THIS WEEK … we had the privilege of having Dr Kevin Petrie visit our Years 3-6 students to talk about bullying. Dr Petrie shared five ideas that students can implement in response to bullying. If 80% of students implemented these simple strategies, our school would be free of bullying! Ask your child what these strategies are. We are proud of the students who represented the HRIS region at the CIS Cross Country event. They have done brilliantly to compete at this level.

NEXT WEEK … we have our Athletics Days spread across three days. Year 1 students are off to the Reptile Park and Year 5 are heading to the IMAX Theatre in Sydney. You will receive your child’s School Report via email. We are trialling this process but will have printed copies of the reports available for collection at Parent Teacher Interviews. We’d love to hear your feedback! Watch for further details about interview bookings which will open soon.

VALUING COMPASSION … Children are born with the capacity to show compassion to others, but much like the ability to speak, compassion is learnt by having compassionate interactions with others. You can help your child to practise compassion by allowing them to experience compassion and by praising their attempts to be kind and caring.

"The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.” Albert Schweitzer

MAKING A MARK … "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.” Dalai Lama

DONE AND DUSTED … It was so exciting to have Mr Pat Conroy MP present an Australian Government Local Sporting Champions Grant of $500 to Jordan M for his achievements in Sailing on Tuesday. Follow that with a trip to Les Miserables for our Elective Music and Drama students and successful days at CIS Cross Country, HRIS Netball and a Year 12 Geography Study Day – well, let’s just say it’s a moment to be very proud of what our students achieve and how they engage in opportunities! A short but fantastic week.

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … Week 9 (what, already?) begins with our Year 11 Geography class taking a trip to Queensland, then we have School Reports going out, online bookings opening for Parent Teacher Nights and HRIS Basketball Gala on Friday. A number of our year groups have assessment tasks amping up or just simply have assignments due. Please help your child(ren) manage their time and complete set work as we begin to ‘wind up’ the term. The biggest mistake any of us can make is starting to go into ‘holiday mode’ early!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … You can tell the sex of a horse by its teeth. Most males have 40, females have 36. Best wishes for a wonderful weekend together!

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GENERAL

Vacation Care
Looking for Vacation Care in the next school holidays? We can help you! We are offering three weeks Vacation Care during the next school holidays. Lots of fun things for your children to do and see! Check out what is on offer today! Places fill fast! Book online at www.avondaleschool.com.au

CLASS

Year 3-6 Bullying Presentation
This week Dr Kevin Petrie visited Years 3-6 students to share strategies on how to combat bullying. Our students were challenged to do these things when they see bullying occurring:
1. Do something. Speak up, make kind contact with someone who has been bullied.
2. Think first. Always consider the impact of your words and actions.
3. Be a circuit breaker for gossip. Don’t pass it on.
4. Control yourself and own it. Don’t let others take control of you.
5. Forgive others. We all make mistakes and need to be forgiven.

SPORT

HRIS Basketball
On Tuesday, ten schools competed at the HRIS Primary Basketball Competition at the Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium. There were more teams than ever before playing in the Junior and Senior Divisions. Our Senior Boys and Girls Teams gained in confidence with each game they played. Unfortunately, due to time restraints, their final match was cancelled.

The Junior Boys and Girls Teams played really well winning all games in the morning round robin. The Junior Boys in the afternoon had some close matches but unfortunately didn’t make the final. The Junior Girls won their semi-final and then had to play William Cowper School in the final. At the full time hooter the score was locked at 17 points all. Extra time was added with no result after three minutes. Then William Cowper School scored taking victory with the most exciting game of the day.

Senior Boys 3rd (tied)
Senior Girls 7th (tied)
Junior Boys 3rd
Junior Girls 2nd

Thank you to our basketball coaches Pr Mel, Mrs Watson, Mrs Morton and Mrs Bennett for all the hours put into preparing our teams.
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What a great achievement Jordan!

TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS
YOU’RE INVITED TO AN
AWESOME
BREKKY & YOUTH GROUP
EVERY SATURDAY
9:30am
AT GATEWAY CHURCH
IN THE BLUE ROOM
BE THERE OR BE SQUARE

CLASS
Music & Drama Excursion
This week our elective Music and Drama classes went and saw Les Misérables, a musical written by Claude-Michel Schönberg. We saw it in the Capitol Theatre in Sydney and it was an excellent production! The orchestra played all the music extremely well and the singers had such strong voices that reflected their characters well. The costumes and sets were intricate, skillfully designed and accurate to the time period and location. There were many large props such as houses and the barricade that could be moved on and off stage seamlessly. At the barricade scene, as men were shot, gunshots were heard and a spotlight shone on the victim, which was very effective and extremely emotive. Go and see Les Misérables to immerse yourself in the trials and commonplace situations of the French Revolution.

(Cara T, Janika M, Jayce H, Madeleine F, Harrison D)

3.30 - 4.30 PM THURSDAYS
ALL THIS TERM in the iCentre
Hope to see you there!

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What a great achievement Jordan!
It’s a great read for Secondary book is available now at the library.

It is interesting and thought provoking to know that real beauty lies within. This is a powerful truth according to Kylie Bisutti, a former Victoria’s Secret model turned author of "I’m No Angel." Her book is a story of life in the cut-throat world of the modeling industry and the struggles she faced in trying to be thin enough or pretty enough to stay in the business.

Enjoy the news for this week.

**New at the Library**

*I’m No Angel* is Kylie Bisutti’s story of life in the cut-throat world of a Victoria’s Secret model. She shares rare insights into an occupation where you can never be thin enough or pretty enough, and how along the way she learnt the powerful truth that real beauty lies within. This is an interesting and thought provoking book available now at the library. It’s a great read for Secondary School girls and their mums.

**K-6 Term 2 Library Prizes**

Congratulations to the large number of students from Kindy to Year 6 who have borrowed and read library books every week this term. What an excellent achievement! Students will choose their prizes during library classes over the next two weeks due to excursions and athletics days in Weeks 9 and 10.

**Music Lessons**

The following is a list of private teachers offering music lessons at School. Please contact these teachers directly.

- **Kyle Stacey**
  - piano (Simply Music, AMEB)
  - 0497 323 340

- **Ngareta Rorich**
  - piano (Simply Music)
  - 0497 608 666

- **Valmai Hes**
  - piano / music theory
  - 0414 288 031

- **Jan Hughes**
  - piano
  - 0497 203 744

- **Kylie Smith**
  - piano / voice (Suzuki / AMEB)
  - 0416 282 644

- **Cybèle Coutet**
  - voice (AMEB) / piano (AMEB)
  - 0422 455 977

- **Alison Hodge**
  - voice
  - 0420 528 888

- **Esther Albert**
  - cello / violin / double bass
  - 0439 420 611

- **Emma Jones**
  - flute
  - 0422 205 169

- **Fred Cracknell**
  - saxophone / clarinet / brass
  - 0404 082 151

- **Trish O’Hearn**
  - trumpet
  - 0402 540 214

- **Jake Bisogni**
  - guitar
  - 0403 339 612

- **Mitchell Wallace**
  - bass guitar / guitar
  - 0435 578 723

- **Gary Lawler**
  - group guitar lessons / ukulele
  - 0428 688 160

- **James Dinnett**
  - drums
  - 0401 549 064

- **Claudio Carrasco**
  - guitar / piano / voice / drums / bass guitar
  - 0404 079 867

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**Extended Absences**

The NSW Government requires parents/guardians to complete an Application for Extended Leave when students are going to be absent from school for more than ONE day. Please note the following:

- An Extended Absence Form needs to be completed when students are on family holidays or extended leave during the school term.
- This does **NOT** apply to illness or medical appointments (eg. dentist, orthodontist, doctor, specialist, physio etc.).
- One application per family is to be completed and handed in to the front Admin Office.
- Once approved by the Principal, a Certificate will be sent to you for record keeping purposes and must be produced when requested by police or other authorised attendance officers.
- Application for extended leave needs to be made **PRIOR** to the date/s of leave.

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**Please Note**

Extended Absences

There is a story about a boy who saw a scorpion floundering around in the water. He decided to save it by stretching out his finger, but the scorpion stung him. The boy still tried to get the scorpion out of the water, but the scorpion stung him again.

A man nearby told him to stop trying to saving the scorpion. But the boy said, “It is the nature of the scorpion to sting. It is my nature to love. Why should I give up my nature to love just because it is the nature of the scorpion to sting?”

Compassion is caring and sharing because another person really matters to you. It is more than a feeling. It is an action. Don’t give up on compassion just because those around you do. The soft heart of compassion can always find a need. It is great to see the heart of compassion in action across the campus.

Enjoy the news for this week.

**Dr David Faull**

Principal

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**School Term Dates 2015**

**Primary Calendar - Term 2**

Year 3 & 4 Athletics Day ........................................... June 16
Year 5 & 6 Athletics Day ........................................... June 17
Year 1 Reptile Park Excursion ........................................ June 17
Mid Year Reports to Parents ........................................ June 17
Year 2 Athletics Day ........................................... June 19
Year 5 IMAX Theatre Excursion .................................... June 19
Year 6 E-Day ........................................... June 23 & 24
Parent Teacher Interviews ........................................ June 23 & 24
Get Active Ends for Term 2 ........................................ June 25
Kindy Grandparents’ Day ........................................ June 26
Last Day of Term 2 ........................................... June 26

**Secondary Calendar - Term 2**

String Ensemble and Vocal Ensemble at Wyee Church ........... June 13
Year 11 Geography Field Trip to Fraser Island ................. June 14 - 17
Year 12 Hospitality Excursion ........................................ June 17
HRIS Basketball ........................................... June 19
Year 11 Hospitality Catering Lunch ................................ June 23
Parent Teacher Interviews ........................................ June 23 & 24
Year 7-10 Robogals ........................................... June 25
Get Active Ends for Term 2 ........................................ June 25
Last Day of Term 2 ........................................... June 26
STORMCo Trip to Wee Waa .................................... June 26 - July 2
STORMCo Trip to Cobar ........................................ June 3 - 7

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