This week (deep breath) four basketball teams represented us at the HRIS Gala Day. Year 5 visited the IMAX theatre in Sydney. We enjoyed Avondale’s Got Talent (Years 3-4) and our students had the opportunity to see the Secondary Campus Musical. Forty students from Years 3-6 sat the ICAS Spelling Competition. The week finished with a fantastic Chapel program complete with puppets. Kindy Grandparents’ Day and Year 2 Athletics Carnival. Reports are printed and ready to be sent home with students.

Our first big event for the final week of term is Parent Teacher Interviews on Monday evening. Next week Year 3-6 students will be competing in their Athletics Carnivals and Year 1 students are off to the Reptile Park. Thursday is E-Day, when Year 6 students run businesses and the rest of our students use the E-dollars that they are given to support the businesses. We also have a Mufti Day on Friday to raise money for reading books for a school in Cambodia.

It’s hard not to be enthusiastic when we’re having so much fun! All of these special events and activities give our students a chance to face challenges and excel.

**Thought for the week:** “Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.” Winston Churchill

**Week 8 – check!**

Our Year 12 Modern History class had a wonderful time on their excursion and the students performing The Story – The Musical couldn’t have made us more proud! We have had a few hiccups with our report process this week, so we’re hoping to have an email and PDF report coming your way before the end of the day. Printed copies will be available for collection at the Parent Teacher Interviews. Our Step Up program has now run for nearly the entire semester and we continue to have a positive number of students regularly attending. This week was no exception! Finally, our School was well represented at the HRIS Basketball competition today in Newcastle. At the time of this Newsletter’s production, results were still ‘in the air’!

**On the Horizon …**

As mentioned, our Parent Teacher Interview nights are next Tuesday and Wednesday nights (4.00 – 8.00 pm). We hope to see you there! And a number of our students will be leaving early on Friday to go on our STORMCo trip! We’re also planning a Mufti Day for next Friday – raising money for readers that will be used in an English program in our Cambodia Project School.

**THAT’S ALL FOLKS … EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED …**

Why is vanilla ice cream white when vanilla extract is brown?

Hope you get a chance to come see The Story – The Musical tomorrow night! 6.00 pm for refreshments. 7.00 pm we commence.

**Mr Benton Craig**

Head of Secondary

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**The Story**

The buzz this week has been around the Secondary Campus’ Musical program, The Story. Orchestra and Cast have had a dress rehearsal, two matinees and an evening performance. The audiences have been thoroughly moved and enthralled with animated performances of characters from the story of God and His people. Adapted from the Bible itself, the compelling narration and inspirational music has been a real highlight of this week, both for our own students, our school families and many community members. The last performance is on Saturday night – the musical will begin at 7.00 pm sharp! You probably don’t want to miss it!
**General News**

**Mufti Day - Friday, June 27**

Next Friday, June 27, the last day of term, students are asked to wear mufti clothing as part of a fundraising effort for children in Cambodia who desperately need readers. Each reading book costs $3. It would be great if each student could bring $3 so we can purchase and send as many readers as possible. Students are reminded they need to wear closed shoes. No singlet tops, short shorts, jewellery or makeup is to be worn. Be part of the solution, bring $3 and wear Mufti on Friday, June 27.

**Uniform Matters - Hair**

Our uniform policy states that girls hair is to be tied back and boys hair needs to be short, neat and tidy. Please make sure all students’ hair complies with our grooming standards.

**School Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews**

School Reports are being sent home with your child today. Parent Teacher Interviews will be held this coming Monday, June 23 in the iCentre. Bookings can be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com until 12.00 noon on Monday. The booking code is EFNKQ. We look forward to seeing you there.

**CIS Cross Country**

Last week 20 enthusiastic runners travelled to Eastern Creek for the CIS Cross Country Championships. The weather was kind on the day with many personal best times being achieved. There were up to 100 of the best runners in NSW in each age group. Almost every student who had been in previous years improved on their placing. Some outstanding performances this year were:

- Elia G (8 & 9 Years) - 8 year old placed 19th in the 9 year event. Elia was the second 8 year old to place in the top 20 places.
- Luke P (9 Years) 13th
- Dylan P (12 Years) 14th

**HRIS Basketball**

This week our four basketball teams competed at the HRIS Basketball Competition in Newcastle. With nine schools competing in two divisions it was the biggest Basketball Event HRIS has ever organised. Our four teams achieved excellent results thanks to our dedicated staff.

Senior Boys
- 2nd place medallions (outstanding player Jerry R)

Senior Girls
- 5th place (outstanding player Mariah S)

Junior Boys
- 2nd place medallions (outstanding player Mitchell A)

Junior Girls
- 5th place (outstanding player Charlotte B)

A HUGE THANK YOU to our Team Coaches Pr Mel, Jacob B, Jope T, Mrs Quick and Miss Cobbin.

**Avondale’s Got Talent - Years 5 & 6**

**Monday, June 23**

Avondale’s Got Talent continues on Monday with the Years 5 and 6 acts. The students were selected from their class concert performance. The concert will be held this coming Monday, June 23 in the Music Building during lunchtime from 12.30 pm. All parents are welcome to attend and are asked to sign in at the Office.

**Vacation Care**

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HRIS Netball
On Friday, June 13 two eager Avondale School netball teams headed to Newcastle to play in the HRIS Netball Gala Day. The senior girls achieved their best result in many years, coming 3rd out of 12 schools. The girls only lost 2 of their 7 games and defeated Newcastle Grammar School by 5 points in their final game. Earlier in the day Newcastle Grammar School had beaten them by only 2 points. The girls showed great effort and determination to do well. The junior girls team also played well, having a number of close games, rewarded with some wins. A big thank you to the parents and families who came along and cheered. We look forward to next year to see what each team can achieve.

Athletics
The 1500m event will be run next Monday lunchtime on the oval, weather permitting.

Mountain Biking Achievements
We recently had three Avondale School students compete in the Under 17s 4X (4 cross) and Dual Slalom State Championships. 4X is four riders racing a track with obstacles designed to propel the rider into the air or slow the rider on a short race. Dual Slalom is two riders starting together and racing down individual tracks, usually around poles passing left and right. The first to cross the finish line at the bottom is the winner. Congratulations to the following students on their results:
Tyson W (Year 9) 1st place for Dual Slalom, 3rd place for 4X
Patrick B (Year 8) 3rd place for Dual Slalom, 2nd place for 4X
Austin M (Year 10) 4th place for Dual Slalom and 4X

Jet Black NSW All Schools Cross Country Mountain Biking Championship 2014
Year 10 students, Travis L, Jamie P, Dylan M and Austin M came 4th at the All Schools Cross Country Mountain Biking Competition on Sunday, despite one rider crashing and another having to ride most of the lap with a flat tyre. A big congratulations to these boys and they are wished all the best for their future races.

Secondary Chess
Congratulations to the Secondary Chess team who defeated Hunter Valley Grammar last week 3/1.

Mufti Day Friday, June 27
Next Friday, June 27 we are having a mufti day to fundraise for the ‘Say and Do English’ program which is for children in Cambodia who desperately need readers. Each reading book costs $3.00. That means that if we all bring $3, we’ve basically provided for 400 readers. And if we wanted to, we could each bring $6 and that would be 800 readers!

So, mufti has a reason. The reason is readers. Let’s do it!

Students are reminded that school mufti day uniform rules apply and they need to wear closed in shoes. No singlet tops, short shorts/dresses, jewellery or makeup is to be worn.
**Principal’s Message**

Last week I had the pleasure on one of my morning walks of watching a guy with his A Model Ford. It was a vintage car with all the trappings and the owner in his check cap polished it with pride and talked enthusiastically to anyone who would listen about his pride and joy. It was the maker of that mechanical wonder, Henry Ford, who said ‘Enthusiasm is the sparkle in your eyes; it is the swing in your gait, the grip of your hand, the irresistible surge of your will, and your energy to execute your ideas.’

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Dr David Faull
Principal

**Enrolments 2015**

We have just completed our enrolment applications for Round One. We have the prospect of some great new students joining us next year. We have just completed our enrolment applications for Round One.

**Music Lessons**

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

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**library news**

**Library Closed After School**

To accommodate Parent Teacher interviews next week the library will be closed for regular use after school from Monday through to Wednesday. We’ll be open until 4.30 again on Thursday for last minute borrowing and study before the holidays.

**High School Highest Borrowers**

Congratulations to Tanya V (Years 7 & 8), Jordan W (Years 9 & 10) and Emily T (Years 11 & 12) who were this term’s highest borrowers. These students each receive a book voucher so they can enjoy even more great reads.

**K-6 Term 2 Borrowing**

Well done to all Primary students who have borrowed and enjoyed reading lots and lots of exciting and informative books this term. Special mention to the 332 students who have borrowed books EVERY week this term! Enjoy your prizes!

**Textiles On Display**

On display in the iCentre at the moment are some very creative Year 9 and 10 Textiles projects. It is definitely worth a visit to view some fantastic examples of textile art, quilting and dressmaking.

**Book Returns – Years 7-12**

Please return or renew all overdue books before the end of term. Yes…you may borrow books for use over the break. Call into the library, with your library card next week to stock up on holiday reading.

**Primary Calendar - Term 2**

- Parent Teacher Interviews .............................................June 23
- Year 3 & 4 Athletics Carnival .........................................June 24
- Year 5 & 6 Athletics Carnival .........................................June 25
- Year 1 Reptile Park Excursion ........................................June 25
- Year 6 E-Day ..................................................................June 26
- Get Active Finishes for Term 2 ........................................June 26
- Mufti Day for Cambodia Readers ......................................June 27
- Last Day of Term 2 ..........................................................June 27
- Vacation Care Available ..................................................June 30 - July 11
- Teacher Professional Development Week .........................July 14 - 18
- First Day of Term 3 ..........................................................July 21

**Secondary Calendar - Term 2**

- School Musical 6.00 pm (book tickets online now) .............June 21
- Year 10 & 11 Parent Teacher Interviews .........................June 24
- Year 12 Geography Excursion .........................................June 25
- Year 7-9 Parent Teacher Interviews .................................June 25
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