Week two began with Athletics presentations. It was awesome to see our students acknowledged for their achievements in Athletics. We enjoyed our second week of the Sports in Schools program. Some of our students attended the HRIS Cultural Festival on Wednesday where they joined with students from other schools to prepare a musical performance. I was so proud of our students in their final performances. They were outstanding! On Thursday we had five teams of students head off to the Netball and Soccer Gala. We also have 14 trainee teachers completing practicums with us. It’s great to see our wonderful teachers mentoring the next generation of teachers. Next week our Athletics team head off to the HRIS Carnival. We wish them all the best and know they will represent our school brilliantly.

We have been learning about integrity over the past two weeks. You are the most important factor in helping your children develop integrity.

‘Live so that when your children think of fairness, caring, and integrity, they think of you.’
H Jackson Brown Jr

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Thought for the week: “Your life may be the only Bible some people read.” Author Unknown

Week 2 – Woah!
The concept of holidays is a distant memory … another big week saw Year 12 crunch through quite a few exams, Year 11 Geography successfully engage in their Field Trip, HRIS Junior Boys’ Soccer team held their own on Tuesday, the performing arts groups went off at the HRIS Cultural Festival on Wednesday and the Robocup Tournament on Thursday was amazing (according to the students)! Of course for those of us left at school, it was a pretty decent week of classes, as learning goes! We even had time to reimage a few computers!

On the Horizon …
Our Year 12 class continue with exams next week (for which we wish them continued success), our Year 11 VET students begin a week of work placement (we hope they learn lots!), Year 10 do an English excursion and Year 9 Art students head off to Lake Macquarie Art Gallery. The week after we have Subject Expos for 2015 Year 11 and Year 8. Don’t miss them!

THAT’S ALL FOLKS … EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED ...
If glassblowers inhale do they get a pane in the stomach?

If the weather holds, we couldn’t ask for a better weekend coming up! Take care of each other!

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Science & Engineering Challenge

Last Thursday, 29 Year 9 and 10 students made their way to the Forum at Newcastle University for the 2014 Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge. Students participated in teams of four in challenges such as: Catapult, Helter Skelter Shelter, Stringways, Who Gets the Water?, Hover Frenzy, Eco-Habitex, ElectraCity and Gold Rush (penultimate challenge - bridge building). Students had a great day of challenges and problem solving, learning a lot about technology and working in teams. Special mention to our Avondale School teams on ElectraCity, Catapult and Who Gets the Water?, who topped the score on their activity for the day. Competition on the day was strong and Avondale School finished second out of seven teams. A commendable performance!
Afternoon Pick-up
If you pick-up your child/children from school in the afternoon there are two safe ways to do it:
1. Park in the carpark on the left just outside the school gates and walk over to the Primary School.
2. Send your child/children to carline for a quick and easy pick-up.

Please note, children are NOT permitted to wait near the Primary carpark for their parents. The drive through area of this carpark is to be kept clear after school. Thank you for noting this.

Years 1 & 2 Sport - Uniform Change
Please note students in Years 1 and 2 need to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays for Sport in Schools Australia and again on Thursdays for gymnastics. Thank you for noting this.

HRIS Athletics Carnival
Wednesday, August 6
Students representing the school at the HRIS Athletics Carnival on Wednesday, August 6, are encouraged to continue training for their events. All students selected for throwing events are invited to train with Mr Head before school from 8.00 am until 8.45 am each morning on Oval (B).

SPORT UNIFORM FOR TERM 3
Kindy: wear sport uniform each Monday and Tuesday.
Years 1 & 2: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Thursday (gymnastics).
Years 3-6: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Friday.

NEED A PRAYER?
Simply fill in one of our prayer cards located in our Primary/Secondary/Admin Offices and let us know what we can take to Jesus on your behalf. You can put your name, you can be really specific or you can just leave a general request and we’ll take it to Jesus when we’re next on our knees.

HRIS Cultural Festival
Avondale School can be proud of its musicians and singers. We all enjoy participation in HRIS sports but on Wednesday night our students joined with students from all independent schools in the Hunter region to perform on stage. The quality and breadth of performances was outstanding. Special thanks to Mr Craig, Miss Knopper and Miss Parsons for this initiative.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6–7
God be praised! The Wyee Adventist Church was the venue for outstanding music and student participation last Saturday. The Choir under Mr Craig's direction sang superbly and were accompanied by the Orchestra. The Orchestra was ‘by invitation’ and Miss Knopper was expecting only a few members to turn up, but most of them came to perform. The church was packed and the locals were so delighted to hear such uplifting music… God be praised! Well done Choir and Orchestra! On Saturday afternoon we celebrated the recent success of the School Musical and congratulated the Year 12s on their contribution. It was great to watch the pre-production edition of the recording for the first time in the Music Building as a whole group. The recording is expected to be available early next week.

Measles is about!

- Up to 2 in 5 NSW high school students are under-vaccinated against measles.
- Substantial outbreaks are occurring, particularly in South East Asia.
- 14 teenagers/young adults caught measles overseas and brought the infection back to NSW in the first 3 months of 2014.
- NSW Health is urging parents to check their teenager’s vaccination records to ensure they have a record of 2 doses of MMR vaccine.

MMR IS FREE FOR ANYONE WITHOUT 2 DOCUMENTED DOSES

Parents are being encouraged to contact their GP. Catch-up clinics will be available in some high schools.

For more information visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/measles

Measles Catch-up Campaign

You may have heard through a media campaign about the school based measles catch-up program due to the recent measles outbreaks in NSW. Details are at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/measles-catchup.aspx

Avondale School will be participating in the catch-up program on September 8 with all students from Years 8-12. (Year 7 students will participate in the program on their scheduled vaccination day for Hep B and HPV on September 15.) Forms for these vaccinations will go home with students in late August.
**Principal’s Message**

The headlines in the morning newspaper scream, ‘Elected leader succumbs to greed and graft’. A nation shrugs and the mistake is soon forgotten. And we wonder, What has happened to integrity? How are we going with the discussions about integrity? Every day we make choices - what to do and how to live.

We are what we choose and behavior is a result of choice. The little ones in Kindy are already down the road on this journey, learning right from wrong and why, but it is important as they learn to interact and cooperate so that great choices are reinforced.

The key to integrity is to determine a sense of inner directness that does not yield to the pressures of the age - what this friend or that says we call peer pressure – good choices identify with the highest rather than the lowest, the best rather than the worst, the ideal rather than the average, the excellent rather than the mediocre.

Lucinda Bassett wrote in “Life Without Limits”, “Nothing gives you more confidence than knowing you operate from a place of integrity. Integrity is simple. It makes you like yourself. You feel good about who you are and why you do things. You feel good about yourself when you go to bed at night. You make decisions based on your integrity. It isn’t always easy to do that, but it is gratifying to know that in the end you still like who you are, you can be proud of what you do and your family and the people in your life who trust you and love you can be proud of you as well. You don’t compromise in a world full of compromises. You don’t sell out. You are valuable and worthy and strong in your convictions. Integrity is self worth.”

It says, “I’m taking charge of my behavior. I’m going to make good choices and act on them”.

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

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**BOOK WEEK 18-22 August 2014**

**Connect to Reading**

**Our hands** help us connect to each other and to reading! During Book Week we would love to decorate the library with Kindy to Year 6 hands!! All you need to do is:

- Trace around your hand on white paper and cut it out.
- Choose a book you like and write a short description of the book on your paper hand. (Kindy to Year 2 students can draw a picture about a book rather than writing about it.)
- Put your name, the book title and author on the front of your paper hand.
- Bring it to the library to be displayed by Monday, August 11.

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**BUSINESS OFFICE BUSINESS**

1 AUGUST - CHANGES TO EFTPOS PAYMENTS

As you may be aware, from today (August 1) you will be required to use a PIN for any EFTPOS transaction across Australia. This means if you choose to use your credit/debit card for payment of fees or any other payment, you will be required to use your PIN. For some parents, this may cause some inconvenience, but please note we are here to assist you the best way we can. Your Payway payments will continue as authorised. Over the counter transactions will require a PIN only. Your payments to us over the phone are the transactions which may have the biggest impact on you causing some inconvenience. However, if this is your usual method of payment, please consider the use of Bpay which is available to every family of our school community. If you still experience difficulties, please contact the Business Office for assistance.

**TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES**

We have a wonderful community of parents who recognise the value of great education across all facets of school life. Your support and prompt payment allows us to continue to support the delivery of a holistic program here at Avondale. We say a big THANK YOU.

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**Primary Calendar - Term 3**

- HRIS Athletics Carnival: August 6
- P&F Meeting at 7.00 pm in the iCentre: August 6
- ICAS Maths Competition: August 12
- Book Week: August 18 - 22
- Year 5 & 6 Newcastle Permanent Maths Comp: August 27
- Year 6 Orientation for Year 7 2015: August 28
- Variety Concert: September 2
- Fathers’ Day: September 7
- Year 4 South American Cultural Day: September 8
- CIS Athletics Carnival: September 10
- Family Festival: September 14

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**Secondary Calendar - Term 3**

- Year 12 Trial Exams: July 28 - August 11
- Year 11 VET Work Placement: August 4 - 8
- P&F Meeting at 7.00 pm in the iCentre: August 6
- Year 10 English Excursion: August 7
- ICAS Maths Competition: August 12
- Year 11 Hospitality Community Centre Lunch: August 12
- Year 11 2015 Subject Expo: August 12
- Year 10 Visual Arts Excursion: August 12
- Year 9 2015 Subject Expo: August 13
- Duke of Edinburgh Trip: August 13 - 18
- Book Week: August 18 - 22

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**Celebration of Integrity**

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:14,16 NLT

- *You are the light of the world - like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.*
- In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:14,16 NLT