THIS WEEK ... all of our students have been engaged in swimming lessons. Our Cricket Team were not only great sports, they won the Tri-Schools Cricket Competition.

NEXT WEEK ... students with perfect borrowing records begin Library Parties, Year 2 have an exciting Science Day planned and our 2017 Kindy students come to school for their second practice day.

OUR VALUE ... This week our students have heard stories and watched videos about people who have made a difference in the lives of others through their compassion. Compassion requires action. It means nothing to feel for someone without acting. We encourage our students to look for ways to brighten someone’s day; a smile, a compliment, showing that we understand, lending a helping hand, writing a note. ‘It is not our job to toughen our children up to face a cruel and heartless world. It’s our job to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless.’ L.R. Knost

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you." Mother Theresa

This week our Year 10s began their final exams and our Year 11s (we’re calling them Year 12 now) went on their retreat. Both significant: exams because we have been focusing on this end goal and students have been encouraged to study, prepare and achieve their best in this process for several weeks; the retreat because this was also about goals – looking ahead to the HSC year and setting their sights on success, completion and doing it together. In just over a week, our juniors will be entering their end game as well (another goal of personal bests in exams). It’s all about achievement of goals – but you have to set them to achieve them. Stepping up. Making time in class and at home count. Intentionally trying your best. I encourage you, as families, to make the most of every opportunity to have our students achieve personal success in these last weeks of 2016.

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SPORT

Table Tennis Competition
November 21 - 24
The Table Tennis Competition will be held next week in the MPC. The competition will be run over three lunchtimes - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Students need to register for the competition with Mrs Ginn.

Years 3-6 Hand Ball Competition
November 28 - 29
The Handball Competition will be held on November 28 and 29 for students in Years 3-6. There will be two divisions, Junior (Years 3-4), and Senior (Years 5-6). Students who would like to play need to register their names next week with Mrs Ginn in the Sports Shed.

Tri-Schools Cricket
What a day! Our Cricket Team went into the Tri-Series Competition knowing that it had been almost four years since we had last won this day. They knew that both Macquarie College and Central Coast Adventist School boasted representative players.

Avondale School played Macquarie College in their first game. They set a total of 6/50 runs to beat. With lots of grit and determination, and only losing three wickets, Avondale School won the game with a full over to spare at 3/51. Macquarie College and CCAS had a grueling match that finished with only two runs difference. The final game played was between Avondale School and CCAS. Our team set the score of 9/44 with a reduced 15 overs innings. By the end of the 15 overs, Avondale School was victorious, keeping CCAS to a score of 8/29. Congratulations to our team for winning the Tri-Schools Cricket Shield!

Out of Uniform
If your child is out of uniform, parents please send a note or email to the teacher to explain the uniform situation. We ask that you have your child back in the correct uniform as quickly as possible.

Early Arrival at School
Please note that playground supervision begins at 8.00 am. For safety reasons we request that students not arrive at school before 8.00 am. Thank you for supporting us in keeping your children safe.

School Travel 2017 – Opal Cards
Students will need to keep their current Opal Cards for travel in 2017. These cards will be automatically deactivated for school holidays and then reactivated for school travel in Term 1 so do not throw them away. Please note, you will need to reapply at www.transportnsw.info/school-students only if your child is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 or from Year 6 to Year 7 to ensure your child is able to travel in 2017.

Suzuki Strings
On Sunday students from Avondale School attended the 38th Suzuki Graduation Concert with over 800 students performing and showcasing their wonderful talents on one of the world’s most iconic stages, the Concert Hall of the Sydney Opera House. For the first time ever double bass featured at this concert. Congratulations to every student for their hard work and success.

Viola - Rhianna L
Cello - Millicent R, Jason L, Kaiden A
Double Bass - Acacia R

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday 29 November at 10am
Avondale School Kindy Centre
Book online at www.avondaleschool.com.au
Cost is $15 per child (souvenir winter & gift for child)
Come and Join the carnival
Carnival games, Face painting, Juggling Show, Balloons, Cupcake decorating and heaps more!


Years 3-6 Swimming Program

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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
**Class**

**Year 7 Geography Excursion**
Year 7 spent a most enjoyable and educational day at Port Stephens last week investigating Tourism and Endangered Species. The weather was perfect and large numbers of dolphins were seen. Comments from the students included:

"It was such a fun and different way to learn about the environment and see one of nature's most beautiful animals."

"I loved seeing the dolphins up close, being in the boom net and swimming in the ocean. I was surprised how comfortable and safe the cruise boat was."

"It was so much fun and definitely should be done with Year 7 next year!"

"Thanks so much for taking us Mrs McKim, Mrs Hosken, Mr Gorry and Miss Fraser!"

**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.

**Step Up**

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!
Week 7

K-6 Library Year-End Activities
Week 7 (ending Nov. 25) Library parties for perfect borrowers.
Week 8 (ending Dec. 2) Library parties for perfect borrowers.
Last week for library classes.
Return all student class library books.
Return all parent library books.

Week 8

library books will be awarded in Monday's assembly.
If your library books are lost, they need to be paid for so that they can be replaced. Prizes for the first three classes to return their library books this week.

Return of K-6 Library Books
Thanks to the students who returned their library books this week. If you haven’t returned your library books yet, please do so next week. If your library books are lost, they need to be paid for so that they can be replaced. Prizes for the first three classes to return all their library books will be awarded in Monday’s assembly.

Return of K-6 Library Books

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“Isn’t anyone going to help that poor guy!” Fred exclaimed as he and a friend saw what had been causing the traffic to creep at a very slow pace on a main road. A man lay sprawled between the lanes, bicycle on top of him, with vehicles driving round him. Quickly they turned on the orange warning lights and blocked the traffic with their car. Both guys jumped out to help the shaken man.

It’s easy to find reasons not to get involved. We can be busy, indifferent or even fearful. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus commended the man who acted out of compassion even though it was inconvenient, difficult and costly to do so. Jesus said to us, “Go and do likewise”. (Luke 10: 37)

True compassion takes the opportunity to put love in action! Caring is as basic as giving money to help someone living hard on the streets. Some stop work to look after aged parents. For some it is as simple as being patient and kind, or holding the door open for a lady with a pram, or giving a cup of cold water to a very flushed hot individual. That is how Jesus would show compassion. If you really care, you’ll want to share. Enjoy this week's news!

Dr David Faull
Principal

Library

Y12 CAMBODIA 2017 FUNDRAISER

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 oreillydg1@bigpond.com or 0409 826 905.

CALENDAR

Primary Calendar - Term 4
Table Tennis Competition..............................................November 21 - 24
Year 2 Science Day Incursion.....................................November 23
Year 4 Powerhouse Museum Excursion...........................November 24
Kindy 2017 Visit #2................................................November 24
Get Active Ends for Term 4 .......................................November 24
Handball Competition.................................................November 28 & 29
P&F Meeting 3.15pm Admin Building.........................December 1
Pupil Free Day ...........................................................December 2
Kindy Christmas Concert.........................................December 7
End of Year Celebration...........................................December 8

Secondary Calendar - Term 4
Year 12 Cambodia Schoolies Service Trip..............November 13 - 28
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
P&F Meeting 3.15pm Admin Building.......................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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