THIS WEEK … our students were really patient with getting photos taken. Students from 3M have been cooking up a storm. Several teachers attended a Professional Development Day where they learned more skills in meeting the needs of all students within their class. Lots of enthusiastic students have been involved in athletics training before school.

NEXT WEEK … our students will be busy learning. Our basketball teams continue to train hard in preparation for the HRIS Basketball Competition. The Intermediate and Senior String Ensembles will be playing at Lakeside Church on Saturday.

ON MANNERS … I hear people comment that this younger generation are the ‘me generation’; everything has to be about them. We work hard at school to encourage our students to be outward looking, helpful and polite. We work hard to demand and reinforce good manners in our students. You can support us by insisting that your children always say “Please”, “Thank you” and “Excuse me” with sincerity and eye contact. Establishing good manners helps our children to become polite, respectful young people.

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MAKING A MARK … “Appreciation can make a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it into words is all that is necessary.” Margaret Cousins

DONE AND DUSTED … School Photo Day was a great success. Our Year 12 Parent Teacher night was busy, collaborative and set a tone for the next segment of the HSC journey. We continue to plan, push and encourage these great students to achieve their best. Year 10 Photographic and Digital Media students visited Sydney, enjoying the forms and style of the city; Year 12 Food Technology visited Sanitarium Labs and learnt about the food production process. And the assessment processes are truly underway with our students across the board.

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … Year 7 have their second round of vaccinations on Tuesday and our Prefects are connecting with some other schools to talk leadership on Thursday. School programs continue as normal in all respects and in just over a week we have our Athletics Day. Don’t forget we have a great careers website to check out: www.avondaleschoolcareers.com – don’t hesitate in using it!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.” Leo Buscaglia

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GENERAL

School Uniform
Thanks to all the parents who have their children looking neat and tidy in their winter uniforms. If your daughter has her ears pierced, we ask you to support us by ensuring only clear plastic studs are worn to school. Please note that girls do have the option of wearing grey trousers in winter. Girls’ trousers are available from the Uniform Shop.

ICAS Science Competition
Tuesday, May 31
The ICAS Science Competition will take place on Tuesday, May 31. The top ten scientific thinkers in Years 3-6 have been selected to sit the competition and were given an invitation this week. Students who were not nominated are still able to enter the competition by completing an application form, available from the Primary Office, signing and returning it along with $8.80 by Friday, May 27.

SPORT

Cross Country Singlets
There are still quite a number of School Cross Country singlets that need to be washed and returned to Mr Head ASAP. Thank you to all parents who have already returned their child’s singlet.

HRIS Basketball
Tuesday, June 7
Avondale School has four basketball teams who will be competing at the HRIS Basketball Competition in Maitland on Tuesday, June 7. The Junior Boys will be playing at Hunter Valley Grammar School while the Senior Boys and both Junior and Senior Girl teams will be playing at the Maitland Basketball Stadium. Uniforms will be handed out and re-collected on the day.

Primary Chess
The Knights and Rookies teams will be playing their first five rounds of chess on campus in the CLC on Monday, May 23. Our Knights and Rookies teams will be playing Barnsley Public, Biddabah Public, St Mary’s Primary, Charlton Christian College and Cooranbong Public. The Kings Chess team will be playing their first five rounds of chess on campus in the CLC on Wednesday, June 1. Our Kings team will be playing New Lambton South Public, Belair Public, New Lambton Public and St Philip’s Christian College. Students in these chess teams have started after school coaching on Monday afternoons from 3.20 pm until 4.30 pm with our School Chess Coach.

Athletics Training
All students from Years 2-6 are invited to train with Mr Head before school from 8.00 am until 8.45 am each morning except Wednesdays.

Year 4 Awabakal Education Centre Excursion
Year 4 students had a wonderful outdoor excursion last Friday to the Awabakal Educational Centre in Dudley. They built a gunyah, made a coolimom, painted their faces with ochre and learned about the culture of the earliest settlers in the Lake Macquarie area.

Year 1-6 Music Class Concerts
In Music this term all students from Years 1-6 will have the opportunity to sing, play or dance in our annual class concerts. Students will continue to practise their item in the music class lesson at school each week. The concerts will take place in Week 6, (Monday, May 30 – Friday, June 3). Parents are welcome to attend their child’s performance, which will take place during their class music lesson timeslot. If there is not enough time to complete all performances in the allotted lesson, they will be carried forward to the following week.
Secondary

CLASS

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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!

Hope to see you there!

GENERAL

School Reunion
Old Friends, New Connections
An outstanding historical display greeted a large group of ex-students, parents and friends of Avondale School last weekend. Ex-students were amazed at the changes since they were at school. The morning program showcased the stunning School Combined Choirs and Orchestra, and celebrated the contribution of Bob and Angie Kalaf to school swimming. It was wonderful to see old friends reconnecting after 20 – 40 years. A number of groups toured the School, recalling great memories. An outstanding Celebration Dinner concluded the Reunion. Thank you to our Parents and Friends for a tremendous event.

Year 12 Cambodia Family Photo Fundraiser

What you receive:
1 x 13 x h Photographic prints
2 x 10 x 8 Photographic prints
1 x 13 x h Promo calendar
1 x 4 x 3 Photographic prints
1 x 13 x h Family portrait

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Showcasing our Elective Music students. Come and support your friends and family in this fun and FREE evening of entertainment!

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Entertainment Books were made available to the youngest child of each family earlier this week. Use 3-4 vouchers and your investment has paid for itself. The rest of the use is a BONUS! Each sale of the books helps Parent and Friends directly and provides school equipment for your children. Help your P&F raise $1200 or more by investing in this entertainment opportunity. If you do not wish to purchase the book, please return it to the School Office ASAP. Lost or unreturned books will incur a replacement fee.

School Uniform

Avondale School Uniform Committee met this week. They affirmed the work of the Uniform Shop and change to the buying and selling of second hand uniforms. The Committee affirmed that uniform is important to emphasize equity and presentation. It is important that Avondale School students are in full uniform. Research is to occur on girls shorts and one-piece swimmers.

Parents and Friends

Our enthusiastic P&F Committee met this week and the support for our School and its programs was strongly evident. The Mother’s Day promotion and HRIS Cross Country fundraiser were an outstanding success. The support for Entertainment Book sales is appreciated. Lots of suggestions were discussed for upcoming programs. Watch this space for your P&F upcoming events. You are welcome to volunteer to help!

Woodwork Models Display

Models of a woodwork classroom in 1901, the Avondale High School in 1952 and the High School science laboratory in 1955 formed part of the historical display at the Avondale School Reunion last weekend. The craftsmanship of these items, created by Mr Ray Faull, has amazed all who have seen them. They will be on display in the iCentre until the end of next week and everyone is welcome to view them during opening hours.

Amelia Magazine Craft Opportunity

Amelia Magazine will be hosting a spotlight feature in the library at 12.30 pm on Thursday, May 26. Interested students in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to make a colourful egg cosy featured in this edition of the magazine. All materials will be supplied (at no cost to you) but you will need to book your place soon as there is a limit of 15 places. See Mrs Litster in the library.

PLEASE NOTE

Entertainment Books Have Arrived!

In many parts of the world, when you walk into a supermarket to pick up a kilo of fruit and a litre of milk, you do so with the confidence that both items are free of contamination and that the label on the package is accurate. That kind of product reliability was not developed overnight. One hundred years ago, you would have had no guarantee of either freshness or truth in labeling. Since then, governments have passed laws to help protect the consumer by assuring the quality of products from food to perfume. They require standardised labeling and strict safety tests. We expect reliability. In recent weeks I’ve watched on TV some of the images of refugee camps that have no running water, little or no electricity, no sewerage and very little food. Sometimes it is good for us to acknowledge all the great things we have because people work hard to make those services reliable - so reliable that we take them for granted.

As we settle into Term 2 we are looking to our students to work well and do their best. We look forward to seeing the results of reliable quality learning in the Mid Year School Reports.

Enjoy the news for Week 4.

Dr David Faull
Principal