Year 10 Exams

Shhh! Exams in progress … and even though we’re officially starting use of the Collaborative Learning Centre next year for classes and learning, what better venue for our Year 10 exams than this great space? We are truly blessed to have a quiet, comfortable area for our students to achieve their best in exams. With no hiccups or issues, our Year 10s have now successfully completed the serious academic portion of their year. Well done!
General News

Get Active / After School Care
Please note that all Get Active classes have now finished for the year. After School Care will continue to run until the last day of school, Monday, December 8. Bookings can be made by contacting the Early Learning Centre on 4977 3733.

2015 Kindy Students School Visit
Wednesday, November 26
We are very excited to have our 2015 Kindy students visiting with us on Wednesday, November 26. The Kindy teachers are looking forward to having lots of fun with them.

Class News

Kindy Concert
Wednesday, December 3, MPC – 6.30 pm
The Kindy students are very excited about their upcoming concert, to be held in the MPC on Wednesday, December 3 commencing at 6.30 pm. Kindy students are asked to arrive at 6.00 pm.

Year 6 Canberra Trip
Monday, November 24 - Thursday, November 27
Just a reminder that Year 6 students need to arrive at school on Monday morning at 5.45 am sharp. They will return on Thursday evening at approximately 7.00 pm.

SPORT NEWS

K-2 Swimming/Sport Program
The Infant swimming program has now concluded. Students will need to wear their sports uniform on the following days:
• Kindy students are to wear their sports uniform on Mondays.
• Years 1 & 2 students are to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

One-Day Cricket Series
The Avondale Cricket Team went to Martinsville Oval this week and played two cricket matches against Central Coast Adventist School and Macquarie College. The Avondale School team looked great in their baggy blue caps, which have been worn by previous Avondale School cricketers. In the first match against Macquarie College our opening batsmen Elliot M and team captain Liam B did an outstanding job in keeping the run rate above 4 runs an over. We were chasing 82 runs and in the end scored 72 runs. In the second match Avondale School was sent into bat and scored 40 runs but Central Coast Adventist School was able to win the match with three overs to spare. In the end everyone went home happy because they knew they had done their best and they all had fun. Congratulations to Central Coast Adventist School who were the overall winners on the day.

Handball Competition
Juniors: Friday, November 28 and Seniors: Tuesday, December 2
There will be boys and girls Junior Competitions for students in Kindy to Year 4, and boys and girls Senior Competitions for Years 5 and 6 students. The Junior Competition will be on Friday, November 28 and the Seniors will be held on Tuesday, December 2.

Primary Sport Term 4
Kindy students are to wear their sports uniform on Mondays.
Years 1 & 2 students are to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Years 3 & 4 students are to wear their sports uniform on Wednesdays along with their swimmers, towel and goggles for swimming.
Years 5 & 6 students are to wear their sports uniform on Fridays, along with their swimmers, towel and goggles for swimming.
General News

Cambodia Schoolies 2014
On Sunday our 2014 Year 12 Schoolies team left for Cambodia for two weeks. The team landed in Phnom Penh on Monday and have been taking in the new sights, sounds, smells and tastes of Cambodia. They spent their first day visiting the Killing Fields and S-21 prison where the sobering events of the holocaust are on display. On Wednesday the team traveled across the Mekong River by boat to play with and feed the children in a poor community where a man and his wife have built a church and school. Yesterday the team visited a community of people who live on a rubbish dump and delivered some much needed sewing machines. The women there will use these to make clothing that they can sell. On Friday the team will travel to the country to begin building two family homes. Please keep them in your prayers!

Years 7-11
END OF YEAR SIGN OFF
(previously known as Deregistration Day)
The last day of school for all Year 7-11 students will be Friday, December 5. We would appreciate your help in leaving the final sign off process until this time. If there are extenuating circumstances, we understand, however we need at least 24 hours notice to ensure we’re prepared with staff and office. We DO need notification in writing. An absence exemption form will also need to be completed.

GEOFF BULLOCK
LIVE IN CONCERT
Supported by Peter Dixon
Come along for an intimate worship experience with one of the worlds leading praise and worship songwriters!
Saturday, December 6 at 7.30 pm in the Avondale School Music Building.
LIMITED SEATS so be there at 7.00 pm to ensure a seat.
$20 Adult, $15 pension and $10 student (cash only on the night)

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!

Hope to see you there!
**Principal’s Message**

Last week I was very aware of the climbing temperature and the bushfires threatening homes in the Blue Mountains. I pulled in to a local garage to refuel the car and I said to the man filling his car across from me, “We sure need rain!” He responded, “I don’t know what we are going to do if it does not rain and cool off!” As the man pulled the filler and put the fuel cap on he said, “You know, I have lived around here for 42 years and it’s usually the same – it’s too wet or too dry – I don’t know why I bother to talk about it in the first place!” We laughed together as we paid for our fuel and I went on my way, pondering what he had said and its relation to all the things I had worried about that day.

Jesus spoke of the antidote to worry. He spoke of the birds of the air and the flowers of the field (Matthew 6:26, 27). God provides everything that they need. He also says he will do the same for you. Stop worrying and start trusting. The way to be anxious about nothing is to give it to God in prayer.

It was Stephen Covey who said, “Trust is the glue of life. It’s the foundational principle that is the glue in all all relationships”. Enjoy the news for this week.

**Dr David Faull**
Principal

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**Fees Account Settled - December 2014**

It is hard to believe that there are only a couple of weeks to the end of school. The year has flown past so quickly and we say a huge thank you to all parents who have paid their fees. If you still have an amount owing we would request that this be paid in full by the end of school. We really appreciate your commitment to the school and paying your fees in a timely manner greatly assists the running of the school. We understand that some people’s circumstances change, and if you think you will not have your account paid by December, please contact either Faye or Sheree in the Business Office to make an arrangement.

**2015 Fee Account**

2015 Accounts will be sent to you early January with prompt payment discount due on February 6, 2015.

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**library news**

**All Library Books Due To Be Returned**

**Kindy – Year 6**

There are still around 30 students who need to return or pay for their lost library books as soon as possible. Congratulations to 5V, 3M and 5Q who were the first three classes to return all their library books!

**Years 7-12**

If you still have books outstanding, please return them as soon as possible. A charge will be made for all books not returned by sign off day. Students returning for Year 12 in 2015 are welcome to borrow over the holiday period to get a head start for next year provided that all outstanding books are returned and renewed if need be.

**HSC Research**

This week a number of HSC students have been shown the State Library of NSW website as part of their research skills training. Anyone who is over 16 years of age and lives in NSW is eligible to use the wide range of online resources once they have signed up and been issued with a free library card. The sign up form can be found at http://www.sl.gov.au. It’s a great place to explore.

**Library Open After School**

The library will be open after school until 4.30 pm from Tuesday - Thursday next week. Why not take advantage of a quiet and comfortable working space in the lead up to Year 7-9 exams? This is the last week for late opening this year and we will close at 4.00 pm from Monday - Thursday and at 3.30 pm on Friday during the remainder of the term.

**Library Parties**

Four library parties are now over for another year and they have run smoothly with students being so well mannered and very appreciative. Congratulations to all students who have borrowed books every week of the school year. It is such a great achievement and it’s been fun to reward these students with our library parties. Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 library parties are happening next week.

**2014 Library ID Cards**

Please keep your 2014 library ID borrowing cards/student cards as they can be used in the library next year until the new cards are printed.

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**Primary Calendar - Term 4**

- Year 6 Canberra Trip: November 24 – 27
- 2015 Kindy School Visit: November 26
- P&F Meeting: November 26
- Year 5 ABC/Powerhouse Excursion: November 27
- Junior Handball Competition: November 28
- Pupil Free Day: December 1
- Senior Handball Competition: December 2
- Kindy Concert: December 3
- End of Year Celebration Day: December 4
- Primary School Last Day of School: December 8
- Primary Speech Night: December 8

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**Secondary Calendar - Term 4**

- Year 12 Schoolies Trip to Cambodia: November 16 - December 1
- Year 11 Geography Excursion: November 24
- Year 7-9 Final Exams: November 24 - 28
- P&F Meeting: November 26
- Pupil Free Day: December 1
- Year 7-11 Official End of Year Sign-Off Day: December 5
- Last Day for all students Years 7-11: December 5
- Secondary Speech Night: December 10
- Last Day for Secondary Staff: December 12
- Christmas Day Holiday: December 25
- Boxing Day Holiday: December 26