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Out of Uniform Procedure
If your child is out of uniform, parents need to send a note or email to the teacher to explain the uniform situation. We ask that you have your child back in the correct uniform as quickly as possible.

No Parking!
Please note that the drive through zone in the Primary carpark is NOT a parking area in the afternoon. This zone MUST be kept clear for after school care buses. Thank you for noting this.

School Travel 2018 – Opal Cards
Students will need to keep their current Opal Cards for travel in 2018. These cards will be automatically deactivated for school holidays and then reactivated for school travel in Term 1 so do not throw them away. Please note, you will need to reapply at www.transpotsnsw.info/school-students only if your child is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 or from Year 6 to Year 7 to ensure your child is able to travel in 2018.

Primary Speech Night
Thursday, December 7, 5.00 pm
Speech Night will be held in the MPC from 5.00 pm until 6.15 pm on Thursday, December 7.

The Munchery 2018
Please note for 2018 that The Munchery will not be open until Monday, February 5. This is Week 2 of school.

Community Christmas Carols Featured Artist:
COLIN BUCHANAN, renown Christian artist and former Play School host.
Dublin-born Colin Buchanan is an ARIA, APRA and 9 times Golden Guitar winning singer/songwriter whose diverse career includes being a beloved ABC TV Play School presenter, sought-after hit song collaborator, Australia’s #1 Christian kids artist and regular panellist on ABC Sydney Drive’s ‘Thank God It’s Friday’ with Richard Glover and the cream of Australia’s comedy community. He has toured for many years and we are fortunate to have him at our event this year.
Gates open at 4.30 pm at Avondale School. There will be ample parking close to the venue. For more information visit www.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/carols.

Term 4 Sport Uniform
Kindy, Year 1 & Year 2: Wear sports uniform on Monday.
Years 3 & 4: Wear sports uniform on Wednesday.
Years 5 & 6: Wear sports uniform on Friday.

Knights & Rookies Chess Finals
The finals of the Knights and Rookies Chess were held in Newcastle this week. Congratulations to all our students who have done amazingly well this year. Our Knights came 3rd overall and the two Rookies teams came 2nd and 3rd in the Hunter Region. Special congratulations to Ethan G who scored 6.5/7 points. Isaac C, Hayden I, Samantha L and Xander H all scored 6/7 points.

Girls’ Soccer
Our Girls’ Soccer Team played a very exciting match at Lakes Anglican Grammar School with the final score 2/2 at full time. The team then went on to play in the extra time but unfortunately had two goals scored against them. It was a fantastic morning of soccer with all girls coming home winners.

Table Tennis Competition
November 20 - 22
The Table Tennis Competition will be held next week in the MPC. The competition will be run over three lunchtimes. Students need to register for the competition with Mr Head.

Years 3-6 Hand Ball Competition
November 29
The Handball Competition will be held on November 29 for students in Years 3-6. There will be two divisions - Junior (Years 3-4) and Senior (Years 5-6). Students who would like to play need to register their names next week with Mr Head.

Years 3-6 Swimming Program
Students in Years 3 and 4 swim on Wednesdays and Years 5 and 6 on Fridays. Students will be under the instruction of qualified swim instructors at the Morisset Heated Pool. All students are to wear their sports uniform on their swimming day ONLY. Please note that swimming replaces Friday sport for the rest of Term 4.
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 are optional. 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
4B Mrs Bishop 12.50 pm
4C Mr Clark 12.50 pm
3M Miss Moncrieff 1.25 pm
4R Mrs Roberts 1.25 pm
3D Mrs Dumbrell 2.00 pm
3W Mrs Watson 2.00 pm
Fridays
CLASS DEPART SCHOOL
5S Mr Skinner 12.50 pm
5V Mr Venegas 12.50 pm
5M Mrs Morton 1.25 pm
6Hi Mrs Hill 1.25 pm
6M Mrs Morton 2.00 pm
6Ho Mr Hosken 2.00 pm

Early Years Christmas Party
You are invited to the Avondale School Early Years party
Thursday 30 November from 10am - 12noon
Cost $15 (includes child’s lunch)
Come dressed in something green/animal costume
5 bring swimmer & 5 towel for the slp 5 slide
Make sure you bring a lunch boxed and a drink for kids jungle 5 drink
Register and pay online by 26 November 2017 avondaleschoolsnew.edu.au or 0403 546 329

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Year 12 Cambodia Service Trip
Some of our Year 12 students left bright and early on Monday morning to fly to Cambodia for the annual Service Trip. Students arrived safely in Phnom Penh on Tuesday and are getting ready to tour the Killing Fields and S21.

Music Performance
On Sunday, November 12 Rhianna L performed a viola solo at the Opera House in the Utzon room to celebrate graduating Suzuki Level 5. She performed the 3rd Movement of the French Dances by M. Marais called ‘La Matelotte’. Congratulations on all your hard work!

Baptism

When: Saturday November 25 @ 4:30pm
Where: Shingle Splitters Park, Balcolyn
(OR if wet weather: Avondale College Church, Cooranbong - Check the Avondale School Facebook page to confirm location if weather is not looking good on the morning of November 25.)

Invitation: We would love for you to come and support these young people as they each make their commitment to God: Tyson Hibbard, Byron Richards, Jeremy Howse, Liam Bennett, Nikysha Bennett & Chloe Hibbard.

(In addition, you are also welcome to come and join these young people for lunch at 1:30pm at Shingle Splitters (weather permitting) - bring along a BYO picnic.)

Secondary Speech Night
Thursday, December 7, 7.30 pm
Speech Night will be held in the MPC from 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm on Thursday, December 7.

End of Year Sign-off
If for some reason your child(ren) will be finishing earlier than the scheduled Friday, December 8, you will need to have a request in writing to Mr Craig ASAP please. This will allow us to provision time for all the school processes to be completed by your child(ren) before leaving. We are required to record official attendance to December 8. If your child(ren) leave early, a note of explanation will be required for BOSTES purposes.

STEP UP

3.30 – 4.30 PM THURSDAYS ALL THIS TERM 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!
**LIBRARY**

**Holiday Reading Options**

There are only a couple of weeks remaining to borrow books but we aim to have our new E-book and E-Audiobook collections up and running in time for students to use them over the holidays. The E-books and E-Audiobooks will work on any device and are great for travelling, holiday reading and listening. Watch this space for more details.

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

- **Week 7 (ending Nov 24)**: Library parties for perfect borrowers
- **Week 8 (ending Dec 1)**: Return all student Year 4 & 5 class library books

There are prizes for the first class in each Stage to return all their library books. Prizes will be awarded in Monday Assembly on November 20.

**K-6 Library Parties**

Big congratulations go to the 168 students who have borrowed books EVERY week this year! That’s a massive achievement with many hundreds of books being read! Our Year 3-6 students have enjoyed their library parties this week with Kindy to Year 2 looking forward to their library parties next week. All the students are to be commended for their excellent manners and library party behaviour! Library party photos can be viewed on the iCentre Landscape page. https://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/1762

**CALENDAR**

**Primary Calendar - Term 4**

- **Table Tennis Competition** ....................................................November 20 - 22
- **NSW Chess Championship Kings Team** ..............................................November 26
- **Pupil Free Day** ........................................................................November 27
- **Handball Competition** .................................................................November 29
- **Kindy Concert** ...........................................................................November 29
- **P&F Meeting 3.15 - 4.00pm Admin Building (LAST ONE 2017)** November 30
- **Community Christmas Carols** ......................................................December 3
- **Primary Speech Night 5.00pm** ..................................................December 7
- **Last Day of Term 4** .................................................................December 8

**Secondary Calendar - Term 4**

- **Year 12 Cambodia Service Trip** ..............................................November 12 - 26
- **Year 11 Geography / Chemistry / Physics Excursion** ...............November 20
- **Years 7 - 9 Exams** ................................................................November 20 - 24
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**PLEASE NOTE**

**School Fee Payment**

Thank you to all who have finalised their fee accounts for this year. Term 4 has certainly gone very quickly and we now only have 3 weeks left to the end of school so we would request any money still owing on fees be paid by this time. If you have any queries concerning your account, please contact Faye or Sheree in the Business Office.

**P&F Leaders Needed for 2018**

Put your hands up! Avondale School P&F are looking for new leaders and a new team to lend a helping hand in 2018 and beyond. If you are a parent and have a keen interest in being a part of what goes on at school, we would love to have you on board. Contact us at admin@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au

**ADRA Gift Christmas Tree**

For most Australians, Christmas is a time of cheerful carols, bright colourful lights and tightly wrapped presents sitting under tinsel-covered trees. But for followers of Jesus, Christmas is about something much more exciting - celebrating the birth of our Saviour. He came into this world as a tiny baby to save us from our sins. What an incredible gift that is! God’s sacrifice shows that the very act of giving is at the core of Christ’s ministry here on earth. You can help create a brighter future for people in poverty by purchasing a meaningful gift from the Avondale School ADRA Christmas Tree. Just $45 can provide 12 egg laying ducks to a family so that they can start a business and build a brighter and more secure future. Many other gift options are available from $2 - $1000+. See the ADRA Christmas Tree in our Admin Office to purchase a life-changing gift today and help brighten someone’s future.

**Position Available - Assistant Accountant**

Avondale School is seeking a qualified and experienced person to join our Finance team at Cooranbong. The position is full time. Critical thinking, attention to detail and a high level of accuracy is essential in fulfilling this role. Excellent interpersonal skills and a customer focus will be considered favourably. For further details contact Faye Saville at fsaville@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au. Applications close 24 November 2017 with a commencement date in early December 2017.