Primary Calendar - Term 2
YS6 HRIS Basketball.......................................Jun 5
Knights & Rookies Chess Gala Day.................Jun 7
Pupil Free Day..................................................Jun 8
Queen's Birthday Holiday.............................Jun 11
Kings Chess Gala Day....................................Jun 12
P&F Meeting 7.00pm.......................................Jun 13
CIS Cross Country...........................................Jun 14
K-6 Parent Teacher Night..............................Jun 25
Y3&4 Athletics Day........................................Jun 26
Y5 Taronga Zoo Excursion............................Jun 26

Secondary Calendar - Term 2
Duke of Edinburgh Trip.................................Jun 1 - 3
Y10-12 Paul Dillon Visit...................................Jun 4
Y12 Avondale College Futures Day.................Jun 5
Y10&11 Vaccinations........................................Jun 6
Pupil Free Day..................................................Jun 8
Queen's Birthday Holiday.............................Jun 11
P&F Meeting 7.00pm.......................................Jun 13
HRIS Junior Soccer..........................................Jun 19
Y9&10 Drama Excursion...................................Jun 21
Y11 VET Work Placement..............................Jun 25 - 29

School Terms 2018
Term 2 ........................................................Apr 30 - Jul 6
Term 3 .........................................................Jul 30 - Sept 28
Term 4 .........................................................Oct 15 - Dec 7
Term 1 2019.....................................................Jan 29 - Apr 12

THE VIEW

When our Avondale teachers consider the attributes we want to develop in our students, leadership is right up there. We aspire to grow courageous, ethical, bold young people who choose to be leaders in their sphere of influence rather than accepting the status quo.

Leadership is not dependent on a title or a position, it’s the ability to influence others. While some children seem to be born leaders, possessing a strong skill set, all children have the capacity to become leaders.

Here are some things that we can all do to support the growth of leadership capacity:

1. Celebrate failure. Failure is the result of taking risks. We learn, grow and become stronger from failure. All the leaders we admire have fantastic stories of failure on the path to leading others. Good leaders are humble and teachable.

2. Demand responsibility. All children need to learn to stand on their own two feet. When we bail them out or make excuses, we are telling them we don’t trust them to manage their own lives. We need to allow children to solve their own problems, meet their responsibilities and deal with the consequences of their actions.

3. Encourage communication. Communication and collaboration are considered some of the most important skills for our children as they move into an unknown future. We need to model and encourage communication skills in a range of situations to help our students develop emotional intelligence.

4. Find passion. All of us have an inner passion. Something we care deeply about and find value in. Encouraging and supporting children to pursue their interests allows them to develop passion, creativity and a love for learning. Passion for a cause ignites the inner leader.

5. Lead kindly. We often mistake bossiness for leadership. Let’s teach our children that good leaders are creative, compassionate and lead through example. Some of our world’s greatest leaders have humbly served others.

One of the things I love most about being a teacher is knowing that my sphere of influence (my students) will go on to have their own spheres of influence and so begins a ripple. My actions and my words have a wide reach! Mother Theresa said, “I alone cannot change the world but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”

Let’s work together to throw stones.

Deb Cooper
Head of Primary
SPORT

Quirindi Horse Sports Day
Last week Matilda E, Georgia C and Ally R represented Avondale School at the Quirindi Horse Sports Day. There was a large field of 230 riders from all over the State competing. The day began with a 3.30am start arriving at Quirindi by 7.00am. The competition was at a high standard with many very experienced riders. With such a great spirit of horsemanship and comradery our students were great ambassadors of our school. Special congratulations to Georgia C for achieving a 4th place in the Versatile Horse Competition and Ally R for achieving a 4th in the Hacking Competition.

Interschools Snow Sports
The Interschools Snow Sports website is now open for entries. If you would like your child/ren registered, please send the following information to Mr Head at ghead@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au:
• Full name
• Date of Birth
• Academic Year at School
• Snow ID Number (if you have one)
• Event names
For more information please visit the Interschools Snow Sports website.

CIS Cross Country
Thursday, June 14
The CIS Cross Country will be held on Thursday, June 14. It is very important parents encourage students representing Avondale School to continue to train either at home or at school.

Learn To Play Chess
Students interested in playing chess are invited to attend the iCentre on Thursday mornings from 8.15am – 8.35am. Students will play social games during this time. At 8.35am basic chess tactics will be discussed. All students are welcome.

GENERAL

Vacation Care
Vacation Care is now available to book for the July school holidays. In order to run any of the days we require a minimum number of 10 children per day to offer the activity outlined, otherwise the activity and/or the day of care may need to be cancelled. You can help support our Vacation Care program by promoting it to your friends and family within the Avondale School community. We will be closing bookings on July 1. To book, visit www.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/vacation-care

Building Resilience in Children
On Tuesday, June 19 at 6.00pm, CALM Family Support are offering a FREE workshop for parents and caregivers wanting to help their children build resilience. The workshop will take place at the Early Learning Centre and will cover topics like: What is resilience?; What factors help or hinder resilience building?; and Practical tips on increasing resilience. This is suitable for ages 3-8 years. For more information, contact Avondale Early Learning Centre on 4959 5647. To register, contact CALM Family Support on 4950 3855.

Change Of Dates
Please make the following changes on your School Calendar:
K-6 Parent Teacher Night – Mon, June 25.
Kindy Grandparents Day – Fri, June 29.
SPORT
Secondary Athletics Carnival
Monday was a beautiful day for our Athletics Carnival. The enthusiasm of the students was infectious and the program of track and field events ran mostly like clockwork. We had 7 records broken on the day: Shot Put - Elvan T (10.43m) Girls 13 Year Olds 200m Run - Stephanie E Boys 14 Year Olds 200m Run - Dontai G Boys 12 Year Olds High Jump - Antwon M Boys 12 Year Olds Long Jump - Antwon M Girls 15 Year Olds High Jump - Scarlett M Boys 16 Year Olds 800m Run - Ty D
Our House Captains did a great job making sure their Houses were well represented. The relays were a highlight with some very closely contested. It was great to see the parents and grandparents who came along to support and cheer. A big thanks to the staff and students who were just brilliant. The level of participation improved from last year, which is encouraging. We will award the Age Champions and announce the final House points on June 18 in Chapel. We will then announce the team that goes to Glendale to compete in HRIS Athletics on July 30, the first day back for Term 3.
The point score before the 1500m and Javelin events are:
Pacific 1755
Hunter 1672
Macquarie 1454
Watagan 1429
CLASS
Year 9 Geography/History Excursion
Year 9 spent the day touring the sights of Newcastle. Fort Scratchley’s tunnel network gave students insights into the strategic importance of the Newcastle Harbour to the war effort, while Newcastle’s Famous Tram allowed students to see the many revitalisation projects currently under way around the city. Our students were also treated to a birds eye view of the harbour from the Queen’s Wharf Tower, which is due to be removed next month. A special thank you to the Fort Scratchley Historical Society volunteers who helped make the day so memorable.
GENERAL
Timetable Review
We are constantly seeking to find the right balance for student learning and activity. This year, as you’re already aware, we put sport for all students Years 7-11 on Wednesday. Things are actually going really well, having started the year with sport in the morning and now having transitioned to afternoon again. As of this week, we are making a swap of the program to have sport on THURSDAY AFTERNOON. This has no impact on sport choices or in how we engage with this aspect of our program, but it does add value to our senior Year 12 selection of subjects on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. We’re excited about how this is going to shape up. Timetables for students and families are now available via Landscape.
Pupil Free Day
Please note that next Friday, June 8 is a Pupil Free Day for all K-12 students. This is a report writing and marking day for our staff. Monday, June 11 is the Queen’s Birthday Holiday. We look forward to seeing all students back at school on Tuesday, June 12. Have a safe and relaxing long weekend!

Canteen News
Friday’s Menu on Thursday, June 7
Due to the Pupil Free Day on Friday, June 8 the Canteen will offer the Friday menu on Thursday, June 7.

Scholastic Book Club
It was wonderful to see all the happy faces in the classrooms as the Book Club orders were delivered last Friday. There will be another opportunity to order next term when the new catalogue comes out.

Lunchtimes in the Library
As the weather turns cooler, the library is a good option for lunchtime activities. Please remind your children that we have books, magazines and games for them to use in a warm and comfortable space. A popular pastime in the Primary School at the moment is the use of the Cuisenaire rods for building Jenga towers. Some of them are engineering marvels! The card game Uno is proving to be popular in the Secondary School.

Featured Parent Title
A parent may be the biggest influence on a child’s literacy. Your influence in helping your children to read regularly will result in greater literacy and better results in school. Paul Jennings, a famous and hugely successful children’s author, has written The Reading Bug... and how you can help your child to catch it. This is a very user-friendly book and it provides some strategies parents can use to help their children with their reading. It is available in the Parent Library now, along with many other great titles. Just drop into the iCentre sometime and have a browse.

Private Music Tutors
Are you interested in having music lessons? We have many great tutors and instruments available to learn on. Please contact tutors directly to arrange lesson times.

Piano
Kylie Stacey (Simply Music, AMEB, traditional) / 0409 939 302
Angela Miller (Simply Music) / 0421 464 797
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
Jan Hughes / 4977 2037
Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308

Voice
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

Strings
Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 040 308
Esther Albert (cello / violin / double bass) / 0439 420 661

Woodwinds
Emma Jones (flute) / 0432 925 199
Fred Cracknell (saxophone / clarinet) / 0404 082 151

Brass
Fred Cracknell / 0404 082 151
Anna Howard (trumpet) / 0430 106 953

Guitar
Jake Bisognin / 0400 389 612
Toby Zeuschner / 0405 405 131
Garry Lawler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

Drums
James Dennett / 0401 549 084

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