Week 7 is done and dusted. What an amazing week. The highlight of the week has been our concert. As an audience you saw confident students performing to the best of their abilities. As teachers watching on from backstage, we were delighted to see how some of our less confident students rose to the occasion and overcame fears to be part of the show. Our journey of preparation has required students to work together, follow instructions and persevere. These life lessons are just as important as the final concert performance. Thanks for supporting your children on this journey.

This week we have been learning about perseverance. In academic pursuits, sport and music, perseverance rather than talent is the biggest predictor of success. We look for opportunities to encourage students to persevere when things are hard. We also look for opportunities to celebrate success. Our concert has given us a chance to teach perseverance and celebrate success.

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Thought for the week: “Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding the 20th.”  
Julie Andrews

Week 6!  
What an awesome Week of Worship (WOW) – celebrated with Pr Brock who had us all on the edge of our seats and connecting to ‘No Greater Love’: a God who wants us to be with Him. Our chapel worship team were a real blessing and we truly had some wonderful items from a bunch of talented students. The drama students performed a very comical ‘Midsummer Night’s Dream’ last night and will do so again on Saturday night … DON’T MISS IT! Year 7 & 8 English classes had an amazing poetry experience and a number of students headed to AICES Athletics and did themselves and the School proud! Each lunchtime we ran some activities for School House points and spirit too – it took a couple of days to build momentum, but we had a lot of fun with that!

Now, what’s next?  
A CSIRO visit for our Year 8s, HSC markers coming for Music and D&T, a measles vaccination catch-up and of course our Family Festival are high points of next week. And then the culmination of a year’s work for our Year 11 Preliminary students will be their Final Exams, starting Friday. Can you believe we’re heading into the last two weeks of Term 3 already? C-r-a-z-y indeed.

THAT’S ALL FOLKS … EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED …  
Can a short person ‘talk down’ to a taller person?

Hope you all spoil your Dads rotten! They deserve it!

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Primary Variety Concert  
On Tuesday evening over 420 students participated in the Primary Variety Concert. The audience enjoyed performances featuring singing, dancing, instruments and drama. The concert focused on the work of our creator God and clearly showcased the creative talents of our amazing students!
ICAS Science Competition

Congratulations to the following students who received awards for the ICAS Science Competition at Monday’s assembly.

CREDIT

DISTINCTION
Esther R, Amy M, Elijah M, Neve E, Liam B

Newcastle One Day Primary Chess Competition

The Newcastle One Day Primary Chess Competition was held this week with 140 students competing. While Avondale School’s teams were weakened with the late withdrawal of two students, our teams did very well. This was a great experience for our Junior players who gained valuable experience playing against older students. One of our Year 2 students, Rose J, was very pleased to win against a Year 6 student. Congratulations to the A Team Flynn K, Elijah S and Kaleb G for achieving 4th place and also our Junior team who did extremely well to achieve 6th place.

1st 17.5 pts Belair Public School (A)
2nd 17 pts New Lambton Stth School (A)
3rd 14.5 pts New Lambton Stth School (B)
4th 14 pts Avondale School (A)
5th 13.5 pts Lambton Public School (A)
6th 13 pts Avondale School (D)

Primary Tennis Competition

The Primary Tennis Competition will be held during the last week of Term 3. This will be a two-division competition, Year 6 only and Year 5 and under divisions. Students will be selected to represent the School at the HRIS Tennis Competition on Friday, October 17. Students need to register their names with Mr Head next week at the Sport Shed.

CIS Athletics

Wednesday, September 10

There are 23 students from Avondale School who will be competing at Homebush Athletics Centre on Wednesday, September 10. Students competing in events other than a relay team will be given a HRIS shirt to wear on the day. Permission notes are now due.

Year 4 South American Cultural Day

Monday, September 8

Next Monday, September 8, all Year 4 students will be involved in an exciting South American cultural day. Students and teachers will dress in colourful costumes and wear festival masks. Between 9.00 am and 10.30 am, the classrooms will become museums with artefact displays and presentations. Cooking will occur between 11.00 am and 12.20 pm. South American foods such as chilli con tortilla, corn pancakes, en salada, natillas piuranas, pudim de leite and Brazilian lemonade, will be prepared and shared at lunchtime. To complete the festival the students will play South American games in the afternoon. Year 4 is very excited about this event! For those parents who have offered to help, we sincerely thank you!

SPORT UNIFORM FOR TERM 3

Kindy: wear sport uniform each Monday and Tuesday.
Years 1 & 2: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Thursday (gymnastics).
Years 3-6: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Friday.
Measles Catch-up Program

THIS MONDAY, September 8

You may have heard through a media campaign about the school based measles catch-up program due to the recent measles outbreaks in NSW. Details are at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/measles-catchup.aspx

Avondale School will be participating in the catch-up program on Monday, September 8 with all students from Years 8-12. (Year 7 students will participate in the program on their scheduled vaccination day for Hep B and HPV on September 15.) Forms for these vaccinations were sent home with your child last week. Please return them to the Secondary Office ASAP.

Two doses of MMR containing vaccine are recommended. If your child has already received two doses they do not require any more. The MMR vaccine would have routinely been offered to your child at 1 year and 4 years of age. To find out if your child has already received two doses of the MMR vaccine (also called Priorix or MMRII) you can:

- check your child’s blue book
- check with your family doctor
- ring the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) on 1800 653 809 for an Immunisation History Statement (have your Medicare card handy).

ACT Mountain Biking Challenge

Last Thursday 21 eager students from Avondale School ventured down to Canberra for the annual ACT Schools Mountain Biking Challenge at Stromlo Park. Avondale School did very well in most categories on the day. Our Senior Mixed Team, consisting of Travis L, Austin M and Jacinta F, came first place. Most of the other teams came in the top 10 places which was a fantastic result. Congratulations to all the students for representing Avondale School so well. Special thanks to Jeannie and Steve Lawrence, Carmen and Tony Borrott and Robyn and Andy Matthes for all their valuable assistance on the trip.

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
I am always amazed each Friday when I open the School Newsletter. It is amazing to see the events and achievements of our students in so many fields of endeavour. Avondale School is just a fantastic place to set your goals and work towards seeing them through. I have been talking to our Year 12 students recently, who in a month will commence their HSC exams. They have set goals to reach and are aiming for university placements for next year. They are motivated and focused. We are currently promoting and thinking about perseverance – the ability to pursue a goal with steady persistence, a purpose, especially in spite of difficulties, obstacles or discouragement. It was the comedian Bill Cosby who wrote, “In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than the fear of failure”. The Primary Variety Concert this week was outstanding. An event like this does not just happen on its own. Students have been learning their songs and practicing their parts. Bringing it all together for our enjoyment takes commitment – that’s perseverance and the result was fantastic.

It is just over a week until our Family Festival. I hope you have been training and are planning to come and run with your children in the Fun Run. Please tell your friends about our Family Festival on September 14. Please promote our school in your community. Enjoy the news this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

NEED A PRAYER?
Simply fill in one of our prayer cards and let us know what we can take to Jesus on your behalf. You can put your name, you can be really specific or you can just leave a general request and we’ll take it to Jesus when we’re next on our knees.

MY PRAYER IS ...

IN JESUS’ NAME

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015

Register Day

Term 1

Monday, April 20 – Friday, June 26

Term 2

Monday, July 20 – Friday, September 18

Term 3

Tuesday, October 6 – Wednesday, December 9

Term 4

Tuesday, January 27

Avondale Student Reviews Published
Congratulations to Shanae W, Jordan W and Mikayla B for the publication of their book reviews in the June/July edition of ‘Spine Out’ magazine. If you’d like to read what they have written, get some other great reading suggestions or look at some creative photography and writing done by high school students throughout Australia, go to the library catalogue accessit.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au

Log in as GUEST and then as SENIOR (You don’t need a password.) Select the ‘Spine Out’ option. Select CONTINUE to go through to the magazine. The link to the June/July edition is in the ‘Browse Issues’ section at the bottom of the page.

Return K-6 Library Books
Can you believe Term 3 is nearly finished and it’s time to return your library books? Please make it a priority to look under your bed or wherever else you hide your library books and have them back to the library by the end of this term. If you have lost your library book please visit the library to check on the cost of replacing it.

K-6 Term 3 Library Prizes
Congratulations to over 300 students from Kindy to Year 6 who have borrowed and read library books EVERY week this term. What an excellent effort! Students will choose their prizes during library classes next week.

Primary Calendar - Term 3
Fathers’ Day ........................................... September 7
Year 4 South American Cultural Day ........... September 8
CIS Athletics Carnival ................................ September 10
Family Festival ...................................... September 14
Tennis Selections ................................. September 15 - 19
Get Active Ends for Term 3 ..................... September 18
Kindy and Year 1 Sports Day ................. September 19
Last Day of Term 3 ................................ September 19
Daylight Saving Starts ........................... October 5
Labour Day Holiday ............................. October 6
First Day of Term 4 ............................. October 7

Secondary Calendar - Term 3
School Drama - A Mid Summer Night’s Dream ... September 6
Year 8 - 12 Measles Vaccination ............... September 8
Year 8 CSIRO Visit ................................ September 10
Year 11 Final Exams ............................. September 12 - 19
Family Festival .................................. September 14
Year 7 Measles / Hep B #2 / HPV #3 Vaccinations .... September 15
Year 9 Male HPV #3 ................................ September 15
CIS Athletics Carnival ........................... September 17
Year 12 Farewell Chapel 9.30 am MPC .......... September 19
Last Day of Term 4 ............................. September 19
Daylight Saving Starts ........................... October 5

Avondale School Values
perseverance

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

This is what the Lord says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is good for you and leads you along the paths you should follow.” Isaiah 48:17 NLT

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Sunday 14 September 9am - 2pm
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- Peter Dixon Band

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- Belle’s Swimwear
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- Shannons - Newcastle
- Sanitarium Health & Wellbeing
- MGA Occasions Photography
Loads of attractions on the day...

- Carnival Rides
- Animal Farm
- School Campus Tours
- 1km & 3km Fun Run
- Market Stalls
- Pony Rides
- Food Fair
- Car Show
- Helicopter Joy Flights
- Clowns & Face Painting
- BANDS & ENTERTAINMENT AND LOADS MORE!

NEW!

Play Land

New this year to Family Festival is Play Land for 0-5yr olds

CHECK OUT OUR ANIMAL ZOO, PONY RIDES, FACE PAINTING, EARLY LEARNING CENTRE PLAY TENT, FACE PAINTING & COFFEE STAND FOR THE ADULTS! MORE INFO ON OUR WEBSITE!

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Fun Run 1km & 3km

Run for FUN this year with your family & friends

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Peter Dixon Band

live on MAIN STAGE from 9am

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