Primary Calendar - Term 4
Pupil Free Day ..................................................... Nov 25
ICAS Medal Presentation ..................... Nov 26
Kindy Concert 6.30pm ........................ Nov 27
Y2 Blackbutt Reserve Excursion .......... Nov 28
Final Chapel ........................................................ Nov 29
Community Christmas Carols .............. Dec 1
Move Up Monday ................................ Dec 2
After School Sports Finish .................... Dec 2
Y6 E-Day ............................................................ Dec 3
Closing Celebration 5pm .................... Dec 5
Last Day of Term 4 ................................. Dec 6
Staff Last Day ................................................... Dec 11

Secondary Calendar - Term 4
Y12 Cambodia Service Trip ............. Nov 17 - 30
Pupil Free Day ........................................ Nov 25
Community Christmas Carols .......... Dec 1
Y7-11 Sign Off Day ................................. Dec 5
Closing Celebration 7pm ................... Dec 5
Last Day of Term 4 ................................. Dec 6
Staff Last Day ................................................ Dec 11

School Terms 2020
Term 1 ............................................. Jan 28 - Apr 9
Term 2 ................................................. Apr 27 - Jul 3
Term 3 ............................................. July 27 - Sep 25
Term 4 ............................................. Oct 12 - Dec 11

THE VIEW

To Fight or not to Fight
When my daughter was in Primary School she got annoyed with me for not fighting her battles for her. The mother of one of her friends used to get involved and sort all her daughter’s issues out, and my daughter thought it was simply unfair that I didn’t do the same for her.

Although my mother’s heart was tempted to help her at all costs, with all my research as a parent and experience as a teacher, I knew fighting her battles for her did not actually help her. Whether it was an issue with an assignment, a supposed injustice from a teacher, a friendship concern or any other issue … as much as I wanted to step in and fix it, I knew that would not make things better for my daughter in the long run.

As parents, the best thing we can do for our kids is to train them in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6). Rather than putting our boxing gloves up, we need to channel that energy positively into helping our children by:

1. Modelling the way Jesus dealt with problems.
2. Spending time upskilling them with strategies to work through problems.
3. Letting them practise with you how they could talk through an issue with someone.
4. Allowing them to experience failure and make mistakes that they can learn from.
5. Making problem solving with a positive attitude the way your household does life.
6. Separating the problem into bite-sized parts.
7. Showing that not all issues will or can be solved quickly.
8. Teaching them not to compare themselves with others.
9. Helping children understand their emotions and why they react certain ways.
10. Creating confidence in your child that they can deal with the problem.

Ronald Reagan said that “within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face”. Parenting is definitely a tough gig! That’s why it takes a community to raise a child. When the home and school go into partnership with God we, together, form well-rounded citizens who approach issues in a God ordained and mature way.

My daughter is now 21, studying in America and super grateful I did not step in and fight her battles for her as she was growing up.

What was one of the biggest problems you had to solve as you were growing up? In what ways do you encourage your children to solve their problems now?

Hayley Ferris
Head of Secondary
Avondale School Newsletter

GENERAL

ICAS Medal Presentation
Tuesday November 26
The ICAS English, Maths & Science medal presentation will take place on Tuesday morning at assembly from 9.00am. Parents are welcome to attend.

SPORT

Term 4 Sport Uniform
K-2: Wear sports uniform on Mondays.
Y3 & 4: Wear sports uniform on Wednesdays.
Y5 & 6: Wear sports uniform on Fridays.

Years 3-6 Swimming Program
Year 3 depart at 11.55pm, return at 2.25pm
Year 4 depart at 1:30pm, return at 3:00pm
Year 5 & 6 - Fridays
Year 5 depart at 11.55pm, return at 2.25pm
Year 6 depart at 1:30pm, return at 3:00pm

Lakes Grammar Equestrian Events
It was a very hot day last week for the Lakes Grammar Equestrian events held at the Morisset Showground. While numbers were down due to the fires and drought, there were still 20 schools competing. Avondale School had one of the largest teams competing with almost twenty students. Congratulations to Ella H (6Hi) and Taya N (6Ho) who both scored a 4th placing in individual events. The Primary team came 3rd over all in the day.

Girls Soccer Team
Wednesday November 27
Lakes Anglican Grammar school postponed this week’s Girls Soccer match due to poor air quality as a result of recent fires in the area. The match has been rescheduled for next Wednesday November 27.

Table Tennis Competition
Next Week
The Primary Open Table Tennis Competition for boys and girls will be held at lunchtimes next week in the MPC commencing on Tuesday. Students need to register their names with Mr Head.

Books Need Covering
The Kindy, Year 1 and 2 teachers are excited! They have just purchased some new Readers for the students. All their beautiful new books need to be covered before students start reading them. If you like covering books and would like to help out, please contact your child’s class teacher.

Handball Competition
As parents we are sure you remember having lots of fun playing handball when you were at school. The annual Handball Competition was held in the assembly area this week with over 60 students in the senior division and 75 in the junior division participating. Congratulations to the following students who will be receiving trophies:

Junior Girls: 1st Darcie M, 2nd Zaria A, 3rd Charlotte M
Junior Boys: 1st Levi V, 2nd Elijah H, 3rd Baxter F
Senior Girls: 1st Grace E, 2nd Sadie S, 3rd Leneisha T
Senior Boys: 1st Jeremiah S, 2nd Jayden T, 3rd Joshua V

Final Chapel
Friday November 30 (9.00am)
Next Friday November 29 we have our Final Chapel program for 2019 for all students in Kindy to Year 6. We will be marking the rolls and heading straight over to the MPC for this program. This Chapel is a celebration of the year and a farewell to our Year 6 students. Student Leaders for 2020 will also be announced and presented to the School. Parents and friends are most welcome to join us.

This is also the day we give our food donations to the Salvation Army non-perishable food donations. Why not help your child understand that Christmas is about giving by supporting our food drive.

Avondale School Christmas Food Appeal

NOVEMBER 29
Please Donate non-perishable food

Kindy Concert
Wednesday November 27 (6.30pm)
This coming Wednesday November 27 is our Kindy Concert to be held in the MPC, commencing at 6.30pm. Kindy students need to arrive at 6.00pm (earlier as advised by teachers if hair needs to be done). Everyone is welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Move Up Monday
Monday December 2
On Monday December 2, we are having our ‘Move Up Morning’. Students from Kindy to Year 5 will all move up for the morning to test out their 2020 grade. Year 6 will spend the morning with the Kindy teachers.

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GENERAL
End of Year Sign-off
Thursday December 5
If for some reason your child(ren) will be finishing earlier than the scheduled Friday December 6, you will need to notify the Secondary Office ASAP please. This will allow us to provision time for all the school processes to be completed by your child(ren) before leaving. Each student must complete a sign-off sheet to ensure all books/resources have been returned, and that their locker has been cleaned out.
We are required to record official attendance to December 6. Please be reminded that if your child will be absent for more than 2 days, an official extended leave form needs to be completed (available from the Office). This is a government requirement.

CLASS
Year 11 Geography Excursion
The Year 11 Geography students had a great day out in the field studying the Hunter Wetlands this week.

Year 11 Crosslands Camp
Our Year 11 students set off to Crosslands this week for some team building and talks on getting ready for Year 12. This time next year they will be finished!

STEP UP
3.30 - 4.30PM THURSDAYS 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!

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ALL SCHOOL

Pupil Free Day
Monday November 25
Please note that this Monday November 25 is a Pupil Free Day for all students K-12 to allow our teachers time to complete student reports.

Closing Celebrations
Thursday December 5
Primary students - 5.00pm, Secondary students - 7.00pm. ALL students, along with their families are invited to celebrate the end of the school year.

The Munchery at Carols
The Munchery is running a food stall at the Christmas Carols on Sunday December 1. They will have homemade beef or nutmeat pies served with sauce, Greek salads, hot chips, and a variety of drinks. There is a special meal deal available for $10 which includes your choice of a pie with sauce, hot chips and your choice of a can of drink or a bottle of water. There is a preorder option available online, just go to your www.munchmonitor.com account and follow the prompts. There will also be eftpos available on the day.

LIBRARY

Return All Library Books
Thanks to most students who have returned all their library books. Please note that if your library books are lost then you need to pay the replacement cost to the library. It would be appreciated if all lost library books can be paid for as soon as possible so that these books can be replaced.

K-6 Library Parties
Big congratulations go to the 252 students who have borrowed books EVERY week this year! That’s a massive achievement with many hundreds of books being read! Our Year 3-6 students have enjoyed their library parties this week with Kindy to Year 2 looking forward to their library parties next week. All students are to be commended for their excellent manners and library party behaviour! Library party photos can be viewed on the iCentre Landscape page. https://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/1762

Parent Library
Thanks to most parents who have returned their Parent Library books already. If you still need to do so we’d love to see you next week. We’ll look forward to seeing you again next year in the iCentre.

2019 Library ID Cards
Just a reminder to please keep your 2019 Library ID cards for use next year until the 2020 cards are processed.

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 Stacey / 0409 939 302
Sandi Lowe / 0447 006 209
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
Jan Hughes (Suzuki Piano School) / 4977 2037
Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308
Sophie-Lee Johnson / 0490 451 781

Voice
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

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

Woodwinds
Meldi Arkinstall (flute) / 0413 548 985
Fred Cracknell (saxophone / clarinet) / 0404 082 151

Brass
Fred Cracknell / 0404 082 151

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

A new $100 Creative Kids Rebate can be put towards the cost of registration, participation or tuition fees for creative and cultural activities such as music lessons with registered teachers. You can apply for an active kids voucher at Service NSW online or in person.

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Community Christmas Carols
1 December 2019
From 4.30pm
We value ...
Humility