Primary Calendar - Term 2
Last Day of Term 1.............................................. Apr 13
Vacation Care Available.....................Apr 16 - 27
ANZAC Day Holiday & March.............Apr 25
First Day of Term 2.................................Apr 30
Cross Country Presentation.............Apr 30
6M Bike Day............................................Apr 30
6Ho Bike Day.............................................May 1
6Hi Bike Day..................................................May 3
HRIS Cross Country.............................May 4
Term 2 Fees Due........................................May 4

Secondary Calendar - Term 2
Last Day of Term 1.............................................. Apr 13
ANZAC Day Holiday & March.............Apr 25
First Day of Term 2.................................Apr 30
HRIS Cross Country................................May 4
Term 2 Fees Due......................................May 4
Duke of Ed Trip......................................May 4 - 6
Mother's Day......................................May 13
Y10 Work Experience........................May 14 - 18
HRIS Soccer.............................................May 14
Y12 Parent Teacher Night 4-7pm......May 15

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

Nurture Nature
On Wednesday night at Year 8 Camp, I had the privilege of watching a number of kids stand up before their peers and share a few thoughts on what it means to be a team. This didn’t happen inside of a building. Nature has a way of speaking to the soul like nothing else can. God is there in the stillness, and though some may not recognise that it’s Him speaking, His peace resonates through everyone. These types of experiences create powerful imagery and memories that last throughout a young person’s life.

This week our Year 3s, Year 5s, Year 8s, Year 10s and Year 11s were all away on camps creating memories, having new experiences, enjoying friendships, and being challenged spiritually. Our camp program truly does give kids the opportunity to experience Christ, to connect with His creation, and to grow as an individual and as part of a team.

The Year 8 team that took worship on Wednesday night, picked up sticks and asked Mr Ward to come forward and break one. He broke it easily. Then they handed him four sticks, then five, six and eventually 12. Now Mr Ward is a strong man, but after three sticks the task became impossible. The young students’ point was simple - we are stronger together. We can accomplish more as a team, we can impact the world more effectively, and we can do greater things for the cause of Christ. What a blessing to be nurtured by God through His sunset and His kids.

“Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10
“Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.” Ecclesiastes 4:9

Brian Reed
Secondary Chaplain
SPORT

Primary Chess Club
The Primary Chess Club will be held in Term 2 on Thursday mornings before school in the library classroom, commencing Thursday, May 3. For more information please contact Mrs Jervis on 0419 859 208.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches
We encourage parents to ensure they communicate travel arrangements at the beginning of the day. If Primary students need to communicate urgently with parents during the school day, all communication can be handled through the School Office.

If students have mobile phones at school they need to be turned off and kept in school bags. Phones are not to be used on school grounds. If messages need to be checked, students need to check messages at the end of the school day with the permission of their class teacher.

Smart watches that allow communication via SMS, email or phone call cannot be worn at school but may be kept turned off in their school bag with the same rules applying as with a mobile phone.

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Year 6 C.A.R.E.S Bike Days
Week 1 of Term 2
Year 6 students will be heading off for their Bike Day excursions the first week back after the holidays. Students are reminded they will need to wear their sports uniform and bring a packed lunch with a water bottle on the day of their excursion.

6M Monday, April 30 (First Day of Term 2)
6Ho Tuesday, May 1
6Hi Thursday, May 3

Primary Cross Country
The Primary Cross Country ran on Monday on one of the hottest April days in history. Hunter House won the day on 221 points followed by Watagan (183), Macquarie (183) and Pacific (166). The top 5 places in each age group from 8-12 years will be representing Avondale School at the HRIS Cross Country on Friday, May 4 at Avondale College. Selected students have received permission notes, programs and a map of the actual course, which can be practised on over the holidays. The HRIS Team is on display in the sports cabinet. Congratulations to the top three runners in each age group:

6 year olds – Zane H, Charles S, Kaden D, Bethany K, Sophie R, Grace V.
7 year olds – Nathan L, Logan S, Oscar R, Silla H, Abigail F, Maya C.
8 year olds – Tom B, Cooper S, Eli A (T), Hannah T (T), Shila D, Addison M.
9 year olds – Max T, Mitchell L, Hugh A, Siena C, Kayela H, Caitlin C.
12 year olds – Talen B, Ryan M, Sai R, Kaitlin B, Georgia C, Matilda J.

Special congratulations to our two record breakers: Caitlin C (9 Year Girls) - 2km, 9.08 mins and Max T (9 Year Boys) - 2km, 7.59 mins.

All HRIS Cross Country parents are asked to keep their children training over the holidays so they maintain their fitness for the event.

Run4Bibles
A big THANK YOU to all our students, parents and friends who fundraised over $4,000 for the Run4Bibles program. We exceeded our $3,500 target with almost 600 Bibles able to be purchased to spread the Good News throughout the world. Special congratulations to the following classes for raising over $300: 3D - $567, 4C - $558 and 5M - $384.

Chess Competition
The annual Chess Competition was run last week with almost 30 students in each of the Junior (K-4) and Senior (Y5-6) divisions. Students played 7 rounds of chess playing opponents who were on the same score throughout the day. Congratulations to the following students who took out the top three places in each division:

Junior Division
1st - Benzen B, 7/7 (Y4); 2nd - Xander H, 5.5/7 (Y3); 3rd - Daphne J, 5/7 (Y4).

Senior Division
1st - Kylan M, 7/7 (Y6); 2nd - Ryan M, 5/7 (Y6); 3rd - Rose J, 5/7 (Y6).

The full results are on display in the sports cabinet. Students in the top 8 places of each division may be invited to join a school team. Some students who were away at the Commonwealth Games are yet to play.

Next term a Chess Club will be open to students who would like to practise chess on Thursday mornings from 8.15am in the iCentre.
Extended Leave – Vacation/Travel Form
As per the Secondary Handbook, page 25, “Parents are required to apply for extended leave from school for their child/ren for the following: family holiday during school time that is in excess of 2 days, participation in an elite sporting event (not a school event), or participating in the entertainment industry. Extended Leave Forms are available from the School Office. A certificate granting permission from the Principal will then be issued to the parent.” This is a government requirement. Thank you for noting this.

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.

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Year 9 Challenge Sunrise
Last Friday we held our first Annual Challenge Sunrise for our Year 9 students. The Challenge course for Year 9 is a wellbeing program based on the values of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility. Our first Challenge Sunrise event was held from 5.45 – 10.00am at Catherine Hill Bay Beach and was attended by approximately 150 students and parents combined. This event was specifically designed to honour the parents for their sacrifice and support of their children, while at the same time challenging each child to step forward into young adulthood, and to take God with them on the journey. After a brief ceremony, everyone enjoyed a sunrise walk on the beach, followed by a hot breakfast together in the Catherine Hill Bay Surf Club. Special thanks to our Parents and Friends Association who helped provide and prepared breakfast for us. We would also like to thank the Catherine Hill Bay Surf Club for providing a wonderful venue for the event.

Year 8 Tahlee Camp

Year 10 Anna Bay Camp

Year 11 Urban Challenge

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**ALL SCHOOL**

**ANZAC Day March**
**Wednesday, March 25**
All students are most welcome to join the local ANZAC Day March on Wednesday, April 25, in the second week of the school holidays. Please meet in the top commuter carpark of the Morisset Railway Station at 8.30am. The March will commence at 9.00am and proceed along Dora Street towards the Morisset Country Club for a morning service at 9.40am. Students are to wear their full summer uniform. We look forward to seeing you there in memory of our ANZAC troops.

**Winter Uniform - Term 2**
Students are required to wear full winter uniform from Day 1 of Term 2. There is no change-over period. The Uniform Shop will be open during the School Holidays on April 23 & 24, 9.00am - 5.00pm for all your winter uniform needs.

**School Photo Day**
**Change of Date**
Please note on your calendars that our main School Photo Day will now take place on Thursday, May 31.

**Entertainment Books are Coming!**
We are raising funds and you can help. Order the NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers and you will also be supporting our P&F Fundraising. PLUS, order now to receive over $200 of bonus Early Bird Offers (hurry, these sell out quickly). www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3403w9

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

**Voice**
Cybèle 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) / 0430 106 953

**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**

**K-6 Borrower prizes**
Prizes, prizes and more prizes have been chosen by all the excellent borrowers from Kindy to Year 6 during library classes this week. Congratulations to all these students who have borrowed books EVERY week this term.

**K-9 Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Student names have been uploaded to the PRC website and usernames and passwords have been assigned to each participating student. Please visit the library to collect your child/ren’s unique login details. You will then be able to log on to the PRC website and enter the PRC ID numbers for books read. Happy reading! If you’re not sure how to log on, the following link will step you through the easy process. https://prcsupport.freshdesk.com/support/solutions/articles/6000062941

**HRIS Cross Country Help**
The P&F team need your help on Friday, May 4! Each year our school runs the food stall at the HRIS Cross Country at Avondale College. It’s one of our major fundraising events for the School. On Friday, May 4 we need volunteers to help run the stall. Contact George O’Reilly on 0409 826 905 if you can help in any way.

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