THIS WEEK … has been a blur of swimming and sport! Our Girls’ Soccer Team blitzed the opposition in a friendly match. I am inspired by their enthusiasm and passion! Our Cricket Team had a great day in the sun. Year 2 have been presenting fantastic celebrations. Year 4 had a brilliant day at the Powerhouse Museum. Our ASD parent support group met to support each other in dealing with anxious children.

NEXT WEEK … our Year 6 students head to Canberra. This is a highlight of Primary School! Our 2016 Kindy students visit us again on Wednesday morning. Friday is a Pupil Free Day to allow teachers to write reports.

OUR CURRENT VALUE … is trust and faith. Our teachers love this opportunity to share with students the difference that faith makes in their lives. Whatever life throws at us, our faith in God makes the journey easier. We have been teaching our students that God can be trusted to keep His promises.

‘Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.’ Proverbs 3:5

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MAKING A MARK … “Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.” William Shakespeare

DONE AND DUSTED … A quiet week, per se, on the Secondary Campus because all focus was on revision (Years 7-9), exams and doing their best (Year 10) and a series of significant assessment tasks, or preparation for them (Year 11). Tails up and heads down! A huge thanks to staff for pursuing revision and preparation tools with our junior students and for also supervising a solid set of exams for Year 10.

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … Before our Pupil Free Day on Friday next week, all of our Year 7-9 students will be engaged in their final Yearly Exams. Most of these exams will be taking place in the MPC, in collective groups, so we wish all of our students the very best in preparation for these. Year 10 change up their program from Monday, with Driving Ed, Life Skills and understanding a little more about senior study. We’re looking forward to an excellent week!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … You’re born with 300 bones, but by the time you become an adult, you only have 206. So do you know where they go?!

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Blessings for an awesome weekend (hopefully cooler), and one with some revision, Years 7-9!
**GENERAL**

### Munchery Canteen

Please note that the Munchery Canteen will close on Friday, December 4. There will be no canteen available for students on Monday, December 7, the last day of Term 4. Thank you for noting this.

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### Sport

#### Senior Girls’ Soccer Team

This week the first ever Senior Girls’ Soccer team travelled to Lakes Anglican Grammar School for a friendly match. The girls have been self-motivated to train and develop their skills at lunchtimes this term. When finally the day arrived they were extremely nervous and excited. The girls played two 40 minute halves with the final score giving Avondale School a win - 11/3. The game was played with such vigour, excitement, enthusiasm and energy that parents and teachers were amazed. Both schools are now looking forward to Girls’ Soccer becoming an annual event.

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#### Tri-Schools Cricket

Every year the Adventist primary schools meet at Martinsville Oval for the annual 20/20 limited over cricket matches between Avondale School, Macquarie College and Central Coast Adventist School. The first match between Avondale School and Macquarie College was won by Macquarie College. The second match between Central Coast Adventist School and Macquarie College was also won by Macquarie College. The third match between Central Coast Adventist School and Avondale School was won by Avondale School. In this match our team captain Elliot MQ bowled extremely well gaining a hat-trick. Central Coast Adventist School were all bowled out for 23 runs which made it easy for the Avondale School opening batsmen of Matthew L, Liam B and Elliott MQ to secure an early victory.

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#### Year 3-6 Swimming

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#### Kindy-Year 2 Learn to Swim Program

The Infant swimming program finished this week. The Morisset Pool instructors were impressed by the level of improvement in swimming of each of the students and said that they were to be congratulated for always trying their very best. Morisset Pool rewarded all the students with an ice block this week for their efforts.

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### Class

#### Pat Conroy Visits Year 6

Our Year 6 students were privileged to meet with our local Member of Parliament, Mr Pat Conroy this week. Students learned about life as a politician and, according to Mr Conroy, asked some very original questions he had never had before. The visit formed part of our Government studies and preceded our annual Canberra trip, and in particular, our visit to Parliament House. The students really appreciated Mr Conroy’s visit. They found he was relatable, down to earth and inspired them to stand up for what they believe in.

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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.
GENERAL

Concert Band Performance
The Secondary Concert Band had the pleasure of being welcomed to 4C Church (Central Coast Community Church) on Saturday. Miss Knopper had the group well tuned and the music was much appreciated. It was the last church performance for our Year 12s in the Concert Band and a ‘home’ church performance for Jessica K, so we acknowledged the great contribution these students have given to the band. The community really appreciated the quality of the music and great comments were heard from a number of people after the performance. The playout opportunities are also great training for public speaking confidence for our students who step up to announce different parts of the program. Excellent performance! Well done Miss Knopper and the team!

END OF YEAR SIGN OFF

The last day of school for all Year 7-11 students will be Friday, December 4. We would appreciate your help in leaving the final sign off process until this time.

If there are extenuating circumstances, we need at least 24 hours notice to ensure we’re prepared with staff and office. Please note that students who need to sign off early, will have to complete a longer and more detailed sign off process.

We MUST have any early sign off requests in writing, along with the reason for absence. An absence extended leave form will also need to be completed (available from Secondary Office) for Government purposes. Thanks for your attention to this.

CLASS

Design Challenge 2015
This week all of the Year 8 Technology students participated in the final stage of the 2015 Design Challenge. Over the past 14 weeks students have been designing and making projects for their ‘clients’ who are residents at Adventist Senior Living, Cooranbong. Students have met with their clients several times during the unit to get to know them and identify needs that can be satisfied through design.

On Tuesday the students presented the 26 clients with their projects in a ceremony that showed the close intergenerational bonds developed over the course of the Design Challenge. As the clients displayed gratitude for their projects the student body glowed with pride and complete satisfaction.

Projects included a multi-function stable table, a patchwork quilt, a portable garden, a crochet storage box, and an easy grip cup holder. Staff from Adventist Senior Living and Avondale School expressed their amazement as they witnessed the pinnacle of this very rich educational event. The Avondale School/Adventist Senior Living learning partnership continues to foster excellence in education.
We Value trust

PLEASE NOTE

Speech Night Planning 2016
We appreciate your feedback on the planning of Speech Nights for 2016. The majority of parents indicated that having both Primary and Secondary Speech Nights on the same day would be the preferred option. The feedback also demonstrated overwhelming support for an evening Speech Night, but that an earlier time slot for Primary was preferred, to accommodate both working parents and parents with younger children. In 2016 Speech Night on December 12, 2016 will be held at the following times:
Primary 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Secondary 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Food will be available for purchase on school grounds between 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm.
Please note that in 2016 the Year 12 Final Chapel (September 23) will be the formal close for Year 12 with certificates presented and photos taken at that time.

LIBRARY

Book Returns
Years 7-12
All books need to be returned prior to sign-off day on December 4, or a charge will be made. Emails will be sent next week showing which books you have on loan. 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.

Kindy-Year 6
Thanks to most students who have returned their library books already. There are still a few students, however, that need to search for their library books ASAP! Please talk to the library staff if your book is lost as you will need to bring along the replacement money to the library.

K-6 Prizes for Speedy Book Returning Classes
Congratulations to the following classes that were first in their stage to have all their library books returned:
K-2 - 2D Years 3 & 4 – 3S Years 5 & 6 – 6SM
They received Freddo frogs, bookmarks and three new books for their class libraries.

K-6 Library Parties
Our Year 3-6 students have enjoyed their library parties this week with Kindy to Year 2 looking forward to their library parties next week. All students are to be commended for their excellent manners and library party behaviour! Congratulations to these 195 library borrowers!

K-6 Library Year-End Timetable
Week 8 (ending Nov 27) Library parties for perfect borrowers.
Library classes finish for the year.
Week 9 (ending Dec 4) Return all student class library books.
Return all parent library books.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

The shocking terror attacks are still fresh news as I think about this week and the value we promote - trust. These attacks on ordinary people going about their business, eating a meal or enjoying a show, are blatant acts of terrorism aimed to strike at “infidel” society. Trust is putting your faith in something outside yourself. It is handing over control. It was Isaac Watts who said, “Learning to trust is one of life’s most difficult tasks”. Recently, I joined the Kindy Orientation as they began the trust journey of being away from mum and being in the presence of new friends who they could learn to trust. Trust is a value of the heart. Just as our children learn to trust us, so we build a relationship with God and put our trust each day in Him.

As we head into the final weeks of the year I have to trust that all the things that have to be done will be done well and that we will have a strong finish to the year. As I do this, I know I can put my trust in God. “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you.” (Isaiah 41:10). As our hearts go out to the victims and as the reality of the atrocity a world away becomes part of history, let us build trust in relationships with family, community and God. Enjoy the news of the week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

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Primary Calendar - Term 4
Gateway Kids Kids Rally 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
Gateway Kids Soccer Stars - School Oval (Last Day) November 22
Year 6 Canberra Trip November 23 - 26
2016 Kindy School Visit November 25
P&F Meeting 3.15 pm Admin Building November 25
Pupil Free Day November 25
Year 1 Tocal Homestead Excursion December 2
Kindy Concert December 2
Last Day for Canteen December 2
Primary Speech Night 7.00 pm MPC December 7
Last Day for Primary Students December 7

Secondary Calendar - Term 4
Year 7-9 Final Exams November 23 - 26
Year 11 Geography Excursion November 23
Year 10 Driver Education November 23
Year 10 Life Skills Program November 24
Year 10 Leadership Training November 25
P&F Meeting 3.15 pm Admin Building November 25
Pupil Free Day November 25
Year 7-11 Final Sign-Off Day December 4
Last Day for Secondary Students December 4
Secondary Speech Night 7.00 pm MPC December 9
Last Day for Staff December 10

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