Primary Calendar - Term 1

Term 1 School Fees Due: Feb 8
Y1 Team Building Incursion: Feb 11
Kindy Rest Day: Feb 13
Valentine’s Day: Feb 14
Primary Swimming Carnival: Feb 19
Kindy Rest Day: Feb 20
Super Week of Mega Praise: Feb 25 - Mar 1
HRIS Swimming: Mar 6
Run Around Australia Starts: Mar 18
Primary Parent Teacher Night: Mar 19

Secondary Calendar - Term 1

Term 1 School Fees Due: Feb 8
Secondary Swimming Carnival: Feb 11
HRIS Basketball Trial Opens: Feb 11
Valentine’s Day: Feb 14
Week of Worship: Feb 18 - 22
Y12 VET Work Placement: Feb 25 - Mar 1
HRIS Hockey: Mar 6
Y10 Business Week: Mar 11 - 15
HRIS Junior Football Trial Opens: Mar 12
HRIS Swimming: Mar 14

School Terms 2019

Term 1: Jan 29 - Apr 12
Term 2: May 6 - Jul 5
Term 3: Jul 22 - Sep 27
Term 4: Oct 14 - Dec 6

THE VIEW

He was born in China to missionary parents. He spoke fluent Mandarin. He loved to run and represented Scotland in the Olympics. Yet at the peak of his athletic career, after winning an Olympic gold in the 400m, he disappeared from the radar and returned to work for God in China. He died in China in a prisoner of war camp from a brain tumour.

Who are we talking about? We remember him as the person who put God and his personal faith first. We remember him as a strong Christian who was actually preaching in church in Paris on the Sunday he refused to run in the Olympic 100m race that he was favoured to win. For him, his commitment to God took priority. A man of integrity. His story is immortalised in the movie, Chariots of Fire.

With very little time remaining before the Olympics began, Eric trained and qualified for another race that was not scheduled on a Sunday. Eric knew his chance of winning the 400m Olympic race was slim because two of the runners had set world record times. In addition, on the day of the race, Eric was assigned the worst lane. Liddell was given a handwritten note by the American runner, Jackson Sholz, as they were lining up, which quoted 1 Samuel 2:30. The note read: ‘It says in the Old Book, “He that honors Me, I will honor.”’

When the starter’s pistol went off in the 1924 Paris Olympics 400m race, Liddell began running with his unusual running style: head tilted back, mouth wide open, body in full stretch, and feet moving faster than those of any other person in the world. Liddell finished 5m ahead of anyone else. He had won an Olympic Gold Medal in an event he wasn’t even supposed to run. Yet he did it in 47.6 seconds – a World and Olympic record. In fact it is the current women’s world record time today, nearly a century later.

After the race, Liddell said, “The secret of my success over the 400m is that I run the first 200m as fast as I can. Then, for the second 200m, with God’s help, I run faster.” That day, God honored Eric Liddell.

During the 2012 London Olympics, much was spoken of ‘Legacy’ and ‘Inspiring A Generation’. Liddell’s legacy is that he continues to inspire many a generation. And it’s not because of how he ran a race one day in 1924, but how he ran the race of life, how he focused on the eternal, on the things that really matter. The legacy of Eric Liddell continues to this day, all because he placed God first, above all else.

Eric Liddell’s last words were, “It’s complete surrender”. His last words were words of his faith in Christ. I wonder what legacy we are leaving behind? What do people say as they reflect on our own lives and the influence that we have? What do our children say about us? What example have we left for them to follow?

David McClintock
Principal
Primary Roll Classes
To assist us with identifying classes for administrative purposes, the class in which your child/ren are in can be identified in the following way:

Mrs Fraser    KF  Miss Moncrieff    3M
Mrs Lawrence  KL  Mr Edwards      4E
Mrs Lawson    KSL Mr Clark       4C
Mrs Schur     1S  Mrs Bishop      4B
Mrs Wind      1W  Mr Roussos      5R
Mrs Hobson    1H  Mrs Morton      5M
Mrs Hartigan  2H  Mr Venegas      5V
Mrs Vaughan   2V  Miss Herman     6He
Mrs Pascoe    2P  Mrs Hill        6Hi
Mrs Watson    3W  Mr Hosken      6Ho
Mrs Dumbrell  3D

Before School Supervision
For your convenience we have a teacher on duty from 8.00am each day. To ensure your child’s safety, no students are permitted to be left unsupervised on campus before 8.00am. Thank you for noting this.

Collecting Students After School
We aim to use all of our teaching time with students and find that it is less distracting if parents wait in the lunch sheds rather than outside classrooms for their children. Thanks for helping us finish the day in a focused way!

Uniform Matters
Thank you to all our students for looking fantastic in their school uniform this week! Just a reminder that as per our Student Handbook, all students are expected to have an “appropriate, neat and tidy hairstyle. Girls’ hair should be their natural colour and long hair should be tied back. Boys’ hair should be their natural colour, neat and above collar length.” In regards to jewellery, the Handbook states “Jewellery, including bracelets, bands, chains, and rings, is not part of school uniform and is not to be worn. Earrings - students are permitted to wear only one small, plain gold or silver stud in the lobe of each ear.” Students are reminded of our “no hat, no play” policy and asked to have their school hat at school with them to wear.

If your child is temporarily out of uniform (eg wet shoes from constant rain) parents are required to email or write a note to the class teacher. Uniform items need to be replaced within one week. Thank you for ensuring that your child is wearing their school uniform correctly.

Classroom Helpers
Please note that all volunteer helpers need to sign in and out of campus at the Primary Office and wear a Visitor Badge. Thank you for noting this.

Medication Forms
Should your child require medication to be dispensed at School this year, you must complete a Medication Authority Form for 2019. These are available from the Office. All medication must be in the original container prescribed for your child and clearly labelled.

Chess Club
If students would like to improve their chess ability then try our Chess Club at 8.15am on Tuesdays in the iCentre commencing Tuesday, February 19. Our School Chess Competition, from which our School’s Junior and Senior Teams will be selected, will be on Friday, April 5.

Junior Y3 & 4 Basketball
The Junior Basketball teams will be selected in the next few weeks. Any girls in Years 3 or 4 who would like to learn this great sport please see Mrs Watson on Friday lunchtime at the Primary court. The Junior boys will meet in the MPC on Thursdays at lunchtime, meeting with Mr Spiros.

Term 1 Primary Sport
Students in Years 3-6 will be trying a different sport each week this term. Some of the sports they will be doing are Futsal, basketball, volleyball, touch footy, softball, soccer, gymnastics, cricket and Newcombe Ball. Infants will be developing their skills in catching, throwing, striking, running, jumping, balancing and kicking.
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!

Opal Cards
Students who travel on the School Bus are reminded that they need to present their Opal Card for every trip. All new applications for bus passes and change of address etc need to be completed online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students. Opal cards are sent directly to the address provided on the application. If you have any queries please contact Transport for NSW on 131 500.

Extended Leave – Vacation/Travel Form
Parents are required to apply for extended leave from school for their child/ren for the following: family holiday during school time that is in excess of 2 days, participation in an elite sporting event (not a school event), or participating in the entertainment industry. Extended Leave Forms are available from the School Office. A certificate granting permission from the Principal will then be issued to the parent. This is a government requirement. Thank you for noting this.
Enrolment Forms
We are still waiting on a number of Enrolment Forms to be handed in. These were sent to all families via post at the beginning of the year. Please return these ASAP. If you need a reprint, please see Heather/Tracey in the Admin Office. Thank you.

Canteen Reminder
Just a reminder that the school canteen OPENED this week - if you would like to use Munch Monitor, our online ordering system, you need to update your child/rens year before you can order. To do this log onto Munch Monitor, then click on My Account and update student profile with their class/year. You only have to do this once a year! Thanks for noting this.

LIBRARY
K-6 Library Borrowing
Kindy to Year 6 students have been eagerly bringing their library bags to the iCentre and borrowing lots of library books this week. Most students have jumped right in and begun borrowing our colourful picture books, fabulous fiction and informative non-fiction books. Remember that if you forget your library bag on your library day you can come to the iCentre the next day and do your borrowing.

K-12 Scholastic Book Club
Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 is out and was sent home this week. This is a great opportunity for students to enjoy choosing a few titles to add to their home libraries, at very affordable prices. Look out for a great range of books, including some heavily discounted books scattered through the catalogue. These books start at $2 and are chosen to try and make books affordable to everyone. There are even small posters from $1.

If you have any questions or concerns, simply email us at the library (hlindsay@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au or jlitster@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au) and we will be happy to help. Please note that no cash orders can be accepted – all ordering is done online through the LOOP system or paid by cheque or money order. It is a very simple system and only takes a few moments to set up. If you have problems with it, drop into the iCentre and we will help you get set up. All orders should be lodged online by next Friday, February 15.

Year 7 and 8 Students
Year 7 and 8 students will be visiting the iCentre once every cycle this year so that students have regular access to our great fiction and non-fiction collections. Students will also be learning some basic research skills to assist them in finding helpful information for their assignments and schoolwork. It is great to see students reading, developing their neural pathways and exposing them to a whole world of life experiences.

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