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Parent Teacher Night
Tuesday, March 13
Primary Parent Teacher Night will be held in the iCentre on Tuesday, March 13 from 3.30pm until 8.00pm. These interviews are for teachers to share how your child has settled into the new school year. Primary Interim Reports will be sent next week. Teachers do not have detailed assessment data to share at this stage of the year, but are happy to discuss your child’s level of engagement, social interaction and general level of performance. Bookings can be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au by using the School Event Code nm556. We look forward to seeing you there!

Late Students
Just a reminder that any students arriving at school after 9.00am need to bring their child into the Office and sign them in to avoid their child being marked absent for the whole day.

Sport Uniform
Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 wear their sport uniform on Mondays.
Years 3 to 6 wear their sport uniform on Fridays.

GENERAL

Ride4Rescue School Fundraiser Mufti Day
Monday, March 5
On Monday we are having a Mufti Day to support the Ride4Rescue fundraiser. (Please note students in Kindy to Year 2 need to wear clothes suitable for sport). Donation envelopes were sent home with students last week and we ask that they be returned to the class teacher on Monday. Thanks to our local bike shop Breakaway Cycles who have kindly donated prizes for students who raise the most money. Infants - $50 gift voucher towards the purchase of a new bike at Breakaway Cycles Middle - $100 gift voucher towards the purchase of a new bike at Breakaway Cycles Upper - $100 gift voucher towards the purchase of a new bike at Breakaway Cycles

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Dates For Calendar
Please mark the following dates in the calendar:
7 March – HRIS Swimming Carnival
22 March – CIS Swimming Carnival
17 August – HRIS Athletics Carnival

Swimming Carnival Presentation
Monday, March 5
The Swimming Carnival presentation will be held on Monday, March 5 at assembly, weather permitting.

Swimming Club
The last Swimming Club will be this coming Tuesday, March 6. All HRIS Swimming Team participants are encouraged to attend.

School Swimwear
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Opal Cards
Students who travel on the School Bus are reminded that they need to present their Opal Card for every trip. All new applications for bus passes and change of address etc need to be completed online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students. Opal cards are sent directly to the address provided on the application. If you have any queries please contact Transport for NSW on 131 500.

NSW All Schools Triathlon
On Thursday, 24 students competed at the NSW All Schools Triathlon at the Sydney International Regatta Centre at Pennith. There were over 1000 teams in three divisions - junior intermediate and seniors. Avondale School performed very well on the day.

Sports For Schools 2018
In 2011 and 2012 Coles ran a Sports for Schools program in which Avondale School participated. Our School received 1000's of dollars of sports equipment, thanks to the great efforts of both Primary and Secondary families. Coles has decided to run the program again in 2018. As a registered school we would encourage all parents and friends to participate in this great program by collecting and returning your Coles docket vouchers.

Secondary Swim Squad
Where: Morisset Swimming Pool
When: Every Tuesday and Thursday, 6.45 - 7.45am. Training has commenced and will continue until Tuesday, March 13.
Cost: $5.00 each day (includes pool entry, coaching and breakfast).
Transport: Parents need to drop students to the pool. The School Bus will then take all students back to School for breakfast.
Ability: Students need to be able to confidently swim 400m. Please note this is not a learn-to-swim session. It will focus on some stroke correction and aerobic conditioning as well as developing overall swimming fitness.
If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Mr Ward in the PDHPE department via reception on 4977 0200 or by emailing bward@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au

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Swimming Carnival Age Champions

STEP UP
3.30 - 4.30 PM THURSDAYS in the iCentre

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!
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 0404 308

**Voice**
- Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

**Strings**
- Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 0404 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) / 0418 975 033

**Guitar**
- Jake Bisognin / 0400 389 612
- Toby Zeuschner / 0405 405 131
- Henry Higgins / 0490 0404 308
- Garry Lawler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

**Drums**
- James Dennett / 0401 549 084

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**ALL SCHOOL**

**School Photo Day Change**
Please note on your calendars that our main School Photo Day will now take place on **Thursday, May 31**. The original date clashed with an important PD for a lot of our staff.

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**LIBRARY**

**K-9 Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)**
Did you know that last year over 290,000 NSW school students, with some from Avondale School, signed up and read over 8,000,000 books for the PRC?! If you LOVE reading then you’ll be really excited that the PRC is about ready to start for this year! From next Monday, March 5, and all through March, you’ll be able to come to the library and sign up for the challenge. We have plenty of PRC titles and an abundance of books to use as free choice titles. This is a great way to develop literacy and experience a broad range of adventures! Are you up to the challenge?

Check out the iCentre Landscape page for all the PRC information you need. http://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/1762

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**Munchery Canteen**
With the new lunchtime for Primary students, it is important that parents order from the correct option.
If you order your Primary child’s lunch from the Secondary section, it will not be ready until Secondary School’s lunchtime.
If you order your Secondary School students lunch from the Primary ordering section, it will be sitting for almost 2 hours.
Thank you for noting this and helping us ensure your child receives their lunch at the correct time.
We apologise to parents for any inconvenience they may have experienced using Munch Monitor over the last couple of weeks. The issues have now been resolved.

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**Enrolment Forms**
We are still waiting on a number of Enrolment Forms to be handed in. These were sent to all families via post at the beginning of the year. Please return these ASAP. If you need a reprint, please see Tracey in the Admin Office. Thank you.