‘Experiencing Success’, the final concept of our Bounceback! Program, is focused around the idea of success. When a child experiences success, it builds the belief that they can achieve success in the future. There are many things that parents can do to support this important aspect of resilience. Provide opportunities for children to challenge themselves. Gently move them out of their comfort zone. Encourage them and praise their perseverance and creativity but don’t do it for them. It’s really important that children learn to be independent. Have a look at all the day-to-day tasks that you do for your child and begin to teach them and expect them to do things themselves. When we expect children to be independent and resist jumping straight to their rescue, we are reinforcing the idea that they are capable. This helps build a positive attitude and a sense of resilience. The holidays are a great time to begin to teach new skills and to experience new challenges that will lead to a sense of independence and success.

Enjoy a fun holiday with your children. We’re looking forward to seeing them all refreshed and ready to begin Term 4.

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“There is a real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment.” Norman Vincent Peale

As our Year 11s finished their Preliminary Course with an examination week, our Year 12s received those final hours of face-to-face teaching and time with each other on campus. The week culminated in a celebration of these students in the Year 12 Final Chapel today. Our Class of 2016 reflected on all those funny moments of their high school career while Mr Tim Allan encouraged them to believe in their successes and be more than mediocre. There is much to be proud of in our Year 12 class, and they step into HSC exams and then their futures with our commendation and God’s blessing. My prayer is that they truly realise that God continues to part waters for them, even when they don’t see and that He is calling them to lean into His peace and love. Best wishes, Year 12!

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GENERAL

ICAS English and Mathematics Competitions
The presentation of medals for ICAS English and Mathematics will be held on the first Monday of Term 4, October 10, during assembly.

Kindy Bounceback! Bobs and Bellas
Kindy students made their own Bounceback! Bobs and Bellas this week to remind them to be resilient and bounce back through the bad days!
Did You Say, ‘From The Ghetto’?
Known as ‘The Ghetto Preacher’, Miami, Florida’s Pastor Willy Ramos talked straight and delivered a positive message about God’s love for each of us at our Secondary Week of Worship last week. He didn’t pull any punches when it came to sharing his perspective on this world’s ‘sin problem’ and imploring each of us to make the right choice about Jesus being the ‘award-winning’ director of our lives. It was pretty hard not to love Willy and his passion for the cross. When he called staff to recommit their lives one morning, it was moving to see so many of the Secondary Campus staff come forward. The following day over 60 of our student body made a decision to be baptised and acknowledged Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Sponsored not only by the school and Gateway Church but by the NNSW Conference Youth Department, Pastor Willy also spoke over three nights during the course of the week, culminating in a Saturday morning program. Many of our community had the chance to be enthralled by Willy’s humour, stories and message of hope in these out-of-school events.

Pastor Willy was supported by an awesome worship team and we were privileged each and every meeting to have special music presented by different students from the School.

What an amazing week was had by all in attendance. God showed up in a mighty way and blessed us beyond imagination! We truly pray for His Spirit to continue guiding our students and staff as they choose to follow the Way, the Truth and the Life!

Year 11 and Year 12 Scholarship
Hurry Last Day To Apply
Do you have a child who will commence Year 11 next year? Don’t forget applications for our Scholarship program for both Academic and VET pathway students close today. If you would like to apply please call Tracey on 4977 0200 by 4.00 pm. Email admin@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au for an application form. Applications are welcome from any students who attends Avondale School and are in Year 10 this year. Additionally, scholarships are available for any student currently attending a school in Australia, who would like to complete their senior years at Avondale School.

Solar Savings
Recently we completed extensive market research and invested in a serious solar system for our school. The current electricity account across the school on average is $14,650 per month. This solar investment will significantly reduce this cost once the initial capital investment is paid out. A great initiative for future sustainability at Avondale School. Special thanks to our Business Manager, Mrs Faye Saville, for overseeing this investment.

COMING SOON
18 October . 7pm . Music Building
SCREEN AGERS
GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE
PLEASE NOTE

Term 4 is Summer Uniform
Summer uniform, including hats, must be worn from the start of Term 4 for all students K-12. There is no cross-over period! For your convenience, the Uniform Shop will open during the holidays on the days listed below.

VIVIDUS Survey
Extended until Friday 30th September
Don’t miss your opportunity to have your say! As we rush headlong into the Term 3 break, please take a moment to complete the VIVIDUS survey. Why? Because your feedback matters to us. The data feeds directly into the School’s Improvement Plan. Based on your feedback last year, this year we expanded the Scholarship program for Year 11 and 12 - just one of the many initiatives for improving the school across the campus. This is your chance to have an impact!

P&F Update
So far this year we have been able to provide the School with over $600 of new kitchen equipment, $500 of new books for the Toronto Campus, $2500 of new playground equipment and finally $2000 towards new STEM products. We also provided our teachers and parents with cake and hot drinks at the Parent Teacher Interviews in Term 2. Thanks for your support! Look out for our first meeting in Term 4 ... November 3!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It’s been a really busy term but there is lots to be happy about. Thank you for your support and encouragement this term. It is hard to believe we have now said farewell to another Year 12 class. Did you ever return from a hard day of work completely drained? You sit down in a chair exhausted. You hear the phone and hardly have the energy to answer but your friend offers you a challenge on the tennis court with your mates. “Come on over”, he says. You know what happens next ... suddenly you find yourself filled with energy and on your way to the game. That is an example of the power of enthusiasm. It is a source of boundless energy. The trick is to expand your passion to include your job, family and all that life encompasses. Do you drive a Ford car? The guy who began the Ford car company said this: “Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hopes shine to the stars. Enthusiasm is the sparkle in your eyes, the swing in your gait, the grip of your hand and the irresistible surge of will and energy to execute your ideas.”

Let’s be enthusiastic about all the good things that we have a chance to enjoy at Avondale School as we read the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

CALENDAR

Primary Calendar - Term 4
Last Day of Term 3..........................................................September 23
Daylight Saving Starts..................................................October 2
Labour Day Holiday....................................................October 3
Gateway Kids Soccer Stars Commences .....................October 9
First Day of Term 4 ......................................................October 10
Year 3R and 3S Hyde Park Barracks Excursion .............October 11
Term 4 School Fees Due ............................................October 14
HRIS Tennis ..............................................................October 14
Get Active Starts for Term 4.................................October 17
Screenagers Movie 7.00 pm Music Building .................October 18

Secondary Calendar - Term 4
Last Day of Term 3..........................................................September 23
Daylight Saving Starts..................................................October 2
Labour Day Holiday....................................................October 3
First Day of Term 4 ......................................................October 10
Year 12 HSC Exams Start.............................................October 13
Year 9 U Chooz Program............................................October 13 & 14
Term 4 School Fees Due .............................................October 14
HRIS Golf .................................................................October 14
Choir at Wyee SDA Church........................................October 15
Get Active Starts for Term 4.................................October 17

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SCHOOL TERMS 2017
Term 1 Monday / Tuesday, January 30/31 - Friday, April 7
Term 2 Wednesday, April 26 - Friday, June 30
Term 3 Monday, July 24 - Friday, September 22
Term 4 Monday, October 9 - Monday, December 11

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