Week 4 has been another very busy week with lots of fun, awesome learning opportunities and assessments. Teachers observe and assess students throughout the year in order to document learning gains. Assessment also allows teachers to plan further learning opportunities based on student needs. In the coming weeks teachers will be preparing mid-year reports in order to share students progress with parents.

We’re working hard at present to make sure our students are neat and in the correct uniform. I would appreciate your support in ensuring that students are in correct uniform or have brought a note if they need to be temporarily out of uniform.

It has been a delight to see our students focus on being thankful. The students were challenged by student leaders to make a list of things for which they are thankful. Many classes have also made thank you cards for school staff and have excitedly delivered the cards. Don’t forget to ask your child what they are most thankful for!

‘Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens.’ 1 Thessalonians 5:16

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:  “As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”  John F. Kennedy

Week 4 – check!
Our time with Paul Dillon was well spent – Years 10, 11 and 12 were certainly forearmed with pertinent information about drug and alcohol use among teenagers. Our musical rehearsals continue to get us prepared for the big event June 18, 19 and 21 – hope you’re ‘saving the date’! We had a strong show of support by our parents of Year 12 students to the interview evening on Tuesday night – thank you for working with us to get the best out of our HSC kids! Our elective Music students did themselves proud on Thursday night and our Year 10 PDM students enjoyed their excursion, taking pictures and developing their ‘cultural side’! A great week!

On the Horizon …
Our Athletics Carnival is on Wednesday next week – this is a normal school day and it would be awesome to see all students attending, involved and supporting their House in whatever way they can. Our Year 12 Hospitality students have an excursion, and our teachers are starting to think very seriously about marks and reports! It’s probably good to flag that assessments are starting to appear in force, and we encourage all students to ensure they prepare, plan and START these important tasks. We also have a pupil free day soon (June 6), bumping onto the Queen’s Birthday long weekend.

THAT’S ALL FOLKS … EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED …
What is a picture of a thousand words worth?

Enjoy this beautiful weather … it’s almost officially winter!

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In Term 1, as part of the PDHPE class, Year 10 has been studying careers and considering what the future may hold for them. They have researched jobs and careers which interest them, undertaken personality profiling tests to see what fields their talents match and last week they spent time out in the community doing Work Experience. Students worked as far away as Sydney, with one off to Brisbane to try their hand at politics in Queensland Parliament. Nursing, teaching, preaching, grooming, panel beating, sanding, cleaning, plumbing, flying, policing and working with the elderly and less fortunate were all fields that Avondale School students participated in. Most students enjoyed the opportunity, with the experience helping them decide on the direction their life may or may not head in the future. Avondale School would like to thank all the businesses that allowed our students the opportunity to experience a week of real work and a taste of life as a grown up.
General News

Citizenship Award
Congratulations to Olivia M for making our school a better place.

Sport News

Tug-O-War Competition
There were 20 teams competing in the school Tug-O-War Competition over the last two weeks. Teams were made up of students from Kindy to Year 6 having a total team amount of 100 years or less. There were all boys, all girls, mixed and even a staff member in one team. The teams had a best of three rounds then progressed to the finals on Friday. The top two teams were the Meerkats and the Over The Tops. Congratulations to the Over The Tops: Issie F, Laura A, Mariah S, Madison W, Maddison S, Ary-Elle P, Joshua A and Isabella K. Total years = 96.

Chess Teams
The Knights and Rookies Chess Teams will play their matches against five other schools at Avondale School on Thursday, June 5 in the MPC. Students need to be playing matches at home in preparation for this event. The Kings Team date has not been finalised as yet.

Year 2 Athletics Carnival
Change of Date – Friday, June 20
Please note that the Year 2 Athletics Carnival listed in the school calendar to be held on Thursday, June 26 has been brought forward and will now be held on Friday, June 20. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Paul Dillon - DARTA Report
This week students in Years 10, 11 and 12, as well as our parents, had an opportunity to hear the latest research and strategies on drugs and alcohol. Mr Paul Dillon, Director of DARTA, explained to students and parents that knowledge is power. We do not do these seminars because we have a problem, rather because we want our community to be safe - to know how to react and to make good decisions based on quality research; to know that it is okay to say NO; and to know the dangers involved when choosing to use drugs or alcohol.

Multicultural Banquet
Last week Year 9 Food Technology students ended their first topic with a Multicultural Banquet. Each group researched a country that has influenced Australian cuisine today, and then cooked a significant dish from that country. The results were delicious!

Year 8 Broken Bay Camp
Last Wednesday our Year 8 students headed to Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre on the Hawkesbury River. Near perfect weather was forecast for the three day camp. The first day was action packed. Rock climbing, abseiling and bushwalking were all on the agenda. Some students were really challenged by these activities but eventually overcame their fears. Highlights of the camp included the amazing natural abseil overlooking Patonga Beach, morning worships and fitness on the beach, evening worships with Dr Faull and Mr Vogel, talent night and learning about the local Aboriginal history of the area on the bush walks. Speaking of bush walking, Mrs Richards unfortunately made an early exit on the first day after slipping and breaking her ankle. We wish her a speedy recovery. Special thanks to Mrs Richards, Miss Fraser (for stepping in for Mrs Richards), Dr Faull, Mr Vogel, Mr Ward and Miss Parsons for their help on the camp.

Athletics Carnival
Wednesday, May 28 at Mingara
Our Athletics Carnival is next week on Wednesday, May 28 at Mingara. The buses will leave school after roll call and the first event will start at 9.45 am. Students will be back at school by 3.00 pm to catch their normal buses home.

UNIFORM
It is expected that all students will attend in PE Uniform. Students may change into their House colours when they get there. It is not a mufti day. All students must have a hat!

FOOD
A canteen will be operating on the day as well as a fundraising BBQ with burgers and pancakes.

EVENTS
A program of events will be available on the day. Track and field events may occur simultaneously. When a competitor is required at both a track and field event, the track event shall take precedence. Students are to compete in their own age category only. Ages are calculated as at December 31, 2014.

Results will be used to assist in the selection of the school team that will head to the HRIS Athletics Carnival at Glendale on July 22.

Please note that the 1500m event will be done in a lunchtime a week after the Carnival, and javelin will be done during PE classes at school.

AVONDALE SCHOOL’S MUSICAL
THE STORY
Save the date!

Wednesday 18 June @ 1.30pm
Thursday 19 June @ 6pm
Saturday 21 June @ 6pm
Multi-Purpose Centre. Tickets on sale soon!
Once the family enrolls you will be sent your voucher. Your children love Avondale School, so why not tell your family and friends about it? For each new family you refer to Avondale School you will receive a $100 voucher to spend at the Uniform Shop. Just remind your family members to mention your referral when they enrol.

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

The Munchery has had a birthday! We are 8 years old! We are going to celebrate by have a yummy lunch option on Thursday, June 5. The regular “daily special” will be Curly Fries for only $2.50 (instead of pasta). Start saving and get your party hats out ... it’s time to party!

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Principal’s Message

How would your world change if you were both blind and deaf? It was Helen Keller, who was blind and deaf, that proposed that everyone should be stricken blind and deaf for a few days in early adult life to help them appreciate the delights of sight and the joy of sound. It has been suggested that keeping a diary and writing down things we can be thankful for is good medicine – it cheers the heart. It is good to recall the good things we can be thankful for and take the time to say “THANK YOU!” Then the world, your world, will be a better place for it!

‘Gratitude is the homage of the heart!’ Anon.

An evergreen tree is always green despite the changes in the weather around it. It is green in the heat of summer as well as in the cold of winter. We have been emphasising thankfulness in our family values these last few weeks. Our thankfulness, like the evergreen, should be unaffected by the changes around us.

“In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

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School Term Dates 2014

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Avondale School Values

Thankfulness

Primary Calendar - Term 2

- ICAS Science Competition: June 4
- Pupil Free Day: June 6
- Queen’s Birthday Holiday: June 9
- CIS Cross Country: June 12
- HRIS Basketball: June 17
- ICAS Spelling Competition: June 17
- Year 2 Athletics Carnival: June 20
- Year 3 & 4 Athletics Carnival: June 24
- Year 5 & 6 Athletics Carnival: June 25

Secondary Calendar - Term 2

- Duke of Edinburgh Camp: May 23 - 25
- Year 12 Hospitality Excursion: May 27
- Athletics Carnival: May 28
- AICES Cross Country: May 29
- Year 12 Avondale College Future’s Day: June 4
- Pupil Free Day: June 6
- Queen’s Birthday Holiday: June 9
- CIS Cross Country: June 12
- HRIS Netball: June 13
- School Musical Rehearsal: June 15
- Year 12 Modern History Excursion: June 17

Library Activities

There’s always something to do in the library! One of the popular lunchtime pastimes is to build houses, town and cities with wooden blocks while cuddling a soft toy. Very creative Brent and Joe!

Of course, books are also extremely popular in the library at lunchtime, or at any time. Sisters Matilda and Charlotte enjoyed reading library books together in the library this week.

Library news

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