Primary Calendar - Term 4
K-2 Swimming ............................................. Nov 11 - 22
Remembrance Day ............................... Nov 11
Kindy 2020 2nd Orientation .............. Nov 13
HRIS Equestrian Event .......... Nov 15
LAGS Girls Soccer ........................................... Nov 20
Pupil Free Day ..................................................... Nov 25
Kindy Concert .............................................. Nov 27
Y2 Blackbutt Reserve Excursion .......... Nov 28
Community Christmas Carols .......... Dec 1
Closing Celebration .............................. Dec 5

Secondary Calendar - Term 4
Remembrance Day ............................... Nov 11
Y12 HSC Exams End ........................ Nov 12
Y10 Exams Part 2 .................................... Nov 13 - 15
Y12 Formal ............................................. Nov 14
Y12 Cambodia Service Trip .......... Nov 17 - 30
Y7-9 Exams ....................................... Nov 18 - 22
Pupil Free Day ..................................................... Nov 25
Community Christmas Carols ........ Dec 1
Y7-11 Sign Off Day ............................... Dec 5

School Terms 2020
Term 1 ..................................................... Jan 28 - Apr 9
Term 2 ..................................................... Apr 27 - Jul 3
Term 3 ..................................................... July 27 - Sep 25
Term 4 ..................................................... Oct 12 - Dec 11

THE VIEW
Is your Y greater than U?
“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.” Nelson Mandela

These words of Mandela resonate, inspire and challenge us all. Like us, Mandela's life was filled with fun, family, school, dreams, desires, heartache, hopes, tragedy, pain, beauty, connection, isolation, opportunity, hardship, joy, despair, learning and victories. Yet when the pages of history speak of the GREAT PEOPLE, they will tell his story.
Will they tell mine? Will they tell yours? Why not?
History and the world today are filled with awesome inspiring stories of people who live out and call us to greatness! None more so than the person history not only celebrates and testifies to, but the one history measures itself by - Jesus Christ.
What we celebrate in Mandela and what inspires us in Jesus, is that their life was lived not for their own purpose or pleasure. Their life was lived in service to others. Their ‘WHY’ was greater than themselves!
“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28
Jesus did not come into this world to make a name or to make a point. He came to make a difference!

Gateway Campus Church exists to help people Know God, Find Freedom, Awaken Purpose and Make a Difference.

In partnering with Avondale School we believe we can Make a Difference in our community and our world as we learn to love people well. Love requires relationships and so there are four relational spaces where we are learning to love well (see graphic below).

Our partnership with Avondale School is dynamic - ever shifting, growing and becoming a stronger bridge to connection, community and wellbeing on campus.
From time to time you might see an invite to an event, or your kids might hear someone from Gateway taking a Chapel talk, or there may be an invitation to come to a discussion on parenting in the 21st Century, or an opportunity to serve alongside at Christmas Carols and Soccer Stars. Whatever the connection know that:
Our why is to Make a Difference.
Our way is to Love Well.
I believe with all my heart that each and every one of us is called to greatness! Greatness not as fame, but rather greatness as Jesus, Mandela, Mother Teresa, Gandhi and many others who have embraced it - Service! Have a Y>U.

Pr Norm Harlow
Gateway Church Pastor
Term 4 Sport Uniform
K-2: Wear sports uniform on Mondays.
Y3 & 4: Wear sports uniform on Wednesdays.
Y5 & 6: Wear sports uniform on Fridays.

Y3-6 Swimming Program
Years 3 & 4 - Wednesdays
Year 3 depart at 1:15pm, return at 2:25pm
Year 4 depart at 1:50pm, return at 3:00pm
Years 5 & 6 - Fridays
Year 5 depart at 11:15pm, return at 2:25pm
Year 6 depart at 1:50pm, return at 3:00pm

SPORT
K-2 Learn to Swim Program
November 11 – November 22
The swimming program for infants commences this Monday November 11 and will run every day for 2 weeks. All students in Kindy, Years 1 and 2 will participate in a Learn to Swim Program at Morisset Heated Pool. Students are required to bring their clearly named swimmers and towel (goggles are optional) each day for the two-week program. The times each class departs and return to school are listed below:

CLASS
1W Mrs Wind
2V Mrs Vaughan
KF Mrs Fraser
1H Mrs Hobson
KSL Mrs Lawson
2H Mrs Hartigan
2P Mrs Pascoe
1S Mrs Schur
KL Mrs Lawrence

DEPART SCHOOL
Deport 10.45am, return 11.45am
Deport 10.45am, return 11.45am
Deport 11.15am, return 12.15pm
Deport 11.15am, return 12.15pm
Deport 11.45am, return 12.45pm
Deport 11.45am, return 12.45pm
Deport 12.15pm, return 11.55pm
Deport 12.15pm, return 11.55pm
Deport 12.45pm, return 1.45pm

Woolworths Cricket Blast
The Woolworths Cricket Blast was held at Toronto last week with 18 cricket teams participating after being postponed in Term 3 due to rain. This was a great fun day for students to develop all aspects of their cricket skills. Every student was able to bowl, field and bat in each limited over match. Avondale School had both a Senior and Junior boy team who played 5 matches for the day winning all matches. Girls are encouraged to try out for a ‘girls only’ team early next year.

HRIS Touch Football
The HRIS Primary Touch Football was held this week at Nelson Bay. Avondale School was represented by both a Senior Boys and Senior Girls team.
The girls came 2nd in their morning pool and the boys came 3rd. With 14 teams in each division and only 20-minute games, competition was very strong amongst the top teams. The top teams were experienced, had great ball skills, speed, agility and fitness. Congratulations to both our teams who placed overall about 9th or 10th.

Newcastle Chess Competition
The final of the Newcastle Chess Competition was held in Newcastle this week for the Knights and the Rookies divisions. Congratulations to our Rookies team who won the finals for the whole Hunter Region: Jett P, Xander H, Liam N and Lachlan N. Our Knights team came 2nd for the whole Hunter Region: Tharusigan V, Isaac C, Beckett B and Samuel A.

Lakes Grammar Equestrian Event
Friday November 15
The Lakes Grammar Equestrian Event will take place at Morisset Showground on Friday November 15. For more information please see Mr Head.
CLASS

Year 9 2020 Electives
At the end of last term, Year 8 students were asked to choose their electives for their Year 9 classes next year. Once all students were surveyed, we saw that we had quite a large over subscription for Food Technology. We had initially placed some students with their second option. We had another look at the situation and decided that by tweaking a few aspects we could actually run a second Food Technology class and allow at least a dozen more students to have their first option.
We realised we needed to let you know for two reasons. Firstly, we did not want anyone still thinking that their son or daughter and many other students had missed out on their first preference elective. Secondly, we wanted to point out that not only are we listening to people’s preferences but we are proactively responding and actioning the necessary changes, when it is feasible, to give the highest satisfaction rate amongst our students and families.
We hope this information helps build an even stronger and satisfied cohort.

Year 11 Camp
Just a reminder that there is a camp planned for the Year 11’s on November 22 - 24. They will need to be at school by 7.15am on the morning of November 22 and will arrive home on November 24 in time for normal school buses. We have planned a relaxing, fun and informative few days away and the students will enjoy the chance to get motivated and bond together as a team as they start their HSC journey.
Please make sure you return your camp forms into the Secondary Office ASAP.

SPORT

College Basketball Tournament
On Wednesday our senior girls ‘Wildcats’ team played in the A Grade Grand Final game of the Avondale College Basketball Tournament. The game was tightly contested and resulted in our girls coming 2nd with Eleora T receiving the sportsmanship award. We are incredibly proud of the attitude, skill and determination our girls displayed throughout the tournament and during the grand final.

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!
ALL SCHOOL

Pupil Free Day
Monday November 25
Please note that Monday November 25 is a Pupil Free Day for all students K-12 to allow our teachers time to complete student reports.

2020 Plans
If you are not intending to return in 2020 please notify the school via email admin@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au

Closing Celebrations
Save the Date - Thursday December 5. Primary students - 5.00pm, Secondary students 7.00pm. ALL students, along with their families are invited to celebrate the end of the school year.

Volunteers Needed for Carols
Volunteers are needed urgently to do a 2 hour shift on the Parents and Friends Stall at Carols. Please email tmesaric@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au if you are able to help.

LIBRARY

K-6 Year-End Activities
The end of the school year is fast approaching and lots of exciting activities will be happening in the library.

Week 5 (ending Nov 15) - Return Year 3-6 student library books; Term 4 prizes and library party invitations awarded.

Week 6 (ending Nov 22) - Library parties for perfect borrowers.

Week 7 (ending Nov 29) - Library parties for perfect borrowers; Return all Parent library books.

Week 8 (ending Dec 6) - The library will be CLOSED for stocktaking.
Prizes for the first class in each Stage to return all their library books will be awarded in Assembly on Monday November 18.

Year 7-12 End of Year Library Reminders
Please note that Secondary students need to have returned all library books, English books and textbooks before end of year sign-off to avoid paying for replacement copies. Please assist your Secondary student by reminding them to search around the house for any books that need returning. This will help to avoid unpleasant moments at the end of the year. However, this does not mean our students will be without reading material. Please remember that our Secondary students all have access to our eBook and eAudiobook collections throughout the year, including the holidays. Simply look on the High School iCentre Landscape page to access one of the thousands of titles. https://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/3315

Library Landscape Page
Would you like to know more about what happens in the library during the school day? Would you love to see photos of your child/ren enjoying library activities? If your answer is ‘Yes’ we invite you to visit the Library Landscape page for relevant library information, photos and video clips. You can also search the Library catalogue from the Landscape page too.

Why not pay us a visit?! From the link below, follow the links to access both the Primary and Secondary Library Landscape pages too. https://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/1762

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 / 0409 939 302
Sandi Lowe / 0447 006 209
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
Jan Hughes (Suzuki Piano School) / 4977 2037
Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308
Sophie-Lee Johnson / 0490 451 781

Voice
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

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

Woodwinds
Meldi Arkinstall (flute) / 0413 548 985
Fred Cracknell (saxophone / clarinet) / 0404 082 151

Brass
Fred Cracknell / 0404 082 151

Guitar
Jake Bisognin / 0400 389 612
Toby Zeuschner / 0405 405 131
Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308
Garry Lawler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

Drums
James Dennett / 0401 549 084

A new $100 Creative Kids Rebate can be put towards the cost of registration, participation or tuition fees for creative and cultural activities such as music lessons with registered teachers. You can apply for an active kids voucher at Service NSW online or in person.

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