What a start to Term 2! We are pleased to hear that our school families have been safe through the catastrophic weather conditions. Our current value is Cooperation and the storm conditions certainly highlighted the benefits of working together. It would be great to continue the spirit of neighbourhood cooperation beyond the crisis.

We use cooperative learning regularly in our classrooms. Teaching students to work together cooperatively has many positive benefits. They learn to accept individual differences and be tolerant, they develop social skills and they develop a sense of connectedness. Schools that are intentional about teaching cooperation report lower levels of playground conflict and bullying.

Many of our planned events have needed to be postponed so watch out for new dates. On May 19 we are running a Transition to School program for parents of 2016 Kindy students. We would love you to share this information with your friends. We also have our first Parents and Friends meeting for Term 2 on May 13 at 3.15 pm. We will provide supervision for students during the meeting. Please come and welcome Phill and Karen Toepfer to our P&F and be involved in making suggestions for how the P&F can support our school this year.

We are looking forward to a great term with lots of learning and fun.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ... “Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success.” Unknown

THIS WEEK? ... Considering events of the previous week and the relief that none of our School families have lost lives, anything this week could have dished up pales into insignificance! Despite the damage some of our families have suffered, the relative good spirits and considered blessings after the storm are astounding. Please continue to let us know how we can help in any way. Second time to start the term has seen us kick into routine this week, with NAPLAN practice happening, assessment schedules being posted and a positive celebration of 100 years of the ANZACs. And even though the rain affected so many venues for the HRIS Cross Country, we still managed to run the event today at the Morisset Showground!

AND NEXT? ... Everyone should be looking their absolute finest in perfect winter uniform next Tuesday (for Photo Day)! Year 12 Reports will be issued, NAPLAN practice will continue and Year 10 will be putting final plans in place for Work Experience in Week 4.

THAT’S ALL THEN … A ball of glass will bounce higher than a ball of rubber. A ball of solid steel will bounce higher than one made entirely of glass. What the? The School Orchestra performs at Dora Creek SDA Church tomorrow. If you like good music, it would be worth the “drop in”! Enjoy the weekend.

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HEADS UP!

Thought for the Week ... “Coming together is belonging. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” Henry Ford
GENERAL

Uniform Blitz
Next week we will be having a uniform blitz. Thank you for supporting the School by ensuring that your child has the complete and correct winter uniform.

School Photo Day

Tuesday, May 5

Our School Photo Day is next Tuesday. All students need to wear their full winter uniform, including their tie. Hats do not need to be worn on Photo Day. Photo order forms were sent home with students on Wednesday. All orders, including sibling photos, may be made online. The Primary Code is JGM WNE ZDM. Please note that if you order your photos online no envelope is required! The first two classes to have photos taken will be Year 6 and Kindy. Please ensure that the students are at school on time.

Kindy - Survive or Thrive?

Is your child starting Kindergarten in 2016?

Hear about key readiness skills from experienced educators

No matter what school your child will attend in 2016, Avondale School invites you to an INFORMATION EVENING to equip you in supporting your child for a successful transition to school.

Tuesday 19 May 2015

Avondale School
119 Avondale Rd Cooranbong
A parent’s ONLY night
Drinks and nibbles from 6:30pm
RSVP 22 April 2015
(02) 4977 0200
admin@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au

All Welcome to attend!

ANZAC Day March

Thanks to all the students and families who joined us for the ANZAC Day march and service in Morisset. We were delighted to have more than 60 students represent our school as we showed respect for the sacrifices that allow us to experience such freedom in Australia. Well done team!
Secondary

**GENERAL**

**Orchestra & Choir NZ Music Tour**

North New Zealand was the destination for 81 students and staff. They travelled to Rotorua and enjoyed the geysers, mudpools and woodcarvers art. The Choir sang in a traditional Marae meeting house. The concerts to large and small schools were outstanding. The students really were great ambassadors for Avondale School. Setup and packup was completed in record time so that fun activities at Rainbows End and Agroventures could be enjoyed. There was only one word to describe this tour – AWESOME!

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**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!

Hope to see you there!

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**Reunion Cooranbong**

**30 May**

Welcome to Graduating Years of 2005, 1995, 1990, 1985 ... 1935

(‘Til 12, Leaving Cert or your Graduating Year)

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
It was great to have all our students return safely this week and to hear the stories from the weather event last week. We begin this term promoting the great value of cooperation. Just this week I tried to lift a heavy box and was really struggling, but a good friend came and gave me a hand and the job was done very quickly.

Cooperation is a skill that you will be valued for. Cooperation exists when people work together toward a common goal. People naturally want to look out for themselves and make sure that they are taken care of first. But learning how to cooperate with others requires giving as well as taking, and realising that the good of the group is more important than the good of the one.

We all appreciate a helping hand. Learning how to cooperate will help you succeed in school and in your career, as well as in your relationships with friends and family.

Congratulations to everyone on the cooperation shown last term – being on time to class, wearing the correct uniform, picking up rubbish and completing homework. As the Bible says, “Get along with each other. Learn to be considerate of one another.” 1 Corinthians 1:10 (The Message) Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015

Term 1  Tuesday, January 27 - Thursday, April 2
Term 2  Monday, April 20 - Friday, June 26
Term 3  Monday, July 20 - Friday, September 18
Term 4  Tuesday, October 6 - Wednesday, December 9

Primary Calendar - Term 2
Get Active Starts for Term 2 .................................................. May 4
School Photo Day ............................................................... May 5
Mothers’ Day ................................................................. May 10
Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Tests - Language & Writing ............... May 12
Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Tests - Reading ............................... May 12
Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Tests - Numeracy .......................... May 13
Parents & Friends Meeting 3.15 pm ............................... May 13
School Reunion ............................................................... May 30
Pupil Free Day ................................................................. June 5
Queen’s Birthday Holiday ............................................. June 8
HRIS Basketball ............................................................. June 9

Secondary Calendar - Term 2
Band at Dora Creek Church ............................................. May 2
Get Active Starts for Term 2 ............................................. May 4
School Photo Day ............................................................ May 5
Mothers’ Day ................................................................. May 10
Year 10 Work Experience ............................................. May 11 - 15
Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN Tests ............................................. May 12 - 14
Year 8 Broken Bay Camp ............................................... May 13 - 15
Year 12 Riverwood Downs Retreat ................................ May 13 - 15
Parents & Friends Meeting 3.15 pm ............................... May 13
Year 10 English Excursion ............................................. May 19
Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews ................................ May 19

PLEASE NOTE

NAPLAN Tests
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the NAPLAN tests which will be conducted in Week 4 from May 12 - 14.
Language Conventions and Writing  May 12
Reading  May 13
Numeracy  May 14

In the numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors.

Friday, May 15 — A ‘catch-up’ day, is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.

LIBRARY

HRIS Art on the Move
The iCentre has had the privilege of displaying the HRIS Primary Art on the Move over the last two weeks. This travelling art show moves around the Hunter Region Independent Schools during the course of the year showcasing artworks from a number of schools, including Avondale School. Our students are enjoying viewing the creativity on display.

Years 7-12 Highest Borrowers
Congratulations to Term 1’s most active library borrowers:
Years 7-8  Tanya V
Years 9-10  Tyler H
Years 11-12  Alexandra L

Each of these students will be awarded a book voucher to be spent on a book of their choice. If you were not a winner last term, start borrowing now for a chance to win the Term 2 prize.

The Man the Anzacs Revered
William McKenzie was once one of the most famous of the Anzacs, a legend for his work on Gallipoli and France. For two decades after the war he was literally mobbed by adoring soldiers and their families. For the Anzacs, he became the man who best represented the Anzac ideal. What makes Fighting Mac’s legendary reputation incredible is that he embodied almost everything that the typical digger of the Anzac legend loved to hate. McKenzie was a Salvation Army Chaplain, a species of non-combatant officer usually held in low esteem. He railed against booze, brothels, betting and bad language, and he ran frequent evangelistic campaigns for the Anzacs where he forcefully appealed to them to become Christians. Despite these apparent disadvantages he was worshipped and revered by the soldiers. His story, told by local author Daniel Reynaud in the recently released ‘The Man the Anzacs Revered’ is now available at the library.

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