Primary Calendar - Term 2
Queen’s Birthday Holiday ............................. Jun 11
Kings Chess Gala Day .................................... Jun 12
CIS Cross Country ............................................. Jun 14
P&F Meeting 7.00pm ...................................... Jun 20
K-6 Parent Teacher Night ............................ Jun 25
Y3&4 Athletics Day ....................................... Jun 26
Y5 Taronga Zoo Excursion .......................... Jun 26
Y5&6 Athletics Day .......................................... Jun 27
Get Active Concludes for Term 2 ........... Jun 28
Kindy Grandparents Day............................. Jun 29

Secondary Calendar - Term 2
Queen’s Birthday Holiday ............................. Jun 11
HRIS Junior Soccer ............................................ Jun 19
P&F Meeting 7.00pm ...................................... Jun 20
Y9&10 Drama Excursion ............................... Jun 21
Y11 VET Work Placement ................... Jun 25 - 29
Y7-11 Parent Teacher Nights ......... Jun 25 & 26
HRIS Basketball Opens ................................. Jun 26
Y12 Geography Excursion ........................... Jun 26
Y10 English Excursion ..................................... Jun 28
Band & Choir Concert ................................. Jun 30

School Terms 2018
Term 2 ........................................................ Apr 30 - Jul 6
Term 3 ......................................................... Jul 30 - Sept 28
Term 4 ....................................................... Oct 15 - Dec 7
Term 1 2019 ................................................. Jan 29 - Apr 12

THE VIEW
TO LIVE IN LOVE
Over Easter, my family and I had the privilege of travelling to the United States to visit my brother and his family in New Jersey. As part of our time over there, we decided to take a road trip down the east coast. We decided to visit Gettysburg – the place of the final stages of the Civil War in the 1800s and where Lincoln addressed the nation with his famous “Four score and seven years ago …” speech. Walking the fields where thousands were killed, looking at a 130-year-old oil painting in the round that depicts the final stages of the north and south against each other and reading Lincoln’s speech in the national cemetery at Gettysburg where many ‘unknown soldiers’ are laid to rest – it was very sobering. And I couldn’t help but ask, how do countrymen put themselves against each other?

A little further east, we visited the gorgeous town of Charlottesville. You may remember this is where the statue of Confederate icon General Robert E Lee was erected in 1924 and there was a suggestion that it should be removed. Last year, there were right-wing, white supremacist marches against it being removed. In opposition to these marches and loud voices, there was a peaceful counter protest held in the main street of Charlottesville. At the conclusion of this, as crowds were dispersing, a white supremacist activist ploughed into the crowd with his car, injured 19 and killed 32-year-old Heather Hyer. We walked the street (now renamed Heather Hyer Way) where messages of hope, unity, love and ‘there are no sides’ are chalked and stencilled on the walls and paths.

And it made me wonder, what would it take for us to put aside differences and live together without judgement? We spend so much time focusing on what is right, and we judge others so quickly. Even in our own community, school and church, we spend time ensuring we fulfil the requirements, but if someone doesn’t believe as we do, do we remember Jesus’ words, John 13 “Love one another” or Matthew 7 “Judge not lest you also be judged”?

How is it that we let things get in the way of our love for our neighbours, our friends and our community? It’s an interesting statement that “the only thing we learn from history is that we don’t learn from history” … and I can’t help but wonder that if we tried just a little harder to live in love and not in judgement, that maybe the moments of Gettysburg and Charlottesville might actually remain in the annuls of history!

This week, perhaps we should be more intentional to live in love.

Benton Craig
Head of Secondary
** SPORT **

**CIS Cross Country**

**Thursday, June 14**

The CIS Cross Country will be held next Thursday, June 14. It is very important parents encourage students representing the School to continue to train either at home or school.

**HRIS Senior Basketball**

The Primary HRIS Senior Basketball Competition was held this week in Newcastle with 14 schools participating. Mr Spiros had prepared our boys well for a tough and close competition. Our School played the morning pool rounds with only one defeat by St Columba Primary School, who ended up the overall winners of the day. In the semi-final we tied 14/14 with Macquarie College, who were declared winners because they scored first. In the playoff for 3rd and 4th we lost by one point 18/19 in the closing seconds of the game. In the girls division our team were very excited and eager to play their first match. Winning their first three games they played Central Coast Adventist School in game 4 which they knew would be a tough battle. Our girls lost by 1 point. This was the only loss of the day giving our girls the runner-up medallions. All our basketballers and coaches are to be congratulated for such a great day.

**GENERAL**

**Vacation Care**

Vacation Care is now available to book for the July school holidays. In order to run any of the days we require a minimum number of 10 children per day to offer the activity outlined, otherwise the activity and/or the day of care may need to be cancelled. You can help support our Vacation Care program by promoting it to your friends and family within the Avondale School community. We will be closing bookings on July 1. To book, visit www.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/vacation-care

**Building Resilience in Children**

On Tuesday, June 19 at 6.00pm, CALM Family Support are offering a FREE workshop for parents and caregivers wanting to help their children build resilience. The workshop will take place at the Early Learning Centre and will cover topics like: What is resilience?; What factors help or hinder resilience building?; and Practical tips on increasing resilience. This is suitable for ages 3-8 years. For more information, contact Avondale Early Learning Centre on 4959 5647. To register, contact CALM Family Support on 4950 3855.

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**Change Of Dates**

Please make the following changes on your School Calendar:

K-6 Parent Teacher Night – **Mon, June 25.**

Kindy Grandparents Day – **Fri, June 29.**

**Kindy 2019**

Just a reminder that if you have a child or know of a child wanting to commence Kindy in 2019, please make sure you have completed and returned an enrolment form. Forms are available from the Admin Building.

**Learn To Play Chess**

Students interested in playing chess are invited to attend the iCentre on Thursday mornings from 8.15am – 8.35am. Students will play social games during this time. At 8.35am basic chess tactics will be discussed. All students are welcome.
STEP UP
3.30 - 4.30PM 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!

BAND AND CHOIR CONCERT
SATURDAY | 30 JUNE | 7PM
Avondale School Multi-Purpose Centre
$30 Family / $10 Adult / $5 Student
Purchase tickets via students involved in Music Concert or the Business Office

COLOUR FOR CAMBODIA
SAVE THE DATE | 26 AUGUST 2018
Private Music Tutors
Are you interested in having music lessons? We have many great tutors and instruments available to learn on. Please contact tutors directly to arrange lesson times.

Piano
Kylie Stacey (Simply Music, AMEB, traditional) / 0409 939 302
Angela Miller (Simply Music) / 0421 464 797
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
Jan Hughes / 4977 2037
Henry Higgins / 0490 0404 308

Voice
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

Strings
Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 040 308
Esther Albert (cello / violin / double bass) / 0439 420 661

Woodwinds
Emma Jones (flute) / 0432 925 199
Fred Cracknell (saxophone / clarinet) / 0404 082 151

Brass
Fred Cracknell / 0404 082 151
Anna Howard (trumpet) / 0430 106 953

Guitar
Jake Bisognin / 0400 389 612
Toby Zeuschner / 0405 405 131
Henry Higgins / 0490 0404 308
Garry Lawler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

Drums
James Dennett / 0401 549 084

Family Festival News
Avondale School will be taking a break from hosting its Family Festival this year. The event has dated back to 2004 when it commenced as a community fun run, and eventually evolved into more of a family event. With the emergence of the success of the Community Christmas Carols hosted at Avondale School, it was decided that two big events in a year was a lot to handle, both for personnel and financially. Community Christmas Carols will once again take place at Avondale School this year. The date is December 2. We would like to thank everyone for their support of Avondale School over the years, especially all the volunteers.

Parent Library Titles
James Dobson is a world-renowned author on parenting and his books have been a great source of common sense and wisdom for many parents. He has a warm and easy manner and his parenting tips make good sense. An omnibus of his work, the Parenting Collection contains his famous books Dare to Discipline and The Strong-Willed Child. This is available in the Parent Library right now.

Lunchtimes in the Library
As the weather turns cooler, the library is a good option for lunchtime activities. Please remind your children that we have books, magazines and games for them to use in a warm and comfortable space.