Wow! Week 6 has been and gone. As we race towards the end of the year it’s exciting to see the progress of our students. Teachers are currently busy with assessing student learning and preparing to write reports. We also have lots of fun learning activities lined up.

This week Stage 2 and 3 students have continued with swimming lessons and Stage 1 students have begun their intensive two week swimming program. Swimming continues for all students next week.

We took a moment on Tuesday to hold a Remembrance Day ceremony. Our student leaders lead the school in reading the Pledge of Remembrance. We listened to the Last Post, had a minute’s silence and finished with the Rouse. It was great to see our students learn more about history and understand the cost of the freedom we enjoy in Australia.

This week we have continued to focus on HOPE. Our teachers have loved the opportunity to share the hope they have in our great God of grace. Why not share with your children the things that give you hope. Have a fun weekend!

Mrs Deb Cooper
Head of Primary
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Thought for the week: “When the world says: “Give up”, hope whispers: “Try it one more time”.”

Week 6 – surely not!
On Tuesday morning, our classes engaged in a Read2Remember poem for Remembrance Day. It was quite a moving experience. Then on Tuesday night we celebrated Year 12 success at the formal – a night of laughter, awards and good company! Thank you, Mrs Bradford, for working a treat with the venue and our students to create a bunch of wonderful memories.

Our Prefects had an awesome time learning about leadership within a Christian context at Knox Grammar yesterday and our Year 10 students have come to the end of their work period – exams await early next week! Years 7-9 should receive their timetable for exams today …

The end is getting close!
Year 10 exams officially start on Tuesday, Tweed Valley College joins us for sport on Wednesday afternoon (yes, I got my weeks mixed up!) and our Cambodia Schoolies trip leaves on Sunday for just over two weeks. It seems impossible to suggest that the end of term is only three weeks away! Years 7-9 are in the final throws of revision next week too!

THAT’S ALL FOLKS … EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED … Why do people say they ‘slept like a baby’ when babies wake up every few hours? Hope you have a wonderful weekend together!

Mr Benton Craig
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The girls glistened and glamour-gowned their way into the Linton Gardens function centre, while the boys proved they could be dashing in formal attire! Even the rainfall as people arrived was unable to dampen the delight of families and friends watching the Year 12s alight from their vehicles in style! What a fantastic evening of comic award presentations, interesting music moments and laughs in the photo booth! A superbly run event that sees our students almost graduated from 2014.
**General News**

**KINDY 2015**

**2015 Kindy Parent Information Evening**  Wednesday, November 19

Just a reminder that our Kindy Parent Information Evening will be held in the iCentre next Wednesday evening, November 19 at 7.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

**2015 Kindy Students School Visit**  Wednesday, November 26

We are very excited to have our 2015 Kindy students visiting with us on Wednesday, November 26. The Kindy teachers are looking forward to having lots of fun with them.

**Lest We Forget**

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**SPORT NEWS**

**Table Tennis Competition**

This week 36 boys and 30 girls competed in the Table Tennis Competition held at the MPC. One of the most exciting matches of the competition was a semi-final between Zoe D (Year 6) and Lilijana G (Year 4) when the score went to 31/29 with Zoe winning. Zoe then went on to defeat Ashley M (Year 6) in the final.

In the boys division it was two Year 5 boys, Elliot MQ and Ethan M, who knocked out many Year 6 boys in their run to victory, taking out 1st and 2nd places respectively. There will be a trophy presentation at Monday’s assembly.

**Girls Division**

1st  Zoe D (Year 6)  
2nd  Ashley M (Year 6)  
3rd  Tarryn E (Year 4)  
4th  Lilijana G (Year 4)

**Boys Division**

1st  Elliot MQ (Year 5)  
2nd  Ethan M (Year 5)  
3rd  David M (Year 6)  
4th  Dylan M (Year 6)

**Avondale School Cricket Team**


**Handball Competition**

**Juniors**: Friday, November 28  
**Seniors**: Tuesday, December 2

Students wishing to compete in this year’s Handball Competition need to register their names with Mr Head at the Sport Shed by next Friday. There will be boys and girls Junior Competitions for students in Kindy to Year 4, and boys and girls Senior Competitions for Years 5 and 6 students. The Junior Competition will be on Friday, November 28 and the Seniors will be held on Tuesday, December 2.

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**Kindy-Year 2 Learn to Swim Program**

November 10 – November 21

The Infant swimming program commenced this week at the Morisset Heated Pool. The Kindy to Year 2 students were very excited and for many it has been the highlight of the term. The seven instructors at the pool have been very happy with the way in which students have engaged with the program.

**Tri-Schools Cricket**

Wednesday, November 19

Next Wednesday, November 19, the Avondale School Cricket Team will be playing limited overs cricket against Macquarie College and Central Coast Adventist School at Martinsville Oval. The boys have been training hard each day before school and at lunchtime. This week they played the Year 7 cricket team for some extra experience.

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**Primary Sport Term 4**

**KINDY**

Students are to wear their sports uniform on **Mondays**.

**Years 1 & 2**

Students are to wear their sports uniform on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

**Years 3 & 4**

Students are to wear their sports uniform on **Wednesdays** along with their swimmers, towel and goggles for swimming.

**Years 5 & 6**

Students are to wear their sports uniform on **Fridays**, along with their swimmers, towel and goggles for swimming.
Keeping Pace with Technology
The ever-present challenge of keeping up with emerging technologies is an exciting and welcome one for our VET Information and Technology students. The latest addition to their learning environment is a highly responsive 10-point touch screen monitor which the students enjoyed pairing with their recently built high-end Windows computer. Access to the latest industry standard hardware and software is an imperative requirement of the VET course and the students relish in the opportunity to gain valuable training with sophisticated equipment. The next item eagerly awaited is a 3D printer, which will allow students to create prototypes of characters planned for inclusion in their 3D animation projects.

Year 10 Food Tech Party Time
Year 10 have finished the year off in their Food Tech class by catering for children’s birthday parties. The birthday cake designs were lots of fun and students demonstrated some impressive cake decorating skills.

Years 7-11
END OF YEAR SIGN OFF
(previously known as Deregistration Day)
The last day of school for all Year 7-11 students will be Friday, December 5. We would appreciate your help in leaving the final sign off process until this time. If there are extenuating circumstances, we understand, however we need at least 24 hours notice to ensure we’re prepared with staff and office. We DO need notification in writing. An absence exemption form will also need to be completed.

NEED A PRAYER?
Simply fill in one of our prayer cards and let us know what we can take to Jesus on your behalf. You can put your name, you can be really specific or you can just leave a general request and we’ll take it to Jesus when we’re next on our knees.
library news

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Secondary Calendar - Term 4

Band at Toronto Church ...........................................November 15
Year 12 Schools Trip to Cambodia ..........................November 16 - December 1
Year 10 Final Exams ......................................................November 17 - 21
Get Active Finishes ......................................................November 20
Year 11 Geography Excursion .................................November 24
Year 7-9 Final Exams ..............................November 24 - 28
P&F Meeting ..............................................................November 26
Pupil Free Day ..........................................................December 1
Last Day for all students Years 7-11 ..................December 5
Secondary Speech Night .............................................December 10
Last Day for Secondary Staff ..................................December 12

Principal's Message

Cha Sa-soon, a 69-year-old Korean woman, finally received her drivers license after three years of trying to pass the written test. She wanted the license so she could take her grandchildren to the zoo. She was persistent in what is normally an instant world. She hoped that if she kept trying she would get to drive her grandchildren to the zoo.

Of all the things to remind us of hope, a snake is not one of them. I went to church two weeks ago and someone had a snake. I am not afraid of snakes but watching a snake does not fill me with hope. The Bible tells a story when people were very sick and dying and Moses (Numbers 21:5-9) was instructed to lift up a model of a snake on a stick. People who looked at the snake were healed. It was the look of hope and belief that saved them.

It was the light globe scientist, Albert Einstein, who said “Learn from yesterday, live for today and HOPE for tomorrow”. The hope of a positive outcome pushes us on to achieve! Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faul
Principal

Fees Account Settled - December 2014

It is hard to believe that there are only a couple of weeks to the end of school. The year has flown past so quickly and we say a huge thank you to all parents who have paid their fees. If you still have an amount owing we would request that this be paid in full by the end of school. We understand that some people’s circumstances change, and if you think you will not have your account paid by December, please contact either Faye or Sheree in the Business Office to make an arrangement.

2015 Fee Account

2015 Accounts will be sent to you early January with prompt payment discount due on February 6, 2015.

2015 Kindy Orientation Par..............
2015 Primary School Last Day of School..............
2015 Kindy Concert......................
2015 Junior Handball Competition..............
2015 Pupil Free Day......................
2015 Year 5 ABC/Powerhouse Excursion..............
2015 P&F Meeting..............................................
2015 Year 6 Canberra Trip..............
2015 Year 7 Final Exams..............
2015 Year 8 Final Exams..............
2015 Year 9 Final Exams..............
2015 Year 10 Final Exams..............
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