LAST WEEK … saw us settled into class groups. Students have been busy learning and teachers are preparing initial reports in preparation for interviews this week. Our HRIS Swim Team had a great day at Maitland Pool. They won the carnival convincingly with every swimmer doing their best. I was really proud of their positive attitudes and excellent sportsmanship.

THIS WEEK … is another busy week. You will receive your child’s initial report today. Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday evening. This is a great opportunity to continue to develop a learning partnership with your child’s teacher. The best learning and development takes place when teachers and parents combine forces. Year 1 have a team building day planned for Wednesday. This is a great chance for students to learn to work collaboratively.

DID YOU KNOW … we have been working hard to create an environment where we expect good manners from each other. We have used the acronym S.T.E.P. to remind students of some the expected courtesies. (Sorry. Thank you. Excuse Me. Please.) We would love you to reinforce this at home!

MAKING A MARK … “God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace.”

DONE AND DUSTED … Our Year 7s survived vaccinations and our Year 12s on work placement really did us proud. A number of our music students enjoyed “Encore” – a selection of HSC Music performances from 2015 at the Opera House, and our Year 9 Commerce students survived some retail analysis at Westfield Tuggerah. Our assessment program and completion of tests and units is starting to pick up pace now!

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … We hit the middle of a lengthy term this week, enjoying Business Week at lunchtimes, a representative team heading to the All Schools Triathlon, and a selection of students visiting Google in Sydney. Our teachers commence the process of Interim Reports too. We’ll start talking about Year 12 Mid Year Exams as well, and Years 7, 8, 10 and 11 are beginning to talk seriously about the end of term camps. It’s a great time of the term.

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … “The next time you’re faced with something that’s unexpected, unwanted and uncertain, consider that it just may be a gift.” Stacey Kramer

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Parent Teacher Interviews - Wednesday, March 2
Primary Interim Reports will be sent home today. Primary Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the iCentre this Wednesday, 2 March from 3.30 pm until 8.00 pm. These interviews are for teachers to share how your child has settled into the new school year. Teachers do not have detailed assessment data to share at this stage of the year but are happy to discuss your child’s level of engagement, social interaction and general level of performance. Bookings can be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and using the School Event Code muwe6.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Impetigo (School Sores)
We have had a reported case of impetigo in the Primary school. Impetigo is a highly contagious skin infection also known as school sores because it commonly affects school-aged children. If your child develops blisters that weep and crust, or if they have sores that are not healing and getting larger, medical treatment should be sought. Students with impetigo are required to be kept at home from school until appropriate treatment has begun. On returning to school the sores should be covered with a waterproof dressing until healed. More information can be obtained from your medical practitioner or NSW Department of Health. www.health.nsw.gov.au

SPORT

Sports Uniform
Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 students wear their sport uniform on Mondays. Years 3 to 6 students wear their sport uniform on Fridays.

HRIS Swimming Carnival
The HRIS Primary Swimming Carnival was held this week at Maitland Pool with 39 Avondale students from Years 2 to 6 competing. It was a great day for swimming, and as the temperature rose so did the expectations that Avondale had a chance of winning the carnival. It was great to see many students achieving personal best results. The results from the two-day carnival will be merged and will be out next week with the announcement of who will be going to the CIS Carnival in Homebush on March 22.

Congratulations go to the following best performing age groups who won the Age Banners on display in the Sports Office:
- 8 Yr Boys: Jayden T, Benzen B & Lachlan M
- 10 Yr Girls: Tegan C, Kahila H, Amber K, Kaitlyn B, Ebony D & Laela N

Special congratulations go to the following students who received HRIS Medallions for Age Champion:
- 8 Yr Boys: Jayden T
- 11 Yr Boys: Jack E
- 12 Yr Girls: Rhiannon D

Overall School Results:
1st  1965 points  Avondale
2nd  1682 points  St Philip’s (Cessnock)
3rd  1661 points  St Philip’s (Port Stephens)
4th  1373 points  Bishop Tyrrell
5th  1365 points  Hunter Valley Grammar
6th  825 points  Manning Valley Anglican
7th  498 points  Heritage College
8th  479 points  St Philip’s (Gosford)

HRIS Soccer
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to try out for the HRIS Soccer Team, Mitchell A, Bailey S, Harry C, Oli C and Ryan B. These trials will be held at St Philip’s (Cessnock) on Thursday, March 10.

Avondale Chess Competition
There are already 65 students who have registered their names for the Avondale Chess Competition on Wednesday, March 9. All names need to be registered with Mr Head before Friday, March 4.

OPEN DAY
8 March 2016 | 10am to 6pm
119 Avondale Rd Cooranbong www.avondaleschool.com.au

Funky Hair Day!
March 11
Kindy - Year 12
We’re going wild and wacky with our hair! Bring a $2 coin & participate with your child.

WORLD AIDS DAY
Volunteers needed at The Lavender Foundation to look after people with blood cancer and pay for research into new cancer treatments and cures.
Celebrating National Success

Over the last three years Avondale School and Adventist Senior Living (ASL) have formed an intergenerational learning partnership through the program ‘Design Challenge’. This initiative requires Year 8 Technology students to design and produce items that respond to identified needs of clients from ASL. In 2015 ASL received the highest national award in their sector of the service industry. The Australian Aged Care Quality Agency judged the Design Challenge as evidence of better practice.

Recently a ceremony for the presentation of this prestigious award was held at ASL. Mr Greg Piper MP, Mr David Knight CEO (ASL), Mrs Lindl Webster (Director of Diversional Therapy), Dr David Faull and the Technologies Department from Avondale School attended the presentation ceremony, along with residents and staff at ASL. Zach Watson and Seth Waldrip, the winners of the 2015 Design Challenge, spoke at the ceremony and proudly recalled the relationship they formed with their client whilst developing their design project.

Avondale School congratulates ASL for their well-deserved award and thanks them for contributing to the educational success of the Design Challenge.

Music Lessons

The following is a list of private teachers offering music lessons at school. Please contact these teachers directly.

Alison Hodge - Voice .......................................................... 0420 528 868
Angela Miller - Piano (Simply Music) ........................................... 0421 464 797
Claudio Carrasco - Bass/Guitar/Piano/Voice/Drum .......................... 0404 079 867
Cybèle Coutet - Voice, Piano ..................................................... 0423 455 977
Emma Jones - Flute ............................................................. 0432 925 199
Esther Albert - Cello, Violin, Double Bass ............................... 0439 420 661
Fred Cracknell - Saxophone, Clarinet, Brass ............................... 0404 082 151
Garry Lawler - Group Guitar, Ukulele ....................................... 0438 608 180
Jake Bisognin - Guitar .......................................................... 0400 389 612
James Bennett - Drum Kit ...................................................... 0401 549 084
Jan Hughes - Piano ................................................................ 4977 2037
Kylie Smith - Piano, Voice (Suzuki, AMEB) ................................. 0418 282 644
Kylie Stacey - Piano (Simply Music, AMEB, Trad) ....................... 4973 3234
Mitchell Wallace - Bass Guitar, Guitar ..................................... 0435 578 723
Ngareta Rorich - Piano (Simply Music) ..................................... 0421 546 340
Trish O’Heaen - Brass ........................................................... 0402 003 214
Valmai Hill - Piano, Theory ..................................................... 0414 288 931
Zayne Mariassouce - Guitar .................................................... 0421 730 045

Year 12 Work Placement

This past week 43 students from Year 12 completed a week of work placement in their chosen VET subject fields. Many students had an amazing experience and were offered further work from the week’s experience. Students went to an array of both local and further afield businesses where they put their skills learnt in the classroom to the test. Many students received glowing reports in reference to their skill levels, employability skills, communication and work ethic. Avondale School would like to thank the businesses who hosted our students and also the VET teachers for an outstanding group of students to send out to industry. We are very proud of our students and their efforts last week.
This Week We Value

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Value in Review
Thanks to the ingenuity of very creative people we celebrate Australia Day and the New Year with massive displays of colourful fireworks. Every year as we end the holiday by enjoying the vibrant patterns created by “bombs bursting in the air”, I remind myself that most bombs are deadly, not beautiful like the fireworks display. Although both use similar ingredients, one is intended to kill; the other to entertain. In this metaphor, we see an example of how something can be used for both good and evil. In the hands of clever, capable, careful, and caring people, something dangerous becomes beautiful. Building those beautiful fireworks takes skill and they follow the protocols (rules) exactly. The risk of disobedience can be deadly.

When you are obedient, you abide by the rules. You understand the reasons and the consequences. You obey the rules even when no one else is watching. To be obedient is to be trustworthy. Being obedient keeps you safe and happy. This is an important message behind what God is saying in the Bible – ‘Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.’ Ephesians 6:1, NIV.

Dr David Faull
Principal

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016

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Primary Calendar - Term 1

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Year 1 Team Building Incursion ................................... March 2
Parent Teacher Interviews ........................................ March 2
Open Day (10 am - 6 pm) ........................................... March 8
Avondale Chess Competition ....................................... March 9
Mufti Crazy Hair Day ................................................ March 11
CIS Swimming Carnival ............................................. March 22
Good Friday ............................................................. March 25
Easter Monday .......................................................... March 28
Cross Country K - 6 .................................................. March 29
Get Active ends ....................................................... March 31

Secondary Calendar - Term 1

Year 10 Business Week ............................................... February 29 - March 4
Open Day (10 am - 6 pm) ........................................... March 8
HRIS Swimming ......................................................... March 9
Mufti Crazy Hair Day ................................................ March 11
Interim Reports ......................................................... March 14
Cross Country .......................................................... March 16
Parent Teacher Interviews (Years 10 & 11) .................... March 21
Parent Teacher Interviews (Years 7 - 9) ......................... March 22
Good Friday ............................................................. March 25
Easter Monday .......................................................... March 28
Year 12 Exams .......................................................... April 4 - 8

CANTEEN

Munch Monitor
Thank you to those of you that enjoy the benefits of online ordering. Please note: If you have children in Primary and Secondary school, you need to order Primary school student lunches in the Primary section and High school student lunches in the High school section. This is important as Primary and Secondary student lunch times are different and the cooking time of your child’s lunch is crucial for freshness. We look forward to continuing to provide your children with yummy lunches.

UPDATE

Newsletter
As announced last week, the newsletter for this term is now issued on Monday. Events happening on Monday will be advised by email on the previous Friday. Thank you to those who have written asking for a Friday delivery. We appreciate your understanding.

Funds For CAMBODIA

If you enjoy the free bread and cakes available to us all on Tuesday afternoons, you might like to make a donation when you collect your free goods! All donations are happily and gratefully received for our Year 12 Cambodia trip at the end of the year! Thanks so much.

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge – Kindy to Year 9
The 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge opens for all students from Kindy to Year 9 on March 7. Watch next week’s newsletter for details of how to sign up and participate.

Reading Rulz! Years 7 to 12
This week in assembly high school students were introduced to a great opportunity to earn house points by reading books. Reading Rulz! is open to all students from Years 7-12 until November 4. Further information and a reading log is available on the iCentre page on Landscape. Start reading today.

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