THIS WEEK … Students from 2W and the Bell Choir delighted the seniors at Avondale House (Aged Care Facility) with their performances. The smiles were the biggest when the students sat and chatted to the residents. We met our 2016 Kindy parents on Wednesday night. Our current Kindy students had ‘upside down day’ and Years 3-6 continued with swimming lessons.

NEXT WEEK … on Wednesday our 2016 Kindy students have their first practice morning at school and Years 5 and 6 students will have a visit from the ‘Wheelchair Basketball Roadshow’.

DID YOU KNOW … that bullying is defined as ongoing physical, verbal or psychological attack or intimidation that is intended to cause fear, distress or harm to the victim and where there is an imbalance of power in favour of the perpetrator. During the year we have unpacked this definition with our students. Our students are developing skills in identifying the difference between bullying and social conflict. This helps us to deal with each situation to find an appropriate solution.

Have a great weekend! Take a moment to make sure your children know that you love them.

MAKING A MARK … “Reliability is the quality that makes you a good risk in school, home, professional career, of community citizenship. It means that other people - your superiors, your companions, and those who may work under you - learn to count on you in a pinch.”
Senior Scholastic, New York, 1947

DONE AND DUSTED … With two big Geography excursions this week, our Year 7 and 9 students got some hands on time understanding their environment and changing communities. A great deal of our Year 12 students wound up their exams this week and will turn their attention to Cambodia and their formal. We have had some great updates from the Duke of Ed trippers in Tasmania. They return on Sunday. Many of our Year 10 classes are starting to pay attention to revision and preparation for their exam period in Week 7 – that’s coming soon! Please encourage your child(ren) to make the most of their home time in short study periods each week. The assessment processes are certainly in full gear at the moment too!

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … We have a couple of HRIS Touch Football days next week, with Senior and Junior teams ready to do our School proud. We wish them every success. We also have our 2016 Year 7 Orientation night for parents on Wednesday at 7.00 pm. This is just another step in the process of getting ready the big change for some of our families next year! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … Your heart beats over 100,000 times a day – no wonder after a big day some of us feel tired!

Thanks for your continued support of our program. Blessings for a wonderful weekend.

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Whooping Cough

Please note that there has been a reported case of Whooping Cough in the Primary School. Should your child have or develop a persistent cough, please seek medical attention as soon as possible, even if your child has been immunised. More information about the illness is available on the NSW Department of Health website.

Readers for Restore One School Cambodia

A very big THANK YOU for all your kind donations towards readers for Restore One School in Cambodia. So far we have raised an amazing $2,678.66, which means we will be able to send 892 much needed readers! Thanks again for your support and generosity.

Music Notes

Congratulations to Sarah MP in Year 5 for her outstanding achievements in the Strings Division at the Lake Macquarie Music Eisteddfod!
1st Place – The Old Rugged Cross
2nd Place – Overture to William Tell
3rd Place – Blue Danube

SPORT

HRIS Chess

Last week the HRIS Primary Chess Competition was held at Avondale School with 216 students from 11 schools competing. It was amazing to see so many students all concentrating so hard on their seven games throughout the day. The Avondale School Junior and Senior Teams did very well, with the two Senior Teams tying for 3rd place. The Junior Team took out 7th place. This is a great achievement considering there were 54 teams. All students have been issued with their new NSW ranking which is on display in the sports cabinet. Congratulations to Matthew L who has broken the 500 mark with a ranking of 505. Newcastle Grammar took out the 1st place by a narrow margin in each division.

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.

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Kindy-Year 2 Learn to Swim Program

November 9 – 20

All students in Kindy, Years 1 and 2 will participate in a Learn to Swim Program at Morisset Heated Pool from Monday, November 9 until Friday, November 20. Students will swim every day and are required to bring their swimmers and towel (goggles are optional) each day for the two-week program.

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Christmas Party

Thursday 26 November at 10am
Avondale School Kindy Centre
Black oil # in at avondaleschool.com.au
Cash $ 15 per child
Come and Join us on the Farm: Jumping Castle, Face painting, Bobbing Apples, Animal Farm, Decorate a cupcake and heaps more!
SPORT

**Duke of Edinburgh Expedition**
The Duke of Edinburgh students are currently doing an expedition to Cradle Mountain, Tasmania. They are having an awesome time, with great weather and still some snow on the ground. The team will be returning on Sunday.

CLASS

**ICAS Science Achievements**
Avondale School students excelled in the recent ICAS Science Competition with Mr Allan, Head of Science, presenting the awards in Chapel today. It is outstanding to have Avondale School students doing so well, achieving Credits, Distinctions and High Distinctions in this National competition. A special High Distinction and Principal’s Award was presented to Michael P in Year 10 for achieving outstanding results. Congratulations also to Ty D (Year 7), Harrison S (Year 8), Joseph H (Year 9), Joshua M (Year 11) and Joshua S (Year 12) for achieving Distinctions. This competition encourages excellence in Science and choosing a career in STEM beyond school.

GENERAL

**Sing for Joy!**
The Secondary Choir performed at Toronto SDA Church last Saturday. The program featured special music accompanied live on the grand piano. Parents and church members were ecstatic at the quality of the performance from the Choir and Vocal Ensemble, especially the rendition of ‘The Great Day’! Special thanks to Mr Craig, Miss Knopper and Miss Parsons for the time and effort in providing this performance opportunity for our students.

**Baptisms**
Congratulations to Elise S (Year 9), Ty D, Liam B and Heath F (Year 7) who gave their lives to Jesus last weekend through baptism!

**STEP UP**

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!

3.30 - 4.30 PM THURSDAYS
ALL THIS TERM in the iCentre

Hope to see you there!

Avondale School
We Learn · We Value · We Serve
We Value reliability

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

I was discussing family values and their importance this week and this statement from the conversation is worth quoting - “It's not enough to know how to be reliable, you have to do it”.

Reliability is one of the foundations of teamwork and cooperation. It allows people to work together, with each person doing their best, knowing that each team member is taking care of other tasks. It’s not just talk, it’s action!

In recent weeks, I have watched in the media some of the images of refugee camps that have no running water, little or no electricity, no sewerage and very little food. Sometimes it is good for us to acknowledge all the great things we have, because people work hard to make those services reliable, so reliable that we take them for granted.

In the final weeks of the school year we are enjoying the results of the reliable hard work of lots of people. We look forward to seeing the results of reliable quality learning in School Reports at Speech Night.

It’s a simple choice! The only people who count are those who can be counted on. Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016

Term 1  Wednesday, January 27 - Friday, April 8
Term 2  Tuesday, April 26 - Friday, July 1
Term 3  Monday, July 25 - Friday, September 23
Term 4  Monday, October 10 - Wednesday, December 14

Primary Calendar - Term 4

Gateway Kids Soccer Stars - School Oval..................November 1
Year 6 Parent Info Session for Year 7 2016 7pm in MB......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 11
Gateway Kids Games Night 7.00 - 8.30 pm MPC........November 14
Gateway Kids Soccer Stars - School Oval..................November 15
Year 4 PowerHouse Museum Excursion.....................November 17
HRIS Cricket.........................................................November 18

Secondary Calendar - Term 4

Duke of Ed Trip....................................................October 28 - November 1
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
Year 7-9 Final Exams.............................................November 23 - 26
Year 11 Geography Excursion.................................November 23
Year 10 Driver Education......................................November 23
Year 10 Life Skills Program...................................November 24

K-2 Library Borrowing

In previous years we have noticed that library borrowing/returning really drops off when Infant Swimming commences. We have also noticed that some library books become wet from being in the same bag as swimmers and towels! Therefore, K-2 library borrowing will finish one week earlier than the rest of the Primary School with K-2 library books being returned in Week 5 rather than in Week 6. Library classes will still continue to run as normal with other activities rather than borrowing.

10c Book Sale

Our 10c book sale will be held in the library on Tuesday, November 10 at 12.30 pm. There will be books for everyone – picture books, fiction and non-fiction, so start saving your small change! Looking forward to seeing you then.

Secondary Reading Rulz!

All completed sheets need to be handed to your English teacher by next Tuesday, November 3 so points can be added to your Sport House for this year. Lost your recording sheet? Please call in at the library to collect another one.

Library

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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