This week has been another fast paced, fun week of learning. Year 4 students visited the Reptile Park to learn more about how animals are classified. Several students sat the ICAS Science Competition and Year 3 had a visit from Lake Macquarie City Council Life Guards to help them learn about water safety. We hosted a chess tournament on campus in which our Knights and Rookies teams competed.

Despite technical difficulties, teachers are busy completing marking and writing reports. Watch for further information on our new report format. We have planned our new report format to give you more detailed information about your child’s achievement.

Next week several of our students will be heading to the CIS Cross Country. We wish them well and know that they will be great ambassadors for our school.

We have continued to focus on excellence this week. We want each student to become the amazing person that God made them to be. Making mistakes is part of the journey to excellence. Encourage your children to learn from mistakes and failures and keep working towards success.

‘Excellence takes sacrifice, mistakes and enormous amounts of effort. There are no shortcuts.’

Mrs Deb Cooper
Head of Primary

Thought for the week: “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.” Aristotle

Week 6 – check!
ICAS Science Competition and Year 12 at Avondale College were midweek highlights, but our Chapel program on Monday was awesome – Endless Praise sang us through a period, captivating us with harmonies and rhythms. Other than that, all of our staff have been working furiously on marking and writing reports. With a full day dedicated to this process and then the long weekend, sanity should return sometime next week?!

THAT’S ALL FOLKS …
EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED …
Can crop circles be square?

Enjoy the Queen’s Birthday!

Mr Benton Craig
Head of Secondary
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HEADS UP!

It was an exciting day to have the inspiring Robogals come to Avondale School to engage a selection of Year 5-8 female students in robotics workshops. The budding engineers worked collaboratively to program an NXT robot to complete a complex obstacle course. Creating a successful solution involved the application of mathematical and scientific concepts to a design challenge. Future workshops are planned to further promote the engineering industry to our students.

Robogals Inspire Our Girls
**Class News**

**Year 4 Reptile Park Excursion**

Did you know that the Tawny Frogmouth’s mouth is bright yellow to reflect the moon light, which attracts insects for its meal? Did you know that a Koala has a white rump for camouflage (resembles a cloud)? Did you know that an adult Burmese Python can weigh up to 100kg? Did you know that the white bands on an alligator help it to soak up the sun and warm its body? Year 4 know this information because we spent an awesome day at the Australian Reptile Park, Gosford, on Monday, June 2. Thank you to the wonderful parents who joined us for the day’s events.

**Year 6 Bike Day**

I loved bike day because we got to learn about bike safety and all the road safety without being...BORED!!! When I got out of the bus, I did not see any teachers (besides Mrs Hill) but two real policemen who were not mean! The day was a blast and my favourite part was when we could go on an awesome bike track that had stop signs, traffic lights and a roundabout. This was the best excursion I have ever had.

*Written by Dylan M 6H.*

**Music Notes**

**Years 1-6 Music Class Concert**

For Music in Term 2, students in Years 1-6 have been encouraged to plan and practice an item to perform for their Class Concert. The concerts will be held during their regular music class time from next week.

**General News**

**Late Arrivals**

We ask that students arrive on campus by 8.45 am to enable them to unpack their bags, go to the toilet and catch up with their friends before the first bell rings to line outside the classroom at 8.55 am. We understand that from time to time families run late. If you are late to school it is important that you bring your child/children to the Office to sign them in to avoid them being marked as absent for the whole day. Your child/children are then issued with a note to hand to the teacher.

**Early Departures**

If you need to collect your child/children from school early you are required to first come to the Primary Office and sign them out. A note will be issued for each child, which is to be handed to the teacher. Teachers have been instructed not to release students unless the parent presents a note.

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Two of our teachers have squeezed in a little more time to sort amazing programs and tasks for VET Construction and VET Information & Digital Technologies. With new syllabuses, Mrs Jen Merriman and Mr Peter Hosken have developed the necessary paperwork for their chosen subjects. Their work has been acknowledged and commended by the Association of Independent Schools (AIS), so much so that both of them have been asked to help coordinate the documentation for all AIS schools in NSW for these two subjects. We really do have an awesome group of teachers at Avondale School, and we take a moment to applaud the quality work that they do. Congratulations, Peter and Jen, for your top efforts and work for the AIS!

### Year 12 Hospitality Industry Excursion

Last week, Year 12 Hospitality students were given the opportunity to conduct a site visit of Pullmans, Magenta Shores and Crowne Plaza Terrigal. Students toured the facilities, developed a deeper understanding of the hospitality industry including the escorts and key departments. Students were able to discuss employment opportunities within the industry and gain deeper understanding of work ethics and job roles related to a number of key departments. Students participated in a share table lunch, a style of service that is formal yet providing personal service. In the afternoon students toured a coffee roasting café, Lou Lou’s Café at Kincumber. Students saw first hand how coffee is roasted and were able to spend an hour discussing key points of coffee service with a number of barristers. Students where exceptional in their behaviour and interest, asking in-depth and challenging questions to a number of presenters.
Principal’s Message

I used to know a real craftsman. He was one of the last craftsmen around. While others added workers to take on bigger jobs, he remained a business unto himself, painting homes and hanging wallpaper to the best of his decades of experience.

Many times I would be invited to the garage where he would have me guess which paint swatch or cabinet finish was the original and which was the one he just created.

Other times, he’d take me to the site and show the final outcome of an extra tough wallpaper job. The excellent work didn’t surprise me, but what did was that before he smoothed on the last section, he signed and dated the wall.

“I always sign my work,” he said and then added, “Can you sign the end of your day?”

I’ll never forget the message from this man - excellence is the product of a conscious effort of hard work, diligence, perseverance and consistency to stand out on an act, which when seen can be respected, admired and can be emulated by others. At the end of the day can you sign your work?

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faulk
Principal

Enrol a friend and receive a $100 Uniform Shop voucher!

Your children love Avondale School, so why not tell your family and friends about it? For each new family you refer to Avondale School you will receive a $100 voucher to spend at the Uniform Shop. Just remind them to include your name and phone number on the enrolment form. Once the family enrolls you will be sent your voucher.

HSC Study Guides... You Want Them? We’ve Got Them!

As part of the service that the library provides to HSC students, we keep a variety of study guides available to help them prepare for their exams. Cambridge Checkpoints are available for most HSC subjects, with a selection of other study guides also available. While there are a limited number of copies available for loan, at least one copy of each title is kept in the library at all times (although occasional overnight loans may be allowed in extenuating circumstances).

See Mrs Blode or Mr Taylor for more details.

New Book...

Kelsey And The Quest Of The Porcelain Doll

When eight-year-old Kelsey goes to Pakistan so her mum and dad can help flood victims, she’s miserable. It means missing out on the fun she had planned with her friends, including her birthday party. To ease her homesickness, Kelsey talks to her Nanna on Skype. Together they create a story about a porcelain doll that Nanna sends from Australia. As Kelsey waits for the doll to arrive they imagine the doll’s adventures across Pakistan. With her new friend Shakila, Kelsey learns more about her new country and the people who live there. But how will the doll’s quest end? Will Kelsey ever receive her Nanna’s gift? This book is waiting to be borrowed by YOU!

Primary Calendar - Term 2

Queen’s Birthday Holiday ................................................................. June 9
CIS Cross Country ........................................................................ June 12
HRIS Basketball .............................................................................. June 17
ICAS Spelling Competition ............................................................ June 17
Year 5 IMAX Excursion .................................................................. June 18
Year 6 E-Day ................................................................................. June 19
Kings Chess ................................................................................... June 19
Year 2 Athletics Carnival................................................................. June 20
Kindy Grandparents’ Day .............................................................. June 20
Reports to Parents ........................................................................ June 20
Parent Teacher Interviews ............................................................ June 23

Secondary Calendar - Term 2

Queen’s Birthday Holiday ................................................................. June 9
CIS Cross Country ........................................................................ June 12
Chess Competition ........................................................................ June 12
School Musical Rehearsal (all day) .................................................. June 12
HRIS Netball .................................................................................. June 13
School Musical Rehearsal .............................................................. June 15
Year 12 Modern History Excursion .................................................. June 17
School Musical 1.00 pm (book tickets online now) ......................... June 18
School Musical 6.00 pm (book tickets online now) ......................... June 19
HRIS Basketball .............................................................................. June 20
School Musical 6.00 pm (book tickets online now) ......................... June 21