Values Begin with God

Without God, values die. We see this all around us in our local communities and the evening news. We live in a postmodern society without a central core of values. Every day we are pressured to accept anything, anyone, any actions, any deviancy, as OK. For me, values are everywhere and in everything. We can easily be seduced. My needs are most important - what I can do, what I own, how I look, how important I am. Values begin with me.

I remember reading a story that shows the importance of our example as parents in conveying the correct example in our values.

Six year old Johnny was with his dad when they were caught speeding. His Dad handed the officer a substantial amount of money and he got off. “It’s okay, son,” He said, “Everybody does it.”

When he was twelve, Johnny broke his glasses on the way to school. His Aunt Francis persuaded the insurance company that the glasses had been stolen. They collected over $250. “It’s okay, kid,” she said, “Everybody does it.”

When he was fifteen, Johnny made right guard on the football team. His coach showed him how to block and at the same time grab the opposing player by the shirt so the official could not see it. “It’s okay Johnny,” said the coach, “Everybody does it.”

When he was sixteen, he took his first summer job at a market. His assignment was to put overripe tomatoes in the bottom of the boxes and the good ones on top. “It’s okay kid,” the manager said, “Everybody does it.”

The first year in College, Johnny was approached by a senior student with some test answers for $100. “It’s okay kid,” he said, “Everybody does it.”

Johnny was caught and sent home in disgrace. “How could you do this to your mother and me?” his Dad asked. Aunt Francis was appalled. So was his high school coach, the market manager who gave him his first job, and all the people who had any input when Johnny was growing up.

“If there is anything this world cannot stand, it is a kid who cheats!”

Carefully choose the values you want to teach your children. Carve out a special time with your partner in parenting to decide on the most important values you want your children to have in their characters. Post the list in a prominent place in your home. These are the values your family will stand for. Begin today to plant God’s values in the soil of your child’s heart. God will be with you every moment.

REFLECT
Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.
1 Samuel 16:7 NIV

David McClintock
Principal
SPORT

Term 4 Sport Uniform
Kindy, Year 1 & Year 2: Wear sports uniform on Monday.
Years 3 & 4: Wear sports uniform on Wednesday.
Years 5 & 6: Wear sports uniform on Friday.

Upcoming Sporting Events - Term 4
Over the next two weeks the following School teams will be selected to represent Avondale School; Chess (Boys and Girls), Touch Football (Boys and Girls), Cricket (Boys and Girls) and Soccer (Girls only). There will also be Table Tennis and Handball competitions held at school.

General

Primary School Lost Property
There are several items of lost property that have been collected from last term from the Primary Campus. If you have misplaced anything, they are in the Uniform Shop, all washed and ready to be reclaimed.

2018 Class Lists
Teachers will be working on class lists for next year in the next few weeks. While we are unable to take requests for class lists based on preferences, we are happy to give consideration to special needs or circumstances relating to your child. Please email Deb Cooper, Head of Primary, at dcooper@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au with special considerations now.

Impetigo (School Sores)
We have had a reported case of Impetigo in the Primary School. If your child/children develop blisters which weep and crust, or if they have sores that are not healing and getting larger, medical treatment should be sought. It is highly contagious and a child with impetigo should be kept at home until appropriate treatment has commenced. On returning to school the sores should be covered with a waterproof dressing until healed. More information can be obtained from your Medical Practitioner or NSW Department of Health. Thank you for noting this.

Class

ICAS English & Mathematics Competitions
Congratulations to all of the students who excelled in the ICAS Mathematics and English Competitions. We’re proud of your achievements!

Lake Macquarie Eisteddfod
On Sunday, October 9, the following students went to the Lake Macquarie Eisteddfod at Warners Bay to compete individually playing either violin, viola or cello. Many of the students walked away with a medal or ribbon placing. Congratulations to these students for their outstanding performances; Elke B, Hunter A, Addison M, Baxter B, Zeke I, Jessica O, Amelia H, Kiana D, Kaiden A, Ava M, Midori I, Isabella N, Declan M, David M and Christiana S.

Years 3-6 Swimming Program
The swimming program for all students in Years 3-6 will commence next week. Students in Years 3 and 4 will swim on Wednesdays and Years 5 and 6 on Fridays. The students will be under the instruction of qualified swim instructors at the Morisset Heated Pool. All students are to wear their sports uniform on their swimming day ONLY. Please note that swimming replaces Friday sport for the rest of Term 4.

Students are required to bring clearly named swimmers (girls are required to wear a one-piece or a rash shirt over swimmers), towel, and goggles are optional. A signed note from home is required if students are unable to participate due to illness. Students are assessed in swimming classes and certificates are awarded.

Wednesdays
CLASS 
4B Mrs Bishop 12.50 pm 
4C Mr Clark 12.50 pm 
3M Miss Moncrieff 1.25 pm 
4R Mrs Roberts 1.25 pm 
3D Mrs Dumbrell 2.00 pm 
3W Mrs Watson 2.00 pm

Fridays
CLASS 
5S Mr Skinner 12.50 pm 
5V Mr Venegas 12.50 pm 
5M Mrs Morton 1.25 pm 
6Hi Mrs Hill 1.25 pm 
6M Mrs Morton 2.00 pm 
6Ho Mr Hosken 2.00 pm

Kindy-Year 2 Learn to Swim Program
November 6 – November 17
All students in Kindy, Years 1 and 2 will participate in a Learn to Swim Program at Morisset Heated Pool from Monday, November 6 until Friday, November 17. Students are required to bring their clearly named swimmers and towel (goggles are optional) each day for the two-week program.
UNSW ICAS Mathematics Competition
Students from Avondale School have again achieved outstanding results in the University of New South Wales ICAS Mathematics Competition. We wish to congratulate Ty D for achieving a particularly noteworthy feat - obtaining a result which placed him in the top two percent of Year 9 students in NSW. From the Secondary Mathematics students who took part in the competition, 10 students achieved certificates of Distinction, 51 students were awarded Certificates of Credit and 26 students earned certificates of Merit. Those students who achieved Distinction certificates were presented their awards in Chapel this week.

We celebrate the success of the following students who achieved certificates of Distinction: Elijah M, Liam B, Jeremy H, Byron R, Ty D, Nicholas H, Isaac H, Ethan M, Tanya V and Cody B.


In recognition of meritorious achievement, Ty D (pictured below) was awarded the 2017 ICAS Mathematics Avondale School Principal’s Award.

Newcastle Mathematics Association’s (NMA) Year 10 Mathematics 5.1 Competition
Last term, our Year 10 Mathematics 5.1 students sat the NMA Year 10 Mathematics 5.1 Competition. We congratulate Sean H for earning a certificate of Distinction. We also highly commend David K, PJ B, Stephen H and Brock F for achieving certificates of Credit.

CLASS
SPORT
HRIS Tennis
On Tuesday we had our Junior Boys Tennis Team participate in the HRIS gala day at Broadmeadow. The boys played four games of tennis in a round robin competition ending up third in their pool. Tyson H, Ethan M, Greg E and Jayden M are congratulated on representing our school.

There was some excellent tennis on display with some of the players on the other teams having an Australian Ranking. A big thank you to Mr Hibbard for accompanying them on the day.

We are very proud of all of our students and their achievements. Congratulations to all who did their best in the 2017 ICAS Mathematics Competition!

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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!
Return Term 3 Library Books
Thanks to most K-6 students who have already returned their library books from last term. However, there are still quite a few students that need to return their books as soon as possible so that these books are available for others to borrow.

K-6 Term 4 Borrowing
It’s been great to see so many K-6 students remembering their library bags and borrowing lots of exciting books this week. Don’t forget that if you forget your library bag on your library day then you can come and borrow the next day, your ‘extra chance day’. If your library bag is looking a little sad we have new colourful bags for sale in the library for just $5.00. Enjoy your reading everyone!

Primary Calendar - Term 4
Term 4 School Fees Due .................................................. October 13
Get Active Starts for Term 4 .............................................. October 16
Years 3-6 Swimming Commences ....................................... October 18
Year 1 Tocal Homestead Excursion ...................................... October 21
HRIS Chess ................................................................. October 20
Year 5 Taronga Zoo Excursion .............................................. October 24
2018 Kindy Parent Information Night .................................... October 30
Year 6 Parent Year 7 2018 Information Night ....................... October 31
2018 Kindy Visit #1 ....................................................... November 1

Secondary Calendar - Term 4
Term 4 School Fees Due .................................................. October 13
Year 12 HSC Exams Commence ......................................... October 16
Year 8 Bungonia Camp ...................................................... October 16 - 20
Year 11 Food Tech Excursion .............................................. October 20
HRIS Touch Football (15s) ................................................ October 24
Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews 4.00 - 7.00 pm ............... October 24
Prefect Training Day ....................................................... October 26
Duke of Ed Camp ......................................................... October 27 - 29
HRIS Touch Football (Open) ............................................. November 3

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.

- Kylie Stacey piano (Simply Music, AMEB, traditional) 0409 939 302
- Angela Miller piano (Simply Music) 0421 464 797
- Jan Hughes piano 4977 2037
- Marilyn Aveling-Rowe piano 0422 714 747
- Cybèle Coutet voice (AMEB) / piano (AMEB) 0423 455 977
- Alison Hodge voice 0420 528 866
- Gabriel Ontanu violon / viola 0447 282 286
- Renee Lis violon 0413 777 477
- Esther Albert cello / violin / double bass 0439 420 661
- Emma Jones flute 0432 925 199
- Fred Cracknell saxophone / clarinet / brass 0404 082 151
- Oliver Doyle trumpet 0418 975 033
- Jake Bisognin guitar 0400 389 612
- Zayne Mariassouce guitar 0455 114 448
- Mitchell Wallace bass guitar / guitar 0435 578 723
- Garry Lawler group guitar lessons / ukulele 0438 608 180
- James Dennett drums 0401 549 084

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Update

Every school-enrolled child is eligible for a $100 voucher to be used for sport and fitness activities.

- All children from kindergarten to Year 12 are eligible. The program is not means tested and will be available each year for four years.
- Parents and guardians will be able to download a voucher for each child in January 2018 and take it to a registered sporting or fitness club for a $100 discount on registration and participation fees. Registrations for approved sporting clubs and fitness groups will begin in late November.
- Contact my office on 4959 - 3200 or log on to www.sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids for more info.

Greg Piper MP
State Member for Lake Macquarie
www.gregpiper1.com

$100 Active Kids Rebate

NNSW Conference 2018 Summer Camps
Summer Camp dates for 2018 are as follows:
Junior Camp (January 9 - 14) Applications open October 17 at 7.00pm
Teen 1 Camp (January 15 - 21) Applications open October 18 at 7.00pm
Teen 2 Camp (January 22 - 28) Applications open October 19 at 7.00pm

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