THIS WEEK … students from Years 3 and 5 participated in NAPLAN testing and survived the experience! Pr Mel has been busy kicking off the ‘Seasons of Growth’ course. This is a program to help kids learn to cope with change and loss. Further programs will run later in the year so let us know if you think your child would benefit from being involved. Our Year 4 students are away on an excursion today learning about the Awabakal People. We have had three Year 10 students doing their work experience with us, finding out if teaching is the job for them!

NEXT WEEK … we expect all students to be looking fabulous in full winter uniform for Photo Day on Tuesday. Bible studies begin next Friday for students in Years 4-6. These groups are for students who have requested to learn more about God.

OUR VALUE … We have been learning about Reliability this week. This is a character trait that we all value in the people we deal with. We can support our children in learning to be reliable by not always fixing their problems. If they forget their library bag, hat or homework, let them deal with the consequences of their actions. If you intervene, they miss an important reminder about responsibility and a great opportunity to learn resilience. Enjoy this beautiful Autumn weather with your family this weekend.

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MAKING A MARK … “Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down.” Oprah Winfrey

DONE AND DUSTED … With NAPLAN sorted for Year 7 & 9 students without too many hitches and our Year 10 class having had an amazing week of Work Experience, the rest of the week was sorting new assignments, engaging in homework and getting into the business of class routines. Year 12 Business Studies enjoyed almost an exclusive visit to Luna Park (there were only a handful of others there), and Year 11 and 12 Studies of Religion students had quality time with a rabbi. And guess what? Our Year 12 Music students won a competition for MoJo Homes, collecting $5,000 in prize money which will help fund session musicians and various components for the major HSC performances. Huge congrats to this group!

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … Please ensure your child is looking his/her finest and in perfect winter uniform on Tuesday – yes, it’s Photo Day! Year 12 Parent Teacher night takes place on Tuesday (4.00 – 7.00 pm) in the CLC, and we really do look forward to seeing all Year 12 families there. And we’re into Week 4 already!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … “The only disability in life is a bad attitude.” Scott Hamilton
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HRIS Cross Country

HEADS UP

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HRIS Cross Country

Last week the 50 best Cross Country runners from Years 2-6 competed at the HRIS Cross Country event held at Avondale College. Sixteen Independent Schools competed in the event with up to 80 students in each age race. The weather and dry track provided not only a great spectacle but also a memorable day for everyone. Our students are to be commended for the way they prepared for the event and also the determination they each displayed on the day. Once again our students showed why they are held in high regard by other HRIS teams when it comes to sport. Congratulations to our Age Banner winning teams - 12 Year Girls, 8 Year Boys and 12 Year Boys.

The Primary School also came 2nd in 9 Year Girls, 9 Year Boys and 11 Year Girls.

The Primary School won the best performing school shield again, winning 20 times out of the last 24 years.

1st Avondale School 672 points
2nd St Columba Primary School 810 points
3rd Hunter Valley Grammar School 905 points
4th Calrossy Anglican School 975 points
5th Scone Grammar School 1057 points
6th Central Coast Adventist School 1104 points
7th Macquarie College 1121 points
8th Lakes Anglican Grammar School 1147 points
9th St Philip’s Christian College (Newcastle) 1305 points
10th Bishop Tyrrell College 1335 points
11th St Philip’s Christian College (Port Stephens) 1337 points
12th Newcastle Grammar School 1462 points
13th St Philip’s Christian College (Cessnock) 1482 points
14th St Philip’s Christian College (Gosford) 1962 points
15th Manning Valley Anglican College 2041 points
16th Heritage College 2161 points

Congratulations to the following students who have been invited to compete at the CIS Cross Country at Eastern Creek Raceway on Thursday, June 16. Training before school with Mr Head will still be available from 8.00 am - 8.45 am each morning, except Wednesdays, until June 14. (Please note: There is no 8 Year age group at CIS.

9 Years Sammy C, Joelle C, Luke C
10 Years Talen B
11 Years Amy M, Luke P
12 Years Savannah W, Rachel C, Abi U, Jamie-lee W, Oliver C, Mitchell A, Ryan B, Greg E, Elijah M

PARENTS ARE REMINDED TO WASH AND RETURN THE CROSS COUNTRY SINGLETS TO MR HEAD ASAP.

Primary Chess

The Knights and Rookies teams will be playing their first five rounds of chess on campus in the CLC on Monday, May 23. Our Knights and Rookies teams will be playing Barnsley Public, Biddabah Public, St Mary's Primary, Charlton Christian College and Cooranbong Public. The Kings Chess team will be playing their first five rounds of chess on campus in the CLC on Wednesday, June 1. Our Kings team will be playing New Lambton South Public, Belair Public, New Lambton Public and St Philip's Christian College.

Students in these chess teams have started after school coaching on Monday afternoons from 3.20 pm until 4.30 pm with our School Chess Coach.

Athletics Training

Athletics is a great sport for children to be involved in at any age. This term students in Years 3-6 are enjoying Athletics during Friday sport. Students who would like to get extra training are encouraged to join Mr Head before school from 8.00 am until 8.40 am. This will help prepare students for our Athletics Day later this term.

PARENT HELPERS: If there are any parents with special athletic expertise who could spare an hour from 2.10 pm until 3.10 pm to assist with Years 5 and 6 Sport, please contact Mr Head.

Primary Choir Performance

Saturday, May 14

The Primary Choir will perform this coming Saturday, May 14 at Gateway Church for the Avondale School Reunion church program. Notes were sent home with students this week. Students are asked to meet at the MPC no later than 9.45 am for a quick rehearsal before their 10.30 am performance. The program will conclude at approximately 12.00 noon. Parents are most welcome to stay for the performance and a free lunch after the service.

ENTERTAINMENT
BOOKS ARE COMING!

SPORT

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SPORT UNIFORM TERM 2

Years K-2 wear sports uniform on MONDAYS

Years 3-6 wear sport uniform on FRIDAYS
SPORT

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Avondale School once again hosted the annual HRIS Cross Country at Avondale College. The Avondale School team led by Mr Tosen, Mrs Bradford, Mr Ward and Mr Head set up and convened the event. The Uniform Shop staff, Mrs McDonald and Mrs O’Reilly, had a crew of hardworking parents who ran a very successful canteen all day. The competition was close between all the schools. The Secondary School gained third place and won two Age Banners. This is the best Secondary School result in Cross Country for 10 years – well done team!
The following students have been selected to run at the AICES Cross Country in Sydney on June 2 - Liam B, Landon C, Ty D, Tyler H, Zachary H, Travis L, Dylan M, Ethan M, Olivia M, Dylan P, Brodie R and Gloria R. Congratulations!

GENERAL

Year 12 Cambodia Family Photo Fundraiser

Don’t miss out book now!
Our photographer basitcm photography is running the launch of the book of photos featuring the Year 12 Cambodia Family Photo Fundraiser. The photos will be available on our website at www.advancedlifestudios.com.au and the launch date will be announced.

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!

Hope to see you there!
**Important Information:**

Purchased by following the link above or by using the envelope.

School photography day is coming up very soon. Group and portrait photographs can be ordered.

*Sibling photographs must be ordered either online or by order envelope prior to the day of photography. A photograph will not be taken without an order. Sibling photographs only apply to family photos.*

**School Fee Payments and Discounts**

There have been enquires about the prompt payment discount and application thereof to our family school fee accounts. This discount is our way of supporting families when payment due dates are met. May we encourage you to plan now to have your payment to the Business Office by these deadlines in the future if you wish to avail yourself of this particular reduction. Unfortunately, outside these dates will not attract the discount (July 29 and October 14 2016). In the interim, may we thank you for consistent payments. It’s wonderful to have your support in this important aspect of our school program.

**From the Principal**

Last week I had the pleasure of watching our HRIS Cross Country runners in action and the Avondale School team of teachers and parents who organised, supervised, catered and cleaned up. It was an outstanding team effort! A great day and magic weather! Often, much of our attention and praise is directed toward highly visible and successful people. But occasionally we read about an ordinary, regular person being honoured for many years of reliable service.

That kind of reliability often goes unnoticed, but I believe it’s a powerful picture of how real work gets done. Although consistency may not be flashy, days of committed and reliable effort build a reputation. Reliability is the quality that leads others not just to believe you, but to believe in you. Oprah Winfrey is quoted as saying “Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down”.

It’s great to have people who can be trusted at all times regardless of the circumstances. Enjoy the news for Week 3.

**Dr David Faulk**

Principal

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**Avondale School Reunion Cooranbong**

**14 MAY 2016**

Old Friends, New Connections


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