Welcome back to school! Thanks for making sure your students look fantastic in their winter uniforms. I hope you enjoyed a great holiday with your children. Special thanks to the students who represented our school at the ANZAC Day service in Morisset.

**THIS WEEK:**
- Pat Conroy visited our assembly to present awards to our student leaders. He was particularly impressed with the way our students sing the National Anthem.
- Our Chess Teams received special coaching.
- We had lots of student teachers taking PE lessons with our students.
- We looked awesome for school photo day (well mostly anyway!)
- Our teachers were involved in a professional learning session on how to teach students to write.

**NEXT WEEK:**
- Our Year 6 students have Challenge Day.
- Our fastest runners are off to the HRIS Cross Country event at Avondale College. Good luck team!
- Our Year 7 and 9s are preparing for NAPLAN during next week, ready to perform to their best ability on May 13 – 15. We’ll be kept on our toes, I think!
- That’s all folks … except, I’ve often wondered …
- Is there a time limit on fortune cookie predictions?
- Enjoy the respite of the weekend!

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**
“The most powerful force ever known on this planet is human cooperation - a force for construction and destruction.”
Jonathan Haidt

**NEXT WEEK:**
- Week 1 – beginning again!
- We are straight into it, folks. Photo Day yesterday was a big event. I think the Year 12 Muck Up photo was fantastic – what they DON’T want to be 10 years from now. Some great statements in outfits were made.
- Step Up started in again and there were 28 students for our first week back.
- And we also have all our Orchestra and Choir students involved in a ‘rehearsal camp’ this weekend in preparation for our musical in June.
- Of course the regular routines of classrooms were up and running by the end of Monday. We’re back on the bike, folks!

**ON THE HORIZON …**
- Next week we have HRIS Soccer and the Cross Country, followed in Week 3 by Year 10 Work Experience, the Year 8 Camp to Broken Bay and our Year 12 Retreat at Crosslands.

**HEADS UP!**
Get ready for a term full of creative learning opportunities, fun activities and loads of challenges!

**Mrs Deb Cooper**
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Principal’s Message

It was great to have all our students return this week and to hear the great stories about their holiday adventures. We begin this term promoting the great value of cooperation. Just this week I tried to lift a heavy recliner chair and was really struggling. However a good friend came and gave me a lift 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. The ‘selfie’ picture craze is an example of this. 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, in relationships with friends, and in your job search.

Congratulations to everyone on the cooperation last term – on time to class, correct uniform, rubbish picked up and homework always completed. 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

Leaders Affirmed

On Monday Mr Pat Conroy, Member for Charlton in the National Parliament, attended Avondale School to affirm our School Captains and Prefects. Mr Conroy made some comments and then presented students with a presentation folder containing a Certificate.

Mr Conroy particularly commented on the very neat presentation of Avondale students and the enthusiasm for singing the National Anthem.

Drugs & Alcohol

Can parents make a difference?

MONDAY 19 MAY

7PM - MUSIC BUILDING

Paul Dillon is from Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia. You don’t want to miss what he has to say about drugs and your child.

library news

Reading Rulz – Years 7-10

How many House points have you earned so far? Remember it’s as easy as reading a book. If you haven’t registered for Reading Rulz 2014, it’s not too late. Collect your checklist from your English teacher today and start reading. You have until November 3 to earn up to ten points for your House.

K-6 Borrowing

It’s been great to see so many students in each class remembering their library bags and getting stuck into borrowing and reading at the start of the term. Please remember that all your Term 1 library books need to be returned before you can borrow books this term. If you have lost your library book/s please let the library staff know so we can let you know the replacement cost of your lost book/s. Happy reading!

School Photos

Advanced Photographers just love Avondale School. The supervisor of the school photo team assured me their staff enjoy coming to our school each year. “Your students are just amazing. They are cooperative and courteous. We get the job done so efficiently.” The logistics of taking staff, class, groups, individual and family groups for 940 students K -12 is truly amazing and our students were wonderful.

Position Vacant

There is a part time position vacant in the Secondary School Office - Student Services. Please head to our website for more information www.avondaleschool.com.au/positions-vacant. Applications close Wednesday, May 7. Email the Head of Secondary admin@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au.

School Term Dates 2014

Registration Day

Tuesday, January 28

Term 1

Wednesday, January 29 - Friday, April 11

Term 2

Monday, April 28 - Friday, June 27

Term 3

Monday, July 21 - Friday, September 19

Term 4

Tuesday, October 7 - Wednesday, December 10

Primary Calendar - Term 2

School Fees Due.................................May 2
Get Active Starts for Term 2....................May 5
P&F Open Meeting..............................May 7
HRIS Cross Country............................May 8
Mothers’ Day......................................May 11
Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Tests - Language and Writing May 13
Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Tests - Reading.............May 13
Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Tests - Numeracy.............May 13
ICAS Science Competition.....................June 4
Pupil Free Day.....................................June 6
Queen’s Birthday Holiday........................June 9

Secondary Calendar - Term 2

School Fees Due.................................May 2
School Musical ‘Camp’..........................May 3 - 4
Get Active Starts for Term 2....................May 5
HRIS Senior Soccer.............................May 6
P&F Open Meeting..............................May 7
HRIS Cross Country............................May 8
Band and Choir at Memorial Church............May 10
Mothers’ Day......................................May 11
Year 7 & 9 Vaccinations Dose 2.................May 12
Year 10 Work Experience......................May 12 - 16
Year 11 Biology Excursion......................May 13