THIS WEEK … began with the celebration of our success in the ICAS Science Competition. We are very proud of the 13 students who received Credits and the 13 students who received Distinctions. Our Year 3 and 4 teachers and students continue to work hard with rehearsals for their upcoming concert. Kindy students celebrated 100 days at school and around 80 students represented our school brilliantly at the HRIS Athletics Day.

NEXT WEEK … selected students from Years 3-6 will participate in the ICAS Mathematics Competition on Tuesday. We’re excited to show off our school on Wednesday with Open Day. We would love to have you visit between 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm to see the talents of our students on display.

DID YOU KNOW … that diagnosed cases of anxiety in children are on the increase? Dealing with anxiety is a complex issue but teachers and parents can prevent a child’s anxiety from increasing by staying calm. When we respond calmly we provide security and model resilience. Helping children to see solutions to problems allows them to focus on positive outcomes. Our teachers work hard to help students ‘de-catastrophise’ situations. Have a great weekend.

MAKING A MARK … “No legacy is so rich as honesty.” William Shakespeare

DONE AND DUSTED … We wound up Year 12 Trial Exams today – our kids have taken this set of tests in their stride! Proud they have reached the end successfully. Year 11 by most accounts did a brilliant job representing themselves and the School in their Work Placements for their VET subjects too, this week. We had a select group of Year 7-9 students who checked out a Robocup Challenge (all things robotics) – getting inspired for next year, hopefully! And then our Year 9 Visual Arts class went all arty today!

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … Year 12s are back into it from Monday – with major HSC works in our practical subjects, all buttons are being pressed! Our Year 11s are all back too from Work Placement and the majority of our student body engages in the ICAS Maths Competition on Tuesday morning. Most of our HSC practical subjects will be working after school on Wednesday as part of our Open Day program. Hope to see you there, if you’re able! And then a couple of our elective lines for Years 9 and 10 have excursions coming up on Friday next week. It’s another great week a-comin’!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with: orange, purple, and silver!

The weekend is upon us – time to unwind, focus on who we have in our lives, and love what God has given us!

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GENERAL

ICAS Mathematics Competition
The ICAS Mathematics Competition will be held next Tuesday, August 11. Students from the following mathematics classes will participate in the competition, along with selected students from Year 3: Year 6 students from Mrs S Morton/Mr Swafford maths class; Year 5 students from Mrs Morton’s maths class and Year 4 students from Mrs Bishop’s maths class. We ask that these students be at school on time as the competition will commence at 9.00 am, straight after class rolls have been marked.

ICAS Science Competition Awardees
Congratulations to the following students who received their medallions at assembly this week:

CREDIT

DISTINCTION

SPORT

HRIS Athletics Day
The Primary HRIS Athletics Day was held at Glendale this week with 80 students from Years 2-6 competing. It was a very cold and windy day, which made some events very challenging. The HRIS is a two-day carnival with eight different schools competing on each day. Avondale School is in Division 1 with the other top seven schools from 2014.

Congratulations to the 10 Year Girls, who won the best performing age banner. Congratulations to the 12 Year Boys, who won the best performing age banner. One of the most outstanding results of the day was the 12 Year High Jump:

12 Year Girls
1st Shakaya S
2nd Scarlett M

12 Year Boys
1st Liam B
2nd Gregory E

A big thank you to Mr Venegas, Mr Wolf, Mrs Morton, Mrs Ginn, Mrs Pullar, Mr Brown, Mrs Bentley and Mr Leo for assisting on the day.

Division 1 School Results
1st 1533 pts St Columba School
2nd 1525 pts Clarosy School
3rd 1521 pts Scone Grammar School
4th 1461 pts Avondale School
5th 1459 pts Hunter Valley Grammar School
6th 1368 pts St Philip’s Newcastle School
7th 1249 pts Central Coast Adventist School
8th 1237 pts Lakes Anglican Grammar School

The CIS team will be announced when results from both days are merged. Some age events at CIS will become junior events (8-10 years).

HRIS Equestrian Events
The HRIS Equestrian events are being held on August 15 and 16. If there are any students wanting to compete, please see Mr Head for more information.

SPORT UNIFORM FOR TERM 3

Kindy: wear sport uniform each Monday and Tuesday.

Years 1 & 2: wear sport uniform each Tuesday only.

Years 3-6: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Friday.

HRIS Kids Rally
GW Kids Rally
Saturday – August 8 – 10:00am
Avondale School MPC
Ephesians 3:16-18
Your Heart God’s Home!

It’s Back!
Earn & Learn
Help make a difference for your local school or ELC
ICAS Mathematics Competition
Just a reminder that on Tuesday, August 11, the following groups of Secondary Mathematics students will sit the ICAS Mathematics Competition: all Year 7 & 8 students; Year 9 & 10 Mathematics 5.1 Extension, 5.2 & 5.3 students; and Year 11 & 12 2 Unit Mathematics students. Students should bring a lead pencil, an eraser, a ruler and a calculator. (That said, Year 7 students are not allowed to use a calculator in the competition.) All students are encouraged to do their best!

Year 11 Service
Our Year 11 students this year are out and about in our community serving others. We are really proud of these young people. This week we captured them serving at our Pre-School - helping clear the centre, preparing arts ‘n crafts and chatting with our Pre-Schoolers. Well done Year 11!
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

This week I presented awards to the Primary students who achieved Credits and Distinctions in the ICAS Science Competition. Our Secondary Chapel focus was on community service and the commitment of our students to collaborate and serve through STORTMCo. All these activities are adding value to Avondale School.

In just a couple of weeks we will be asking you to fill out our Vividus Community Perception survey. The results are important and your input is valued. We use the data for our school improvement journey so getting a good cross section of responders is crucial. The survey will be online from September 3-18.

This week we have been promoting Honesty across the school. Teaching honesty and truthfulness takes a considerable amount of time and patience, and it isn’t anything like teaching your kids how to tie their shoes where they understand the basic concept after a few lessons. You’ll have to keep adding to their knowledge and practice honesty for an extended period, but it is worth the effort.

‘Honesty REALLY IS the best policy!’

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016

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Primary Calendar - Term 3

- Gateway Kids Rally 10.30 am - 12.00 pm MPC .......... August 8
- ICAS Mathematics Competition ........................................ August 11
- Open Day 2.00 pm - 7.00 pm ........................................... August 12
- Year 6 Rocket Launch ...................................................... August 13
- Book Week ........................................................................... August 17 - 20
- Year 6 Science & Engineering Day ................................. August 18
- Book Character Parade .................................................... August 20
- HRIS Soccer / Netball Gala Day ...................................... August 25
- Year 5 & 6 Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition ...... August 26
- Gateway Kids Breakfast 9.00 am MPC ............................... August 29
- Kindy Oakvale Farm Excursion ......................................... August 31

Secondary Calendar - Term 3

- Year 12 Trial Exams Finish ............................................... August 10
- ICAS Maths Competition .................................................. August 11
- Open Day 2.00 pm - 7.00 pm .............................................. August 12
- Year 12 Drama Night ......................................................... August 13
- Year 10 Visual Arts Excursion .......................................... August 14
- Year 9 & 10 Textiles Excursion .......................................... August 14
- Book Week ........................................................................... August 17 - 20
- Year 11 & 12 Hospitality Breakfast Function ..................... August 19
- Year 11 PDHPE Excursion ................................................... August 19
- Year 9 Music Excursion ..................................................... August 19
- Year 7 Science Excursion .................................................. August 19

REGISTER FOR QUIZZICAL TRIVA COMPETITION

Book Week 2015 - August 17-20

The Book Fair will run from Monday through to Thursday. We receive a commission for every book sold at the Book Fair so every purchase you make benefits your school library; it’s a great opportunity to stock up for Christmas. Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to visit at any time during the Book Fair. Each Primary class will have a time allocated to visit the Book Fair. A timetable will be included next week.

BOOK FAIR OPENING HOURS
- Monday 9.30 am – 4.30 pm
- Tuesday - Wednesday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm
- Thursday After the BCP = 4.30 pm

Our Book Character Parade will be held in the MPC on Thursday, August 20 at 9.00 am. This year prizes will be awarded to ten creative entries from each Year Level. Remember that your character must be from a suitable book and you need to bring the book along on the parade day. If you need help finding a book please see library staff ASAP as the library will be closed the morning of the parade. You won’t want to miss out!

Quizzical is a book trivia competition for Secondary students and is happening Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. Teams need to register by lunchtime on August 17. You can register below or at the library. Teams of four will compete at lunchtime for some great cash prizes. You can still register if you don’t have four members as library staff will try to match you with another incomplete team.