your name and preferred day.

The Munchery
There will be fresh warm muffins and steaming warm cuppas available for morning tea from The Munchery on each of the Athletics Days. Cuppa and cake - only $5.

Red Nose Day Fundraiser - Mufti Day
Friday, June 24
Next Friday, June 24, is Red Nose Day. All students are asked to wear red and to bring a gold coin (or note) to raise money for the SIDS and Kids Foundation.

Years 3-6 students need to wear sport appropriate clothing including joggers. Year 2 students are to wear their sport shorts and shoes with a red top as it is their Athletics Day on this day.

SIDS and Kids are dedicated to saving the lives of babies and children. A limited number of Red Noses will be for sale on Friday morning before school for $3.00. We look forward to seeing RED next Friday!

Parent Teacher Interviews
Primary Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the iCentre on Tuesday, June 28 (excluding 4R). Bookings can be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au. The booking code is jjabv. We look forward to seeing you there.

4R Parent Teacher Interviews
Change of Date to TUESDAY, JUNE 21
Please note that 4R Parent Teacher Interviews will be held next week on Tuesday, June 21 in the classroom. An email was sent to parents last week advising of the change. Bookings can be made by phoning the Primary Office on 4977 0215.

School Reports
School Reports will be emailed to parents next Friday, June 24.

Chickenpox
We have had a number of reported cases of Chickenpox in the Primary School. Chickenpox is contagious and begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash. Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure. For more information please view the information from the Department of Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/chickenpox.html

Year 4 Packaging Incursion
Year 4 had an enjoyable and informative presentation from Mrs Jeanette Auston from Australia Post to coincide with the Science unit ‘Package it Better’. She described the best packaging for a variety of fragile articles and postal situations. Mrs Auston brought lots of packaging to display and students asked lots of questions about how Australia Post operates. Mrs Auston gave each child a card and envelope to address correctly, and she is going to post them for the students.

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Year 10 English Excursion to Macbeth
On Tuesday all of Year 10 travelled to the Seymour Centre to see Sydney-based theatre company, Sport for Jove, perform arguably the best-known tragedy in English literature, Shakespeare’s Macbeth. This thrilling and critically acclaimed production has played to thousands of students across NSW, and for good reason. The production was a haunting vision of what extreme ambition can do to people. As a lead on from their Year 9 study of Romeo and Juliet and the Bell Shakespeare production they saw at the Opera House, it was another immersive and exciting Shakespearean theatre experience for our students.

Uniform Code & General Grooming Policy
The School Uniform Committee met recently and addressed a few issues regarding the school uniform. Please take note that as of June 2016 the Uniform Code and General Grooming policy in the Student Handbook - Secondary Campus has been amended. The updated Uniform Code and General Grooming Policy was sent via email to all Secondary parents last week.

EP Taking Chapel Next Week
EP (Endless Praise) are coming to Chapel this coming Monday, June 20 as part of their Forevermore Tour. EP are an Australian Christian music band. EP’s message is of a HOPE that the world has forgotten about, but it’s Christ in them that transcends this message across.

Band & Choir Pre-Tour Concert
Saturday, June 25, 7.00 pm
Avondale School MPC

Family ($20) / Adult ($10) / Student/Pensioner ($5)

3.30 – 4.30 PM THURSDAYS
ALL THIS TERM IN THE ICENTRE

A CHANCE TO:
» DO INDEPENDENT STUDY
» COMPLETE YOUR HOMEWORK
» GET SOME HELP WITH WRITING (JUST SORTING THAT ESSAY OUT!)
» GET SOME HELP WITH MATHS (EVEN THAT TRICKY HOMEWORK QUESTION!)
» GET SOME GUIDANCE ON THAT ASSESSMENT TASK YOU NEED TO START!

Hope to see you there!
PLEASE NOTE

Family Fee Invoice/Statements
Within the next few days your Family Fee Invoice/Statement will be emailed to you. We are limited in the number of emails we can send this to and so one parent has been selected to receive the account if the invoice is in more than one name. If there is only one name on the invoice, that person should have been the one to receive your copy. If you don’t receive a copy, or we have sent it to the incorrect parent/guardian, then please let the Business Office know and we will amend. Thank you for being patient as we work through this new process. We hope to have the option sheet available early in the new year as well.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In a Better Homes and Gardens article titled ‘Laugh Your Way to Good Health’, Nick Gallo made an observation that echoes what Solomon wrote thousands of years ago in Proverbs 17:22 - ‘A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person’s strength’. Gallo comments, “Humour is good medicine and can actually help keep you in good health”. Comparing laughter to exercise, Gallo pointed out that when a person laughs heartily, several physical benefits occur - there’s a temporary lowering of blood pressure, a decreased rate of breathing and a reduction in muscle tension. He concludes, “An enduring sense of humour, especially combined with other inner resources such as faith and optimism, appears to be a potent force for better health”.

As Christians, our faith is firmly rooted in God, and our optimism is based on the assurance that our lives are under His wise guidance. So don’t be afraid to enjoy a good laugh - it’s good medicine! Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

CALENDAR

Primary Calendar - Term 2
Year 6Hi & 6SM Bike Day Excursion.................................................June 20
Year 6HO Bike Day Excursion......................................................June 21
Years 3-5 & 4 Athletics Day .......................................................June 23
Year 4R Parent Teacher Interviews.............................................June 21
Year 5 & 6 Athletics Day .............................................................June 24
Year 5 IMAX Excursion .............................................................June 22
Get Active Ends for Term 2 .......................................................June 23
Year 2 Athletics Day .................................................................June 24
P-12 Red Nose Mufti Day (wear something red!).......................June 22
Primary Parent Teacher Interviews in the iCentre.................June 28

Secondary Calendar - Term 2
Duke of Edinburgh Camp..........................................................June 15 - 20
HRIS Basketball ........................................................................June 22
Get Active Ends for Term 2 .......................................................June 23
P-12 Red Nose Mufti Day (wear something red!).......................June 24
Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews in the CLC ......June 27 & 28
Year 12 SOR2 & Modern History Excursion .........................June 30
STORMCo Trip .................................................................July 1 - 7
Last Day of Term 2 ...................................................................July 1
Year 11 VET Work Placement ..................................................July 18 - 22
Year 12 Start Term 3 ...............................................................July 21

LIBRARY

Term 2 K-6 Library Prizes
It has been wonderful to see so many regular library borrowers during Term 2. Students in Kindy-Year 2 who have borrowed every week this term received their prizes this week and Years 3-6 students will receive their prizes next week. Borrowing has finished for Primary students for Term 2, so please return any outstanding books as soon as possible.

Secondary School Holiday Borrowing
The term end break is an opportunity to catch up on great books. We encourage all Secondary students to borrow books for holiday reading. All loans during the next two weeks will be extended so that they are due at the beginning of Term 3. Check out new titles on the library catalogue page (on Landscape) or come into the library and ask a librarian to help you find a ‘just right’ book. If you would like to make your reading count for House points, it’s not too late to enter Reading Rulz! for 2016. The reading record form is available on the Secondary School library section of Landscape http://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/3315

SCHOOL TERMS 2016

- Term 2: Tuesday, April 26 - Friday, July 1
- Term 3: Monday, July 25 - Friday, September 23
- Term 4: Monday, October 10 - Monday, December 12

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Friday 24th June
Time
How our school is celebrating
Date

FRIDAY JUNE 24

P-12 MUFTI DAY
WEAR SOMETHING RED FOR RED NOSE DAY
BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION (AND BUY A RED NOSE!)