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**THE VIEW**

Labelled as ‘The 21st Century Skills’, the four C’s are now deemed important for young people to have as they leave school and enter the workforce. In strong recognition of the need for these skills, Richard Riley, former US Secretary of Education has famously said, “We are preparing our students for jobs that don’t exist using technologies that have not been invented, to solve problems that we haven’t even considered yet.”

Even still, it’s hard enough to get kids doing homework for the subjects they know let alone for problems we haven’t even conceived yet! So how can we properly prepare them for a future job market that we can’t predict? As educators we are now trying to equip young people with necessary skills of adaption. And this is where the four C’s come into the play: we are aiming to have students become lifelong learners; we are helping them to collaborate with others; we are working to enable them to think critically and creatively solve problems. We, as teachers, are beginning to have intentional focus on these skills. We are starting to change the way we teach and embrace new classroom dynamics. We are beginning to realise that the hardest questions and biggest problems of today may not have just one answer in tomorrow’s reality.

So let me bring you up to speed with these four C’s:

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Leading Learning Team
Change Of Dates
Please make the following changes on your School Calendar:
K-6 Parent Teacher Night – Mon, June 25.
Kindy Grandparents Day – Fri, June 29.
Y5 Taronga Zoo Excursion – Tues, July 3.

K-6 School Reports
School reports were emailed out this week.

K-6 Parent Teacher Interviews
Monday, June 25
Primary Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the iCentre this coming Monday, June 25 from 3.30 pm until 8.00 pm. Bookings can be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au The Primary School booking code is nym6k. We look forward to seeing you there.

Learning Support Parent Teacher Interviews
If your child attends Learning Support and you would like Karen Price to attend your Parent Teacher Interview, please phone the Primary Office on 4977 0215 after completing your online booking.

SPORT
Learn To Play Chess
Students interested in playing chess are invited to attend the iCentre on Thursday mornings from 8.15am – 8.35am. Students will play social games during this time. At 8.35am basic chess tactics will be discussed. All students are welcome.

CIS Cross Country
Last week, 18 eager Primary athletes ran at the CIS Cross Country at Eastern Creek in Sydney. The weather was great for running and all our students did very well considering the high standard at CIS. There are up to 90 of the best athletes in each age group from all over NSW. Special congratulations go to the following students who placed in the top 30 runners: Siena C 15th (9 Year Girls), Hugh A 27th (9 Year Boys) and Joelle C 28th (11 Year Girls).

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Year 2 Avondale College Excursion
Year 2 visited Avondale College for a historical tour as they are learning about the Past and Present in our Local Community. They enjoyed viewing old artefacts and learning about the architecture of the old buildings, rules students had while they were learning and the clothes they wore. Students helped Chef Nick churn milk into butter and sat at a set dining table to enjoy food from the past. It was delicious!

Year 5 Taronga Zoo Excursion
Change of Date now Tuesday, July 3
Due to work being carried out at Taronga Zoo, the Year 5 excursion has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, July 3.

Years 2-6 Athletic Carnivals
The Years 2-6 Athletics Carnivals will be held next week at school. All students need to wear their sports uniform on the day of their carnival in addition to their normal sports day.

The Canteen will be open for parents with a variety of hot food and drinks. Orders can be placed on arrival at the Canteen. A special of a hot beverage and homemade cake for $7.00 will also be available. The P&F will also be selling $2.00 slushies each day of the carnivals.

Years 3 & 4 - Tuesday, June 26
Years 5 & 6 - Wednesday, June 27
Year 2 - Friday, June 29
Years 1-6 800m Running Events and 100m Gift Race – Monday, July 2

The 800m running events for students in Years 1-6, and the Avondale School 100m Gift Race for those qualifying students, will be on Monday, July 2. All students need to wear their sports uniform on this day.

Events will run at the following times:
10.40 - 11.00am Year 3
11.00am (lunchtime) Avondale School Gift (qualifying students) 100m
11.45am - 12.05pm Year 4
12.05 - 12.25pm Year 5
12.25 - 12.45pm Year 6
2.25 - 3.05pm Years 1 & 2

Avondale School Newsletter
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Real Robots
Tuesday, June 12 saw the Year 9 iSTEM class donning hair nets and hi-viz safety vests as they toured the robot packers at Sanitarium Health Food Company’s Cooranbong Factory. Students had the opportunity to watch machines making up cartons, packing and stacking them on a pallet before a self guided vehicle, aka robot forklift, then delivered the pallet to a place of its choosing for storage. This was an entry event to the students’ next module on robotics. Students heard first hand from design staff the benefits, and challenges, involved with using robots. They were encouraged to develop their design and critical thinking skills so they will be of most use in tomorrow’s workforce. STEM skills are an important part of real learning in the 21st Century and part of what we do here at Avondale School.

STEP UP
3.30 - 4.30 PM THURSDAYS
in the iCentre

A chance to:
» do independent study
» complete your homework
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» get some help with maths (even that tricky homework question!)
» get some guidance on that assessment task you need to start!

GENERAL

CAMBODIA FUNDRAISER
STATE OF ORIGIN SCREENING
WHERE: Avondale School CLC
WHEN: 7:15pm - 9:45pm SUNDAY JUNE 24
COST: $10 (includes hot chips & drink)
ALL PROFITS WILL BE GOING TO FUNDS FOR YEAR 12 AVONDALE CAMBODIA TRIP!

YE A R 12 HSC MUSIC STUDENTS LIVE
AT LIZOTTE’S!
Tuesday
28 August at 7pm*
Doors open at 6pm*

Cost $15 per person
Purchase own dinner & drinks on the night
Book online to support our students

YEAR 12 HSC MUSIC STUDENTS LIVE
AT LIZOTTE’S!

BAND AND CHOIR CONCERT
SATURDAY | 30 JUNE | 7PM
Avondale School Multi-Purpose Centre

$30 Family / $10 Adult / $5 Student
Purchase tickets via students involved in Music Concert or the Business Office

Years 7-11 Parent Teacher Interviews
Monday, June 25 & Tuesday, June 26
Secondary (Y7-11) Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the CLC building on Monday, June 25 and Tuesday, June 26 from 4.00pm until 8.00pm. An email has been sent to you with a link to make appointments. Bookings can be made online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au The Secondary School booking code is jxn5b. We look forward to seeing you there. School Reports will be sent via email next week.

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge – Kindy-Year 9**

How is your PRC reading going? We have over 20 students who have already completed their reading and have their books recorded online at https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html. If you are having difficulty entering your reading record data please let the library staff know and we can assist you. You have until August 31 to complete your reading. Happy reading!

**Soccer Fever!**

So many students love playing the great game of soccer, and with the Soccer World Cup in full swing, now is the time to brush up on your soccer skills. The library has many fiction and non-fiction titles that will assist you in your understanding of the game, give skills advice and provide informative reading. Why not borrow a soccer book soon!

**Private Music Tutors**

Are you interested in having music lessons? We have many great tutors and instruments available to learn on. Please contact tutors directly to arrange lesson times.

**Piano**
- Kylie Stacy (Simply Music, AMEB, traditional) / 0409 939 302
- Angela Miller (Simply Music) / 0421 464 797
- Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
- Jan Hughes / 4977 2037
- Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308

**Voice**
- Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

**Strings**
- Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 040 308
- Esther Albert (cello / violin / double bass) / 0439 420 661

**Woodwinds**
- Emma Jones (flute) / 0432 925 199
- Fred Cracknell (saxophone / clarinet) / 0404 082 151

**Brass**
- Fred Cracknell / 0404 082 151
- Anna Howard (trumpet) / 0430 106 953

**Guitar**
- Jake Bisognin / 0400 389 612
- Toby Zeuschner / 0405 405 131
- Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308
- Garry Lawler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

**Drums**
- James Dennett / 0401 549 084