Week 3 has flown by! We are already into our school routines and students are busy learning. Things are a little quiet with our Year 5 students on camp. The camp is designed to build team spirit, independence and resilience. We look forward to seeing tired but happy students back at school this afternoon.

This year one of our goals is to implement programs that help all of our students develop resilience and positive social skills. This is part of our initiative to reduce bullying and social conflict. The programs that we are beginning to implement are based on research indicating that low levels of bullying are found in schools that:

- Develop a caring community of learners which creates connectedness and a sense of belonging
- Extensively use cooperative learning in classrooms
- Develop pro-social attitudes/values by explicitly teaching social skills

We are looking forward to our Swimming Carnival next week. This involves all students from Years 3-6, along with some Year 2 students. We LOVE parent spectators!

We are currently promoting Obedience and Punctuality to our students. Being on time for school requires a family effort. Please work hard to establish routines that ensure your child is at school BEFORE school starts. It is important that students are present for the entire school day.

Psalm 112:1 - ‘Blessed are those who have respect for the Lord. They find great delight when they obey God’s commands.’

Mrs Deb Cooper
Head of Primary
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK … “Faith in Christ makes one a regenerated believer. Obedience to the Holy Spirit makes one a spiritual believer.” Watchman Nee

Did anyone pick up I said Week ‘2’ in reference to this week in the last Newsletter? I’m already behind! Week THREE was a big week, including a great day for the Swimming Carnival, two information nights (one each for Year 12 and Year 11) and an excellent workshop on essays for Year 7 parents. Our Step Up program began on Thursday too! In a little more detail: a group of supportive parents met with Mrs Vogel and Ms Hutchin to discuss how to support Year 7 with the challenge of Essay Writing – “outstanding, practical and really valuable; very supportive materials too”; parents also came out for the Senior Information Nights, making sure their children get the best start in planning, organising and scheduling assessments, and that they understand the requirements of the Board of Studies for a successful HSC.

AND NEXT WEEK … Our Year 12s take on our Week of Worship program each day – pray for our student speakers! Year 10 and Year 7 have information nights and our Year 7 students have vaccinations. Our official Collaborative Learning Centre Opening will be held on Friday. Never a dull moment!

THAT’S ALL THEN … Although, were you aware that like fingerprints, everyone’s tongue print is different?

Have a wonderful Valentine’s Day tomorrow!

Mr Benton Craig
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Year 3-6
Swimming Carnival
Tuesday, February 17
Morisset Pool

The Primary Swimming Carnival will be held at Morisset Pool this coming Tuesday, February 17. Starting time is scheduled for 9.30 am.

The Carnival is for all students in Years 3-6 and those Year 2 students who returned their invitation slips stating they can swim 50m.

Students may make changes to their chosen events on the day.

A program and the following information will be emailed to you.

INSTRUCTIONS
1. Students will be seated in House areas. Hunter will be at the start line for 50m races, then Watagan, Macquarie and Pacific.
2. Parents are requested to view the events from the opposite side of the pool to the House areas and to refrain from entering the House or Marshalling area while the program is operating. As there is very little seating, parents may wish to bring their own chairs.
3. Lunch will be at 12.30 pm and we ask that all students eat at that time. No children are to have food brought to them while in the House area during events.
4. Children are to remain in their House marshalling areas at all times.
5. Parents, please inform your child’s teacher if you are taking them home with you at the close of the program.
6. Clothing for the day will be sports uniform and swimmers. No hair dye or face paint please.
7. Hats and sunscreen are essential for the day.
8. Although some small items may be purchased from the kiosk, it is important that children bring their own lunch. Items may only be purchased at lunchtime.
9. The wading pool is out of bounds to all students.
10. As there is no seating available for students at the pool, students may bring something to cover the grass where they are sitting in addition to their towels.
11. There are no event finals, so each heat should be swum as if it is a final. Each student is rewarded 1 participation point for each event they swim.
12. Points will be awarded:
   - All 50m races: 1st 10 points, 2nd 9 points, 3rd 8 points, 4th 7 points, 5th 6 points
   - 100m Freestyle: 6th 5 points, 7th 4 points, 8th 3 points, 9th 2 points, 10th 1 point
13. The program that will be emailed to you is the only copy that will be given out to students and parents, so please bring this with you on the day if you wish to use one for reference.
14. Selection for participants in the Hunter Region Schools Swimming Carnival will be made based on results from the School Carnival unless prior arrangements have been made with the Sports Coordinator.

Late to School
If your child/children arrives late to school you will need to come into the Office and sign them in. A note will be issued to your child to take to their class teacher. Please note that failure to report to the Office will mean they will be marked absent for the whole day. Thank you for noting this.

Avondale Primary Performing Arts
Auditioning For 2015
When: Monday, February 16
Who: Interested Years 3-6 students
How: Simply collect an Information/Permission Form from Miss Moncrieff

House Captains 2015
Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as House Leaders for 2015:

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Primary Swimming Club
Please note that Swimming Club will NOT be held next Tuesday, February 17, due to Swimming Carnival set up. Swimming Club will continue on Thursday, February 19. The last session will be held on Tuesday, February 24 prior to the HRIS Swimming Carnival on Thursday, February 26. Those students who make it through to HRIS are encouraged to attend for special training.
SPORT

Swimming Carnival
The Secondary Swimming Carnival presented a great opportunity for students to support their House. Whether they were competing seriously in races they had trained for, setting a personal best or cheering for their team, each student played a vital role in ensuring a great experience. The weather provided four seasons in one day but the rain certainly didn’t dampen enthusiasm. Watagan was the overall winner, gaining the lead through participation which was driven by a motivational talk by House Captains. Our students demonstrated their physical fitness and competitive spirit in the pool and their sportsmanship and sense of fun by the poolside. Congratulations to all event winners and thank you to the parents and friends who came along to support our students.

GENERAL

Volunteers Needed
We are looking for volunteers to help supervise our Year 11 and Year 12 Exams. Exams are held at the Memorial Church MPC and also at Avondale School. No experience is necessary. If you would like to help our students in their education journey, please contact Louise Cooper at Avondale School on 4977 0200 for more information.

Students and Communication
Avondale School has the legal duty of taking care of the safety and wellbeing of pupils in their care. This legal duty is referred to as In Loco Parents (Latin). It means: in place of parents. It describes the temporary guardianship responsibility the school undertakes while a child is at school. These days it is commonly known as Duty of Care. An important part of that duty of care is the school’s legal responsibility for all communication that comes in and goes out of the school — including staff and students. To be responsible and manage communication the school requires that all communication coming in and going out go through the Office.

The school laptop comes with a variety of tools to enhance communication. Students have the opportunity to learn and use these tools of communication. But they also have the responsibility to follow the communication rule of any communication going out from them while they are at school.

Should a student wish to communicate with their parents during school hours, this needs to be managed through the Office, especially if it is about their health and safety. The Office will manage and assess the situation and will helpfully contact parents if need be.

It is very important that students follow this communication requirement. If a student chooses not to communicate through the Office then the student can expect to be disciplined.

MAKE WISE DECISIONS — COMMUNICATE CORRECTLY & SAFELY!

Mobile Phone Policy
“The School provides a landline phone for student use. During school time, 8.15 am - 3.30 pm, communication should happen via this phone. If students choose to bring mobile phones to school, they are to be turned off during school hours.

Mobile phones will be confiscated if turned on or used and a Detention given for breaking the School rules. Should this occur again, the phone will be confiscated again and an After School Detention will be served. A third infraction of the rule will see the matter addressed by the Discipline Committee. Parents may collect the phone from the School Office at the end of the school day. Should a student use someone else’s mobile phone, the phone will be confiscated and the Detention given to the phone user.”

2015 School Handbook pg 28
We Value LIBRARY

NO ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

Please note in your planning for this year that there is no break from school on April 27 for Anzac Day. Due to an oversight it was listed in the Avondale School Calendar. No holiday has been gazetted by the NSW Government for that day, and therefore it will be a normal school day. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

LUNCHTIMES IN THE LIBRARY

Where do I find it in the library? Year 7’s have begun their high school journey and have been familiarising themselves with the Secondary collection in the iCentre. An unusual treasure hunt has made this learning experience fun!

Music Lessons

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

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<td>Ngarita Kitch</td>
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<td>Valmai Hill</td>
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<td>0414 289 931</td>
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<td>Kylee Smith</td>
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<td>0418 282 644</td>
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<td>Cybelle Coutet</td>
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<td>Esther Albert</td>
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<td>Emma Jones</td>
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<td>Fred Cracknell</td>
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<td>Trish O’Hearn</td>
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<td>0402 063 214</td>
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<td>Jake Biggsen</td>
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<td>Peter Dixon</td>
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<td>0414 607 882</td>
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<td>Mitchell Wallace</td>
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<td>Garry Lawler</td>
<td>group guitar lessons / ukulele</td>
<td>0458 608 180</td>
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<td>Claudio Carrasco</td>
<td>guitar / piano / voice / drums / bass guitar</td>
<td>0404 079 867</td>
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Primary Calendar - Term 1

- Year 3-6 APPA Auditions: February 16
- Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival: February 17
- Kindy Day Rest: February 24
- Collaborative Learning Centre Opening 10.00 am: February 20
- HRIS Swimming Carnival: February 26
- School Open Day: March 3
- Week of Worship: March 9 - 13
- CIS Swimming: March 18
- Interim Reports sent to Parents: March 18
- Parent Teacher Interviews: March 26
- Cross Country Run: March 30

Secondary Calendar - Term 1

- Week of Worship: February 23 - 27
- Year 7 Vaccinations #1: February 17
- Year 10 Information Night 7.00 pm: February 17
- Year 7 Information Night 7.00 pm: February 18
- Collaborative Learning Centre Opening 10.00 am: February 20
- HRIS Swimming Carnival: February 23
- Year 12 VET Work Placement: February 23 - 27
- Year 9 Commerce Excursion: February 24
- Year 10 Business Week: March 2 - 6
- School Open Day: March 3
Avondale School is extremely proud of our 2015 Cooranbong and Toronto Campus School Leaders. All are exceptional young people and inspiring role models with a dedication and enthusiasm for school life and Christian values.

We congratulate our 2015 School Captains and Prefects. We know you will be great ambassadors for Avondale School in the community.
Avondale School

OPEN DAY

3 March 2015
9.00am to 6.00pm