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Enjoy some family fun during the holidays. Perhaps you could continue teaching your children about compassion by encouraging random acts of kindness! It can be incredibly positive for children to learn to look for the needs of others and to receive affirmation for being kind.

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And we’re done for another term! Well, it feels like we’ve slammed into the end of this week and the term. ‘Full steam ahead’ is really how things have gone since Family Festival – Year 11 Exams have continued each day with no major dramas; our Cans of Compassion drive met with reasonable success (even though it wasn’t entirely cool to be seen bringing in cans of food!); Year 12 hung on to see the week out and enjoyed a wonderful celebratory Farewell Chapel and BBQ today; and tests and tasks seem to have been coming from every which angle! Thanks to everyone for another successful term of learning, fun and cooperation!

In just over two weeks?
Our first event starts straight away for Year 9 next term with our ‘No Apologies’ course on Tuesday and Wednesday. Year 12s start their HSC in the second week, and Year 9 are off to Bungonia while our Year 11s become HSC candidates, beginning their final year with us … ALREADY! This cycle seems to happen so quickly!

THAT’S ALL FOLKS … EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED …
If milk goes bad when it’s not refrigerated, why does it not go bad inside the cow?

Have a superb holiday, students, and parents … stay calm!

Mr Benton Craig
Head of Secondary
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HEADED UP!

PHOTOS:

Thought for the week: Mrs Cooper shared a great quote with us on Wednesday @ worship and I wanted to share – “If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.” Dalai Lama

Mrs Deb Cooper
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Year 6 Rocket Launch

On Tuesday the Year 6 rocket launch went off with a bang! The perfect weather conditions meant Year 6 students were able to launch and recover their own model rockets. After weeks of following detailed instructions, each personalised rocket was glued together with precision and care. As the perfect ending to a science unit on energy and electricity, the rocket launch was a great way to witness first hand the pyrotechnic power of such a small engine.
**General News**

**HUGE Compassion**
What a blessing to those many families who are in need in our community. The collection of non-perishable items was massive and this good will be used directly to make food parcels for families doing it tough. Our local Cooranbong Community Centre was so pleased to receive this very generous act of compassion.

**K-12 Summer Uniform – Term 4**
Summer uniform will be worn from the start of Term 4. There is no cross-over period. For your convenience, please note that the Uniform Shop will be open on the following days during the holidays from 9.00 am until 5.00 pm:
- Tuesday, September 30
- Wednesday, October 1

**SPORT NEWS**

**Primary School Tennis Competition**
This week the Primary School Tennis Competition was held with over 25 students entering from Years 2-6. While some students need a little more practise in serving from the baseline, most students could play quite well.

The Year 6 boys division will not be completed until next term but the other divisions are now complete.

Students progressing to HRIS will be announced in Week 1 of Term 4 at the trophy presentation.

**Water Skiing Champion**
Christian W (6Hi) has been waterskiing for three years and has already been to NSW State and Nationals Competitions. Recently Christian competed in the NSW/QLD State of Origin Waterski Championships and came 4th. His younger brother Riley (1S) also competed, coming 6th.

**SECONDARY CLASS NEWS**

**Year 7 Music**
Year 7 Music classes took on a whole new look on Tuesday as each roll class experienced African rhythms. The students had a blast in group workshops, looking at ways sounds and beats combine to create music of a drumming kind. Thanks to our music teachers for making this happen!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Help promote our School to your friends & family by booking a tour at www.avondaleschool.com.au THIS SUNDAY!

Don’t miss it!

Thanks to our Major & Gold Sponsors

FESTIVAL

AVONDALE SCHOOL

14 September 9am - 2pm

119 Avondale Rd Cooranbong

• Carnival Rides  • Animal Farm   • School Campus Tours
• 1km & 3km Fun Run • Market Stalls    • Pony Rides
• Food Fair   • Car Show   • Helicopter Joy Flights
• Clowns & Face Painting   • BANDS & ENTERTAINMENT AND LOADS MORE!

Loads of attractions on the day...

Peter Dixon Band live on MAIN STAGE from 9am

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
2015 Planning

We are excited about our plans that we have programmed for your child/ren in 2015. 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 2015, please notify the Principal by the end of this term via email.

Dr David Faul
Principal

UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY HOURS

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ART SHOW

October 25

Theme: My Backyard

Simply fill in one of our prayer cards and let us know what you can take to Jesus on your behalf. You can put your name, you can be really specific or you can just leave a general request and we’ll take it to Jesus when we’re next on our knees.

MUSIC LESSONS

The following is a list of private teachers offering music lessons at School. Please contact these teachers directly.

**Primary Doctor**

Best for grades K-6

- Guitar
- Piano
- Violin
- Ukulele
- Drum
- Keyboard
- Flute
- Cello
- Saxophone

**Secondary Doctor**

Best for grades 7-10

- Piano
- Guitar
- Violin
- Clarinet
- Trumpet
- Saxophone
- Flute
- Ukulele

**Junior Doctor**

Best for grades 11-12

- Guitar
- Ukulele
- Trumpet
- Saxophone

**NOTES**

- Spring Primary Lessons start: Tuesday, January 27
- Spring Secondary Lessons start: Tuesday, January 27
- Spring Junior Lessons start: Tuesday, January 27

School Term Dates 2015

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A PRAYER?

We appreciate your feedback. For those who haven’t completed the survey yet, this is your last chance to have your say, as the survey will close on Monday, September 22. Please take this opportunity to complete the survey today.

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