THIS WEEK … I have seen many classes engaged in STEM activities, our Chess Teams have competed valiantly and our CIS athletes gave it their very best. Students involved in the Seasons of Growth Program celebrated their personal growth with a party.

NEXT WEEK … is the last week of Term 3. Year 6 students will be having the time of their lives in Canberra and at the snow, and Year 5 students will be enjoying Colonial Day.

BULLYING … Part of our Bounceback! Program focuses on bullying. Students are encouraged to recognise and respond to bullying. Here are some of the messages we want our students to hear: bullying is never OK or excusable, it’s important to think for yourself and not just follow others, we can all stand up and support others, asking a teacher for help is not the same as dobbing.

It can be really hard for parents to pick the difference between bullying where your child is clearly the victim (one sided) and a social dispute where the children involved cannot agree (two sided). Both situations may require some teacher intervention if they can’t be resolved by the students. If you believe that there is an ongoing problem, it’s really important to contact the school to share this information. We consider it incredibly important to work with our students to help them learn, grow and feel safe.

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“With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable.” Thomas Fowell Buxton

What an amazing Week of Worship we have had this week! Our ‘ghetto pastor’, Willy Ramos, spoke in such real terms about Jesus – the Friend, the homie, the Saviour and the God who wants to share His future with us. Willy was funny, inspiring and intentional about getting our students to think about committing to a relationship with Jesus. Worship each day truly opened our hearts for the message and we had a fantastic array of student items across the week. On Thursday, over 40 of our students made a declaration to give their lives to Him and be baptized. Woohoo! What a blessing to have this moment, particularly as our seniors prepare for the HSC and as our Year 11 get ready for their final exams next week. A huge thank you for Pr Brian and his team for making this an incredible week!

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GENERAL

APPA
Please note there will be no APPA next Wednesday afternoon as a number of our group will be away on the Year 6 Canberra Trip. Thank you for noting this.

Students Leaving Early
Our students are very fortunate to have a lovely big campus offering wonderful learning opportunities. Because of this, classes are often out and about during class time. If you need to collect your child/children early from school we ask that you allow extra time to complete the sign out book in the Office, collect a Leave Slip to be given to the teacher and locate your child/children.

SPORT

Kindy and Year 1 Sports Day
Last Friday all Kindy and Year 1 students participated in the annual Sports Day. The day began with the 1km Cross Country Run with all competitors receiving a ribbon on completion. Many parents and friends were there to watch the infants have fun running, jumping and throwing. Students participated in a range of 10 different activities collecting points at each station. All students had a lot of fun in their 60m sprints, especially when it came time to watch the parents and friends 100m races. This was followed by the huge lolly scramble which is always a big hit with the students. Everyone went home a winner on the day.

CIS Athletics Day
Thirteen of our students went to the CIS Athletics Day this week at Homebush. Congratulations to our team for their fine efforts at this event. Special congratulations go to the following students:
Joshua M (AWD) Shot Put 1st / Discus 1st
Greg E 100m Run 1st / 200m Run 2nd
Olivia G 100m Run 3rd
Reilly D High Jump 4th
Tegan C Shot Put 4th
Please note: All HRIS shirts need to be returned to Mr Head or the Primary Office ASAP.

SPORT UNIFORM TERM 3
Kindy wear sport uniform on MONDAYS & TUESDAYS
Years 1 & 2 wear sport uniform on TUESDAYS
Years 3-6 wear sport uniform on TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS
Year 7 Science Excursion to the Zoo
What a great place to apply the learning of the Science classroom. Year 7 visited Taronga Zoo recently, armed with their worksheets and iPads. Students made observations, created video and generally enjoyed the sunshine while completing their task in covering adaptations and classification skills. It was not all hard work though...

Year 7 Science Create Arthropods
Year 7 Science have been studying the different kingdoms of organisms in the last few weeks. This group of students was involved in a cross curriculum activity and spent time in the art room with Mr Allan and Mr Alt creating a mythical Arthropod. Students were involved in researching the basic characteristics of the different groups of arthropods and then drawing a mythical arthropod. Students were then given the opportunity to create a life story about their animal resulting in some very creative tales.

Sporting Achievement
Anna V in Year 12 competed at the National Interschool Snowboarding Championships in Perisher this week. On Thursday she placed 8th in Boarder Cross. Then on Friday she had two really good runs and placed 2nd, earning a Silver medal. There were about 35 girls in each event. Congratulations Anna!
**PLEASE NOTE**

**We Want Your Feedback!**
Do you want to have your say? All parents and guardians should have received a link to complete the Community Perception Survey, which is due by Thursday, September 22. If you have not received an email, please contact the Admin Office at admin@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au. A reminder that the school engages an external company (VIVIDUS) and only receives summary data, not individual responses, ensuring confidentiality at all times. Your feedback, along with that of teachers and students, is used by the School to continuously improve the quality of teaching and management of the School. Thank you.

Dr David Faull - Principal

**Family Festival**
What a fantastic day! The weather was outstanding for our Family Festival last Sunday. A special feature amongst all the rides were events that dads could do with their boys - Paper Planes, Table Tennis, Basketball and Pump Track. The helicopters were kept busy all day and the other rides were very popular. Mr Greg Piper MP, who rode in on his motorbike to join the Longriders display, joined us for the day and proclaimed that our Family Festival is a very popular and well supported community event. Thank you to all those who came on the day! We hope you had a lot of fun.

2017 Planning
We are excited about our plans that we have programmed for your child/ren in 2017. These plans are based on the assumption that your child/ren will be returning after the Christmas school holidays. However, if you find your circumstances are changing or you think they may be changing for 2017, please notify the Principal by the end of this term via email to admin@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au. As stated in the School Handbook, a term’s notice is required for us to plan appropriately and efficiently for your child. Thank you.

**LIBRARY**

**Years 7-12 Borrow, Return or Renew**
Students in Years 7-12 who have books on loan at the moment are asked to either return or renew them next week. If you’d like to catch up on the latest fiction books or borrow some study guides for the holidays, we’d like to encourage you to come and borrow before the end of the week. Remember Reading Rulz! closes in November and the break is a great opportunity to contribute some extra points to your House, even while you are on holidays.

**K-6 Library Borrower Prizes**
Prizes, prizes and more prizes have been chosen by all the ‘excellent borrowers’ from Kindy - Year 6 during library classes this week. Congratulations to the 230 students who have borrowed books EVERY week this term. Please remember that if you haven’t already returned your Term 3 library books you should do so before the holidays.

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

American swimmer Dara Torres had a remarkable career, appearing in five different Olympics from 1984 to 2008. Late in her career Torres broke the US record for the 50m freestyle - 25 years after she herself set that record. However, Torres also encountered obstacles in her athletic career with injuries and surgery, as well as being almost twice the age of most other competitors. She said, “I’ve wanted to win at everything every day since I was a kid ... I’m also aware that setbacks have an upside; they fuel new dreams.” “Setbacks have an upside” is a great life lesson. Torres’ struggles motivated her to reach for new heights. Adapting this perspective on the difficulties of life is not easy, but it is worthwhile. Trials provide opportunity to deepen our courage and the resolve to continue despite the difficulties. Barack Obama, the American president, is quoted, “Making your mark on the world is hard. If it were easy, everybody would do it. But it’s not. It takes patience, it takes commitment, and it comes with plenty of failure along the way. The real test is not whether you avoid this failure, because you won’t. It’s whether you let it harden or shame you into inaction, or whether you learn from it; whether you choose to persevere.” Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull - Principal

**Calendar**

**Primary Calendar - Term 3 & 4**
- Year 6 Canberra Trip ….. September 19 - 22
- Year 5 Colonial Day .......... September 22
- Get Active Ends of Term 3 .......... September 22
- Last Day of Term 3 .......... September 23
- Daylight Saving Starts .......... October 2
- Labour Day Holiday .......... October 3
- First Day of Term 4 .......... October 10
- Year 3R and 3S Hyde Park Barracks Excursion .......... October 11
- Term 4 School Fees Due .......... October 14
- HRIS Tennis .......... October 14

**Secondary Calendar - Term 3 & 4**
- Year 11 Final Exams .......... September 19 - 23
- Year 12 Final Chapel Program 9.30 am MPC .......... September 23
- Last Day of Term 3 .......... September 23
- Daylight Saving Starts .......... October 2
- Labour Day Holiday .......... October 3
- First Day of Term 4 .......... October 10
- Year 9 U Chooz Program .......... October 13 & 14
- Term 4 School Fees Due .......... October 14
- HRIS Golf .......... October 14
- Choir at Wyee SDA Church .......... October 15

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