Primary Calendar - Term 3
Term 3 School Fees Due Aug 3
School Reunion Aug 4
Get Active Commences Term 3 Aug 6
Interschool Equestrian Day Aug 6
P&F Meeting 7pm Aug 8
Mufti Day for the Farmers Aug 9
Science Discovery Days Aug 13 - 14
ICAS Maths Competition Aug 14
School Open Day 10am - 2pm Aug 14
HRIS Athletics Carnival Aug 17

Secondary Calendar - Term 3
Term 3 School Fees Due Aug 3
Y11 Geography Field Trip Aug 5 - 8
Y12 Trial Exams Aug 6 - 20
Y9 English Excursion Aug 6
Y9/10 Oz Tag Competition Aug 7
P&F Meeting 7.00pm Aug 8
ICAS Maths Competition Aug 9
Y8 Subject Choices Due for 2019 Aug 13
School Open Day 10am - 12pm Aug 14
Y11 Hospitality Community Lunch Aug 14

School Terms 2018
Term 3 Jul 30 - Sept 28
Term 4 Oct 15 - Dec 7
Term 1 2019 Jan 29 - Apr 12
Term 2 2019 Apr 29 - Jul 5

THE VIEW
Larry grew up in a very wealthy home, the youngest of four children, but struggled with the resultant affluence and class status. His mum helped keep his feet on the ground and gave him a Christian upbringing based on her humble Scottish Presbyterian heritage. He married young and secretly. When his father found out, he reacted by calling off the official wedding with important guests like Larry’s uncle, the Secretary of the United States coming, only two days before the wedding.

His wife got caught up in the snob value of being rich and eventually they divorced as Larry was content to be without those society trappings. After moving out to start his own ranch in Arizona with his horses, Larry established himself as simply another ranch owner. He began to date a divorced riding instructor with three children, however, the dating was interrupted by several years serving his country in WWII. It was only after they were engaged she found out his family owned the Mellon National Bank in New York and the Gulf Oil Company. He had never talked about his family wealth.

In 1947 Larry was reading Life Magazine and saw a picture of Albert Schweitzer. He wanted the peace and serenity he saw on Albert’s face. After corresponding with Dr Schweitzer in Africa, Larry Mellon decided he too wanted to serve God and help others.

At the age of 37 the family packed up and he spent the next 8 years in New Orleans while he completed his medical degree, and his wife Gwen completed her lab technology and scrub nurse certificates. Then they moved to the “neediest part of the world they could find”.

Larry and Gwen spent the rest of their lives building and staffing a hospital in Central Haiti. They opened their hospital in 1956 and spent the following years serving an area with well over 185,000 people who had no medical facilities prior to this. Larry’s family had a six billion dollar fortune; he used his share to help others, pioneering the market place vaccination program which saw thousands of Haitians vaccinated and living longer. Larry died at 79 and Gwen at 89. Both were buried in cardboard boxes – the typical poor Haitian method – next to their hospital in Haiti.

One of the Haitian foreman on a project stated, “On the Tapion, Dr Mellon worked physically. Others would be lazy, but he showed by his example. He carried water pipes on his own shoulders. He was like a little piece of God.”

Gwen Grant Mellon eulogized her husband’s contribution as “like a crystal with many facets, found on the handle of a door, on the end of a stethoscope, on the edge of a scalpel, under the saddle of a horse. It is a letter of love written by illiterates on the rocks, the hills, and within the homes of thousands in Haiti. Having seen it is a legacy to teach by. It cannot be stifled. It is a real and living thing.”

The legacy of Albert Schweitzer, that we looked at last newsletter, impacted on the life of Larry Mellon and provided an amazing life of service in Haiti. I wonder what legacy we may be leaving for others to think about? How others-centred are we? When people see our face, does it inspire them to be better people?

David McClintock
Principal
SPORT

Term 3 Sport Uniform

Years K-2 – wear their sport uniform on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Years 3-6 – wear their sport uniform on Tuesdays and Fridays.

K-2 Sport In Schools Program

Term 3 - Each Wednesday

Our Term 3 Sport In Schools program will run on Wednesdays for students in Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2. Students are required to wear their sports uniform on Mondays and Wednesdays in order to participate in this quality fun program.

Years 3-6 School Gymnastics Program

Term 3 - Each Tuesday

Our school PE classes have been further enhanced with the introduction of a new gymnastics program which will replace the Sport In Schools program. The Gymnastics program will be run for all students in Years 3-6 by highly qualified gymnastics teachers in the MPC on Tuesdays. Years 3-6 students are required to wear sports uniform on Tuesdays and Fridays. This program will cover all the PDHPE Gymnastics outcomes in the curriculum with individual assessments at the end of term.

Years 3-6 Friday Sport

All students in Years 3-6 have selected a sport this week that they would like to concentrate on in Term 3. Students have made their choices from the following 10 options: Netball, Soccer, Hockey, Mixed Sports, Basketball, Gymnastics, Mountain Biking, Table Tennis, Girls Soccer and Touch Football.

Fundraising for the Farmers

Thursday, August 9

Next Thursday we will be having a farm-themed mufti day to raise money to support the farmers who are affected by the drought. Students are invited to come to school out of uniform and to bring a gold coin (or several!) to donate to the cause. Gateway Church is also collecting non-perishable food items to deliver. We invite families to join us in generously supporting farm families in need.

ICAS Science Presentation

Monday, August 6

Our ICAS Science presentation will take place during assembly this coming Monday, August 6.

HRIS Cultural Festival

Our students did us proud at the HRIS Cultural Festival this week. Huge thanks to Mrs Campbell and Mrs White!

Years 3-6 Athletics Age Champions & Runners Up

Congratulations to the following students who were named Age Champions and Runners Up at a special assembly on Monday:

8 Years Champions
Addison M & Tom B

9 Years Champions
Hannah T & Cooper S

10 Years Runners Up
Kayela H & Thomas K

11 Years Champions
Mahalia P & Jayden T

12 Years Champions
Ethan C & Talen B

Interschools Snow Sports

Congratulations to Elle U, Torah U and Tiffany D, the first Avondale School Primary students ever to compete in the Interschools Snow Sport Championships at Thredbo during the school holidays. While conditions were icy and caused some falls, the girls all had fun competing in a sport they love. Avondale School placed 25th out of 41 schools, which is amazing for such a small team. Hopefully we can send a larger team in 2019.
CLASS

Year 11 VET Work Placement
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GENERAL

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Tuesday
28 August at 7pm*

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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
Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308
Garry Lawler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

Drums
James Dennett / 0401 549 084

K-6 Scholastic Book Club
This week Primary School students have been given Scholastic Book Club catalogues to bring home. This is an opportunity for students to order books at great prices. The catalogue showcases a wide variety of books, with prices starting as low as $2.00. This is a great chance to plan ahead for birthdays and Christmas. Orders and payments can be made online or order forms and cheques can be sent to the iCentre. Please note that no cash payments can be accepted. If you would prefer to pick up your ordered books from the library yourself instead of them being sent home with your child, please email Mrs Litster on jlitster@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au
The closing date for Term 3 Book Club orders is Friday, August 10.

Book Week is Coming!
August 20 - 24 is Book Week and it’s coming soon! This year the theme for our special week is “Find Your Treasure”.

Some of the fun book activities include:

Author Visit for Years 5-8
In the week BEFORE Book Week Years 5-8 will get to listen to a famous Australian author who is coming to visit Avondale School. You have most likely read one of HIS books as we have some in the library. Which author will it be?

K-6 Storytellers at Lunchtimes
You won’t want to miss our amazing storytellers coming to the library at lunchtimes during Book Week and telling us exciting ‘Treasure’ stories. What a great way to spend some time in the library!

K-6 Book Week Competition
If you’d like to enter the competition this year, all you need to do is attach a photo of yourself reading a book that you treasure on a competition entry form. You then write down the title of the book and a sentence or two saying why you treasure the book. It’s VERY EASY! You can pick up a competition entry form from the library or download one from the iCentre Landscape page. Completed entry forms must be back to the library by Friday morning, August 17 and they will be displayed in the library during Book Week. There will be book prizes for selected entries from each Year Level. We’ll look forward to seeing what books you treasure!
Please note that this is NOT the year for our Book Character Parade so no dressing up will be required until 2019! Watch this space for more information.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Thanks to the many students who have returned their completed PRC reading record sheets with their data entered online. You have until Friday, August 31 to have your reading finished and all data entered. Enjoy your books!

Just Imagine
Avondale Open Day | 14 August | 10am-2pm

Experience Science Discovery Day.
Learn more about PBL.

Imagine what the future might look like.
Then let’s make it happen together.

We value ...
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