THIS WEEK ... we have been loving BOOKS. The library has been a buzz of activity with books for sale and special stories each lunchtime. Thursday brought huge excitement as we all dressed as book characters.

On Tuesday our campus was the venue for the Engineering and Science Discovery Day. This is a competition for Year 6 students. Our teams had a great day of learning and fun, with one team winning the day. The rest of Year 6 also enjoyed a day of science and maths challenges.

NEXT WEEK ... our netball and soccer teams head to the Gala Day on Tuesday. Wednesday is the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition. All of Years 5 and 6 and Mrs Bishop’s Year 4 Maths class will participate in this competition. Our Year 6 students will be spending Thursday on our Secondary Campus as part of our transition to high school program. We know they will have an awesome day!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY ... “The fire of literacy is created by the emotional sparks between a child and a book, and the person reading.” Mem Fox

Why not find a great book and create some sparks this weekend.

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MAKING A MARK ... “I’m for truth, no matter who tells it. I’m for justice, no matter who it’s for or against.” Malcolm X

DONE AND DUSTED ... Our Year 12 practical groups have really been working on completing their major works this week. It’s a big time of year for them and our teachers! The Southlakes Business Breakfast on Wednesday was catered for on campus by our senior Hospitality kids and Mrs Nevell – a superb job! And on the same day, Year 11 PDHPE had a great excursion up in the mountains while our Year 9 Music students performed for our Toronto Campus students and our Year 7s visited Taronga Zoo (and they all came back)! Our Year 11 students are gearing up to finish their Preliminary Course and will have exams all too soon. We continue to push for excellence in the classroom!

CHALKBOARD ITEMS ... A significant marker next week is the Year 12 Parent Teacher Night on Tuesday (4.00 – 7.00 pm). This is the last formal opportunity to make time with teachers to talk strategy and focus for our Year 12s in the final countdown to the HSC! Our Year 6 students join us on Thursday to get a feel for what high school is going to look like next year and our bike enthusiasts head to the ACT for the Mountain Bike Challenge. Let’s do it!

BEFORE IT’S ERASED ... Is this worth a try? Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying!

Enjoy slowing up for a day ors two!

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Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition
The annual Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition will be conducted at school on Wednesday, August 26 with all Year 5 and 6 students participating. There will be some Year 4 students invited to participate also.

HRIS Soccer Senior B Team
Please note the change of venue for the HRIS Soccer Senior B Team. It will now be held at Walker Fields, Elermore Vale.

HRIS Equestrian Events
The HRIS Equestrian events were held last week in the Hunter Valley with only one representative from Avondale School. Riley D of 5D loves riding horses and enjoys competing. Riley’s horse is called Rosthwaite Rainbows and is a Section B riding pony. Congratulations to Riley on her 3rd place in both Dressage and Show Jumping.

Friendly Soccer Matches
Last week Lakes Anglican Grammar School brought their Junior and Senior Soccer teams to Avondale School for a friendly pre-HRIS Soccer match. Our Junior Team won 5/3 and our Senior team won 3/2. Many Avondale School students don’t play weekend soccer so this was a great experience in the build up to HRIS Soccer Gala Day next week.

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Year 3 and 4 Concert
Thursday, September 10, 7.00 pm
‘It’s Cool in the Furnace’ is a musical of the captivating tale of Daniel and his three friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Year 3 and 4 will be presenting with humour, action, and a spiritual heart at 7.00 pm on Thursday, September 10. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this free, special event at the MPC.

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SPORT UNIFORM FOR TERM 3
Kindy: wear sport uniform each Monday and Tuesday.
Years 1 & 2: wear sport uniform each Tuesday only.
Years 3-6: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Friday.

CLASS
Year 6 Science and Engineering Discovery Day
On Tuesday Year 6 students from Avondale School, Heritage College, Morisset Primary and Wyee Primary all participated in a Science and Engineering Discovery Day. This special event was hosted by Avondale School and run by the University of Newcastle in conjunction with Lake Macquarie City Council and Morisset Rotary Club. It was exciting to see young students working collaboratively: designing, constructing, testing and analysing their own creations. Their hard work and persistence paid off, resulting in first place!
SPORT

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Thursday

3 September 6.00pm, CLC

WORDS TO GIVE VOICE TO THOSE UNREPRESENTED

AVONDALE COLLEGE, ED HALL
AUGUST 27TH, THURSDAY, 6:00PM

HOSTED BY:

Supporting students from Avondale College, Macquarie College, Avondale School and Central Coast Adventist School

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Hardly a weekend goes by where there is no discussion of the merits of a referee’s decision on the playing field. The players appeal to reason, justice and fairness as they see it. The referee has called it as he saw it and from his perspective the principle of fairness was applied on the ruling he gave.

So who was right? Sometimes in life different personalities or knowledge can colour people’s views. It does not mean that one is right or the other wrong. It is in times of disagreement that a spirit of justice and fairness might just provide the solution to the disagreement. Maybe we can learn from someone who sees things with a different perspective.

Justice is making decisions on the basis of right principles, examining all the information from both sides. It is fair! I invite you to discuss Justice with your child.

This week our students became scientists, engineers and chefs. An Avondale School team won the Science and Engineering Discover Day sponsored by Rotary. Our senior Hospitality students did us proud catering for the Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast. They showcased their potential as a result of these rich learning experiences.

Well done! Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

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**SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016**

| Term 1 | Wednesday, January 27 - Friday, April 8 |
| Term 2 | Tuesday, April 26 - Friday, July 1 |
| Term 3 | Monday, July 25 - Friday, September 23 |
| Term 4 | Monday, October 10 - Wednesday, December 14 |

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**Primary Calendar - Term 3**

- HRIS Soccer / Netball Gala Day: August 25
- Year 5 & 6 Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition: August 26
- Year 6 Orientation for Year 7 2016: August 27
- Gateway Kids Breakfast 9.00 am MPC: August 29
- Kindy Oakvale Farm Excursion: August 31
- Parent Perception Survey: September 3 - 18
- School Art Show: September 5
- Fathers’ Day: September 6
- CIS Athletics Day: September 9
- Years 3 & 4 Concert (7.00 pm): September 10

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**Secondary Calendar - Term 3**

- Year 11 2016 Subjects Due: August 24
- Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews: August 25
- HSC Music Performance at Lizottes: August 26
- ACT Bike Challenge: August 27 - 28
- Duke of Edinburgh: August 28
- Week of Worship - ‘Fearless’: August 31 - September 4
- Senior Showcase Night at CLC 6.00 pm: September 3
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**Book Week**

During the past week students read books, listened to stories from books, tested their knowledge of books and bought some great books at our Book Fair. We would like to thank Dr A Faull, Mrs Webster and Mr Robinson for the riveting stories they told at lunchtime each day. Each story was very different and captured students’ imagination. Thirteen high school teams took part in the Quizzical Trivia Challenge, demonstrating a wide range of literary knowledge. The winning teams will be announced next week, as will the teams that will take part in ‘Battle of the Books’, a book knowledge contest between Macquarie College, Central Coast Adventist School and Avondale School to be held on September 2. The highlight of the week was the K-6 Book Character Parade in the MPC. The amazing creativity on display made awarding prizes a real challenge for our judges, and we congratulate all students who won book prizes for their outstanding entries. Book Week 2015 has been a wonderful week spent celebrating books and reading.