THIS WEEK … has been another great week of learning and fun. Kindy students, assisted by their Year 6 buddies, enjoyed Bike Day. The Year 6 Extension Mathematics students turned the assembly area into a giant Cartesian plane to learn about coordinates. As part of their media unit Year 5 students are working on writing and publishing class newspapers. Today we are hosting the HRIS Chess Competition. We have almost 200 students playing chess in the MPC!

NEXT WEEK … we meet with our Kindy parents for 2016 at our Kindy Information Evening on Tuesday, 2W and the Bell Choir are visiting residents in the Avondale Retirement Village. We have a Mufti Day on Thursday to raise money for more reading books for a school in Cambodia. On Friday 3S and 3R are headed to Elizabeth Farm for an excursion.

OUR VALUE FOR THIS WEEK … is our value for the week. We all value children who are responsible for their own belongings, return their library books, remember to do their homework and can be relied on to make positive choices in the classroom and in the playground. Some children are born to be reliable and others require some help! Reliability improves when we model it, expect it and reinforce it. It has been a pleasure to share with our students that God can always be relied on to keep His promises.

MAKING A MARK … “Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down.” Oprah Winfrey

DONE AND DUSTED … Week 2 of HSC exams are done, assessment schedules are out and sorted, and Year 11 families came for our Parent Teacher Interview night (thank you so much, by the way)! I’m not sure how many of you as parents of our high schoolers get a chance to read this space, but I simply wanted to say ‘thank you’ for supporting, organising and encouraging your children, working with us to help them achieve their best. I hope you’ll let us know if there’s anything more we can try to do to ensure your children excel! Really proud of our Year 11 Hospitality group, catering for the Cancer Survivors’ Luncheon under the tutelage of Mrs Nevell. Another great event! And the week is done.

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … Geography takes centre stage next week with Year 7 and 9 doing excursions. By the end of the week, our Duke of Edinburgh students are off on an expedition and our Year 12s will be completing week three of exams. Our junior students are being encouraged to consider study and revision for the exam periods looming.

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … Can you believe that there is a city called Rome on every continent?

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HRIS Primary Tennis
The HRIS Primary Tennis Competition was held last week in Newcastle with 74 students from 13 HRIS schools competing. In perfect weather conditions there were some very exciting matches in each division. Congratulations go to Airlia K in Year 5 who came 7th in the Year 5 and Under division. St Columba School was the top overall performing school.

HRIS Touch Football
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to play at the HRIS Touch Football Competition on Wednesday, November 11 at Wallsend. This is the first time HRIS has run a Touch Football competition for primary schools. If there is enough interest this term it will become part of the HRIS Primary Sports Calendar.

Girls Team
1. Shakaya S
2. Grace B
3. Samara B
4. Olivia M
5. Summer W
6. Eleora T

Boys Team
1. Bailey S
2. Matthew L
3. Oliver C
4. Taj B
5. Ethan M
6. Seb M
7. Mace R
8. Reese M
9. Alana S
10. Lara H
11. Koa H
12. Gemma L

Kings Chess Finals
In the Newcastle/Hunter Region there are only four schools (Mount Pleasant School, New Lambton South School, Avondale School and Newcastle Grammar School) who have made it through to the Kings Chess Finals Competition being held on Thursday, October 29. We wish our team Kaleb G, Matthew L, Ryan B and Samuel N all the very best in the finals.

Year 3-6 Swimming
Students are required to wear their sport uniform on their swimming day and bring clearly named swimmers (girls are required to wear a one-piece or a rash shirt over swimmers), towel, and goggles. A signed note from home is required if students are unable to participate due to illness.

Kindy Bike Day

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.
UNSW and NCSS Software Programming Competitions

A number of Avondale School students have achieved outstanding results in the 2015 National Computer Science School Challenge. Selected students were enrolled in this five week event to enhance their abilities to problem-solve using Python programming language. We commend the following students:

Cody B (Year 9)  High Distinction at Beginner’s Level
Shrey S (Year 9)  Perfect Score at Beginner’s Level
Michael P (Year 10)  Distinction at Advanced Level

We also had a senior student team compete in the UNSW Computing Programming Competition. This National competition required students to solve as many programming problems as possible within a two-hour period. Congratulations to Filip R, Andrew T and Joshua M in Year 11 for achieving a Credit in this year’s event.

Year 9 Bungonia Camp

The Year 9 students embarked on their Bungonia Camp with a mix of nervousness and enthusiasm for spending five days in ‘the bush’. They emerged on Friday exhausted, but with new friendships, increased respect for themselves and their environment and a development of resilience which will help them cope and excel in future challenges. The highlight of the week was every student accomplishing a challenging full day hike which culminated in a gruelling hill climb known as the ‘Efflux’. This involved physical fitness, persistence and teamwork – followed by a very well-earned sleep that night! Other camp features included caving, orienteering and swimming as well as the daunting task of students planning and cooking their own meals for the week. The students displayed excellent behaviour, positive attitudes and a strong sense of fun throughout the week.

Year 11 Hospitality Cater for the Cancer Survivor Lunch

Year 11 Hospitality students catered for 55 community members who were fundraising for cancer. Students prepared a three course meal which included a range of appetisers in a tasting platter, an alternating main and dessert. Students created a wonderful meal full of flavour and presented it professionally.

Year 11 Food Tech Visit Barramundi Farm

The Year 11 Food Technology class visited an ecologically sustainable Barramundi and Hydroponics farm this week to see the process of growing a fish with aquacultural principles through to the customer’s plate at a restaurant. The students fed the hungry barramundi, toured the fish farm and hydroponics facilities as well as watched a chef demonstrate the process of cooking the fresh plate sized barramundi.
We Value reliability

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

I rely on my mobile phone. It tells me the time, it keeps a list of appointments, and it will sound an alarm to wake me up or get to an appointment. It is a reliable piece of equipment. Reliability is one of the foundations of teamwork or cooperation. It allows people to work together, with each person doing what he or she does best, knowing that team members, friends or co-workers are taking care of other tasks.

A reliable person will keep in mind that to achieve success they need to:

- Always finish what they started.
- Keep working at something that is difficult until it is completed.
- Not give up on difficult jobs or situations, own the task and be reliable enough to finish it well!

When we face challenges it is great to remember that no one is defeated until he gives up! A reliable person will stick to the challenge and make it happen.

As we get closer to Speech Night I am hoping I can rely on every student to do his or her best, so that the final School Report reflects accurately your achievements for the year.

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

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**SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016**

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**Primary Calendar - Term 4**

- Gateway Kids Soccer Stars - School Oval — October 25
- Kindy 2016 Parent Information Session — October 28
- Kings Chess Final Competition — October 29
- 3R & 3S Elizabeth Farm Excursion — October 30
- Gateway Kids Soccer Stars - School Oval — November 1
- Year 6 Orientation Evening for Year 7 2016 — November 4
- Kindy 2016 Visit 1 — November 4
- Gateway Kids Soccer Stars - School Oval — November 8
- Knights & Rookies Chess Final Competition — November 9
- K-2 Swimming — November 9 - 20
- HRIS Touch Football — November 9 - 20

**Secondary Calendar - Term 4**

- Choir at Toronto SDA Church — October 24
- Year 7 Geography Excursion — October 26
- Year 10 Commerce Excursion — October 26
- Duke of Ed Trip — October 28 - November 2
- Year 9 Geography Excursion — October 29
- HRIS Junior Touch Football — November 3
- HRIS Senior Touch Football — November 5
- Prefect Excursion — November 10
- Year 12 Formal at Linton Gardens — November 12
- Band at Wyong SDA Church — November 14
- Year 10 Final Exams — November 16 - 20

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**LIBRARY**

**Medieval Village Display**

During their study of medieval times several Year 8 History students created model medieval villages. Their creativity and ingenuity is on display in the library this week. Thank you Year 8!

**Reading Rulz!**

Time is running out to add points for your Sport House with Reading Rulz this year. All sheets need to be handed to your English teacher by November 3 so the tallying can take place.

**10c Book Sale**

Library staff members have been spring cleaning the shelves. As a result, during Week 6 you will find some great book bargains at our 10c Book Sale. There will be books for everyone – picture books, fiction and non-fiction, so start saving your small change! Watch this space for more information.

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**HELP NEEDED**

Due to the enormity of such an event, Gateway Church is urgently needing help with several areas to ensure the evening runs as smoothly and safely as possible. Areas of need include manning food/drink stalls, set up and pack up and entertainment such as clowns / face painting etc. If you would like to get involved in helping out, please call or email Shellee Carrasco on 0400 310 400 / shellee@ironandclay.com.au

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