THIS WEEK … we enjoyed catching up with parents on Parent Teacher Interview evening. Students ran the 800m event to add to scores from our Athletics Days and we watched the fastest boys and girls from each age group compete in the Avondale School Gift. Year 6 students blew us away with their creative stalls for E-Day and the rest of the school had great fun buying things with their E-Dollars. Kindy students excitedly welcomed their grandparents to campus for the much anticipated Grandparents’ Day.

FIRST WEEK BACK … While you’re enjoying holidays, teachers will be spending time in Professional Development and preparing for Term 3. During Term 3 all students will be involved in the Sports in School Program. This begins in Week 1 and will be on Tuesday each week. Some students will also be heading to the HRIS Cultural Festival on Wednesday to join with students from around the region in presenting a concert. Term 3 will be a busy and fun learning time.

OUR VALUE … As we continue to learn about humility, I can’t help thinking that being able to laugh at yourself is such an important attitude. The ability to not take yourself too seriously is an important part of resilience. As teachers and parents we model this when we are able to laugh at our mistakes. Laughter is a great way to navigate life’s awkward and embarrassing moments. Many difficult moments can easily be handled with a big smile.

I hope the holidays bring you the time to connect positively with your children and the opportunity for lots of laughs.

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MAKING A MARK … “…talent means nothing, while experience, acquired in humility and with hard work, means everything.” Patrick Süskind

DONE AND DUSTED … With a sensational Orchestral and Choral concert on Saturday night, the week began with Parent Teacher nights on Monday and Tuesday. Many braved the cold to enjoy an important session with staff about student progress. Thank you to all those able to come and continue this journey with your child(ren). Year 12 have been quite intentional about finding out more from Universities this week with a couple of excursions to Tertiary events and some even had an intense experience at the Jewish War Museum for Modern History and Studies of Religion as well. STORMCo left safely this morning to Wee Waa and we wish them every success in the coming week.

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … Holidays have arrived! Teachers engage in Professional Development from July 18 and Year 12 recommence on Thursday, July 20 before the whole Secondary Campus returns on Monday, July 24. Have a safe break as families. Term 3 is moments away!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … “Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” Albert Einstein

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Athletics Day Presentation

The Athletics presentation will take place the first Monday of Term 3, July 25, during assembly, weather permitting.

HRIS Soccer Teams

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the HRIS Soccer Teams to play on August 30:

Harry C
Oli C
Mitchell A
Bailey S
Jaxon S
Tovala C
Greg E
Nathan R
Ryan B
Savannah W
Oscar O
Alan K
Ben S
Samuel N
Sean O
Leighton C
Nathan S
Dominic M
Ayden H
David L
Aiden S
Luke P
Mackinley R
Ethan H
Lilijana G
Harry S
Ryan H
Noah M
Kylan M
Jayden B
Rory F
Tom C
Archie H
Marcus H
Ryan M
Jason L
Jake B
Blake T
Sai R
Ryan S
Harry K

Year 2 Athletics Day

Years 2-6 800m Race
Year 8 Mathematics Scale Models
Recently our Year 8 Mathematics students have been busy creating scale model replicas of famous towers and buildings from around the world. As part of the Ratio and Rates unit of work, students needed to use significant mathematical skill to determine suitable scales, calculate model dimensions and work out how many blocks/matchsticks were needed in order to construct a model of their chosen famous structure - the only permissible construction materials were wooden cubes, matchsticks and/or cardboard. As evidenced by these photos, our students certainly rose well to the occasion and created some amazing tower and bridge replicas.

Band/Choir/Strings Pre-Tour Concert
It was a really chilly evening but the selection of music and the quality of performance across the night made this concert special. The Orchestra and Choir have been working towards their tour to country NSW in a couple of weeks and this concert was a showcase of the musical highlights they will take on tour. All the hours of practice really showed in the quality of the performance. There was lots of support from the community and the quality of the music was outstanding!!

HRIS Basketball
Last Wednesday our Basketball Teams headed to the HRIS Gala day. There were 44 teams - too many to all play at Broadmeadow - so as a result the girls played at Maitland and the boys played at Broadmeadow. Each team had some good wins, some hard games and a few very close games. The Junior Girls coached by Miss Fraser came in 7th overall in their division. The Senior Girls also coached by Miss Fraser came in 4th. The Senior Boys coached by Mr Gibbons came 4th overall after playing in the hardest pool rounds. The Junior Boys coached by Ignatius had some very hard games as well but ended up coming 2nd overall. The support from parents and families as well as ex students was appreciated and helped warm the atmosphere. A big thank you to the coaches and players who put in hours of preparation for this event.

Athletics Age Champions
Athletics Age Champions were acknowledged at Chapel on Monday. Trophies were handed out and a reminder given that HRIS Athletics Day is the first Tuesday back next term, July 26.
Please Note

P&F News
Thanks to all those who made a gold coin donation for the P&F coffee and cake at the Parent Teacher Interview evenings this week. We hope you enjoyed it! We received great feedback. Huge thanks goes to Nadine, Terrina and Georgina for helping with the preparation, setup and pack up, along with the Year 6 Prefects who helped out too. Also thank you to Georgina and Joan for organising the slushies that were made available at the Primary Athletics Days, and to those who purchased them despite the cold weather.

From the Principal
Two men sat down to review their business trip and its results. One said he thought the trip had been worthwhile because some meaningful new relationships had begun through their business contacts. The other said, “Relationships are fine, but selling is what matters most”. Obviously they had very different agendas. It is all too easy - whether in business, family, or church - to view others from the perspective of how they can benefit us. We value them for what we can get from them, rather than focusing on how we can serve them in Jesus’ name. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul wrote, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others”. (Philippians 2:3-4)
Thank you for your encouragement and support this term. It was great to catch up with many of you this week at Parent Teacher Interviews. Enjoy the break!

Dr David Faull
Principal

Calendar
Primary Calendar - Term 2 & 3
Last Day of Term 2 ................................................................................. July 1
Vacation Care Available ..................................................................... July 4 - 22
First Day of Term 3 ............................................................................ July 25
Athletics Day Presentation .................................................................. July 25
Get Active Starts for Term 3 ................................................................. August 1
ICAS English Competition ................................................................. August 2
Year 2 Wetlands Excursion ................................................................. August 10
P&F Meeting @ 3.15 pm in Admin Building ...................................... August 11
HRIS Athletics Day ............................................................................ August 12
Year 6 Science Discover Days .......................................................... August 16 - 17

Secondary Calendar - Term 2 & 3
Last Day of Term 2 ................................................................................. July 1
STORMco Trip to Wee Waa ................................................................. July 1 - 7
STORMco Trip to Cobar ..................................................................... July 8 - 14
Year 11 VET Work Placement ........................................................... July 18 - 22
Year 12 First Day of Term 3 ................................................................. July 21
Band/Choir/Strings Music Tour to Country NSW ......................... July 21 - 24
Year 7-11 First Day of Term 3 ............................................................. July 25
Year 11 Hospitality Community Centre Function ............................. July 26
HRIS Athletics Day ............................................................................. July 26
HRIS Cultural Festival ....................................................................... July 27

Library
Year 8 English
Students from Mrs Murphy’s class have been busily borrowing related texts for their study of Hitler’s Daughter. There is a list on the High School Library section of Landscape showing even more great books to support this study.

SpineOut Magazine
The latest edition of SpineOut has been released just in time for the holidays. Follow the link from the High School library catalogue on Landscape to catch up on some great creative writing, current issues, artistic work and book reviews just for teenagers. http://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/3315