THIS WEEK ... we commemorated ANZAC Day both at the Morisset march on Monday and at school on Tuesday morning. Students were excited to receive their commemorative medallions. We’re settling into Term 2 and many students are already in winter uniform. We expect all students to be in full winter uniform by the beginning of Week 3.

NEXT WEEK ... Year 1 are heading to the Reptile Park, Year 2 students will be visiting Sunnyside Home on Avondale Road, and on Friday we have a team of students competing in the HRIS Cross Country event at Avondale College.

OUR CURRENT VALUE ... is Faith. We have been learning that God has all things in His hands and we can trust Him with all of our challenges and problems. We also want our students to have faith in themselves. Children who believe that they can be successful confidently are willing to try new things. We help children to have faith in themselves when we affirm their perseverance, positive attitude and determination. Look for an opportunity to tell your child you have faith in them!

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MAKING A MARK ... “Let your faith be bigger than your fear.” DailyQuotes

DONE AND DUSTED ... With ANZAC Day starting the week, we jumped straight into routines of class and the processes of learning on Tuesday. Year 12 received their exam results and then embarked on their retreat – a time of reflection and planning for the last stretch of their formal schooling. They had a chance to ‘let down their hair’ together as a group.

CHALKBOARD ITEMS ... With reports being written for the Year 12 Mid Year Exams, teachers will be engaged in pushing Year 12 forward next week. Our Year 7 & 9 students are preparing for NAPLAN in Week 3 and we finish the week with our HRIS Cross Country and an exciting English incursion for Years 7 & 8. And it’s the first week of May ... ALREADY!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED ... “Life is ten percent what happens to you and ninety percent how you respond to it.” Lou Holtz

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**CLASS**

**Year 6 Stem Rotations**
Year 6 students have three STEM rotations taking place - Rockets, Mouse Trap Cars and Robot Programming. The groups changed from one group to the next this week. The following photos are from our Mouse Trap Car race that took place at the end of last term. Students competed in the following categories: greatest distance traveled, fastest/slowest acceleration, best design and ‘I had a go, but!’

**SPORT**

**HRIS Cross Country**
Friday, May 6
The HRIS Cross Country will be held next Friday, May 6. The HRIS Cross Country Team will be going to Avondale College on Wednesday, May 4 for a training run on the actual HRIS course during lunchtime. Students should wear their sports uniform.

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

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3.30 – 4.30 PM THURSDAYS ALL THIS TERM IN THE ICENTRE

A CHANCE TO:
» DO INDEPENDENT STUDY
» COMPLETE YOUR HOMEWORK
» GET SOME HELP WITH WRITING (JUST SORTING THAT ESSAY OUT!)
» GET SOME HELP WITH MATHS (EVEN THAT TRICKY HOMEWORK QUESTION!)
» GET SOME GUIDANCE ON THAT ASSESSMENT TASK YOU NEED TO START!

Hope to see you there!
Welcome to Term 2

So many students have been borrowing books this week and parents have been in reading to their children. It’s great to see you all visiting the library!

Amelia Magazine

The library has subscribed to a new magazine for primary aged girls that is available to be read in the library. “Amelia Magazine is a magazine for young girls to encourage them to embrace their ‘girlhood’ and enjoy the innocence it brings. Full of craft, friendship, cooking and inspiration.”

(AmeliaMagazine.net)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It was great to see our students in resplendent uniform honouring our past and present soldiers in the Morisset ANZAC March on Monday morning. It is important that we remember. Participating in services like this helps us value and respect the sacrifice that has gone before. The Israelites who first entered the Promised Land with Joshua saw the mighty acts of God and believed (Judges 2:7). But sadly, the very next generation “did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel” (v10). So it was not long before they turned aside to worship other gods (v12). They didn’t make their parents’ faith their own. They soon forgot!

No generation can live off the faith of the previous generation. Every generation needs a firsthand faith. When faced with trouble of any kind, the faith that is not personalised is likely to drift and falter.

The challenge for us is to share our journey and demonstrate a faith that works so that the next generation can understand and build a faith of their own.

Welcome to a new term!

Dr David Faulk
Principal

CALENDAR

Primary Calendar - Term 2

Get Active Starts ................................................................. May 2
Year 1 Reptile Park Excursion.................................................. May 4
Year 2 Sunnyside Home Excursion.......................................... May 4
HRIS Cross Country ............................................................. May 6
Mother’s Day................................................................. May 8
NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)............................................................. May 10 – 12
School Reunion ............................................................... May 14
School Photo Day............................................................. May 17
P&F Meeting 3.15 pm - all welcome!............................... May 19
String Ensemble at Lakeside Church................................. May 28

Secondary Calendar - Term 2

Get Active Starts ................................................................. May 2
HRIS Senior Football.......................................................... May 2
Year 7 & 8 English Incursion (Period 2)............................. May 5
HRIS Cross Country ............................................................. May 6
Mother’s Day................................................................. May 8
Year 10 Work Experience................................................... May 9 – 13
NAPLAN (Years 7 & 8)............................................................. May 10 – 12
Year 11 General Maths Excursion................................. May 11
Year 11 & 12 Studies of Religion 2 Excursion ................. May 12
School Reunion ............................................................... May 14

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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

This Week We Value … Faith