THIS WEEK ... The highlight of our week was Open Day. We LOVED the opportunity to have parents, grandparents and community members visit our classrooms. I had many adults tell me that they wished they could come back to school! Our Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed classes on the Secondary Campus. They are very excited about the transition to Secondary School. Year 6 students spent Tuesday afternoon doing a Master Chef Chinese Cooking Challenge. The results were amazing and delicious! Year 1 students were involved in a Team Building Day on our oval. It was great to see them learning to communicate and work together to overcome challenges.

NEXT WEEK ... Teachers will be completing Interim Reports. These are not a comprehensive report but rather a snapshot to allow parents to see how students are settling in to the new year. Our Primary Chess Competition is on next Wednesday. This is a great co-curricular opportunity for interested students. We are also really looking forward to our Super Week Of Mega Praise starting on March 16.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ... “God never gives us discernment in order that we may criticise, but that we may intercede.” Oswald Chambers

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ... What a great effort our Year 10 Commerce students put into their Business Week! Excellent lunchtime fun. Our Open Day was a huge success and simply showcased who we are and what we do on a daily basis. I had a real hoot hosting a tour for a few of our Year 5 and 6 families! Our Prefects did themselves proud over this week of uniform blitzing – a tough gig for any school leader! There have been many opportunities for success.

AND NEXT? ... Our Interim Report process is complete and a copy will be sent to you next week via email (don’t forget interviews are in Week 9); Our Secondary SRC group is now established, having their second official meeting this coming Friday; our Year 11s engage in their first off-campus service period on Tuesday; and the assessment schedules are starting to amp up. Promises of a good week ahead!

THAT’S ALL THEN ... Although, did you know that a crocodile can’t move its tongue and cannot chew? Its digestive juices are so strong that it can digest a steel nail!

Hoping you get to stop for a bit and enjoy each other this weekend.

Mr Benton Craig
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ...

Spend some time this weekend making sure your child knows that you are that significant adult.

Mrs Deb Cooper
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HRIS Swimming Carnival

Last week, a team of 40 of our students competed at the HRIS Swimming Carnival in Maitland. Many of these students achieved personal best times in the 50m pool. Congratulations go to the following students who will be going to the CIS Swimming Carnival on March 19 at Homebush. Rhiannon D (100m Free Style and Relay) Sophie G (Relay) Eleora T (Relay) and Summer W (Relay). Special congratulations go to Rhiannon D, who won the 11 Year Girls Age Champion Medallion. As you can see from the results below the bottom four schools’ points were very close, with only 40 points separating them.

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HRIS Soccer Trials

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to go to the HRIS Soccer Trials at Macquarie College next Thursday, March 12: Liam B, Lucas C, Ethan M, Mitchell A, Sebastian M and Freddie H. A squad of boys will be selected at the trials to represent HRIS at the CIS Soccer Gala Day.

Primary Chess Competition

Wednesday, March 11

The Primary Chess Competition to be held next Wednesday, March 11 from 9.00 am until 2.30 pm, will now be in the CLC (Collaborative Learning Centre). This is a junior and senior competition, open to any student who can play chess properly. Students need to see Mr Head before Tuesday, March 10 to register.

Run Around Australia

Commencing Monday, March 16

The Cross Country Run Around Australia Program will commence on Monday, March 16. Training will run for two weeks leading up to our school event on Monday, March 30.

Cross Country

Monday, March 30

The Cross Country will be held on the Primary School oval on Monday, March 30, weather permitting. Students will run in events according to their age (which is the age your child will be at 31 December 2015). Listed below are approximate times for each of the aged events. (Please note that these are approximate times only and are subject to change.)

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CLASS

Year 12 VET Work Placement
Last week Year 12 VET students completed a week in industry developing their employability skills. Students went to an array of restaurants, cafes, building sites, automotive workshops and computer businesses. Avondale School would like to thank the businesses who assisted our students in gaining valuable skills. Students received excellent reports, displaying solid skill sets learnt.

Year 10 VET Work Placement

Year 10 Business Week
This year Business Week offered ice cream with mix-ins, cold drinks, cookies and fairy floss. As always our Year 10 Commerce students will donate 10% of their profit to charity.

Secondary Chess Competition
The Secondary Chess Competition will be held in the MPC Gymnasium on Monday, March 9. All students need to register via email to Mr Head. The competition will be from 8.50 am until 1.00 pm.

Avondale School
New Zealand Music TOUR CONCERT

Saturday 28 March 7pm
Multi-Purpose Centre

$20 Family / $10 Adult / $5 Student & Pensioner

STEP UP

We Learn ∙ We Value ∙ We Serve

Saturday 28 March 7pm
Multi-Purpose Centre

$20 Family / $10 Adult / $5 Student & Pensioner

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!

3.30 - 4.30 PM THURSDAYS
ALL THIS TERM in the iCentre

Hope to see you there!
We Value
discernment

All parents are invited and encouraged to attend our
Bullying and Building Resilience
Parent Seminar
with Dr Kevin Petrie
Tuesday, 17 March, 7.00 pm in the Music Building
“Finding that your child is involved in bullying in some way can be a
confronting and bewildering experience. There are a number of key
strategies however, that parents can use to make a real difference
in preventing ongoing involvement and in building long-term
resiliency.”
Dr Kevin Petrie

PLEASE NOTE

Open Day Thank You
Thank you for making Open Day such a BIG hit! We welcomed many new
visitors who came to tour our wonderful campus for the first time. We
also had visits from parents and grandparents, who came to participate
in their child’s classroom and playground activities.
Once again our students and teachers did an outstanding job with
their level of participation and enthusiasm, delivering a full program
to our guests.

Helpers Needed for HRIS Cross Country
We are searching for helpers for our annual HRIS Cross Country
Food Stall on May 1. We are in particular need of someone who has
experience with a commercial deep fryer. This is a great event for our
school raising approximately $3,000 each year.
If you are interested please contact either Joan or Georgina in the
Uniform Shop on 4977 0231.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge has kicked off for 2015. Sign up
sheets are in the iCentre foyer. Not sure what to read? The book list for
each level of the PRC is available online at https://online.det.nsw.edu.
uu/prc/booklist/home.html. See library staff for more details.

Reading Rulz
Reading Rulz is open for Secondary School students, Years 7-12. This
reading challenge gives students the opportunity to earn House points
by reading. See your English teacher to sign up.

Year 7 Library Orientation
The Year 7s have had a great time exploring the Secondary library
and discovering all the resources that are available to them. As part
of this learning experience they participated in a treasure hunt around
the iCentre. Students from each class with the highest score received
a Dymocks voucher for their hard work.
The winning students were Kate B from 7A, Madison W and Isabelle F
tied in 7B, and Zoe C from 7C.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Have you walked into a toy store lately? Walk down the aisles and you
will be amazed at what are considered the hottest toys on the market.
Our children are surrounded by and influenced by today’s hyper-media
market. It is vitally important to teach children, as well as adults, to think
critically – to have insight – discernment! With the media bombarding
our children from all sides, how do we protect them? The answer is
simple, but not easy. We must do our homework. First, explain to a
child in words they can understand that not all things they see or hear
are good things. Tell them WHY you don’t want them to watch/have it.
You can avoid a lot of resentment from a child if you will take the
time to explain ‘why’. Another strategy, especially for older children,
is to ask THEM why? Telling them can help them build answers to this
question and build evaluation skills so that they can begin to see for
themselves why something is good/bad. Finally, training children to
ask questions is not enough by itself. It is also good practice to build
a foundation on which they can base their answers. This base is in
the Christian community is God’s Word – the Bible. Teaching our children
discernment is hard work but remember the wisdom of Proverbs 22:6
- “Train a child in the way he should go...” Have a great week!
Dr David Faull
Principal

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015

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Primary Calendar - Term 1

Chess Competition.............................................. March 11
HRIS Soccer Trials.............................................. March 12
SWOMP Week of Worship..................................... March 16 - 20
P&F Parent Info on Bullying & Resilience 7.00 pm March 17
CIS Swimming..................................................... March 18
Interim Reports sent to Parents............................ March 18
Year 1 Lakes Beach Excursion............................ March 25
Parent Teacher Interviews.................................. March 26
Cross Country Run............................................. March 30
Get Active Ends for Term 1................................. April 2
Last Day of Term 1............................................. April 2

Secondary Calendar - Term 1

Year 11 & 12 Music Excursion.................................. March 9
Chess Competition.............................................. March 9
P&F Parent Info on Bullying & Resilience 7.00 pm March 17
Cross Country Run............................................. March 18
Year 11 General Maths Excursion.......................... March 19
Year 12 Mid Year Exams...................................... March 23 - 27
Year 7-11 Parent Teacher Interviews...................... March 24 & 25
Combined Ensembles at Gateway Church................ March 28
Band & Choir NZ Tour Concert 7.00 pm MPC........... March 28
Year 11 Urban Challenge..................................... March 29 - April 2
Year 10 Anna Bay Camp....................................... March 30 - April 2

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