Primary Calendar - Term 3
Knights & Rookies Chess .........................Sep 19
Y4 Cultural Day .................................. Sep 20
Colour for Cambodia Run 1.30pm ........ Sep 21
Y6 Canberra Trip .................................. Sep 24 - 27
Get Active Ends for Term 3 .................. Sep 27
Last Day of Term 3 ................................ Sep 28
Labour Day Holiday ............................. Oct 1
First Day of Term 4 .............................. Oct 15
HRIS Tennis .................................. Oct 16
Term 4 School Fees Due ..................... Oct 19

Secondary Calendar - Term 3
Y12 Music Prac Exams ......................... Sep 20 - 21
Secondary Mufti Day ........................... Sep 21
Y11 Final Exams ................................ Sep 21 - 26
Y10 Food Tech Excursion ..................... Sep 25
Y12 Final Chapel ................................ Sep 27
Y12 Formal ...................................... Sep 27
Last Day of Term 3 .............................. Sep 28
Labour Day Holiday ........................... Oct 1
First Day of Term 4 ............................ Oct 15
HSC Exams Commence ...................... Oct 16

School Terms 2018
Term 3 ........................................... Jul 30 - Sept 28
Term 4 ........................................ Oct 15 - Dec 7
Term 1 2019 ..................................... Jan 29 - Apr 12
Term 2 2019 .................................. May 6 - Jul 5

THE VIEW

During a private fly-in fishing excursion into the Alaskan wilderness, the chartered pilot and fishermen left a cooler full of bait in the plane. A bear smelled it, and this is what the bear did to the plane...

I want to reflect on another great escape that involved a whole country in World War II. There were 7,800 Jews in this country and the country refused to enforce the NAZI law for Jews to wear the yellow star. Then a German diplomat alerted a nearby country to the intended deadline of the Jewish round-up at 10pm, October 1, 1943. With two days to go, the country rallied and provided escape options for as many Jews as they could support.

There are some amazing stories of Jews being confronted on the streets with keys to strangers’ houses and being told – “go and hide in my house”. One ambulance driver simply looked up the phonebook and contacted every Jewish sounding name he could find and was part of a network who helped 2,000 Jews get across the narrow channel between the two countries, after hiding them in the hospital first.

Through the combined efforts of the German diplomat, Georg Duckwitz, who organised acceptance into Sweden, dry docked all the German patrol boats for the week of the operation so they were out of the way. Many of the citizens of this country, some 7,220 Jews, were rescued along with 684 non-Jewish spouses. Remarkably the death toll for Jews in this country was only 51 – of whom about 30 died trying to escape from concentration camps.

It is a country that has a strong Australian connection now, with Princess Mary – from Tasmania – now part of the royal family. As one young Danish student said, “We felt that the Jews were Danes like us, and we knew we had to help them. Everyone felt this way.”

What a remarkable reminder of the love of God that operates without prejudice and reveals unconditional acceptance. I wonder how we would respond if we had been placed in that situation. Like the pilot who was dependent on outside help to make the remarkable repairs, and the Jews dependent on their generous countrymen, we are totally dependent on God for our escape from sin.

David McClintock
Principal
SPORT

Term 3 Sport Uniform
Years K-2 – wear their sport uniform on Mondays and Wednesdays.
Years 3-6 – wear their sport uniform on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Kings Chess
On Monday, September 10 our Kings Team competed in the final 5 rounds of the annual Primary School’s Chess Competition, competing against 5 other schools in the Hunter Region. A total of 10 rounds were played and our Kings Team came first with a score of 33.5. Well done and congratulations to Kylan M, Rose J, Ryan M and Jeremiah S for such an amazing outcome.

Knights & Rookies Chess
The final rounds of the Knights and Rookies Chess Competition will be played this coming Wednesday, September 19 in the MPC. We wish all of our students competing the very best.

Years 1 & 2 T-Ball Competition
Next week during lunchtimes, our Years 1 and 2 classes will be playing in the annual T-Ball Competition. Year 1 classes will play on Monday and Tuesday, and Year 2 classes on Thursday and Friday.

GENERAL

School Photos – Replacement Booklets
A new booklet for each Primary student who ordered photo books this year will be sent home with students today. AdvancedLife reprinted the books due to an error in the layout of the picture tiles which included all students in the Year Level instead of just their particular class. Please note, if you had previously requested to pick up your photos from the Office, the photos can be again collected from the Primary Office.

Colour for Cambodia Rescheduled
Colour for Cambodia will now take place during school time on Friday afternoon, 1.30pm on September 21. We tried our best to find the best solution for the postponement, and we understand that this new time and date might be inconvenient for you as it is during the week. We still wanted to hold the event to help our Year 12s and their Cambodia mission trip. For parents wishing to participate, we have discounted the price to $10. If you have previously registered and the new date does not suit, we are more than happy to refund you in full. If you have previously booked, we can refund you the balance of the discounted price. Those Primary students who have been raising money through sponsorship have a free pass to participate. Primary parents, please check your email regarding what is required of your child to participate. All the details will be emailed. Thank you for your understanding with this. Unfortunately we can’t help when AusGrid plans their power works and we have to abide by the process. Thanks for your support and for supporting our Year 12 Cambodia mission trip.
CLASS

The Maths Show
Another Avondale School STEM Initiative
On Tuesday, September 4, students in Year 7 and 8 participated in a STEM incursion by Felstead Education called ‘The Maths Show’. Students were taken back to the beginning of Mathematics, which actually started in Ancient Babylon. However, most of our famous ancient mathematicians were the Greeks who believed that numbers had secret powers like Pi and the Golden Ratio.

Jacey C took on the robes of Pythagoras, who developed the famous theorem to find the lengths of the sides in right-angled triangles. Capably assisted by Alan K they worked some ‘magic’ calculations.

Gambling has been of interest to the Greeks since ancient times. Back then, rolling two sixes was called the ‘throw of Aphrodite’ and would indicate victory in a game. We consider Blaise Pascal to be the ‘modern’ father of probability. Students participated in a game of Heads or Tails, with Kaelan D being victorious after 6 rounds to demonstrate a better than expected 1/64 chance. This was followed by a card ‘trick’ using the power of 10.

The next section of the show was to demonstrate the great contribution to Mathematics by the following women - Sophie Germain, Marie Curie, Emile de Chatelet, Alice Hamilton and Hanna Nuemann. Students were asked to link female mathematicians with their achievements (teacher/student collaboration).

Mr Hibbard and Mr Stuart were guided by their sides to match the descriptions with Mr Stuart’s side being victorious. Jacey C later exclaimed, “I thought Mr Hibbard would win since he’s a Maths teacher!”

A new topic introduced in Year 11 Standard Mathematics this year is called Networks. The introduction of the classic 1736 Konigsberg Bridge problem kept students thoroughly immersed as they persevered to try and solve the age-old problem. Can you cross each bridge only once and walk all the bridges? Do you have a solution? It looks like a game, but uses geometry and more, and was the beginning of the study of Topology by the great mathematician Euler. Sarah M certainly gave this challenging problem her best go!

The Maths Show enabled students to see Mathematics in perspective and appreciate the contributions it has made to understanding and developing our lives today. Students were engaged with this bigger picture to their studies and our hope is to see them move ahead as enthusiastic learners.

Bethany H indicated: “The Maths show was interesting and stretched my brain. I enjoyed the Bridge question as it made me think out of the box. Melanie, the presenter, was enthusiastic and interesting to listen to. It was cool to see and learn about the different female mathematicians and their passion for Maths which encouraged me”.

Claire D shared: “The Maths Show was cool because we didn’t just watch, we got involved. Melanie picked lots of people from the audience and the tricks were really good!”

I leave you with the final mathematical question of the day that appears like a contradiction, or is it? Test the Mathematics:

Three friends have a nice meal together, and the bill is $25. The three friends pay $10 each, which the waiter gives to the cashier. The cashier hands back $5 to the waiter. But the waiter cannot split the $5 three ways, so he gives the friends one dollar each and keeps $2 as a tip. They all paid $10 and got $1 back ($10-$1=$9). There were three of them (3×$9=$27). If they paid $27 and the waiter kept $2 ($27+$2=$29), where did the other dollar go ($30-$1=$29)?

Year 10 Restaurant Rules
This week Year 10 Food Tech students presented an array of delicious dishes for some very lucky staff members in our pop-up restaurant. Students have been planning their menu and honing their skills in anticipation of this event over the course of this term.
ALL SCHOOL
Thank You
The P&F would like to thank all those who purchased items from this year’s Father’s Day Stall. $2300 was raised.

LIBRARY
Book for Cambodia
Thanks to the many families that have contributed books for a needy village school library in Cambodia. Next week will be your last chance to do so if there are any last-minute book donations you’d like to bring along. There is a ‘treasure chest’ just inside the library front door where these books can be placed. Thanks so much for your generosity.

Parent Library Title
The Anxiety Book
“Since journalist Elisa Black wrote an article about her lifelong struggle with anxiety in March 2015, it has been read by hundreds of thousands of people. Clearly, what Elisa had to say found a readership far bigger than she could have expected - and with millions of Australians suffering from anxiety, it’s little wonder. Elisa’s story will inspire fellow anxiety sufferers to believe that there is a way to manage their condition and live more freely. From her own experience she also offers hope that anxiety does not have to dominate a life, or even dent it - it can be managed and conquered.” (goodreads.com) If you’d like to borrow this book, or any of the resources from our Parent Library, you’ll be very welcome to visit and browse during our opening hours. Not a member of the Parent Library? It’s quick and easy to sign up, and it’s FREE!

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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.

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Angela Miller (Simply Music) / 0421 464 797
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
Jan Hughes / 4977 2037
Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308

Voice
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

Strings
Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 040 308
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 040 308
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James Dennett / 0401 549 084

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