This week has been a great week of learning. As I walk around the school I am always amazed at the creativity of our teachers. Students have great opportunities to engage in a huge variety of fun learning experiences. Next year we will be implementing the new Science Syllabus. Our teachers are working hard on programming and planning lead by Mr Hill and our Stage Coordinators. Several year levels are trialing exciting new units that include lots of hands-on investigations. We are extremely proud of our HRIS Athletics Team. Many of our students have been training hard for this event and have learned the value of perseverance. They were great sports and did their very best. We are delighted that they brought home the Shield!

This week we are learning about honesty. Honesty is such a hard thing to teach our children. One of the challenges for parents and teachers is to make it easy for children to be honest even when they may have done the wrong thing. We reinforce honesty when we encourage our children to take responsibility for their actions.

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Thought for the week: “If you tell the truth you don’t have to remember anything.” Mark Twain

Week 3!
Right! So Year 12s continued to be in the thick of Trial Exams (nearly done), Year 11 VET students had Work Placement (and the great stories of success were many … well done, guys!), and Year 10 went on a major MacBeth experience which was so well received. Year 9 Visual Art students will have not long returned from their excursion as you read this and our junior students have been engaged in some challenging tasks and classroom exercises this week. We even managed a uniform blitz!

On the Horizon …
Our biggest events next week are our Subject Expos (one for Year 11 2015 on Tuesday night 7.00 pm, and the other for Year 9 2015 on Wednesday night 7.00 pm). Looking forward to seeing you there. Of course, Years 12 and 11 return to regular classes as well and then there’s Parent Teacher night for Year 12 in Week 5. Getting into some serious learning as we bunker down for the remainder of August!

THAT’S ALL FOLKS … EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED …
Why aren’t drapes double sided so it looks nice on the inside and outside of your home?
There is nothing like the Sabbath rest. Be sure to go to Him and unload your yolk this weekend!

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HRIS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This week the Primary HRIS Athletics Carnivals were held at the Glendale Athletics track in perfect conditions. The 16 schools in the HRIS competed over two days with results being combined to determine the team who will progress to CIS Athletics on Wednesday, September 10. Avondale School students performed very well, taking out the 8 and 12 Year Boys Age Banners. Congratulations to Joshua V (Year 6) for receiving the gold medal for best performing 12 Year Boy. The combined effort of the whole team enabled Avondale School to win the Shield for 2014.

Results:
1729 pts Avondale School
1526 pts Hunter Valley Grammar School
1452 pts St Columba School
1418 pts St Philip’s School (New)
1388 pts Central Coast Adventist School

The students going to CIS Athletics will be announced next week. Please note that the 100m is the only event that is run at CIS for each age group. The 8 and 9 Year events become junior events (ie. 10 Years and under) at CIS.
General News

Afternoon Pick-up
If you pick-up your child/children from school in the afternoon there are two safe ways to do it:
1. Park in the carpark on the left just outside the school gates and walk over to the Primary School.
2. Send your child/children to carline for a quick and easy pick-up.
Please note, children are NOT permitted to wait near the Primary carpark for their parents. The drive through area of this carpark is to be kept clear after school. Thank you for noting this.

Head Lice
We have a number of reported cases of head lice. Can you please check your child/children’s hair this weekend, and if necessary, treat and remove all eggs before they return to school.

Year 6 E-day Claims
Refund notes for E-day went out to parents this week. If you are claiming a refund please return the completed form to Mr Neuschulz by Tuesday, August 12.

Sport News

Kings Chess
The Kings Chess Team will be playing their final rounds at The Junction Primary School on Friday, August 15.

Years 1 & 2 Sport - Uniform Change
Please note students in Years 1 and 2 need to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays for Sport in Schools Australia and again on Thursdays for gymnastics. Thank you for noting this.

SPORT UNIFORM FOR TERM 3

Kindy: wear sport uniform each Monday and Tuesday.
Years 1 & 2: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Thursday (gymnastics).
Years 3-6: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Friday.

Get Active Archers Hit The Mark

Last Sunday some members of the Get Active archery group participated in the Lake Macquarie Games Field Archery Competition. For some of these students it was their first time competing in an official event. They had a fun time and it was a fantastic archery experience. Congratulations on achieving the following results:
Sage - 1st Compound Intermediate Female
Maddison - 3rd Compound Intermediate Female
Mariah - 2nd Compound Intermediate Female
Tamarah - 1st Compound Cub Female
Hayden - 1st Compound Intermediate Male
If you are in Years 4-12 (or an adult wanting a fantastic new hobby) why not try archery after school on Thursdays.
BOOK WEEK TRIVIA EVENT!!

Come along, have HEAPS of fun and celebrate your love of books! What have you got to lose?

Register your entry at the iCentre or online (check your email for the link) between 28th July and 15th August.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

QUIZZICAL TRIVIA COMPETITION

$100 - 1ST PRIZE

$60 - 2ND PRIZE

$20 - 3RD PRIZE

WHERE?        I-CENTRE MEDIA ROOM

WHEN? @ LUNCHTIME

YEARS  7 -9    TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST

YEARS 10-12   THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST

Hmm… is it Shakespeare's Macbeth or Macbeth's Shakespeare?

International Competitions
and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) – Mathematics 2014

Just a reminder that on Tuesday, August 12, 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 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!!

A Midsummer Night’s Dream

Rehearsals for the School Play continue to highlight the talent and dedication of our students. Make sure that you keep the evenings of September 4 and 6 free. Come and see Dorcas and Sami-Lee in A Midsummer Night’s Dream! Tickets are only $5 and are available at the door. 7.00 pm starts on both nights. Doors open 6.30 pm. The Munchery will be open on Saturday night!

Name: Dorcas P
Year: 10
Character: Oberon
Describe your character in the play?
In our adaption of the play Oberon and Titania are sisters. Oberon retains the qualities found in the original character, in that she is jealous and revengeful, yet also compassionate and sympathetic to the plight of the mortals. I think that she is a strong and determined character.

What challenges do you see in playing Oberon?
Finding how Oberon would speak and react as a female has been an interesting challenge. Shakespeare was an exceptional playwright and playing any role in any of his plays is a great honour.

Why should people come and see the School Play?
Watching A Midsummer Night’s Dream is an amazing once-in-a-lifetime experience. This play is a great way to come together and support the school’s Drama Department. We have all put a lot of effort into its preparation and it would mean so much to us if everyone came along.

Name: Sami-Lee G
Year: 9
Character: Titania
Who is your character in the play?
Titania is the Queen of the Fairies. She has a passionate nature but she also has good intentions. She has a sassy side and is a proud and confident woman.

What challenges do you see in playing Titania?
Titania’s ‘romantic’ scenes are challenging. The scenes feel quite foreign, so it takes some getting used to.

Why should people come and see the School Play?
I find our take on A Midsummer Night’s Dream very appealing. We’ve had such a fun time preparing for this play. I hope it will reflect to the audience. It’s definitely worth the watch. See you at the show!

NEED A PRAYER?

Simply fill in one of our prayer cards located in our Primary/Secondary/ Admin Offices and let us know what we can take to Jesus on your behalf. You can put your name, you can be really specific or you can just leave a general request and we’ll take it to Jesus when we’re next on our knees.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7
Principals Message

This has been a busy week at Avondale School. New students and parents have been completing assessments and I have met some terrific families. Parents are really seeking a school where their child will be safe and good values are evident. These prospective parents have seen your children in action and they are ‘great kids!’ They want their child to have that privilege.

Across the Avondale School campus this week we have been promoting honesty. 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 laces, where they understand the basic concept after a few lessons. You’ll have to keep hammering away at these lessons for a long time but IT IS worth the effort.

Honesty REALLY IS the best policy!

Dr David Faull
Principal

School Attendance

Attendance at school is important! We teach punctuality by being on time every time. It is a government requirement that we monitor attendance. For students with unexplained absences, parents receive an SMS notification. It is a government requirement that we check and monitor all student attendance. Presence is a vital element of learning and students miss key elements when they are absent.

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair opens on Monday, August 18 – a giant book sale right in the iCentre, with all profits directed back to the library. We look forward to having you drop in and check out the many book bargains throughout Book Week.

Book Fair Opening Hours

- August 18 – 21
  - Monday 9.30 am – 4.30 pm
  - Tuesday - Thursday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm

Quizzical - Years 7-12

There are great cash prizes on offer for teams who enter our Quizzical Trivia quiz this year in the iCentre at lunchtime during Book Week. Sign up in person at the iCentre or online using the link sent to all students by email this week.

Year 7-9 Tuesday August 19
Year 10-12 Thursday August 21

Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! Psalm 32:2 (NLT)
AVONDALE SCHOOL
Family FESTIVAL
Sunday 14 September 9am - 2pm
119 Avondale Rd Cooranbong

Attractions on the day...

• Carnival Rides
• Animal Farm
• 1km & 3km Fun Run
• Market Stalls
• Food Fair
• Pony Rides
• Car Show
• Helicopter Joy Flights
• Clowns & Face Painting
• BANDS & ENTERTAINMENT AND LOADS MORE!

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