Primary Calendar - Term 2
Y3 & 5 NAPLAN Tests .....................May 14 - 24
Book Fair ............................................May 20 - 23
Y4 Awakabal Excursion ....................May 21
Y2 Sunnyside Excursion ...................May 23
School Photos .......................................May 30
Queen’s Birthday Holiday ..................June 10
Y3&4 Athletics Carnival ....................Jun 25
Y5&6 Athletics Carnival ....................Jun 26
School Musical .....................................Jun 27-29
Primary Parent Teacher Night ............Jul 2

Secondary Calendar - Term 2
Y7 & 9 NAPLAN Tests .....................May 14 - 24
Book Fair .............................................May 20 - 23
HRIS Netball ........................................May 21
Athletics Carnival ..............................May 27
Y12 Food Tech Excursion ....................May 28
Global Leadership Summit .................May 29
School Photos .......................................May 30
Y12 Business Studies Excursion ..........Jun 3
Avondale College Future’s Day ..........Jun 4
AICES Cross Country .........................Jun 4

School Terms 2019
Term 2 ..................................................May 6 - Jul 5
Term 3 ...................................................Jul 22 - Sep 27
Term 4 ..................................................Oct 14 - Dec 6

THE VIEW

Kids have a lot of dreams. Some want to be professional athletes or Olympic gold medal winners, famous singers, actors or even explorers. Not to mention firefighters, police officers, doctors and vets. Some want to make truckloads of money, live in big houses and have cool, fast cars. They have great dreams about doing, not being. They aren’t focused on who they should be on the inside – their values and priorities – even though all those inner attributes affect everything else. Who they are will shape everything they do.

In our culture, this struggle between being and doing starts early and is often unknowingly encouraged. I have asked my kids what they want to be when they grow up and I remember being asked that question. We ask our children what they want to be when they grow up so much more often than we ask them what kind of person they want to be. When we ask “What do you want to be?” They think what we really mean is “What job do you want to have?” It focuses on what they do rather than who they are. And most will spend their lives identifying themselves by what they do.

Growing up I had a friend Seth who was the same person if he was winning or losing, his self-esteem didn’t depend on what he accomplished. He was the school’s star AFL player and distance runner, a champion swimmer and he played the guitar brilliantly. After a motor vehicle accident his face was permanently disfigured and he was never able to run and play like he used to. He didn’t lose his identity, he was still Seth. He didn’t lose his spark for life, his self-worth didn’t depend on him being the star, he was still a great guy, funny and smart. Although being less physically able changed what he was capable of doing, it didn’t change who he was.

The most important thing about you is who you are, not what you do. You may think you’ll be satisfied when you fulfil your goals or achieve the role you have dreamed of, but if you have an unsatisfied heart now, outward accomplishments won’t change that. Pr Brian challenged me the other day inspiring me to think about some of these things. Know who you are on the inside and what God has done to make you who you are. That’s where your identity comes from.

“Who are you?” is not asking what you do. Your identity is defined by the God who made you, it doesn’t change with circumstances. Let’s remind ourselves to not get so caught up in our ‘doing’ that we forget about ‘being’.

Ken Tosen
Secondary Wellbeing Coordinator
CLASS

Year 1 Muffins for Mum

Year 1 celebrated their mums on Monday with a lovely Muffins for Mum afternoon tea.

SPORT

Interschools Snow Sports

The 2019 Interschools Snow Sports competition is being held at Perisher from Tuesday July 9 - 13 (in school holidays). In 2018 we had a team of 5 students who enjoyed the winter sport activities. Students need to be registered through the School. If you would like further information please check out the following website https://interschoolsnowsports.com.au or contact Mr Head.

Primary Chess Competition

There are 16 students who are enjoying the finer points of playing chess with our chess coach, Mr Gary Losh, on Monday afternoons. These students will make up our four chess teams who will play against six other local schools in a Gala Day at Avondale School in Week 7 of this term. A second Gala Day will be held in Term 3 before the regional finals in Newcastle in Term 4.

Athletics

Students in Years 3-6 are enjoying athletics for Friday sport training in 8 different disciplines, concentrating on two specific areas each week. Students are enjoying our new high jump mats and new throwing equipment. The Athletics Carnivals will be held at school in Week 8.

Champion Students

At Avondale School we love to acknowledge champions. Sometimes students achieve amazing things outside of school sport and we would like to support these students publicly. If your child has an amazing achievement to share (eg. State Representative) please contact Mr Head.

Morning Drop-off Time

Our Primary playground is supervised from 8.00am each morning. Students are not permitted to be in the playground before 8.00am for safety reasons. Please work with us to ensure the safety of our students.
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Year 8 English Project Based Learning
Last week Year 8 English students concluded a Project Based Learning experience aimed at exploring the driving question of “How can we engage and educate children through picture books?” The project launch event saw students gaining some excellent advice about children’s book writing and illustrating from a professional picture book artist Jenni Goodman, after which our students embarked on the process of creating their own picture books for our Kindy students across the campus. To help them create the most engaging book possible each Year 8 student met a Kindy student and got to know them and gain a feel for their particular interests. After weeks of planning, storyboarding and drafting our Year 8 students finally shared their picture books with their Kindy buddies. Many of the Year 8 students were quite nervous about sharing their work and hoped that their Kindy buddy liked what they had made for them, but were very relieved and rewarded by the laughter, smiles and appreciation they received. It was a memorable learning experience!

Year 7 Mandarin
Chinese culture and language are very different from our own, yet China is one of our Pacific partners. This term we have been trying to learn some basic skills in speaking and writing. Year 7 students recently had a task for which they had to prepare a lesson on an aspect of Chinese culture and teach it to their class. This varied from eating noodles with chopsticks, to the Terracotta Warriors to the protected Pandas. Not only did they have to research their topic but they also had to create an activity for the class and be ready for questions. Teachers of the future?

STEM

Engineering Girl’s Talk
Not sure what career path to take? Do you enjoy maths and science and solving problems? You’d make a great engineer!

Female engineers work on an endless array of projects - NASA space suits, cutting edge electronics, structures, aeroplanes, machinery, space and literally anything you can think of. At this free information session just for girls (and their parents) participants will hear from female engineers from various engineering disciplines. These engineers will share information on projects they’ve worked on, what their day to day engineering life entails, where their career has taken them and what inspired them to choose engineering as a profession. Female students from Years 7-12 who are interested in a career in engineering, maths or science, or just want to hear what engineering is about, should attend. You’ll have the chance to talk to representatives from the University of Newcastle and the Hunter Institute of TAFE about course information and the best subjects to select. Numbers are limited so interested students are encouraged to register early.

When: May 18 2019, 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Venue: Engineers Australia Newcastle, Suite 3 Tonella Commercial Centre, 125 Bull Street (entry via Dick St), Newcastle West
Further Information including registration details: https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/event/2019/03/girls-talk-engineering-newcastle

SPORT

Central Coast Oztag Regional Tournament
Dates: Y9/10 and Opens - Wednesday June 19
Venue: Central Coast Regional Sporting Complex, 20 Lake Road, Tuggerah
Canteen: Full canteen and BBQ will be operating on the day.
Students who are wanting to try out for the teams are encouraged to come down to the ovals at lunchtimes and play. For more information please contact Mr Gorry or Mr Stuart.

Global Leadership Summit
Be a part of this exciting leadership summit on May 29, coming to you at Avondale School. Be inspired by speakers, empowered by worship, encouraged by each other, as you build and grow in your leadership. This event is open to all Secondary students, and is just $40 per student. Visit www.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/gls to book and for more information. We look forward to seeing you.

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Call Rachel at Career Options 0405 383 210
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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
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
Jan Hughes / 4977 2037
Henry Higgins / 0490 0404 308
Sophie-Lee Johnson / 0490 451 781

Voice
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

Strings
Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 040 308
Esther Albert (cello / violin / double bass) / 0439 420 661

Woodwinds
Meldi Arkinstall (flute) / 0413 548 985
Fred Cracknell (saxophone / clarinet) / 0404 082 151

Brass
Fred Cracknell / 0404 082 151

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

The Barefoot Investor
Scott Pape, author of the recent bestseller The Barefoot Investor, wants to ensure financial security is available to everyone in the community, from children to school leavers to mature age adults. To help with this, he has donated a copy of The Barefoot Investor for families to every school in Australia. If you would like to read either of Scott Pape’s books, drop into the library and borrow one soon!

Photo Fundraiser for Cambodia
We are holding a portrait fundraising day on Sunday, May 19 and would be delighted to receive a donation from you in return for a framed 10”x13” family portrait and keyring (of your family – valued at $90!) by Laura Jean. Bookings can be made at www.trybooking.com/478083

School Reports
We are excited to provide a more cohesive reporting process for the first half of the year as part of our new reporting system. As a result, K-11 student reports will be available early in Term 3. We believe these new initiatives will add further value to our reporting.

Book Fair is Next Week!
We are excited as our annual Book Fair is next week! You’ll find book bargains galore in the library from Monday May 20 to Thursday May 23, 8.00am - 4.00pm. You won’t want to miss the excellent fiction, non-fiction and picture books from Scholastic and Redgum Books, and Bibles from Better Books and Food. There will be books for all budgets with prices from as low as $2.00 so plan to come and grab some bargains. EFTPOS will be available for your convenience. Check out the library Landscape page for more information. https://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/1762

National Simultaneous Storytime
Next Wednesday May 22 we are joining with thousands of Australian students who will all be listening to the SAME STORY, Alpacas with Maracas, at the SAME TIME! Join in the fun at 11.00am, recess time, in the Story Centre and you won’t be disappointed! There will be free bookmarks for the first 30 students to arrive.

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