Primary Calendar - Term 1
Y1 Team Building Activities .................. Feb 12
Get Active Commences ..................... Feb 12
ID Photo Day .................................. Feb 15
Kindy Parent Connect Team 6.00pm Feb 15
Kindy Rest Day ................................ Feb 16
Y3-6 Swimming Carnival .................. Feb 20
Super Week of Mega Praise ..Feb 26 - Mar 3
HRIS Swimming Carnival ................. Mar 7
K-6 Parent Teacher Night ................. Mar 13
School Open Day ......................... Mar 14

Secondary Calendar - Term 1
Swimming Carnival ......................... Feb 12
Y11 Info Night - 6.45pm .................. Feb 13
Y12 Info Night - 7.30pm .................. Feb 13
ID Photo Day ................................ Feb 15
Week of Worship .......................... Feb 19 - 23
Y11 & 12 Music Excursion ................ Feb 19
Y8 Info Night - 6.45pm .................. Feb 19
Y10 Info Night - 7.30pm ................ Feb 19
Y7 Vaccinations #1 ......................... Feb 20
Y9 Info Night - 7.00pm .................. Feb 20

School Terms 2018
Term 1 .................................. Jan 29 - Apr 13
Term 2 .................................. Apr 30 - Jul 6
Term 3 .................................. Jul 30 - Sept 28
Term 4 .................................. Oct 15 - Dec 7

THE VIEW

Patrick grew up in Portland, Jamaica, in a farming community as the fourth of five children. He knew even before he finished primary school what he wanted to be. He became a teacher at 17 and was a principal at 25.

At 27 he moved to Hillsdale Primary School – which was four times bigger than the school he had been principal at. But that was not what he really wanted to do. In 1980 he made the bold move to move to another country and pursue his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees. Six years later he returned to his home country and finally took up his life passion – being a church pastor. He was ordained three years later. Being a gifted communicator and educator, as well as pastor, within a few years he was asked to head up Adventist Education for his region and then his country, and surrounding islands in the Carribean. In 1994 he was back at Andrews University pursuing a PhD in Education Administration and Supervision. It was there I had the privilege of being in class with Patrick. We enjoyed being in the same classes, often interacting with each other in our tutorials and classwork.

I next caught up with Patrick when we flew to Jamaica for our son, Ken and Hopal’s wedding. By then Dr Patrick Allen was the president of the West Indies Union of Seventh-day Adventists, the respected leader of the largest denomination in all of Jamaica. He is a cousin of Hopal’s dad, and we were graciously hosted at their home while we were there for the wedding.

Imagine my delight to next hear of Pr Allen as the new Governor General of Jamaica, a post he was appointed to on February 26, 2009. Later that year, his Excellency, the Most Honourable Patrick Allen, became Sir Patrick Allen as he was knighted by the Queen on June 12, 2009. As Sir Patrick said in his acceptance speech, “This is what the Lord wants me to do now . . . my service is in a broader scope.” As Proverbs 22:29 says, “Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings; he will not serve before obscure men.”

I would love to think that we have students going through Avondale School who may make as significant a contribution as Sir Patrick Allen. I am sure he never dreamed he would become the Governor General of Jamaica. He simply did his best in whatever he was asked to do. That is all we can ask of each student here. I would challenge our students to do their best at all times. To aim for the stars. To put God first – and see what He will do in their lives.

David McClintock
Principal
GENERAL

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, round, 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.

SPORT

Dates For Calendar
Please mark the following dates in the calendar:
7 March – HRIS Swimming Carnival
22 March – CIS Swimming Carnival
17 August – HRIS Athletics Carnival

Primary Swimming Club
Where: Morisset Heated Pool
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7.00 - 8.00am
Cost: $5.00 (covers pool entry, professional coaching, transport and breakfast). Paid to Mr Head on entry to the pool each morning.
Breakfast: Sanitarium cereals / toast
Transport: Mr Head will drive students to school after swimming for breakfast at the Sport Shed.
Who: Students who can swim 50m unassisted.
Dates: February 1 - March 6
There is no need to book or register, just turn up.

School Swimwear
We have had many positive comments about Avondale School’s new K-12 swimwear. The Eyeline brand swimwear are chlorine resistant and available to purchase from the Uniform Shop (girl’s one-piece $39.00 and boy’s jammers $37.00). Please note all students representing the School at the HRIS Swimming Carnival are required to wear the School swimwear.

Weetbix Kids Tryathalon
The Weetbix Kids Tryathalon is being held at Woy Woy on Sunday, February 18. We have a number of students already registered. For more information see the Sports Display Cabinet or contact Mr Head.
7-10 years Swim 75m, Cycle 3km, Run 500m
11-15 years Swim 150m, Cycle 6km, Run 1km
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.

Info Nights

As many of you are aware, we host a string of year group information nights over the month of February. Every meeting is in the Music Building and will go for no longer than 45 minutes (that’s our plan)! In these meetings, we address some of the important bits and pieces about each year group for the year. Your attendance is appreciated. Below is a list of these meetings:

- Year 8: 19 February, 6.45 – 7.25 pm
- Year 9: 20 February, 7 – 7.45 pm
- Year 10: 19 February, 7.30 – 8.15 pm
- Year 11: 13 February, 6.45 – 7.25 pm
- Year 12: 13 February, 7.30 – 8.15 pm

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School Sports Uniform is expected to be worn by students and they may change into House colors at the venue. Modest and appropriate swimwear is expected. As this is a normal school event school policies apply to behavior.

DEPARTURE - Students will board buses at 8.50am for a 9.00am departure after roll call.

AT THE POOL - Students are to assemble in the correct House Bay Area. Students who go straight to the pool from home must get their name marked off at the recording table on arrival and departure.

EVENTS - Event 1 will begin at 9.45am. House Marshals and Captains will gather students together ready 3 events BEFORE their scheduled event. The Chief Marshal will then collect competitors and direct them to the starting area.

DEPARTURE - Buses will leave the pool at approx. 2.00pm and arrive at school in time for normal buses home. Students leaving with parents prior to this time must sign out at the recording table.

Secondary Swim Squad

Where: Morisset Swimming Pool
When: Every Tuesday and Thursday, 6.45 - 7.45am. Training has commenced and will continue until Tuesday, March 13.
Cost: $5.00 each day (includes pool entry, coaching and breakfast).
Transport: Parents need to drop students to the pool. The School Bus will then take all students back to School for breakfast.
Ability: Students need to be able to confidently swim 400m.

Please note this is not a learn-to-swim session. It will focus on some stroke correction and aerobic conditioning as well as developing overall swimming fitness.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Mr Ward in the PDHPE department via reception on 4977 0200 or by emailing bward@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au

Sporting Achievement

Jayde C in Year 9 came 2nd in Novice 2.1 and 4th in prelim 1.3 in State Dressage which is a competition from zone 2 to zone 29. Dressage is a highly skilled form of riding performed in exhibition and competition, as well as an ‘art’ sometimes pursued solely for the sake of mastery. Well done, Jayde!
Earring Clarification
As there were some differing views on our original earring policy, we have changed it to include the word ‘round’. The policy is now as follows: ‘Students are permitted to wear only one small, round, plain gold or silver stud in the lobe of each ear.’

Finance News
Thank you for your prompt payments and attention to your school fee account. We have been notified by a parent that someone impersonating as an employee of Avondale School was asking for their BSB & Account Details. This was not the case and the caller did not identify themselves. Please, if you receive a call which raises suspicions, please call us before revealing any details. This raises the issue that it’s best practice if you set up your payments from your device rather than passing information over the phone or email.

Sports For Schools 2018
In 2011 and 2012 Coles ran a Sport for Schools program in which Avondale School participated. Our School received 1000’s of dollars of sports equipment, thanks to the great efforts of both Primary and Secondary families. Coles has decided to run the program again in 2018. As a registered school we would encourage all parents and friends to participate in this great program by collecting and returning your Coles docket vouchers. The collection boxes will be in both Primary and Secondary Offices.

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 students forget their library bags on their library day they can come to the iCentre the next day and do their borrowing. Please ensure that students bring their library bags on the day listed for their class. You can find this information in the library timetable on the Primary Library Landscape page. http://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/2828/ Library bags are available for sale from the library at $5.00 per bag.

Parent Library
Have you seen our Parent Library? As well as borrowing books on parenting and other related topics, parents can borrow readers, non-fiction and picture books too. You are also most welcome to find a quiet place in the library to sit down and read with your child. If you haven’t joined the Parent Library yet and would like to, just visit the library and sign up at the circulation desk. You can also download a signup sheet from the iCentre Landscape page. http://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/1762 It’s quick and easy, and we’d love to see you.

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
Cygèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
Jan Hughes / 4977 2037
Henry Higgins / 0490 0404 308

Voice
Cygèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

Strings
Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 0404 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) / 0418 975 033

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

LIBRARY
Y7-12 Library Use
2018 has begun and it is great to see students using the library and borrowing books. Senior students are setting into productive study periods and getting right into their work. Over the break we made some changes to the High School fiction section to make it easier to use. It is now identified by genres so it will be simpler for students to find books they like in their area of interest. We are looking forward to another great year and hope students will be regular visitors.

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