Primary Week Calendar - Term 1
Super Week of Mega Praise. Feb 26 - Mar 3
Ride4Rescue Mufti Day Mar 5
Swimming Carnival Presentation Mar 5
HRIS Swimming Carnival Mar 7
K-6 Parent Teacher Night Mar 13
Run Around Australia Mar 19 - 29
HRIS Swimming Carnival Mar 22
Book Fair Week Mar 26 - 29
School Open Day 2.00 - 6.00pm Mar 27
Good Friday Holiday Mar 30

Secondary Calendar - Term 1
Y12 VET ‘Work Placement’ Feb 26 - Mar 2
NSW Schools Triathlon Mar 1
Ride4Rescue Mufti Day Mar 5
Y10 Business Week Mar 5 - 9
Y11 & 12 Visual Arts Excursion Mar 7
HRIS Swimming Carnival Mar 22
Y7-11 Parent Teacher Nights Mar 19 & 20
School Open Day 2.00 - 6.00pm Mar 27
Cross Country Run Mar 28
Good Friday Holiday Mar 30

School Terms 2018
Term 1 Jan 29 - Apr 13
Term 2 Apr 30 - Jul 6
Term 3 Jul 30 - Sept 28
Term 4 Oct 15 - Dec 7

THE VIEW

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 14:26

Prayer: Father God I want my faith in you to grow stronger and more agile. Please teach me to trust you today and may the Holy Spirit guide my thoughts and actions for your glory in Jesus’ name. Amen!

James Greensill
Primary Chaplain

Use It or Lose it!
A few years ago, Jennifer and I visited our family in Italy and started learning Italian. At first we struggled with different sounds and sentence structures, but after a month of practice I was surprised by how much we could say and understand. When we came back to Australia and stopped using this new language, we started forgetting words and phrases. I am sure you have heard the cliché, “Use it or lose it”. That’s exactly what happened!

This principle applies in the spiritual dimension as well. Faith in God is like a muscle. The more you use it, the stronger it becomes. The manual for getting this muscle in shape is the Bible, our personal trainer is Jesus and He speaks to us through the Holy Spirit. If you submit yourself to His leadership and His guidance, you will discover how to use the faith muscle every day.

This week our Secondary School celebrated WEEK OF WORSHIP (WOW) with the theme ‘I Am’. Our Year 12 students presented an amazing program. Next Monday we are launching our Primary School SUPER WEEK OF MEGA PRAISE (SWOMP) and our theme is the ‘Greatest Show!’ Throughout the week students will explore the plan God has for each one of us and discover what it means to step out in faith and trust in Him. We want each child to know that they were created in God’s image to be unique and special. We want them to know that God loves and accepts them no matter how different they may feel. Our prayer is that every child at Avondale School will grow in faith as they step out and learn to trust in Jesus.
SPORT
Y3-6 Swimming Carnival
There were almost 280 students at the Primary Swimming Carnival this week including students from Toronto Campus. While there were a few showers around, that didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of our students or parents. Hunter and Macquarie Houses battled throughout the day for top spot. Congratulations to Macquarie House for winning the carnival again, giving them two years in a row.

1st Macquarie 790 pts  3rd Watagan  606 pts
2nd Hunter 730 pts  4th Pacific  520 pts

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding performances: Jayden T (10 Years) who broke 3 records; 50m Free, 100m Free & 50m Bk; Caitlin C (9 Years) who broke 50m Bk. The carnival finished with the top senior boys’ and girls’ relay teams against the staff and two parent teams. Once again the parents’ team was too strong and came away with victory (M Hunt, S Cubis, A Cubis, J Rippand).

We thank Mrs Nadine Dunne and Mr Mark Hunt for nearly ten years of officiating at the Primary Swimming Carnival.

The HRIS Swim Team is on display in the Sports cabinet and can also be found on Landscape under the Swimming tile.

All swimmers going to HRIS are encouraged to attend Swimming Club for technique correction.

Parent/Teacher Communications
We welcome communication from parents, as a united team approach provides the best possible environment for students to thrive. We request that in all communication and interactions parents model respectful behaviour towards school staff. As our students observe this they learn to interact respectfully and appropriately. For more information please refer to our ‘Parental Code of Conduct’ in the Student Handbook - Primary Campus pages 8-10.

After School Supervision
Parents and caregivers please note all playgrounds are out of bounds after school for safety reasons. Students travelling home with parents need to be under direct parent supervision as they leave school grounds. Thank you for helping keep our students safe.

Sport Uniform
Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 wear their sport uniform on Mondays.
Years 3 to 6 wear their sport uniform on Fridays.

CIS Tennis
Congratulations to Robert K in Year 6 for qualifying for the CIS Tennis at Kings School in Sydney on Monday, February 26.

HRIS Soccer Selections
Congratulations to the following boys who will be attending the HRIS Soccer Trials at St Philip Christian College, Cessnock on Monday, March 5: Tom C, Ethan G, Kylan M, Talen B, Noah M.

MUSIC
Junior Band
The Junior Band is an ensemble specifically for beginner musicians – there is no minimum skill requirement for joining! Students who have recently started learning an instrument or those who are interested in learning one, are invited to join. We focus on building performance skills as a team, listening for balance between different instruments, and skills in following/understanding the conductor. It’s an exceptionally fun and educational program that prepares students for performance opportunities later this year. The Junior Band will commence in Term 2 and will rehearse Wednesday lunchtimes from 11.15 – 11.45am.

Swimming Presentation
Monday, March 5
The Swimming presentation will be on Monday, March 5 at assembly, weather permitting.

Swimming Club
Swimming Club will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays until March 6. Please note that Swimming Club for next week only will be from 6.45 - 7.45am, as Mr Head is away on the Ride4Rescue charity ride.

Handbell Choir
The Hand Bell Choir has commenced for the year. Rehearsals are on Wednesday afternoons 3.20 - 4.15pm.

Primary Choir
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Contact Mrs Anna Howard, Music Teacher, at ahoward@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au for more information or to register for these ensembles.
**GENERAL**

‘I Am’

For our first Week of Worship this year, the Year 12 class chose the theme ‘I Am’. This week the Year 12 speakers, Margaret G, Kameli N, Shrey S and Hayley P shared on ‘Who I Am because of the Great I AM – Jesus!’ The topics they covered this week were ‘I Am Never Alone’, ‘I Am Courageous’, ‘I Am Zealous’, ‘I Am Forgiven’, and ‘I Am Saved’.

The week was hosted by Michael Fi and Eliam G, and there were featured items from Hailey H, Sophie G, Ella W, Austin H, Samuel S, Jem C and Michael F.

Annalea B, Year 12 student, wrote the drama that has been running throughout the entire week. She has also directed and starred as the lead role, Thembani Precious, and a variety of students have been involved from Years 7-12. The band has led us daily into God’s presence, and their hard work shines through as they have blessed the school with wonderful music. A special thank you to the Year 12 class for all you have done to make this week amazing.

Thank you for leading us to Jesus! You are all AWESOME!

This amazing week will continue on Saturday morning at Gateway Church. Breakfast starts at 8.45am in the Gateway Café, and the year 12’s will take the service at 10.00am. Please come and worship with us!

**SPORT**

**Secondary Swim Squad**

*Where:* Morisset Swimming Pool  
*When:* Every Tuesday and Thursday, 6.45 - 7.45am. Training has commenced and will continue until Tuesday, March 13.

**Cost:** $5.00 each day (includes pool entry, coaching and breakfast).  
**Transport:** Parents need to drop students to the pool. The School Bus will then take all students back to School for breakfast.  
**Ability:** Students need to be able to confidently swim 400m.

Please note this is not a learn-to-swim session. It will focus on some stroke correction and aerobic conditioning as well as developing overall swimming fitness.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Mr Ward in the PDHPE department via reception on 4977 0200 or by emailing bward@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au

**Sports For Schools 2018**

In 2011 and 2012 Coles ran a Sports for Schools program in which Avondale School participated. Our School received 1000’s of dollars of sports equipment, thanks to the great efforts of both Primary and Secondary families. Coles has decided to run the program again in 2018. As a registered school we would encourage all parents and friends to participate in this great program by collecting and returning your Coles docket vouchers.

**Step Up**

3.30 - 4.30 PM 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!
School Photo Day Change
Please note on your calendars that our main School Photo Day will now take place on Thursday, May 31. The original date clashed with an important PD for a lot of our staff.

Enrolment Forms
We are still waiting on a number of Enrolment Forms to be handed in. These were sent to all families via post at the beginning of the year. Please return these ASAP. If you need a reprint, please see Tracey in the Admin Office. Thank you.

Y7-12 Great Reads
Our library has a fantastic range of True Stories, which include amazing acts of heroism and survival. Encourage your high school students to browse the books currently on display and visit the True Story section to read about people whose lives have really made a positive difference in our world.

Ride4Rescue School Fundraiser
An envelope containing a sponsorship form for the Ride4Rescue Fundraiser was sent home with your child this week. We are encouraging our students to be part of something special and help raise much needed funds for the two charities 17 of our students and staff are riding for next week. The charities are the ADRA Blossom Project in Vanuatu and Restore One in Cambodia. Next Tuesday, Ride4Rescue will set off from the steps of Parliament House and ride 400km over 5 days through the beautiful Snowy Mountains and finish on the top of Mt Kosciuszko. Students have two weeks to fundraise. The School will have a Mufti Day on March 5 and students need to return their envelopes with donations to their class/roll teacher on this day. (Students in Kindy to Year 2 need to wear clothes suitable for sport).
Thanks to our local bike shop Breakaway Cycles who have kindly donated prizes for students who raise the most money (Primary only!).
Infants - $50 gift voucher towards the purchase of a new bike at Breakaway Cycles
Middle - $100 gift voucher towards the purchase of a new bike at Breakaway Cycles
Upper - $100 gift voucher towards the purchase of a new bike at Breakaway Cycles
The Primary class that raises the most money will have all students receive an official Ride4Rescue drink bottle.

Years 5-12 School Survey
Late last year Avondale School was one of three independent schools to receive a significant research grant from the Association of Independent Schools. This was to investigate the impact of faith development activities on school climate. We have worked with external experts in both faith development and school climate to create a survey. This will be given in the next week or two to all our Year 5 – 12 students. We look forward to seeing the trends and just what we can learn from it. We will assume that all students are doing this survey unless we hear specifically from you as a parent. If you wish to have your child opt out, please contact the Principal directly on dmclintock@avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au and let him know by Monday, February 27 2018.

LIBRARY
iCentre Landscape Page
Have you visited the iCentre Landscape page yet? You can find out what’s currently happening in the library through news items and photos, and upcoming library events are also highlighted. There are links to search the library catalogue and use World Book Online. From the main library page you are also able to visit the K-6 and 7-12 Landscape pages and gain more specific information about those areas of the library. https://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/1762

Munchery Canteen
With the new lunchtime for Primary students, it is important that parents order from the correct option. If you order your Primary child’s lunch from the Secondary section, it will not be ready until Secondary School’s lunchtime. If you order your Secondary School students lunch from the Primary ordering section, it will be sitting for almost 2 hours. Thank you for noting this and helping us ensure your child receives their lunch at the correct time. We apologise to parents for any inconvenience they may have experienced using Munch Monitor over the last couple of weeks. The issues have now been resolved.

We value ... Honesty