Primary Calendar - Term 4
Y5-6 Return Library Books Nov 16
Table Tennis Competition Nov 19
Inter-School Cricket Gala Day Nov 21
Knights & Rookies Chess Finals Nov 21
Pupil Free Day Nov 26
Handball Competition Nov 27
Y2 Blackbutt Reserve Excursion Nov 27
Kindy Concert Nov 28
Final Chapel Nov 30
Speech Night 5pm Dec 6

Secondary Calendar - Term 4
Y12 Cambodia Service Trip Nov 11 - 26
Y11 Geography Excursion Nov 19
Y7-9 Exams Nov 19 - 23
Pupil Free Day Nov 26
Y7 Nelson Bay Excursion Nov 28
National Schools Basketball Dec 2 - 7
Y7-11 Sign Off Day Dec 6
Secondary Speech Night 7pm Dec 6
Last Day of Term 4 Dec 7
Last Day for Staff Dec 12

School Terms 2018/19
Term 4 Oct 15 - Dec 7
Term 1 2019 Jan 29 - Apr 12
Term 2 2019 May 6 - Jul 5
Term 3 2019 Jul 22 - Sep 27

THE VIEW

Alternative Pathways To Various Careers
How many times have you asked your child, “What would you like to do when you leave school?” or “What would you like to do when you grow up?”; or maybe your child has told you what they want to do and they have always had their heart set on it; or maybe it changes each day, week or month. The working lives of young people today are becoming more complex and are rapidly changing. We see the increase of technology and automation replacing low skill, routine work. With the rising costs of labour and manufacturing, many jobs have moved offshore. Young people today need to be adaptable and ready for flexible work with transferable skills for a range of work activities. McCrindle 2015, predicts that the average young person today will have 17 different jobs across five different industries throughout their lifetime. A lot different to maybe the career pathway we have or are travelling.
Young people need to develop enterprise skills like problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, digital literacy, financial literacy, presentation skills and teamwork, to name a few. These skills are transferrable across many different jobs and prepare young people for the economy of the future. Developing a flexible attitude and a love of learning will help prepare young people to navigate more complex future careers. We are increasing our focus on project-based learning and problem solving to enable students to further develop these skills. Students take ownership of the direction of their learning to come up with their final solution. They have opportunity to reflect on their learning and take action for future improvements. The skills students develop in this process will help prepare them for the workforce of the 21st century and jobs that have not yet been created.
The range of educational pathways at Avondale School provide many opportunities for students to develop a wide range of skills, knowledge and experiences. Students can undertake a variety of pathways in education such as school delivered subjects, vocational training, some on the job work experiences/placement, and externally delivered subjects through a number of providers. During our students’ time at Avondale School we aim for them to develop real world employability skills in communication, teamwork, problem solving, initiative and enterprise, planning and organising, self-management, learning, and a range of technology skills.
Avondale School provides a learning environment with underpinning Christian values. These values are highly regarded by prospective employers. Avondale School values the contribution parents and the community make in supporting our work experience programs. We look forward to building a stronger connection in 2019 with our students and the workforce.

Donna Nevell & Peter Hoenen
VET Teachers
SPORT

Kindy-Year 2 Learn to Swim Program

November 12 – November 23

The swimming program for infants commences this Monday, November 12 and will run every day for 2 weeks. All students in Kindy, Years 1 and 2 will participate in a Learn to Swim Program at Morisset Heated Pool. Students are required to bring their clearly named swimmers and towel (goggles are optional) each day for the two-week program. The times each class departs and return to school are listed below:

**Depart at 10.45am, return at 11.45am:**
- 2P Mrs Pascoe
- 2V Mrs Vaughan

**Depart at 11.15am, return at 12.15pm:**
- KF Mrs Fraser
- 1H Mrs Hobson

**Depart at 11.45am, return at 12.45pm:**
- KSL Mrs Lawson
- 2H Mrs Hartigan

**Depart at 12.15pm, return at 1.15pm:**
- 1W Mrs Wind
- 1S Mrs Schur

**Depart at 12.45pm, return at 1.45pm:**
- KL Mrs Lawrence

Cricket Team

The School Cricket Team was announced this week. Please note those students selected will be asked to attend extra training sessions before school at 8.00am to prepare for the upcoming Interschool Cricket Competition, to be held on Wednesday, November 21.

GENERAL

Student Baptisms

Last Saturday six of our students were baptised at Shingle Splitters. There were several hundred people there to witness these young people declaring their love for Jesus and their desire to follow Him. We had special items from the Tongan choir and heart felt words spoken by family, friends and teachers. What made it really special was the presence of this one lone seagull hovering over each of the students as they were getting baptised... it was like the Holy Spirit was present. It was a very memorable day for our School and Church community.
**CLASS**

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We wish to congratulate our 2018 Mathematics SWOP students who achieved these outstanding AMC results!!

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Jack E (Y7)

**Proficiency Award**
Lauren D (Y7), Chloe H (Y7), Amy M (Y7), Emily M (Y7), Jacob C (Y8), Aidan C (Y8), Sarah M (Y8), Caleb S (Y8), Tyson H (Y9), Jeremy H (Y9), Byron R (Y9)

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**Distinction Award**
Elijah M (Y8), Liam B (Y9)

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» complete your homework
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The creativity and variety of proposals submitted were excellent. It was wonderful to see the passion students had for helping those in the community who are doing it tough. Four proposals were chosen by the Year 8 Maths teachers to be presented to the Prefects for consideration in 2019.

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**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 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
- Garry Lawler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

**Drums**

- James Dennett / 0401 549 084

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**K-6 Library Year-End Activities**

The end of the school year is fast approaching and lots of exciting activities will be happening in the library.

- **Week 5** (ending November 16)
  - Return Year 3-6 student library books.
  - Term 4 prizes and library party invitations awarded.

- **Week 6** (ending November 23)
  - Library parties for perfect borrowers.

- **Week 7** (ending November 30)
  - Library parties for perfect borrowers.
  - Return all student Year 4 class library books.
  - Return all Parent library books.
  - There are prizes for the first class in each Stage to return all their library books!

**Library Borrowing**

**Primary School**

Primary School borrowing has finished for the year and students are receiving their prizes and Pizza Party Invitations this week. Please help your children to find any overdue books and return them as soon as possible.

**Secondary School**

Secondary School students are still searching for supplementary texts and preparing for exams. Please note that Secondary School students who are planning to return in 2019 are able to borrow books for the Christmas break as long as all overdue books have been returned first.

**Stage 3 Book Club**

We held our final Stage 3 Book Club on Monday and a room full of students competed, completing book titles to win. Book Club students also had the first chance to borrow the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid book Meltdown.

There will be lots more fun and new books to see when Stage 3 BookClub runs again next year.

Our featured artist this week is Justine Clarke with her album ‘Community Christmas Carols | 2 December 2018’.