Latest research shows that the way a school disciplines students has a big impact on bullying. Schools that simply punish students do not see a significant reduction in inappropriate behaviour. Schools that see a reduction in bullying use a discipline system where students are guided through a process of reflecting on inappropriate behaviour and making positive plans for future behaviour. With this in mind, we have introduced a new behaviour management process this year. Students who have been making ongoing or serious inappropriate behaviour choices have a Behaviour Planning Session in place of a traditional detention. With the assistance of a teacher they develop a Responsible Behaviour Plan. We have been delighted with this process and have seen many students take responsibility and make positive changes to their behaviour. This is one of several strategies that we have implemented to support our students to create a happy and inclusive environment.

Next week we are focusing on compassion. To put our compassion into action we have a food drive planned for Wednesday. This is a great chance to talk to your children about all the ways that we are SO blessed and how we can show kindness and compassion to others. Only one week to go but it’s a week full of great activities!

Mrs Deb Cooper
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Thought for the week: “Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.”
Newt Gingrich

Week 8!
Our Year 8 students were treated to practical science with the visit from CSIRO on Wednesday. This was well received and enjoyed. D&T HSC markers were on campus on Tuesday (and I have to say the student works looked very impressive), and then Music HSC markers listened to our Year 12 Music students play, sing and perform with gusto. Well done, students! Today our Year 11s begin their final exams and their stress was palpable. It will only take the first couple of exams, and they’ll be in the groove to do their best! And between normal classes and routine, we started the process of preparing for Family Festival!

Now, what’s next?
Apart from Year 11 Exams and all the other possible tasks and culminations of the term, we just have a final Year 12 Chapel planned for Friday next week! We also have been encouraging our students to bring a non-perishable food item each day until Thursday so we can support the local Community Centre in their outreach to local families who struggle to put a meal on the table. Please help by organising your child to bring in something EVERY DAY next week. And then Term 3 concludes!

THAT’S ALL FOLKS … EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED … If a bald man works as a chef at a restaurant, does he have to wear a hairnet?

See you on Sunday!
Mr Benton Craig
Head of Secondary
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General News

Kindy to Year 6 Mufti Day and Food Collection Drive
Wednesday, September 17

Next week our value is compassion. As a way to give our students an opportunity to show compassion we are planning a food drive. Next Wednesday, students from Kindy to Year 6 are asked to wear mufti and bring a non perishable food item instead of a gold coin donation. The food items will be collected in each student’s class room and given to our local Community Centre who provide food to those less fortunate. Please note that all students need to wear closed-in shoes. No jewellery or makeup should be worn. Also, strap and singlet tops should not be worn. Thank you for noting this.

Summer Uniform – Term 4
Summer uniform will be worn from the start of Term 4. For your convenience, please note that the Uniform Shop will be open on the following days during the holidays from 9.00 am until 5.00 pm: Tuesday, September 30 Wednesday, October 1

Class News

Year 2 Science Experiments

Over the last two weeks, Year 2 students have had a great time presenting their science experiments. They explored many different reactions, which resulted in all sorts of bubbles, colours, foam, electricity and even ice cream. The students also loved watching their classmates’ experiments and learnt so many different things about science, like water tension, static electricity, chemical reactions of bicarb soda and vinegar or mentos and soda drink, and even how water molecules react to hot and cold temperature changes. The students are really excited about science and discovery!

SPORT NEWS

Knights and Rookies Chess

Last week the Knights and Rookies teams played the rounds 6 to 10 of their competition at Barnsley Public School. The Knights Team with Matthew B, Ty D, Brayden H and Jed Z won the competition with 28 points, while St Mary’s School came 2nd with 20.5 points and Barnsley Public School came 3rd with 19.5 points. The Rookies team with Matthew L, Ryan B, Matthew G and Samuel N won the competition with 28 points, while Barnsley Public School came 2nd with 26 points and St Mary’s School came 3rd with 19.5 points. Avondale School second Rookies team, Elijah M, Blake T, Sean O and Rose J, and placed 4th with 15 points.

Our winning teams will now play in the finals of all the zones in Newcastle next term. Parents are encouraged to give their child lots of practise over the holidays.

CIS Athletics

This week there were 23 athletes who competed at Homebush in the CIS Athletic Championships. All students are to be commended for their effort in competing at this level of competition. Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding results:

GOLD MEDAL 8 Year Boys 100m - Antwon M
GOLD MEDAL 11 Year Boys 100m - Riley O
SILVER MEDAL Senior Boys Relay - Joshua V, Jerry R, Liam B and Riley O
4th 11 Year Boys High Jump - Liam B

All HRIS shirts are to be returned to Mr Head by Monday, September 15. The PSSA Athletics Championships will be held at Homebush on October 15 and 16.

Tennis Competition

The Primary Tennis Competition will be held each day next week until the selections for HRIS are complete. Students need to bring their racquets and joggers each day. Students need to register their names with Mr Head before 9.00 am on Monday, September 15.

Kindy and Year 1 Sports Day
Friday, September 19

The Kindy and Year 1 SPORTS DAY will be held next Friday, September 19 on the School Oval. Parents are reminded to send their child in their sports uniform. A program will be emailed to you soon. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend. The canteen will be serving coffee and cake for $5.00.
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Secondary Chess
Congratulations to Jonathon G, Keldan C, Stuart M and Nathaniel G who defeated Singleton High School 4/0 in the Secondary Chess Competition this week.

Great Day!
The Choir, under the direction of Mr Craig, recently performed at Lakeside Church. The quality of the music and speakers added a special balance to this superb program ably supported by Miss Knopper and Miss Parsons. The program concluded with the unique delivery of the finale of the musical, ‘The Great Day, and indeed it was a great day!!

Week of Worship
It didn’t take long for Pr Brock Goodall to have us on the edge of our seats. Talking ‘No Greater Love’ and helping us understand that Jesus has made a clear path for us to get to Him anytime we want, Pr Brock stood on seats, walked all around the MPC, talked right into people’s personal space and made our teachers do crazy things! We laughed and simple wondered what he was going to do next to help us remember his message. Our worship team gave us energy in our praise and a number of the items performed really touched our heart. It was simply an AWESOME week!

STEP UP
3.30 – 4.30 PM
THURSDAYS
ALL THIS TERM
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!

Years 7-10

Reading Rulz!
SIGN UP TODAY AND START READING

Collect a check sheet from your English teacher.
Get your books signed off as you read them.
Hand your check sheet to your English teacher by November 3.
Collect house points by reading. Fantastic!

AVONDALE SCHOOL
We Learn. We Value. We Serve.
Have Your Say in our School’s Development!
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Principal’s Message
Over the last two weeks we have been promoting perseverance – the ability to pursue a goal with steady persistence, a purpose, especially in spite of difficulties.
In reading on the topic I came across this quote – ‘Excuses are for people who don’t want it bad enough. Stop saying “I can’t”, “I won’t”, “I might”, “maybe later, tomorrow”…start saying “I will today!” If you knock off the ‘I can’t becomes I can, and that is possible because you put in the effort and make it happen.
The Secondary Drama performance as well as the Secondary Choir performance last weekend showcased the quality that can be produced with perseverance. One of the delights at Avondale School is the strong music program. People who can play and sing can delight us with a performance. They have developed those skills because they did not make excuses. Recent research clearly shows there is a link between school performance and music performance. Maybe the link is that performance takes regular practice and that takes perseverance. It would be great to have more students wanting to learn the trumpet, the trombone, the saxophone so we can build the Orchestra. All it takes is a commitment!
It was the Apple icon, Steve Jobs, who said “I am convinced that half of what separates the successful from the non-successful is pure perseverance”. Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

Library News
Reading Rulz – Years 7-10
There are just seven weeks left to add to the House points by reading a book (or more than one). The holidays are fast approaching and it’s a great opportunity to spend some of your spare time reading. Here are just a couple of new arrivals you may like to try:

Gorilla Adventure
When Hal and Roger Hunt set off looking for baby gorillas in the Congo jungle they stumble across a trade in baby gorillas. Someone seems determined to silence them. Who will be first to read this great adventure story from the Willard Price adventure series?

Jump into the Sky
It’s May 5, 1945. Carrying nothing but a suitcase and a bag of his aunt’s good fried chicken, thirteen-year old Levi Battle heads south to a U.S. Army post in search of his father. The fact that his father doesn’t even know he’s coming turns out to be the least of his problems. While the war may seem to be ending, Levi discovers his father’s secret mission is just beginning. Ultimately, Levi will have to decide if he wants to go along for the ride.

Inspired by actual events, Jump into the Sky follows the surprising and little-known mission of an all-black paratrooper unit in World War II.

Pieces of History
The car Dr Faull played with as a child is just one of the ‘pieces of history’ on display at the iCentre this week. Students have enjoyed seeing this and other items including mathematical instruments, inkwells, pens and cameras from a bygone era. A big thank you to Mr Ray Faulk for lending these interesting items to us.

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I will be your God throughout your lifetime— until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you. Isaiah 46:4 NLV

Primary Calendar - Term 3
Family Festival .............................................................. September 14
Tennis Selections ....................................................... September 15 - 19
Primary Mufti Day and Food Collection ................. September 17
Get Active Ends for Term 3 ........................................ September 18
Kindy and Year 1 Sports Day ..................................... September 19
Last Day of Term 3 ..................................................... September 19
Daylight Saving Starts ............................................. October 5
Labour Day Holiday ................................................ October 6
First Day of Term 4 ................................................... October 7
Term 4 School Fees Due ........................................... October 10
Get Active Commences ............................................ October 13

Secondary Calendar - Term 3
Year 11 Final Exams ................................................. September 12 - 19
Family Festival ........................................................ September 14
Year 7 Measles / Hep B #2 / HPV #3 Vaccinations .... September 15
Year 9 Male HPV #3 ............................................... September 15
CIS Athletics Carnival ............................................. September 17
Year 12 Farewell Chapel 9.30 am MPC .................... September 19
Last Day of Term 4 .................................................. September 19
Daylight Saving Starts ............................................. October 5
Labour Day Holiday ................................................ October 6
First Day of Term 4 ................................................... October 7
Year 9 No Apologies Program ................................. October 9 - 10
THIS SUNDAY!
Don’t miss it!

14 September 9am - 2pm
119 Avondale Rd Cooranbong

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• Food Fair
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• Animal Farm
• Market Stalls
• Car Show
• School Campus Tours
• Pony Rides
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2. Register for the 1km or 3km FUN RUN**
3. Tell your friends & family about FAMILY FESTIVAL

*Pre-purchase discounts ends at 6pm on 13.9.14. Ride passes can be purchased on the day for $25ea.
**Book online before 6pm on 13.9.14 for a discounted entry fee. Fun Run entry fees on the day are 1km $5ea and 3km $15ea.

NEW!

Play Land
New this year to Family Festival is Play Land for 0-5yr olds

CHECK OUT OUR ANIMAL ZOO, PONY RIDES, FACE PAINTING, EARLY LEARNING CENTRE PLAY ARE, FACE PAINTING & COFFEE STAND FOR THE ADULTS! MORE INFO ON OUR WEBSITE!

Fun Run 1km & 3km

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