It may only be Week 2 of term but we have had a huge week! Our sport focus for Term 4 is swimming and students from Years 3-6 began swimming lessons on Wednesday. Despite icy weather the pool was 28 degrees! Several students did a great job of representing our school at PSSA Athletics. We’re really proud of their determination and sportsmanship. Our choir students spent a day rehearsing for a combined choirs performance and Kindy students came to school in pyjamas!

Our Student Representative Council met and made lots of great suggestions for ways that we could improve things at school. The suggestions ranged from uniform issues to ways to make the school more sustainable. They chose to send thank you letters on behalf of the student body to some staff members who they really appreciate. It’s great to see students develop an attitude of appreciation.

We have continued our focus on Responsibility this week. A key element of being responsible is owning your actions. We help our children to do this by encouraging them to acknowledge how their actions have impacted others and what they can do to help make things better.

Enjoy the weekend!

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YEAR 4 DISCOVER SIMPLE MACHINES

Year 4 enjoyed an excursion to the Secondary School Industrial Arts Centre to discover more about ‘simple machines’. Mr Nigel Lynn demonstrated how screws, levers, pulleys, inclined planes, wedges, wheels and axles help make our work easier.

HEADS UP!

Thought for the week: “The greatest day in your life and mine is when we take total responsibility for our attitudes. That’s the day we truly grow up.” John C. Maxwel

Week 2 - done!
Assessment schedules are out. You can also access them via iCal (with reminders).
Year 12 started their HSC exams and mostly went down without a hitch! We continue to pray for their success.
Bungonia proved a climatic challenge for our Year 9s and staff, but they made it back in one piece! Phew! A memorable week. Drama students really enjoyed the Glass Menagerie and the first Combined Choir Rehearsal went brilliantly – pencil that one in for November 1! Of course a handful of our junior students headed into Warners Bay today to participate in the Torch Relay for the International Children’s Games while our Year 11 (now 12) students headed off to Crosslands Camp for their weekend retreat (sounds nice, huh?).

And next week? HSC exams continue, our Year 11s return on Monday from their camp and we have our Parent Teacher night for Year 11s on Tuesday (4.00 – 7.00 pm). Later in the week, our Drama team put on a showcase of the year and our Art Show takes a new home in our Collaborative Learning Centre on Saturday night. Between 4 & 5 weeks left to exams for our Year 7-10 students.

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General News

ICAS Presentation
Monday, 20 October
The ICAS presentation for the Mathematics, English and Spelling Competitions will be held on Monday morning during assembly, weather permitting.

Head Lice
We have had a number of reported cases of head lice at school this week. Can you please check your children over the weekend and if necessary treat the hair and remove all eggs before they return to school.

Great Achievement
Congratulations to Kaine R in Year 6 who came 2nd in the Junior Handler Class at the Singleton Show recently. He is pictured here with his shire mare named Nalla.

SPORT NEWS

Kings Chess Final
Wednesday, October 22
The Hunter Region Kings Chess final will be held at Ashtonfield Public School on Wednesday, October 22. Flynn K, Elijah S, Kaleb Ginn, and Matthew B will be representing Avondale School.

HRIS Chess Competition
Friday, October 24
The HRIS Primary Chess Competition will be held in the Avondale School MPC on Friday, October 24. There are already over 160 students registered from the 16 HRIS schools. Avondale School’s Kings, Knights and Rookies teams will be competing at this BIG event.

TERM 4 SWIMMING PROGRAM
Years 3-6 Swimming
Students are required to bring clearly named swimmers (girls are required to wear a one piece or a rash shirt over swimmers), towel and goggles. A signed note from home is required if students are unable to participate due to illness. Students are assessed in swimming classes and certificates are awarded.

WEDNESDAYS
Class Depart School
4P Mrs Pascoe 12.50 pm
4B Mrs Bishop 12.50 pm
4R Mrs Roberts 1.25 pm
3M Miss Moncrieff 1.25 pm
3R Mr Robinson 2.00 pm
3S Mr Skinner 2.00 pm

FRIDAYS
Class Depart School
5V Mr Venegas 12.50 pm
5Q Mrs Morton (Quick) 12.50 pm
5P Miss Piez 1.25 pm
6M Mrs Morton 1.25 pm
6MH Mr Hosken 2.00 pm
6H Mrs Hill 2.00 pm

Kindy-Year 2 Learn to Swim Program
November 10 – November 21
All students in Kindy, Years 1 and 2 will participate in a Learn to Swim Program at Morisset Heated Pool from Monday, November 10 until Friday, November 21. Students are required to bring their swimmers and towel (goggles are optional) each day for the two week program.

Primary Sport – Term 4

Kindy students are to wear their sports uniform on Mondays.

Years 1 & 2 students are to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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Principal’s Message

Just last week there was a media editorial about young employees and their dress, punctuality and accountability at work. Employees sometimes have lots of excuses but still expect to be paid. Employers are finding it hard to get employees who are responsible. We all make choices and as a result of those choices there is often consequence. Students arrive late at school and blame the alarm clock. It was their choice to check it was set before they went to bed, but somehow the clock is to blame for the lateness. Lots of the things we do at school are great preparation for the adult world of work and life choices. Students and staff do their tasks to the best of their ability, on time and mostly without prompting. We expect students to have the correct uniform and to present appropriately. This makes us accountable as a result of our choices. Our family value of responsibility is very appropriate to promote at this time as we set goals for the rest of the year.

In the Working Mom Manifesto Heather Schuck wrote, “Taking personal accountability is a beautiful thing because it gives us complete control of our destinies.” It is great to see a young person accept the challenge, step up and make choices to be accountable for their lives. This begins with making right choices in small steps and it works best when mums and dads work in partnership with the school.

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faul
Principal

PK Mag Online

The library has just subscribed to a new online magazine just for primary aged students. PK Mag is a place where primary school students can express their ideas and thoughts and where they can share their creativity in words, art, film or music. This is a fun and interactive site that can be accessed through the School Primary Library homepage at school and at home - http://accessit.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au http://www.goodreadingmagazine.com.au/libraries.cfm?lib=362&src=qILHniXv

Spine Out

Spine Out magazine, also available on the library homepage (remember to log in as 'senior'), is a secondary school level magazine similar to PK Mag. If you would like to be a reviewer for this magazine, please contact Mrs Blyde for further details. http://www.goodreadingmagazine.com.au/libraries.cfm?lib=362&src=KrTra5x

If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28 (CEV)
2014 ARTSHOW
“My Backyard”

25 OCTOBER 6.30PM
Collaborative Learning Centre
Secondary Campus

2014 ENTRY FORM
The theme this year is “My Backyard”

HOW TO ENTER
1. Complete form and attach to artwork
2. Drop to Admin Building by Thursday 23 October

Thanks to Cherry Building for sponsoring the event

CATEGORIES
Infants (K-2)
Primary (3-6)
Jnr High (7-9)
Senior High (10-12)

SECTIONS
Painting & Drawing
Photography & Digital Media
Sculpture & Other Media

ALL ARTWORK DUE BY 23 OCTOBER

Name: ___________________________  Parent Mobile: ___________________________

[] Infants  [] Primary  [] Junior High  [] Senior High

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Write a short statement about your work:

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Winners will be announced on Saturday Night 25 October at 6.30pm / More Info www.avondaleschool.com.au