Primary Calendar - Term 2
Term 2 Fees Due ..................................................May 4
Y1 Muffins for Mum ...........................................May 9
Y2 Wetlands Excursion ................................May 10
P&F Mother's Day Gift Stall .......................May 11
Mother's Day .......................................................May 13
Y3 & 5 NAPLAN Tests ........................................May 15 - 18
Y1 & 2 Smart Start Incursion ....................May 16
Y2 Sunnyside Excursion ................................May 16
School Open Day ........................................... May 22
ICAS Science Competition ......................May 29

Secondary Calendar - Term 2
Term 2 Fees Due ..................................................May 4
Duke of Ed Trip .............................................May 4 - 6
Mother's Day .......................................................May 13
Y10 Work Experience ................................May 14 - 18
HRIS Soccer ........................................................May 14
Y12 Parent Teacher Night 4:7pm ..........May 15
Y7 & 9 NAPLAN Tests ................................May 15 - 18
School Open Day ........................................... May 22
HRIS Netball ........................................................May 22
Y12 Food Tech Excursion .......................May 22

School Terms 2018
Term 2 ........................................................Apr 30 - Jul 6
Term 3 ........................................................Jul 30 - Sept 28
Term 4 ........................................................Oct 15 - Dec 7
Term 1 2019 ...................................................Jan 29 - Apr 12

THE VIEW

Students at the Centre of Learning
It was generally in the 1870s and as late as 1908 that the Australian colonies began to pass education acts establishing school systems. In the United States, it wasn't until 1918 that there was national compulsory education.

Previous to this, adults were enraged about child labour as children were taking the jobs of adults, as it was much cheaper to employ them. There may have been some moral concerns over children losing fingers or being abused at work, but the economic reasons were considered far more important. The factory owners of the time declared that it would be disastrous to their industries as they couldn’t afford to employ adults.

This was the perfect way to promote education to the industrialists of the day; that educated kids would be more compliant and productive workers. The plan was to trade the short term loss of child labour for longer term efficiency through an industrialised education system. Our world is rapidly changing and the industrial era no longer exists, and this has far-reaching implications for how we teach our children.

Workforce skills and demands have dramatically changed over the years and today’s students will be applying for jobs that require critical and creative thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity skills.

We were significantly an agrarian society one hundred years ago, a manufacturing society fifty years ago, and today we are becoming a service-oriented society. The key competencies needed in a service-oriented society are listening, empathy, problem-solving and collaboration skills.

Today’s students are no longer preparing themselves for a single career with one or two jobs over a lifetime. According to McCrindle, the average tenure in a job is 3.3 years and therefore the pace of change is much greater than in the past.

When students are at the centre of learning they are given opportunities to lead learning activities, be more actively involved in discussions and learning projects, and generally contribute more to their own study.

Student-centred learning can be transformative for students. When they are presented with choice and responsibility, critical and creative thinking with practical activities within the authenticity of the real world, students are engaged in learning that is extensive and enduring.

Education needs to be about students, focused on their learning so that they can apply what they know to new situations, giving them the best opportunities to contribute to the real world.

Nathan Hill
Leading Learning Team
**GENERAL**

**NAPLAN - Parent Volunteer Needed**

We are seeking a volunteer to read the Mathematics NAPLAN Assessment to a Primary student on Thursday, May 17, starting at 9.00am and concluding at around 10.30am. Please contact Karen Price at kprice@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au or by phone 4977 0200 if you are able to help.

**Kindy 2019**

Just a reminder that if you have a child or know of a child wanting to commence Kindy in 2019, please make sure you have completed and returned an enrolment form. Forms are available from the Admin Building.

**SPORT**

**Term 2 Years 3-6 Friday Sport**

This term students in Years 3-6 will be participating in 8 different disciplines of athletics. They will complete two each week in sport time in readiness for our Athletic Carnivals in late June. Full sports uniform must be worn for sport. If there are any parents who have expertise in any of the athletic events and would like to assist the staff on Fridays, please contact Mr Head.

**Mobile Phones and Smart Watches**

We encourage parents to ensure they communicate travel arrangements at the beginning of the day. If Primary students need to communicate urgently with parents during the school day, all communication can be handled through the School Office.

If students have mobile phones at school they need to be turned off and kept in school bags. Phones are not to be used on school grounds. If messages need to be checked, students need to check messages at the end of the school day with the permission of their class teacher.

Smart watches that allow communication via SMS, email or phone call cannot be worn at school but may be kept turned off in their school bag with the same rules applying as with a mobile phone.

**CLASS**

**Year 1 Reptile Park Excursion**

**MUSIC**

**Junior Band**

Rehearsals for Junior Band will commence next week and will run each Wednesday during lunchtime (11.15 - 11.45am). It is a beginner band and all students are welcome to join who would like to learn an instrument. Students need to bring their instruments to school on Wednesdays and meet in the Music classroom after they have eaten their lunch. For more information please contact Mrs Anna Howard, Music Teacher at ahoward@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au.

**Learn To Play Chess**

Students interested in Chess are invited to attend the iCentre on Thursday mornings from 8.15am – 8.35am. Students will play social games and at 8.35am basic chess tactics will be discussed. All students welcome.

**School Representative Chess Teams (Kings, Knights & Rookies)**

Students in the School Chess Teams will commence their after school coaching sessions on Monday, May 7 with professional Chess Coach Gary Losh in the library. A coaching manual and permission note has been sent home this week. There is no charge for this great opportunity. These students will compete against other local schools on June 7, completing 5 rounds. Students will then play 5 rounds in Term 3, and if successful, proceed to the Hunter Region Finals in Term 4. These students will also compete in the HRIS Chess Competition held on our campus in Term 4.
Avondale School Newsletter

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!

Cambodia Photo Fundraiser
We are holding a portrait fundraising day and would be delighted to receive a donation from you in return for a framed 10”x13” family portrait (of your family – valued at $90!) by Laura Jean. Check your emails for more details. Bookings can be made at www.trybooking.com/574783

P&F Fundraiser
Take the career test that could change your life
Our test will help you choose senior subjects and the best training and education for your career path. Includes a comprehensive careers assessment, results, workbook and debrief.
Register at: www.careeroptions.net.au/sb

Athlete’s Foot
Thanks to all the families that shopped at Athlete’s Foot Tuggerah to support our school, helping raise $330. Thanks for your support of this program. Remember, if you are needing new shoes, Athlete’s Foot Tuggerah, along with Ascent Footwear, will donate $5 per shoe sold to Avondale School.

GENERAL
Cambodia Photo Fundraiser

Call Rachel at Career Options 0405 383 210
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) / 0430 106 953

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