**Primary Calendar - Term 1**
- Run Around Australia: Mar 19 - Apr 6
- CIS Swimming Carnival: Mar 22
- Book Fair Week: Mar 26 - 28
- School Open Day: 2:00 - 6:00pm, Mar 27
- P&F Meeting: 7pm, Admin Building, Mar 28
- Good Friday Holiday: Mar 30

**Secondary Calendar - Term 1**
- Y7-11 Parent Teacher Nights: Mar 19 & 20
- Starlight Foundation Mufti Day: Mar 23
- Duke of Edinburgh Trip: Mar 23 - 25
- School Open Day: 2:00 - 6:00pm, Mar 27
- Cross Country Run: Mar 28
- Easter Sunday: Apr 1
- Easter Monday Holiday: Apr 2
- Y9 Sunrise Hike: Apr 6

**School Terms 2018**
- Term 1: Jan 29 - Apr 13
- Term 2: Apr 30 - Jul 6
- Term 3: Jul 30 - Sept 28
- Term 4: Oct 15 - Dec 7

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**The View**

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they’ve told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, “That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that” or “I’m so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that’s not fair at all”.

3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the Principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child’s safety.

6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

Additional information, along with our school policy on bullying, can be found in our Student Handbooks which are located on Landscape. If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents.

As well, please contact the School if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying. Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

Admin Team
Avondale School
GENERAL

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K-6 Chess Competition
Friday, April 6
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Early Years
2-5 Year Olds
Term 2 Classes Available:
(14 May - 21 June)
Monday & Tuesday Classes are FULL
Wednesday - Fun For Sports (Dee)
Thursday - Science (with Terrina)
For more information contact Terrina 0403 346 329
or earlyyears@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au

Book NOW at www.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au

SPORT

Dates For Calendar
Please mark the following dates in the calendar:
22 March – CIS Swimming Carnival
17 August – HRIS Athletics Carnival

Sport Uniform
Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 wear their sport uniform on Mondays.
Years 3 to 6 wear their sport uniform on Fridays.

NO PARKING – Please Use Official School Carline Service
For the safety of our students there is no parking or collection of students from in the front of the Primary Office in the afternoon. If you need to collect your children from school please use our carline service. This service is located at the back of the MPC and can be accessed by parents turning left just before the main gate entry to the school. Thank you for keeping our students safe.

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**CLASS**

Whodunit? The Undoing of ‘Negative Seven’

Within the last week our Year 7 Mathematics students have assumed the role of police investigator, forensic expert, funeral director and gravedigger, in the quest to investigate the tragic passing of ‘Negative Seven’. Students also did much planning in order to provide ‘Negative Seven’ with a suitable send-off. Not only did our students sift through the clues that were left at the crime scene, they also drafted wanted posters in the quest to assist in locating the perpetrators. Students put their creativity to good use in drafting a suitable obituary for ‘Negative Seven’ and also assisted in finding possible resting places for this ‘unlucky’ integer. Through this engaging assessment task, students were able to show us how much they have learned about working with positive and negative integers. Many of our students indicated that they enjoyed doing this different type of assessment task.

**Encouraging Words from a Past Student**

This week one of our recent Avondale School graduates, Filip Reierson, came back to Avondale School to provide some of our Senior Mathematics Extension 1 students with some insight into what it is like studying at university. Filip is currently studying Actuarial Studies at Macquarie University. Not only did Filip encourage our students to consider a Mathematics related career path, he also encouraged them to be the best that they can be whilst they are completing their studies at school. During this session, students had the opportunity to explore some Mathematics relating to life insurance premiums. We wish to thank Filip for taking the time to come back to Avondale School and inspire our senior students.

**Happy Pi Day**

March 14 is the International Pi Day, since the first 3 digits of pi are 3.14. To celebrate this occasion, Miss Scheman brought in pies with the pi symbol on them. It was a great way to celebrate this significant mathematical event.

**HSC Performance Night**

Our HSC Music students will be presenting their first assessed performances for the HSC 7.00pm Thursday, March 22 in the Music Building. Please come and support all the work these students are putting into developing their technique and musicality in this short concert evening.

**Parent Teacher Nights**

Parent Teacher Nights Monday & Tuesday, March 19 & 20

Secondary Parent Teacher Nights will be held next week in the CLC - Monday, March 19 and Tuesday, March 20 from 4.00pm until 8.00pm. (Parents, you can make bookings on whichever night suits your family best.) Bookings can be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au by using the School Event Code rwyu5

As spaces are limited, if your children have the same teacher or multiple subjects with the same teacher, please only make the ONE booking with that teacher. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your child(ren)’s teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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**STEP UP**

3.30 - 4.30 PM 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!
Save The Date - May 4
HRIS Cross Country!
The P&F team need your help! Each year our school runs the food stall at the HRIS Cross Country at Avondale College. It’s one of our major fundraising events for the School. On Friday, May 4 we need volunteers to help run the stall. Contact George O’Reilly on 0409 826 905 if you can help in any way.

P&F Say Thanks!
A big thank you to Karen Toepfer and Nadine Dunne for leading the Parents & Friends team over the last couple of years. We have appreciated your time, support and dedication. George O’Reilly will continue her role on the P&F team as Events Coordinator and will be supported by new members; Dion Spiros (President), Rebecca Craig (Secretary) and Monique Keet (Treasurer).

Book Fair, March 26 - 28
You won’t want to miss our annual Book Fair from Monday, March 26 through to Wednesday, March 28 in the library. We will be selling fabulous new books from Scholastic and Central Book Suppliers, and beautiful children’s Bibles from Better Books and Food. There will be great books, posters and novelty items for all budgets, with many books being a bargain at $5.00 or less! EFTPOS will be available for your convenience!

**BOOK FAIR OPENING HOURS**
- Monday 9.30am – 4.00pm
- Tuesday 8.00am – 4.00pm
- Wednesday 8.00am – 4.00pm

Students will be able to come and buy books at the Book Fair before school, lunchtime and after school with a parent. All parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend and stock up on books for birthdays and Christmas.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Last week we had well over 100 students sign up for the PRC and this week we have a total of 180 so far in just the second week of our signup month! All through March you’ll be able to come to the library and sign up for the challenge. We have plenty of PRC titles and an abundance of books to use as free choice titles. This is a great way to develop literacy and experience a broad range of adventures! Are you up to the challenge? Check out the iCentre Landscape page for all the PRC information you need. http://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/1762

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
- Angela Miller (Simply Music) / 0421 464 797
- Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
- Jan Hughes / 4977 2037
- Henry Higgins / 0490 0404 308

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

**Strings**
- Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 0404 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 0404 308
- Garry Lawler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

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

ALL SCHOOL

Looking forward
Avondale School Open Day
27 March 2-6pm

Register online at avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/openday

We value... Responsibility