This week has been awesome. We have had enjoyed great music and stories! Super Week of Mega Praise is always a fun highlight! We love to share Jesus with our students.

Next week is the last week of Term 1. (Where has first term gone?) Check out all the action:

• We have Year 5 heading off on their camp on Wednesday.
• 3M are having their ‘Castaways Camp’ on Wednesday night.
• Year 2 have an excursion to the Wetlands on Wednesday and an Eater Bilby Concert on Tuesday.
• Year 6 have ‘China Day’ on Tuesday.
• We have a Mufti Day on Thursday to raise money for Autism.
• On Friday Mr Head will take the HRIS Cross Country Team to run the course at Avondale College.

Have a great weekend and catch your breath before our last frantic week of term!

Thought for the week: “Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real.” Thomas Merton

Week 10 – check!
Year 12 are nearly completed their exams - well done, students! Year 10 have had a great week at Anna Bay with Geography tasks, team activities and learning new outdoor skills. Without these two year groups at school, it’s been a quieter place, but full of learning nonetheless!

On the Horizon …
We are only days away from our first term break – that seems crazy! Between now and then we have Year 12 finishing exams on Monday as well as Motivational Media for Chapel (Years 7-11), a number of term assessments across the year groups and a BLUE Mufti Day on Thursday raising money for Autism! It should be a top week! Don’t forget ANZAC Day is coming up in the holiday period too. If you would like to have your child walk as a representative of the school in the Morisset March, bring your child to Morisset Train Station carpark at 9.30 am, April 25. We would love to see you there!

THAT’S ALL FOLKS … EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED …
If God sneezes, what should you say?
All sneezing aside, hope you have a marvelous weekend – take time to enjoy your family!

Mr Benton Craig
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**Head Lice**

We have a number of reported cases of head lice this week at school. Please check your child / children’s hair. The school policy requires that all live adult head lice and eggs be treated and removed before the child is permitted to return to school. For more information please view the brochure ‘A Parent’s Guide to Head Lice’ at www.cdph.ca.gov/healthinfo/discond/Pages/HeadLice.aspx.

**Mufti Day - Go Blue for Autism Fundraiser**

**Thursday, April 10**

April is Autism Awareness Month. It is a great opportunity to help raise awareness about autism spectrum disorders and raise much needed funds. We would love all Avondale students to get involved by wearing something **BLUE** on Thursday, April 10. All students participating in the event are asked to bring a donation of a gold coin or more. All money collected will go to Autism Spectrum Australia which is Australia’s leading supplier of services for people with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other disabilities. Thank you in advance for your support.

**MUFTI DAY CANTEEN SPECIAL**

Next Thursday for Mufti Day, the Canteen has a special! For one day only, they will be offering two new hot products at lunchtime:
- Mini Potato Scallops - 7 for $2.50
- Seasoned Spudsters - 7 for $2.50

**Cross Country**

The Cross Country presentation will be held on Monday, April 7 at assembly. Students in the School Cross Country Team have the opportunity to train on the HRIS course on Friday, April 11 with Mr Head. The 8, 9 and 10 year-olds will go at 12.20 pm and the 12 year-olds will go in sport time at 2.15 pm. Students will need to be in their sports uniform. Unfortunately the 11 year-old students will be at Myuna Bay Camp and not able to participate. Each of the 11 year-old students will be given a map of the course so they can train over the holidays. Parents are encouraged to have their child continue training over the holidays and are welcome to take their child to Avondale College for on-course training.

**Year 2 Wetlands Centre Excursion**

**Wednesday, April 9**

Please ensure all permission notes and money for parent helpers is given to the class teacher by Monday. Students need to wear their sports uniform, joggers, school hat, rain jacket, school bag with fruit break and a packed lunch and drink. Students will be departing the school at 9.00 am and returning at 3.00 pm.

**Year 3M Castaway’s Camp**

Year 3M Castaway’s Camp is from the afternoon of Wednesday, April 9 to the morning of Thursday, April 10. Orienteering, observation trails and fire lighting are just a few of the team building and survival skills planned for the camp. Students should return their permission slips by Monday, April 7.

**Year 4 Mini Winter Olympics**

The Olympics have never been so much fun as they were last Thursday for the Year 4 students. Seventy five students and seventeen wonderful parents enjoyed the energy and fun of the events of the Mini Winter Olympics, Avondale-style. Our morning began with a snowman making competition. The 16 snowmen were all well constructed and original. Those who forgot gloves realised just how cold snow can be. Each of the five teams then competed in the following events: Speed Race, Ski Race, Ice Hockey, Bobsled and Ski Jump. A huge thanks to all parents who helped make this event possible.
**GENERAL NEWS**

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**Outstanding Performance**
Avondale School has an excellent music program and the breadth of performance was showcased in a community concert last Saturday at Gateway Church. The feature of the performance was the combination of the junior and senior choirs. This amazing vocal group was accompanied by a 48 piece orchestra. Some of the special supporting pieces included a string ensemble and a bell choir. The bell choir is unique to Avondale School and has to be heard to be believed. “It was just magic”, was the response of Dr Darryl Murdoch, the Head of Adventist Schools Australia, who was present for the performance with eight educators from the United States.

Students at Avondale School have huge opportunities to learn an instrument or perform in choirs. This activity, research confirms, enhances their academic work. The huge support of parents and their enthusiasm for quality music makes such a concert possible.

**STEP UP**
3.30 - 4.30 PM
THURSDAYS
ALL THIS TERM
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!

Hope to see you there!
Principal’s Message

It’s hard to believe another week has flown. One more week and Term 1 will be over. The other day I read about a parent who only lets his son read digital books. It got me thinking about the importance of reading and I’ve put a message on my new blog about this. Check it out now at www.avondaleschool.com.au

Our 2015 enrolments for Kindy and Year 7 are currently being processed. If you know someone who would like a tour or an enrolment pack, they can phone our Registrar on 4977 0200.

Put these two important dates in your calendars NOW!
- May 19 – Paul Dillon presents Drugs & Alcohol – Can Parents Make a Difference?
- July 28 – Mira Danon-Baird presents Cyber Safety – Is the Digital World a Safe Place?

I know we’re busy people but I really hope you will mark these dates in your calendar and make it a priority to be there.

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faul
Principal

Uniform Shop - Holiday Hours

Students are required to wear winter uniform in Terms 2 and 3. For all your winter uniform needs, the Uniform Shop will be open during the school holidays on Tuesday, April 15 and Wednesday, April 16 from 9.00 am - 5.00 pm. All students must be in full winter uniform from the first day of Term 2. There is no cross over period.

ANZAC Day Parade

Avondale School will be again marching in the ANZAC Day Parade on Friday, April 25. Students wishing to join the school should meet at the Morisset Railway Station car park (new one) adjacent to traffic lights from 9.30 am. The march will commence at 10.00 am, marching down Dora St to the Morisset Country Club where the main service will be held.

 Foolproof Movie - April 4, 7.00 pm

Fireproof is a thought-provoking movie about relationships being restored. The movie will be screened at 7.00 pm this Friday, April 4 in the School MPC. Entry is free. All married and non married couples are welcome to attend. A study group to discuss these issues further will be run on Saturdays from 9.30 am for six weeks for those people interested. Please see Janese Cameron on Saturday night after the movie if you are interested in joining these groups. A baby sitting service is available.

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