**Primary Calendar - Term 2**

- Y5 Taronga Zoo Excursion ............... Jun 18
- HRIS Public Speaking ................. Jun 21
- Y3&4 Athletics Carnival .............. Jun 25
- Y5&6 Athletics Carnival .............. Jun 26
- School Musical ......................... Jun 27 - 29
- Kindy Grandparents Day .............. Jul 5
- Last Day of Term 2 ..................... Jul 5
- First Day of Term 3 ..................... Jul 22
- Primary Parent Teacher Night ....... Jul 23
- School Reunion ......................... Aug 3

**Secondary Calendar - Term 2**

- HRIS Junior Touch Football .......... Jun 18
- Y9 Textiles Excursion ................. Jun 19
- HRIS Basketball Opens ............... Jun 25
- School Musical ......................... Jun 27 - 29
- Y12 Modern History & SOR Excursion ... Jul 3
- Last Day of Term 2 ..................... Jul 5
- Cobar STORMCo Trip ................... Jul 12 - 18
- First Day of Term 3 ..................... Jul 22
- Y11 VET Work Placement ............. Jul 22 - 26
- Y7-11 Parent Teacher Nights .......... Jul 23 & 24

**School Terms 2019**

- Term 2 ....................................... May 6 - Jul 5
- Term 3 ....................................... Jul 22 - Sep 27
- Term 4 ....................................... Oct 14 - Dec 6

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**THE VIEW**

**Lemonade anyone?**

You’ve probably heard the saying when life hands you lemons make lemonade. It may sound silly but it’s a pretty good mantra to live by.

Not all things in life go to plan, actually most things in life don’t fully go to plan. But that is ok, it just depends on your perspective!

“There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so…” *Hamlet*

Studies have proven that happiness makes you successful rather than success makes you happy.

You have a choice to be happy or not! You have a choice to be thankful or not. However, no matter what is going on for you, the alternative to being happy and thankful is not that desirable.

God wants what is best for us. It doesn’t mean nothing will go wrong. However, He wants us to make the most of any situation.

Even if you can only muster a mustard seed size of thankfulness, happiness or joy, it can help turn a negative into a positive. The smallest amount of positivity or thankfulness is beneficial because of the concept of the ‘Aggregation of Marginal Gains’ ... consistently doing small positive things adds together to create large impacting gains. This concept can be used in all facets of our life ... with study, work, sport, happiness! Consistency, positive choices and being thankful all add up to the end result. What do you want your end result to look like?

Next time life throws you a curve ball or gives you a bucketful of lemons, what are you going to do?

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

Who’s up for lemonade?

Hayley Ferris
Head of Secondary
**GENERAL**

**Primary Parent Teacher Interviews**

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**Out of Uniform**

If your child is out of uniform please send an email to their teacher or send a note, explaining the uniform problem.

**Opal Cards**

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**SPORT**

**Kings Chess**

The Kings Chess team travelled to Newcastle Grammar School this week to play the first 5 rounds of the Hunter Primary Chess Competition. There are six schools in the Kings division and Avondale School is now leading the competition at the half way mark.

Avondale School 18 points
Newcastle Grammar School 14.5 points
New Lambton Public School 11 points
Belair Public School 6 points
New Lambton Sth Primary School 4.5 points
St Paul’s Primary School 1.0 point

Congratulations to all members of the team for a very strong performance.

Board 1 - Hayden I
Board 2 - Daphne J
Board 3 - Jeremiah S
Board 4- Benzen B

**HRIS Sport Changes**

Students turning 8 years are now eligible to compete at HRIS events regardless of their year level. There will be a HRIS Primary Golf Competition in Term 4 2019. (Students will be required to have a golf handicap). There will be a girls only Soccer Gala Day in 2020.

**Interschools Snow Sports**

With 60cm of fresh snow Perisher opened the season early this year on May 31. We now have several entries for the Interschool Snow Sports events held in the July school holidays. Please see Mr Head for more information.

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**J.A.M.**

*What is J.A.M.?!?*

*When: 11am Saturday, 22nd June*

*Where: Plus One-MPO* ([The big tin shed](#))

584/586 Freemans Drive, Cooranbong NSW 2265

Bring your friends and find out what it’s all about! Lunch provided

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**Interschools 2019**
SPORT
AICES Cross Country
Well done to these students who competed at AICES Cross Country in Sydney last week. Ethan M came 3rd, completing 6km in 20 minutes, and therefore competed at CIS yesterday. Tyson H came 20th with a PB time, Kaleb G 38th, and Lucas C-Z 42nd, all out of 58 runners in their age group. Tristan H came 28th out of 56 in his age group!

Coonabarabran Interschool Equestrian Competition
A few weeks ago Matilda E went to Coonabarabran to represent Avondale School at the Interschool Equestrian Competition. There were over 500 horses and riders with cross country riding, show jumping, dressage and heaps more. Matilda slept in her horse float where the temperature at night was -5 degrees. Her horse Harley enjoyed the big adventure, and cannot wait until next year.

Mountain Bike Challenge
Last Friday five students represented the school at the Hunter Schools Mountain Bike Challenge. They competed in the Individual Category. There were three junior students (Jacob C, Talen B and Alex J) and two senior students (Aidan C and Jaxon S). All performed well and represented the school with excellence.

SECONDARY
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STEP UP
3.30 - 4.30PM THURSDAYS 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!
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
- Sandi Lowe / 0447 006 209
- Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
- Jan Hughes / 4977 2037
- Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308
- Sophie-Lee Johnson / 0490 451 781

**Voice**
- Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

**Strings**
- Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 040 308
- Esther Albert (cello / violin / double bass) / 0439 420 661

**Woodwinds**
- Meldi Arkinstall (flute) / 0413 548 985
- Fred Cracknell (saxophone / clarinet) / 0404 082 151

**Brass**
- Fred Cracknell / 0404 082 151

**Guitar**
- Jake Bisognin / 0400 389 612
- Toby Zeuschner / 0405 405 131
- Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308
- Garry Lawler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

**Drums**
- James Dennett / 0401 549 084

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**School Musical**
Wow! The first 60 tickets sold for each performance will get priority seating! Upfront, close, premium viewing of our High School Musical “Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat”, June 27-29! Just 2 weeks to go! Book online now at www.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/musical-joseph

**HRIS Primary Art on the Move**
There was some wonderful student art on display in the library this week. Schools from the Hunter Region Independent Schools (HRIS), including our school, provided pieces of art that move around these schools during 2019. It was Avondale School’s turn to display these works of art and many students took the chance to appreciate the colour and design of these artworks. Check out the photos on the Primary Library Landscape page at https://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/2828

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**Library**

**K-6 Scholastic Book Club**
This week Primary School students have been given Scholastic Book Club catalogues to bring home. This is an opportunity for students to order books at great prices. The catalogue showcases a wide variety of books, with prices starting at a low of $2.00. This is a great chance to plan ahead for birthdays and Christmas. Orders and payments can be made online or order forms and cheques can be sent to the iCentre. Please note that no cash payments can be accepted. If you would prefer to pick up your ordered books from the library yourself instead of them being sent home with your child, please email Mrs. Lindsay at hlindsay@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au. The closing date for Term 2 Book Club orders is Friday June 21.

**Lego Masters Round 2!**
Lego Masters is continuing to be very popular in the library. Round 2 of the Year 5 and 6 competition took place each lunchtime in the library this week. The designs were quite varied and ranged from complex buildings to outdoor scenes. Round 3 will run next week with Year 5 & 6 winners being announced at the completion of that round.

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**We value... THANKFULNESS**