THIS WEEK ... our upper Primary students had the opportunity to be involved in the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition. There was great disappointment when the HRIS Soccer and Netball Gala Day was postponed due to bad weather. Chickens are hatching in the KL classroom. Students from Year 3 and 4 sound AMAZING in concert rehearsals. Make sure you mark September 10 on your calendar! Year 6 students had a brilliant day visiting our Secondary Campus. Thanks to all those parents who attended our Parents and Friends meeting. It's great to have your support!

NEXT WEEK ... Kindy students are taking their dads to the Oakvale Farm. Our chess teams will be heading out to competitions, and Kindy and Year 6 students will be involved in water safety programs. On Friday the Parents and Friends team will be running a Fathers' Day Stall. Make sure you bring your child along with some money!

NAPLAN ... If you have a child in Year 3 or 5 you should have received their NAPLAN results. We were really excited to see our school results. Year 3 students showed exceptionally high reading and numeracy results compared to students across the state. For Year 5 students the average rate of improvement from Year 3 to Year 5 was higher in all areas when compared to students across the state. This indicates that the strategies we have implemented to improve learning are bringing success.

MAKING A MARK ... “Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all.” George Washington

DONE AND DUSTED ... OK. So another big week draws to a close! We had a really successful Year 12 Parent Teacher Night (just saying, the LAST ONE for our graduating class); our Year 6 students from across the way spent yesterday with us and had a ball getting a feel for how things work on the Secondary Campus; last night saw us participate in the inaugural Poetic Justice program at Avondale College – way cool! Some of our students headed to the ACT for the Mountain Bike Challenge and did us proud, while a handful of our students struck out on an outdoor adventure today for their Duke of Edinburgh award. And then we had our HSC Drama students delivering their performance to BOSTES markers today as well! Just want to give a big thank you to our staff who continue to deliver SO MUCH and our students who achieve so well across so many different programs!

CHALKBOARD ITEMS ... Please pray for an amazing Week of Worship next week – we are excited to be going into our themed program ‘Fearless’ with a prayer room and a worship team on fire for Jesus! Here’s to a great week ahead, finishing up with our HSC Music students playing their hearts out on Friday for the BOSTES markers! Here it comes!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED ... This is hilarious and true: Astronauts are not allowed to eat beans before they go into space because passing wind in a space suit damages them.

Here’s to a wonderful weekend ... a week to go to Fathers’ Day … just saying!

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GENERAL

NAPLAN 2015
NAPLAN results were sent home with Years 3 and 5 students on Monday.

School Photos
School Photos were sent home with students on Wednesday.

Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition
The Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition was held this week with 150 students from Years 4-6 competing. The results will be sent out to all schools in October with certificates for presentation.

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

SPORT

HRIS Soccer and Netball Gala Day
Change Of Date - Tuesday, September 15
The HRIS Soccer and Netball Gala Day is now scheduled for Tuesday, September 15. A new permission note has been sent home with students this week. Parents are asked to contact Mr Head as soon as possible if their child is unable to attend the event due to the change of date so a reserve player can be appointed.

Newcastle One-Day Chess Competition
The annual Newcastle One-Day Chess Competition will be held on Monday, August 31 in Newcastle with 15 students from Avondale School competing.

Knights and Rookies Chess
The Knights and Rookies Chess Teams will be going to Barnsley Public School for the completion of their 10 round competition on Thursday, September 3.

SPORT UNIFORM FOR TERM 3
Kindy: wear sport uniform each Monday and Tuesday.
Years 1 & 2: wear sport uniform each Tuesday only.
Years 3-6: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Friday.

CLASS

Kindy – Chicks are Hatching!

Year 3 and 4 Concert
Thursday, September 10,
7.00 pm
‘It’s Cool in the Furnace’ is a musical of the captivating tale of Daniel and his three friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Year 3 and 4 will be presenting with humour, action, and a spiritual heart at 7.00 pm on Thursday, September 10. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this free, special event at the MPC.

Parents & Friends FATHERS DAY STALL

Year 3 and 4 present Free Admission
7pm at the MPC
It’s Cool in the Furnace
A Musical about Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego and Judah
Year 7 Science Visits Taronga Zoo
Year 7 students have been studying Ecology in Science this term, learning about the amazing variety of living organisms on our planet. To learn more about some of the bigger organisms and practice their classification skills, last Wednesday, August 19 saw our Year 7 students travelling to Taronga Zoo.
It was a beautiful day for a visit to the zoo and the students thoroughly enjoyed the chance to see so many amazing animals up close. The seal show, as always, was popular and the free flight bird show was spectacular – especially when the Andean Condor with a wingspan of 3m buzzed the crowd. The highlight for some students was the newest exhibit of lemurs where you can actually walk through the lemurs’ enclosure and ask questions of a keeper before playing on the Madagascar Island playground!
It was a busy and exciting day and the smiles on the students’ faces when observing the various animals showed just how valuable fieldwork is. Thanks to all the staff who attended to make the day possible and the parents who dropped off their children so early in the morning.

My Year 10 Restaurant Rules
The Year 10 Food Technology class showed off their culinary skills this week as they presented three restaurants for a lucky bunch of teachers. One teacher commented that “the standard of the food, the presentation and the service was excellent”. Well done, Year 10. Your restaurants certainly did ‘rule’!

Senior Hospitality Students Impress Southlake Business Chamber
Avondale School had the pleasure of hosting members of the Southlake Business Chamber and Community Alliance (SBCCA) for a breakfast meeting on August 19. Our Senior Hospitality students hosted the catering. Our school is greatly supported by the Southlake community and it’s local businesses. This was also an opportunity for us to showcase to the Business Chamber our talented VET Hospitality students who regularly host functions for our school and visitors as part of assessment tasks with their regular course studies. The senior students prepared and served a scrumptious hot and cold breakfast worthy of high praise and most definitely equal to hospitality industry standard.
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Term 3 Monday, July 25 - Friday, September 23
Term 4 Monday, October 10 - Wednesday, December 14

Primary Calendar - Term 3

Gateway Kids Breakfast 9.00 am MPC..........................August 29
Kindy Oakvale Farm Excursion ..................................August 31
Parent Perception Survey ..................................................August 31
Knights and Rookies Chess Competition ....................September 3
Kindy & Year 6 Water Safety .........................................September 3
P&F Fathers’ Day Stall .....................................................September 4
School Art Show ...........................................................September 4
Leaders’ Day ...............................................................September 5
CIS Athletics Day ..........................................................September 9
Year 3 & 4 Concert (7.00 pm) .........................................September 10
Wyong Chess Competition ...........................................September 10

Secondary Calendar - Term 3

Week of Worship - ‘Fearless’.................................August 31 - September 4
Senior Showcase Night at CLC 6.00 pm ..............September 4
Parent Perception Survey ...........................................September 3 - 18
P&F Fathers’ Day Stall .....................................................September 4
Band & Choir at Memorial Church .......................September 5
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Year 11 Final Exams ......................................................September 11 - 18
Family Festival ..............................................................September 13
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LIBRARY

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At our Book Fair you bought $8,356.80 worth of books and other items. What an outstanding effort! Each year we take our Book Fair commission in cash and books so that we can provide new books and other resources for our library. This year we earned over $1,000 worth of new books and have also purchased some new ottomans for the entry level of the library.

Our Book Character Parade was FABULOUS! The students all looked very impressive in their colourful costumes. Congratulations students and parents for your creative costume designs that showcased hundreds of our favourite books.

Thanks very much for your support of our Book Fair and Book Week celebrations.

Avondale School

We Value justice

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Great gifts from $1 - $10
Raising money to replace Kindy playground blocks

5 SEPTEMBER 6.30PM

Family Festival
Sunday 13 September 9.00am - 2.00pm

2 WEEKS TO GO!

2015 ARTSHOW
“Out & About”

Collaborative Learning Centre
Secondary Campus

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