THE VIEW

In December 1938, Nicholas Winton, a 29 year old London stock broker, cancelled his ski trip to Switzerland after a phone call from a friend telling him he had an interesting assignment in Prague instead. He found out that there were thousands of Jewish children who were facing annihilation with the anti-Semitic policies of Nazi Germany. The only possible way was to secure entry visas into England, which meant a home for each child had to be found, and raise fifty pounds per child as part of the compulsory process of entry into Britain.

He spent the next few months raising money, finding homes and organising transport for the children of Prague. On March 14 1939 Winton had his first successful transport of children into England. He met the train with his mum and the families who had agreed to take the individual children. With the eighth transport train on August 2 1939, he had successfully brought 669 children from Prague into England.

On September 1 1939, he had organised his biggest group yet with 250 children at Prague Station ready to travel. Sadly, it was the same day that Hitler invaded Poland and all the borders were sealed off. The train was sent away without the children. None of the children were seen again. At the other end in England, 250 families waited in vain for their new children to arrive.

After the war, Winton did not tell anyone what he had accomplished, not even his wife Grete. It was only in 1988 when she found a scrapbook of 1939 in their attic with all the children’s photos, a complete lists of names, a few letters from parents and other documents. Only then did she learn the whole story. Today the scrapbook and other papers are held at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs’ and Heroes Remembrance Authority in Israel.

Since then Winton has appeared on BBC television program, That’s Life, had three movies and a number of books highlighting his story. Numerous folk have indicated they owe their lives to Winton as part of the original children rescued from Prague and wanting to recognise him today. At age 105 he was still vibrant and keen-minded. In fact, when he was undergoing a hip replacement at age 103, the doctors asked if he wanted to be revived if his heart stopped. “Resuscitate me, of course! I want to live.”

Nicholas Winton passed away in 2015 at age 106. His hope in having his story go public was for people to think, “Well things are not right in the world now. I can make a difference in my own way and I am going to do it”.

Sir Nicholas Winton made a difference for 699 children of Prague. He was just one person who caught a vision of what he could do to help. The challenge is for each of us to also make a difference in the sphere of influence that we each have.

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

No Parking – Please Use Official School Carline Service
For the safety of our students there is no parking or collection of students from the front of the Primary Office in the afternoon. If you need to collect your children from school please use our carline service. This service is located at the back of the MPC and can be accessed by parents turning left just before the main gate entry to the school. Thank you for keeping our students safe.

Early Years
2-5 Year Olds
Term 2 Classes Available:
Mon & Tues (9am-10am)
Wed, Thurs & Fri (9am-11am)
Mon & Tues (10.30am-11.30am)
Wed, Thurs & Fri (10.30am-11.30am)
 самостоятельные упражнения
for more information contact: Early Years 2-5 9894 9947

K-6 Optional Sport Uniform For Cross Country Training
Students from Kindy to Year 6 have the option of wearing full sport uniform every day until the Cross Country event on Monday, April 9.

Cross Country Training
The annual Run Around Australia Program (12,300km) commenced on Monday on our 1km school cross country course. Students are able to receive certificates for each 10km they run before school from 8.00am and at lunchtime. Parents and friends are welcome to join the students running in the mornings before school. Students are permitted to wear either their full sport uniform or full summer uniform every day until our Cross Country Event on Monday, April 9. PLEASE NOTE: Students are encouraged to wear old shoes on the track and then change into dry shoes and socks for class time.

This year we are incorporating the RUN4BIBLES program (Bible League International). Students received a flyer explaining the program and sponsorship form. Our goal for the school is to raise $3,500 which will purchase 500 Bibles to help spread the gospel to the world. For each $7 raised one person will learn about Jesus. Students are encouraged to get sponsors throughout the two weeks of Run Around Australia and then return the money with the completed sponsorship form to the classroom teacher on Monday, April 9.

Cross Country Events
The Primary Cross Country events will be held on Monday, April 9 on the school 1km course. We understand that this may be a problem for families who are planning to go to the Commonwealth Games. Students who are planning to be away on this date are requested to run on Tuesday, April 3. Please contact Mr Head if you would like your child to run on April 3.

K-6 Chess Competition
Friday, April 6
Students from Kindy to Year 6 are invited to register their names with Mr Head for the Chess Competition being held in the MPC on Friday, April 6. Students who are away on that day can play at a later date if prearranged with Mr Head. From this competition two senior and two junior teams will be selected to represent our School in the Newcastle Junior Chess League.
GENERAL
Exam Supervisors Needed
We are putting out a request for any parents, grandparents, caregivers or friends advising that we’re looking for volunteer supervisors for our Year 11 and Year 12 exams on the Secondary Campus. You do not need to have any teaching experience, and it is okay if your child/grandchild/relative attends here. Supervisors need to be alert for cheating, attend to exam-related needs of the students and also to help with collecting exam papers at the end. Exam dates for the year are:
- Year 12 Mid Year Exams: Apr 6 - 13
- Year 12 Trial Exams: July 30 - August 3
- Year 11 Final Exams: September 24 - 27
Exams are a maximum of 3 hours in length for Year 12, and a maximum of 2 hours for Year 11. All exams are held in our CLC building, located on the Secondary Campus. Morning exams start at 9:00am and afternoon exams start at 1:00pm. There will usually be two supervisors on for each exam. If you have any experience with being a reader or writer for exams, we would also love to hear from you.
If you have any questions or need more information please contact Louise Cooper, Student Services, on 4977 0222.
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SPORT
HRIS Swimming Carnival
Last Thursday Avondale School participated in the annual HRIS Swimming Carnival at Lambton Swimming Pool. This year Avondale School was in Division One and up against some very tough competition. The students were fantastic on the day, swimming in multiple events. Although we came 7th overall Avondale School will remain in Division One for 2019. We are currently awaiting the list of those students who will be going onto the AICES Swimming Carnival on Tuesday, March 27 and will inform them ASAP.
Thank you to all the parents who cheered and pushed the timer all day. Thank you to all of the students who gave it their very best on the day.

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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!

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LIBRARY

Book Fair, March 26 - 28
You won’t want to miss our annual Book Fair NEXT Monday, March 26 through to Wednesday, March 28 in the library. We will be selling fabulous new books from Scholastic and Central Book Suppliers, and beautiful children’s Bibles from Better Books and Food. There will be great books, posters and novelty items for all budgets, with many books being a bargain at $5.00 or less! EFTPOS will be available for your convenience!

BOOK FAIR OPENING HOURS
Monday 9.30am – 4.00pm
Tuesday 8.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 8.00am – 4.00pm

Students will be able to come and buy books at the Book Fair before school, lunchtime, library class time and after school with a parent. Students who usually have library classes on Thursday will visit the Book Fair on Monday at the following times:

Monday 9.30am – 10.00am  3M
11.45am – 12.15pm  KSL
12.15pm – 12.45pm  KL
12.45pm – 1.15pm  KF
1.40pm – 2.10pm  3W
2.40pm – 3.10pm  3D

Tuesday and Wednesday library classes will visit the Book Fair during their usual library class times. All parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend and stock up on books for birthdays and Christmas. See you at the library NEXT week!

KidsLitQuiz
On Friday, March 16, Avondale School hosted the Newcastle Final of KidsLitQuiz, an international competition for students who love reading. The teams were made up of students from Years 5-8 and 16 teams represented their schools. Students worked in teams of four, answering questions on a broad range of junior and young adult fiction. It was the first time Avondale School has hosted or competed in the competition and our School teams performed strongly and were great hosts to the visiting schools.

We value ...

Patience

Save The Date - May 4
HRIS Cross Country!
The P&F team need your help! Each year our school runs the food stall at the HRIS Cross Country at Avondale College. It’s one of our major fundraising events for the School. On Friday, May 4 we need volunteers to help run the stall. Contact George O’Reilly on 0409 826 905 if you can help in any way.

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.

冬季制服 - Term 2
学生必须在第二学期第一天就穿着冬季制服。没有过渡期。学校商店将在复活节假期期间（4月23日和24日）开放营业时间：9.00am - 5.00pm，为所有冬季制服需求提供服务。

Canteen Orders
由于早上8:00到8:30之间有大量的订单，家长在为孩子下订单时可能遇到困难。为避免这个问题，公司建议在前一天晚上放置订单。我们对由此可能带来的不便表示歉意。

NEW PRODUCT (Zymil) - We now have lactose-free flavoured milk ‘Zymil’ available in chocolate and strawberry for $3.50.

Entertainment Books are Coming!
We are raising funds and you can help. Order the NEW 2018 | 2019 Entertainment Book or Entertainment Digital Membership and you will receive hundreds of valuable offers and you will also be supporting our P&F Fundraising. PLUS, order now to receive over $200 of bonus Early Bird Offers (hurry, these sell out quickly). www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3403w9