LAST WEEK … was eventful! We are so grateful that our students were unharmed in the bus accident. It is a privilege to be able to support the affected students through the trauma of this experience. Our students have been enthusiastically running around the Cross Country track. They have already racked up loads of kilometres. We participated in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Our prefects led out in chapel and raised awareness about the need for all students to stand up when they see students being treated unfairly.

THIS WEEK … is a four-day week with Friday being Good Friday. Our Year 2 students have their Easter Concert on Wednesday. We continue our Run Around Australia in preparation for the Cross Country Carnival. Two Year 6 girls are representing the HRIS as part of the soccer team and five of our students are heading off to the CIS Swimming Carnival. We wish them all the best!

DID YOU KNOW … Have you visited your child’s class Landscape page? We are working hard to provide you with information about the great learning, special events and fun activities that are part of our school life. Make sure you check out Landscape regularly to keep up to date with all the latest information.

MAKING A MARK … “If you tell the truth, you don’t have to remember anything.” Mark Twain

DONE AND DUSTED … Interim reports went out on Monday and online bookings for Parent/Teacher nights opened. We’re looking forward to seeing you all (either tonight or tomorrow night 4–8pm)! We had to cancel Cross Country on Wednesday because of the weather but we will be completing this over the next week in sport periods with the students. Our team rallied to support our students dealing with the major accident, and we ended the week with our “Say No to Bullying” campaign across the campuses and wore armbands to promote this point.

CHALKBOARD ITEMS … We have our prefects taking chapel today, with a focus on Easter. A Year 9 English and a Year 12 Visual Arts excursion take place tomorrow and Good Friday makes our week shorter. Our Year 12s are beginning to get ready for their exams in two weeks time. Blessings for a wonderful Easter long weekend!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED … “Worry is like a rocking chair; it will give you something to do, but it won’t get you anywhere.” Vance Havner

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Road Safety
One of the lessons from the tragic accident this week is that we must do everything we can to make sure BUS TRAVEL IS SAFE. Children must be seated in their seats and facing the right direction. If there is an emergency, children in aisles or chatting facing the wrong way are at real risk of injury. We plan to talk to the children about this risk and remind them that their safety is their responsibility, regardless of age.

Parents and Friends
The next Parents & Friends meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, from 3:15 – 4:00pm in the Administration building.

SPORT

Cross Country - Run Around Australia
Our Cross Country training commenced this week with 1,790 km being completed on Monday. Despite a wet Wednesday our enthusiastic students are on track to complete the 11,300 km before Easter. It has been great to see quite a few parents running around the 1 km course with their children before school. It is advisable for students to bring their joggers and spare socks each day. Certificates are awarded in 10 km increments up to 100 km. Our Cross Country will be held the first day after the Easter break on Tuesday, March 29 (weather permitting).

Cross Country - Event Schedule
9.20 am - 9.55 am 9 year olds (2 km)
10.00 am - 10.30 am 10 year olds (2 km)
10.30 am - 10.50 am RECESS
10.50 am - 11.40 am 11 year olds (3 km)
11.40 am - 12.20 pm 12 year olds (3 km)
12.20 pm - 1.10 pm LUNCH
1.10 pm - 1.45 pm 5 & 6 year olds (1 km)
1.45 pm - 2.30 pm 7 year olds (1 km)
2.30 pm - 3.10 pm 8 year olds (2 km)

HRIS Soccer Team
Congratulations to Ryan B in Year 6 who was selected to be a part of the HRIS Boys Soccer Team which will be going to the GSS Soccer event on April 4 in Sydney.

ROAD SAFETY

Road safety is important for every student.
Please observe the road speed signs, 40 kph and 10 kph in the school grounds.
Please be aware the police are targeting school zone traffic.

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

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SPORT UNIFORM FOR TERM 1
Kindy, Years 1 & 2
wear sport uniform each Monday
Years 3 - 6
wear sport uniform each Friday

ALL for LOVE
Easter Programme
Friday Night - March 25, 7pm
Saturday Night - March 26, 7pm
Avondale School, 119 Avondale Rd, Cooranbong NSW 2265
Gateway Cafe Open
GENERAL

Crazy Hair Day
From a prefect hair salon in the quadrangle, to students and teachers going the whole nine yards with hairdos concocted at home, our Crazy Hair Day on Friday, 11 March was awesome! It’s hard to put into words the ingenuity and creativity demonstrated in hairstyles on the day, and the artistry of our prefects on unsuspecting students was second to none! Thank you to everyone for getting in on the fun of our mufti day for the Leukemia Foundation (World's Greatest Shave). Through donations online, mufti money and extra cash donations, we managed to achieve a total of $2,894 which is simply sensational! Love it when a plan comes together!

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Secondary Chess Competition
The Secondary Chess competition was held this week with ten participants from Years 7-12. Congratulations go to the following students who took out the top three places.
1st Ethan C (Year 12) 6/7
2nd Nathaniel G (Year 11) 6/7

SPORT

Duke of Edinburgh Camp
Last weekend saw a record number of Duke of Edinburgh students head off to Seal Rocks for an expedition involving bush walking and kayaking. Twenty two students managed to complete their practice camp which is a lead-up to the Great Barrier Reef Expedition in June this year.
On this trip, students will be exploring a number of areas on this trip including Fitzroy Island, Cape Tribulation and the amazing Great Barrier Reef. We look forward to more adventures with our students. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is open to any student over the age of 14 years. For more information please contact Mr Ward in the PDHPE Department.

HRIS Swimming
Our HRIS Swimming team recently came second at Lambton Swimming Pool. Out of ninety nine events Avondale School had competitors in all but one. A fantastic spirit of participation was demonstrated all day by the students.
Avondale achieved success in the following areas:
1. Individual Age Champions - Isabelle F (14 year old girls) and Paige F (17 year old girls)
2. Team Age Champions - Girls 14, 16 & 17 and Boys, 17.
Congratulations to the HRIS Swimming Team for an outstanding effort.

3.30 - 4.30 PM THURSDAYS
ALL THIS TERM in the iCentre

Hope to see you there!
**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

It was a perfect day for our garage sale—bright and warm. People rummaged through clothing, paperbacks, and mismatched dishes. I noticed a young woman looking at a snowball ornament. A few minutes later, the object vanished, along with its admirer. I spotted her in the street, so I ran after her and discovered the missing object nestled in her palm. She even tipped it up to make the snow fall. As we faced each other with the knowledge of what had happened, she volunteered to pay for the stolen item.

The Bible tells the story of Zacchaeus, the tree-climbing tax collector, who met Jesus and was changed. He vowed to repay four times the amount of money he had dishonestly taken from others. (Luke 19:8) In those days, tax collectors frequently overcharged citizens and then pocketed the extra funds. Zacchaeus’ eagerness to pay back the money and to donate half of what he owed to the poor, showed a significant change of heart. He had once been a taker, but after meeting Jesus he was determined to make restoration and be a giver.

Zacchaeus’ example can inspire us to make the same kind of change. When God reminds us about items we have taken, taxes left unpaid, or ways we have wronged others, we can honour Him by making it right. Integrity is about doing what is right even when no one is watching. People with good intentions make promises but people with good character keep them.

Dr David Faull

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**SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016**

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**Primary Calendar - Term 1**

- CIS Swimming Carnival…………………………...March 22
- Good Friday................................................March 25
- Easter Monday..........................................March 28
- Cross Country K - 6..................................March 29
- Get Active ends.......................................March 31
- Day Light Savings ends..............................April 3
- SWOMP......................................................April 4 - 8
- 3M Castaway Camp.....................................April 6
- Kindy Jolly Phonics Day..............................April 8
- End of Term 1 ..........................................April 8
- First day of Term 2 .................................April 26

**Secondary Calendar - Term 1**

- Parent Teacher Interviews (Years 10 & 11)........March 21
- Parent Teacher Interviews (Years 7 - 9)........March 22
- Good Friday................................................March 25
- Easter Monday..........................................March 28
- Year 8 Camp.............................................April 4 - 6
- Year 12 Exams..........................................April 4 - 8
- Year 11 Urban Challenge............................April 4 - 8
- Year 10 Camp...........................................April 5 - 8
- Year 7 Camp.............................................April 7 - 8
- End of Term 1 ..........................................April 8
- First day of Term 2 .................................April 26

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge Kindy to Year 9**

If you’d like to sign up for the Premier’s Reading Challenge please do so before the end of March. You can sign up at the library or on the iCentre page on Landscape. Already signed up? You have until August 19 to complete your reading. We’re looking forward to seeing many of you complete this reading challenge.

**K - 6 Library Borrowing**

So many students are enjoying borrowing and reading their favourite books from the library. If you’re looking for new exciting authors and great new book series’ come and browse and be inspired.

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**CANTEEN**

‘Thursday is the new Friday’

As Easter Friday is a public holiday, the Munchery will be offering the Friday menu on Thursday. The regular menu for Thursday will be back the following week. Munchery staff wish you a safe and happy Easter.