THIS WEEK … our best Mathematicians from Years 3-6 participated in the ICAS Mathematics Competition. This competition requires students to apply their skills in problem solving situations. We played friendly soccer matches with students from Lakes Grammar Anglican School in preparation for the HRIS Gala Day. We enjoyed showing off our school to parents and visitors on Open Day. Year 6 launched the rockets they have been working on for weeks. Kindy students celebrated the letter P by coming to school in pyjamas and eating pikelets.

NEXT WEEK … Year 6 students will enjoy a Science day with some students representing the school in a Science Challenge Day. We are looking forward to all the excitement of Book Week. The highlight will be the Book Character Parade on Thursday. We love to have parents, friends and grandparents join us for the parade.

DID YOU KNOW … that our teachers are learners too? Our teachers regularly engage in professional learning. On Wednesday afternoon our teachers had ‘Appy Hour’ where they shared their knowledge and expertise with iPad apps. Our goal is to use our iPads to engage students in learning tasks that require creativity and creative thinking. Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday for the Book Character Parade!

MAKING A MARK … “Anyone who doesn’t take truth seriously in small matters cannot be trusted in large ones either.” Albert Einstein

DONE AND DUSTED … It was almost a ‘normal’ week of classroom learning – although we had the ICAS Mathematics Competition on Tuesday morning that the majority of our students sat. Greg Piper made a short stop-in on Monday, presenting the School with two books celebrating the story of soldiers and their courage, fighting for Australia in the World Wars. We had our Open Day which drew attention to our Year 12s and 11s in practical subjects – we are truly proud of the great work our awesome students produce (Automotive, Hospitality, Music, Construction, D&T, Visual Arts & Drama)! And today we had our Textiles students in Years 9 & 10, along with our Year 10 Visual Arts students, immersing themselves in off-campus experiences. Year 10s receive subject lines this evening too!

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … Wednesday next week is pretty big for a number of classes/years – our Year 11 & 12 Hospitality group have an early morning, catering for the Southlakes Business Breakfast on campus, 11PDHPE, 9Music and 7Science all have excursions too! For those of us still on campus, we’ll be hooking into content across all subjects, ensuring students are prepared for all the tasks that continue to appear on the not-too-distant horizon! Our Year 10 group will also be engaged in discussions about subject lines and choices for next year.

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … Now we know Leonardo Da Vinci for many things, but did you know he invented scissors? I hope your weekend is truly blessed!

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GENERAL
Kindy-Year 6 Book Week Parade
Thursday, August 20, 9.00 am, MPC
Next week is Book Week and on Thursday all students from Kindy to Year 6 will take part in our biennial Book Character Parade in the MPC from 9.00 am. Parents, grandparents and friends are most welcome to attend.

CLASS
Year 2 Science Experiments

SPORT UNIFORM FOR TERM 3
Kindy: wear sport uniform each Monday and Tuesday.
Years 1 & 2: wear sport uniform each Tuesday only.
Years 3-6: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Friday.

Year 6 Rocket Launch

Kindy PJ Day
Year 11 VET Work Placement
Last week Year 11 VET students joined the Industry for a week of work placement in a range of career pathways. Students had a great time displaying the skills they have learnt in their respective training areas as well as experiencing valuable work skills gained once in industry. Avondale School would like to thank the students for being great ambassadors of the school as well as the many local businesses that supported and hosted our students in the work place. Many comments were received of our students’ great skills, work readiness attitude and responsible behaviours. Students came away with positive reports, casual work and excellent references.

Mathematics – Where Can it Take Me?
On Monday Mr Cameron Rogers, a past student of Avondale School, took the time out of his busy schedule to meet with our Year 9 and 10 Mathematics 5.3 students. Mr Rogers, who is currently completing his PhD in Pure Mathematics and is also lecturing in the Mathematics Faculty at Avondale College, gave a passionate presentation outlining the personal, educational and vocational endeavours that he has personally taken since graduating from Avondale School 10 years ago. Mr Rogers outlined some of his amazing recent discoveries involving p-adic numbers and random walks within groups in a branch of mathematics known as Group Theory. He took the time to describe for students the many different vocations which are possible after having studied mathematics at a secondary or tertiary level. A number of students opted to meet with Mr Rogers over lunch time to further discuss his earlier presentation and to ask further questions. This presentation was part of the Avondale School Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives. STEM skills are essential in many jobs and offer pathways to a wide range of occupations. Studying STEM subjects in high school or at university gives students a variety of pathways into careers in emerging industries and the digital economy. Many jobs require STEM skills to problem solve, understand and apply innovations. STEM skills are valuable as an employability skill and are in high demand throughout Australia and the rest of the world.

Senior Showcase Night
Featuring Music, Visual Arts, D&T, and Hospitality
3 September 6.00pm, CLC
Cost $15 per person
includes finger food platter, hot & cold drinks
(catered by Year 11 Hospitality students)
book online to support our students
www.avondaleschool.com.au

Secondary
CLASS
3.30 - 4.30 PM THURSDAYS
ALL THIS TERM in the iCentre
Hope to see you there!

STEM
Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics

STEP UP
We Learn ∙ We Value ∙ We Serve
We Value

Parent Perception Surveys - September 3-18 2015

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Recently there has been a lot of news stories on politicians in Australia. Each politician tries to appear convincing and show that his or her position is plausible. The political ‘travel rort’ discussion demonstrates the person making the accusation has just as often done the same. Politicians are adept at ‘spinning’ the details of the story to advance their own agenda. During a political campaign, spin-doctors massage the stories to ensure that their candidate is cast in positive light – often at the expense of the truth. The Bible tells us that Satan is the ultimate ‘spin doctor’, the master deceiver. If we believe Satan’s damaging, cunning untruths we can be sidelined in our journey with God. To help us make good decisions we have God’s Word that guides us to make right choices. Like a compass, the Bible always points us in the right direction.

Honesty is being sincere, truthful, trustworthy, honourable, fair, genuine, and loyal with integrity. “The greatest advantage of speaking the truth is that you don’t have to remember what you said.” Anon.

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016

| Term 1       | Wednesday, January 27 - Friday, April 8 |
| Term 2       | Tuesday, April 26 - Friday, July 1      |
| Term 3       | Monday, July 25 - Friday, September 23  |
| Term 4       | Monday, October 10 - Wednesday, December 14 |

Primary Calendar - Term 3

- Book Week 2015 - August 17-20
- Year 6 Science & Engineering Day - August 18
- Book Character Parade - August 20
- HRIS Soccer / Netball Gala Day - August 25
- Year 5 & 6 Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition - August 26
- Year 6 Orientation for Year 7 2016 - August 27
- Kindy Oakvale Farm Excursion - August 31
- Parent Perception Survey - September 3 - 18
- P&F Fathers’ Day Stall - September 4
- School Art Show - September 5

Secondary Calendar - Term 3

- Year 11 & 12 Hospitality Breakfast Function - August 19
- Year 11 PDHPE Excursion - August 19
- Year 9 Music Excursion - August 19
- Year 7 Science Excursion - August 19
- Year 11 Subject Interviews - August 21
- Year 11 2016 Subjects Due - August 25
- Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews - August 25
- HSC Music Performance at Lizottes - August 26
- Week of Worship - ‘Fearless’ - September 3
- Senior Showcase Night at CLC 6.00 pm - September 3

REGISTER FOR QUIZZICAL TRIVIA COMPETITION