How we started 2019!

in the garden

with joy & laughter

together

with curiosity

knowing we are God’s children

planting seeds

enjoying melon from our garden

with energy

with a big smile

with thankfulness

with achievement
Calendar of Events

- 6 February - Kindy Rest Day
- 13 February - Kindy Rest Day
- 19 February - Years 2-6 Swimming Carnival
- 20 February - Kindy Rest Day
- 21 March - K-6 Parent/Teacher interviews
- 21 March - Harmony Day
- 4 April - Alphabet Day
- 12 April - Term 1 concludes
- 6 May - Term 2 commences
- 9 May - High Tea With Mum
- 14-16 May NAPLAN Assessments
- 7 June - Pupil Free Day
- 10 June - Queen’s Birthday holiday
- 2 July - Parent/Teacher interviews
- 5 July - Term 2 concludes
- 22 July - Term 3 concludes
- 1 August - Science Week
- 12-16 August - Book Week
- 21 August - Years 5 & 6 Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition
- 29 August - Dinner With Dad
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3 September - ICAS Digital Technologies
5 September - ICAS Science
10 September - ICAS Writing
12 September - ICAS Spelling
17 September - ICAS English
19 September - School Concert
23-26 September - Year 6 Canberra trip
27 September - Term 3 concludes

14 October - Term 4 commences
23 October - Fruit and Veg Day
24 November - TCN Awards Night

Notices:

Piano Lessons
Would you like your child to participate in piano lessons right here at school? Our new piano teacher is Mrs Julia Smith. You will be able to make arrangements with Mrs Smith for your child to receive piano tuition by calling her on 0407 441689.

Uniform Shop Hours
Monday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
The Uniform Shop is located at the end of the MPC building at Avondale School, Cooranbong.

Fees
Fee statements will be sent out this month and will include information regarding the date for the prompt payment discount. Just a reminder that the yearly bus fee will also be shown on the fee invoice as a separate line item.

Swimming Carnival
Year 2-6 students will be participating in the Avondale school swimming carnival on the 19th February. Please note: Students must be able to swim 50 metres without stopping to participate.

Welcome to 2019!

What a great start to the year it has been! Thank you, parents, for supporting our Meet the Teachers Day last week. We really appreciate you taking the time to come along and find out all about our school program for 2019. Thank you, also, to those of you who attended our morning tea on Thursday. We appreciate you taking the time to attend this event. Well done to our Years 3-6 students who helped out with the morning tea. They did a fabulous job of caring for their responsibilities and we are very proud of Amayah and Stephen for carrying out their duties as School Captains so very well.

We want to extend a very warm welcome to our new students and their families. We are so happy that you are now part of our school community. We pray that God will richly bless your time here at Toronto Adventist Primary School. Once again, we also want to welcome Mrs Tasker to our teaching team. Mrs Tasker is planning some exciting music projects for this year including a school concert and more. Be sure to keep an eye out for upcoming events!

It’s not long now and you will have the opportunity to start to contribute your ideas for the future of our school at a meeting, to be held on Tuesday 26 February at 6:30 pm. Please continue to prayerfully consider the ‘what next’ for Toronto Adventist Primary School. We look forward to engaging in discussion with you at this time and hearing your ideas. Remember, dream BIG, dream really BIG! With God great things are certainly possible.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact me should you have any questions about the ‘what next’ for Toronto Adventist Primary School.

In case you missed it, the plan for vision casting for the future of our school is as follows.

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Our value at the moment here at school is ‘respect’. On Wednesday I had the privilege of giving out awards in Chapel to some of the students in recognition of their efforts with specifically demonstrating and upholding our value of ‘respect’. It is just wonderful to see that so early in the year the students are already striving for such exemplary conduct. The Bible tells us to ‘show proper respect to everyone’ (1 Peter 2:17). First and foremost, God is worthy of our respect because He created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, including us! One of the ways we can show respect and honour to God is by the way we treat each other. We honour God’s name when we treat others, as God wants us to, with love, respect and consideration. Romans 12:10 says, “Be devoted to one another in love. Honour another above yourselves.” Now that is good advice!

My prayer is that each and every one of you, whether you are a student, a parent, a grandparent, a staff member or a volunteer, will be abundantly blessed by God in 2019.

Miss Charmony Dias
Principal