One of our Primary campus goals relates to improving our students’ skills in numeracy. Numeracy is more than being able to calculate with numbers. Numeracy is the ability to confidently and creatively use a wide range of mathematics skills in everyday contexts. Our teachers have been researching best practice in the teaching of numeracy and have been involved in a variety of professional development. Teachers are doing a great job of challenging our students to develop and use mathematical thinking and to be involved in maths investigations. I love to see students so engaged in what they are doing they don’t want maths class to end!

We’re really looking forward to Book Week next week. This is a great chance to spend some time sharing a book with your child no matter how old they are! Don’t forget to visit our Book Fair. Our Debating Teams will be heading off to the HRIS Debating Competition on Thursday and we also have Water Safety classes for Kindy and Year 6.

This week we have continued to promote honesty and truthfulness. We want our students to understand the importance of being honest with others and with themselves.

‘Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon and the truth.’ Buddhah

Mrs Deb Cooper
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Learning Through Teaching

This week saw the beginning of a partnership of learning and teaching experiences between the Year 9 Industrial Technology and Year 1C students. The Industrial Technology students were undergoing a practical exam where the task was to prepare a lesson plan beforehand to teach and assist Year 1 students to construct a wooden toy helicopter. Through heutagogy - the study of self determined learning, largely defined by the skill of learning ‘how’ to learn - Year 9 students were able to work collaboratively with the Year 1 students, teaching both mentor and mentee new skills.
**Primary News**

**General News**

**PRIMARY VARIETY CONCERT**
Tuesday, September 2 at 7.00 pm
The Primary Variety Concert will be held on Tuesday, September 2 in the MPC at 7.00 pm. A letter was sent home with students last week in regards to costumes. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Class News**

**Kindy Hatching**
After weeks of waiting, watching and anticipating the Kindy duck and chicken eggs hatched this week! A big thank you to Cackleberry Grains at Dora Creek for donating our feed and to Pr Daron Pratt for all his help and involvement in this process.

**SPORT UNIFORM FOR TERM 3**
- Kindy: wear sport uniform each Monday and Tuesday.
- Years 1 & 2: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Thursday (gymnastics).
- Years 3-6: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Friday.

**3M Hospital**
Students in 3M are running a hospital in their classroom. Beds, IV stands, stethoscopes, medicine bottles, a wheelchair and an ambulance trolley adorn their classroom. Nurses, doctors, paramedics, pharmacists and chaplains are kept busy by patients with all sorts of illnesses and complaints. Learning takes on a meaningful dimension when doctors have to read information carefully in order to keep the patient alive, or calculate correct dosages of medication from a given formula. The class was very excited to have a real ambulance roll up at school on Monday. Mr Hart displayed some of the equipment for the students and gave them a tour of the ambulance. Later Mrs Hart demonstrated some medical procedures including setting a broken arm.

**Avondale School**

**YEAR 7**
**IN 2015 ORIENTATION DAY**
Thursday 28 August
9.00am to 3.20pm

**Come & enjoy**
a great day getting to know our Avondale School Secondary Campus.
Meet our Head of Secondary - Mr Craig and his associates Mr Max and Mrs Carter.
Experience real high school class periods and find out where we do things on campus!

**What will we do?**
We will be doing Maths, English, Science and Technology Class. As an added bonus, lunch is provided.

**Where to meet**
Avondale School students need to meet at class as usual for roll call. All new or prospective students to Avondale School can meet at the main Administration Building.

**Parent Tours**
TOURS - For all parents who would like to see the Secondary Campus, there will be tours available during the day.
Phone 4977 0200 to book a tour

**www.avondaleschool.com.au**

**Citizenship Award**
Congratulations Ethan Hawkes who received the Citizenship Award for using his initiative to assist a teacher after school.
Year 11 Fieldwork Fraser Island 2014

Geography is always best studied in the field and this was indeed the case for this year’s Year 11 Geography class. Students undertook site studies on open woodland, Wallum heathland and rainforest. They also ate fresh chilli from the resort herb farm, toured the resort ‘poo farm’, swam in a perched lake, canoed through red, grey and orange mangroves, cooked damper and floated in freshwater creeks. There were plenty of whales, dolphins, dingoes and a close encounter with a giant sea turtle in Dudonga Creek. Talks by rangers, the resort manager and Queensland National Parks personnel provided a wealth of information to assist with both Preliminary and HSC coursework. Overall, this was a most valuable time away with a motivated, cooperative, interested and inclusive group of students. Special thanks goes to Mr Roger McKim for his invaluable assistance on the trip and to Mr Ward for picking us up from the airport after hours.

Year 10 English Excursion

On Thursday last week, Year 10 descended on the Opera House to see Bell Shakespeare’s modern, powerful and fast-paced interpretation of Macbeth. Students had front row seats and were up close and personal with all of the action - on and off the stage. During one exciting interlude one of our students even became part of the performance! The students were intrigued and impressed by the company’s merging of the traditional Shakespearean language with modern music, industrial lighting, contemporary costuming, iPads and smartphones, too. It was a day of selfies, soliloquys, strobe lighting and scintillating music, and our students represented our school brilliantly!
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, or 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.

Principal’s Message

The story has been told of a bank employee who was due for a good promotion. One day at lunch the president of the bank, who happened to be standing behind the clerk in the cafeteria, saw him slip two pats of butter under his slice of bread so the cashier wouldn’t see them. That little act of dishonesty cost him his promotion. Just a few cents worth of butter made the difference. The bank president reasoned that if an employee cannot be trusted in little things he couldn’t be trusted at all.

In the last few weeks we have had almost daily front page stories of politicians abusing the system for personal gain. Each story has its particular ‘spin’ on the use of funds or even a ‘brown paper bag’! 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. Now the ICAC Commission is finding out the real truth on all sides of politics. The Bible tells us that Satan is the ‘spin doctor’, the master deceiver. If we believe Satan’s damaging lies we can be sidelined in our journey with God. God’s truth stops the spin of Satan’s lies.

Honesty is being sincere, truthful, trustworthy, honorable, fair, genuine, and loyal with integrity. Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faulk
Principal

BOOK WEEK
18-22 August 2014

Book Fair
The Book Fair opens this coming Monday, August 18 and runs through until Thursday afternoon. It’s a giant bargain bookshop right here in the iCentre. We would love you to come and check out the bargains that will be available from Scholastic, Central Books and Better Books and Food. While most titles are suitable for Primary students some items will be suitable for Year 7-9 students as well. Purchases may be made using cash, cheque or credit card.

BOOK FAIR OPENING HOURS
Monday 9.30 am – 4.30 pm
Tuesday - Thursday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm

Primary School Book Fair Viewing Times
Each Primary class will visit the Book Fair for half an hour on Monday or Tuesday INSTEAD of their usual library class times. There will be no borrowing during Book Week, so please leave library bags and books at home.

Time
10.00 – 10.30 am
10.50 - 11.20 am
11.20 - 11.50 am
11.50 am – 12.20 pm
1.10 - 1.40 pm
1.40 - 2.10 pm
2.10 - 2.40 pm

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4R & 6H
5Q & Toronto
3M
3R & 3S
5V & 5P

Bookworms Guessing Competition
Guess how many bookworms are in the jar! Book prizes will be awarded for the closest guess at all year levels. How many bookworms do we have in the library?

Primary School - Storytellers in the Library
If you love listening to an exciting story why not visit the library from 12.40 pm Monday - Thursday and be enthralled. Four amazing storytellers are visiting us for Book Week and you won’t want to miss their stories!

High School
Author Visit
On Tuesday, local author Stacey Nash will visit all students during English classes to discuss the creative writing process and answer student questions.

Quizzical: The Trivia Competition
There are great cash prizes to be won in the Quizzical Trivia Team Competition in the iCentre at lunchtime.

Tuesday, August 19
Years 7-9
Thursday, August 21
Years 10-12

For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 NLT

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AVONDALE SCHOOL
Family FESTIVAL

Sunday 14 September 9am - 2pm
119 Avondale Rd Cooranbong

Attractions on the day...

- Carnival Rides
- Animal Farm
- 1km & 3km Fun Run
- Market Stalls
- Food Fair
- Pony Rides
- Car Show
- Helicopter Joy Flights
- Clowns & Face Painting
- BANDS & ENTERTAINMENT AND LOADS MORE!

Pre-purchase unlimited Carnival Ride Armbands

$20 ea

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