THIS WEEK … our students competed enthusiastically in our Athletics Days. Kindy students are working hard to prepare for Grandparents’ Day. Students from 3M have been preparing to host their parents for a special dinner. Year 6 students spent a day learning all about road safety. Year 5 students had an amazing day at the IMAX Theatre in Sydney.

NEXT WEEK … we’re looking forward to catching up with you at Parent Teacher Interviews. We are also excited to have all Kindy grandparents on campus next Friday! Thursday is E-Day. This is where our Year 6 students engage in a business competition. They will run their small businesses at recess and lunchtime. All students will receive E-dollars to spend. It’s always exciting to see the creativity of our young entrepreneurs.

HUMILITY … is our current value. One way we can demonstrate our humility is in the way we handle criticism. A truly humble person is happy to acknowledge their weaknesses and turn them into growth opportunities. We can help our children learn this important aspect of humility through modeling it and by helping our children to frame feedback in a way that leads to a growth mindset. This allows children to view and accept feedback as a way to be better, smarter and stronger. Thomas Edison had the growth mindset: “I haven’t failed. I’ve found 10,000 ways that won’t work.”

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MAKING A MARK … “A great man [or woman] is always willing to be little.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

DONE AND DUSTED … Reports went out, our Duke of Edinburgh students returned safely and our School basketball teams did us proud at the HRIS Competition yesterday. While we placed 4th in both the senior boys and girls, and 2nd and 6th for junior boys and girls respectively, the most important aspect of the meet was that all teams played fairly and to their best. Well done, students! Endless Praise came and performed for our Chapel program on Monday (which was awesome) and we had a great turnout for our Cambodia fundraiser – watching the second State of Origin!

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … Don’t forget our musical program tomorrow night at 7.00 pm in the MPC. Look forward to seeing you there! And then for our final week of Term 2, we have an excursion for Year 12 Modern History and Studies of Religion, Parent Teacher nights on Monday and Tuesday (4.00 – 8.00 pm) in the CLC and our Cobar STORMCo. team leaves on Friday! Another great week ahead!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, “What are you doing for others?” Martin Luther King, Jr.

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**Parent Teacher Interviews**  
**Tuesday, June 28**  
Primary Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the iCentre on Tuesday, June 28 (excluding 4R). Bookings can be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au. The booking code is jjabv. We look forward to seeing you there.

**School Reports**  
School reports have been emailed to parents today.

**Chickenpox**  
We have had a number of reported cases of Chickenpox in the Primary School. Chickenpox is contagious and begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash. Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure. For more information please view the information from the Department of Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/chickenpox.html

**Entertainment Books**  
Thank you to those families who have purchased an Entertainment Book this year. Just a reminder, if you are not wanting to purchase the book it needs to be returned to the School ASAP. Lost or unreturned books will incur a replacement fee.

**Year 6 E-Day**  
**Thursday, June 30**  
Next Thursday, June 30, Year 6 students will run their E-Day businesses at recess and lunchtime. All students from Kindy to Year 5 will be given E-Dollars from their class teacher to spend at the E-Day stalls. Students do not need to bring money from home. Parents are most welcome to attend.

**APPA**  
APPA has had their last class for the term. Please note there will be no APPA next week.

**SPORT UNIFORM TERM 2**  
- **Years K-2** wear sports uniform on MONDAYS  
- **Years 3-6** wear sport uniform on FRIDAYS
Secondary

CLASS

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Year 12 Geographers visited Sydney last week to participate in the annual Geography Teachers’ Association HSC Study Day at St Andrews Cathedral School and to conduct some Urban Places fieldwork. Although clashing with Avondale College Open Day, those attending gained valuable insight into Urban Renewal processes in Sydney and benefited considerably from the outstanding presentations on each of their topics.

Band & Choir Pre-Tour Concert
Saturday, June 25, 7.00 pm
Avondale School MPC

Family ($20) / Adult ($10) / Student/Pensioner ($5)

STEP UP

Duke of Edinburgh Visit The Great Barrier Reef
A record 24 students and 3 staff went to The Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest last week on the annual Duke of Edinburgh expedition. Although the weather was wet for most of the time this did not detract from any of the activities. Some of the highlights included diving at Fitzroy Island, exploring the Daintree Rainforest and Cape Tribulation, and snorkelling with turtles at Mackay Reef. Special thanks to Mrs Jayne Murphy and Mr Darren Smith for their valuable assistance on the trip.

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Hope to see you there!
Family Fee Invoice/Statements
Your Family Fee Invoice/Statement was emailed to you last week. We are limited in the number of emails we can send this to and so one parent has been selected to receive the account if the invoice is in more than one name. If there is only one name on the invoice, that person should have been the one to receive your copy. If you haven’t received a copy yet, or we have sent it to the incorrect parent/guardian, please let the Business Office know and we will amend this. Thank you for being patient as we work through this new process. We hope to have the option sheet available early in the new year as well.

OPEN DAY
18 August 2016
2:00pm to 6pm

Tibetan-born Sherpa Nawang Gombu and American Jim Whittaker reached the top of Mt Everest on May 1, 1963. As they approached the peak, each considered the honour of being the first of the two to step to the summit. Whittaker motioned for Gombu to move ahead, but Gombu declined with a smile, saying, “You first, big Jim!” Finally, they decided to step to the summit at the same time.

Paul encouraged the Philippian believers to demonstrate this kind of humility. He said, “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others”. (Philippians 2:4)

When quarrels and disagreements occur, we can often diffuse them by giving up our right to be right. Humility calls us to show grace and gentleness when we would rather insist on our own way. Practising humility helps us to become more like Jesus. Following in Jesus’ footsteps means backing away from what is best for us and doing what is best for others.

‘True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.’ C.S. Lewis

Dr David Faull
Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Primary Calendar - Term 2 & 3
Primary Parent Teacher Interviews in the iCentre ............... June 28
Year 6 E-Day ................................................................. June 30
Last Day of Term 2 ................................................... July 1
Vacation Care Available .............................................. July 4 - 22
First Day of Term 3 ..................................................... July 25
Get Active Starts for Term 3 .......................................... August 1
ICAS English Competition ........................................... August 2
Year 2 Wetlands Excursion ....................................... August 10
P&F Meeting @ 3.15 pm in Admin Building ................. August 11
HRIS Athletics Day ................................................... August 12

Secondary Calendar - Term 2 & 3
Band, Choir & Strings Pre-Tour Concert 7.00 pm MPC ...... June 25
Secondary Parent Teacher Interviews in the CLC ........ June 27 & 28
Year 12 SOR2 & Modern History Excursion .................. June 30
STORMCo Trip .......................................................... July 1 - 7
Last Day of Term 2 ...................................................... July 1
Year 11 VET Work Placement ....................................... July 18 - 22
Year 12 First Day of Term 3 ......................................... July 21
Year 7-11 First Day of Term 3 ..................................... July 25
HRIS Athletics Day ......................................................... July 26
HRIS Cultural Festival ................................................. July 27

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SCHOOL TERMS 2016

Term 2 ....................................................... Tuesday, April 26 - Friday, July 1
Term 3 ......................................................... Monday, July 25 - Friday, September 23
Term 4 ......................................................... Monday, October 10 - Monday, December 12

LIBRARY

Years 7-12 Term 2 Highest Borrowers
Congratulations to this term’s highest borrowers:
Years 7 & 8 Grace B
Years 9 & 10 Marlon D
Years 11 & 12 Dorcas P
If your name is on this list please call in to the iCentre to collect your prize.

Secondary School Holiday Borrowing
All books borrowed in the last week of term are available for use over term end. Call into the library and stock up for some great winter reading over the break.

Win an Author Visit for Avondale School

[Image of an advertisement for a reading challenge]