Are you hungry? What is your favourite food? Do you remember the first time you tasted it? I love Thai food! The first time I tried it was in 1993 at a little restaurant in College Place, Washington. The first bite sent my mind spinning as my taste buds signalled, “This is amazing!” Today, years later, I still look forward to those special mornings when my wife says “Do you want to get some Thai food tonight?” Throughout the day I think about Pad Thai, Green Curry and skewers dipped in peanut sauce. I can’t wait to sit down with my girl and taste the delectable steaming dish set before me. Do you relate? Are you feeling hungry just reading about it?

This week our Year 12 class took our Week of Worship in the Secondary School. They chose the theme Hungry because they wanted to talk about their hunger for God and His Hunger for us. Amity B told a hilarious story on Monday about two foxes who refused to take help, and therefore suffered the consequences. Tyler H highlighted the importance of what he called ‘Jesushood’ or walking through life with a group of friends who help us keep our eyes on Jesus. Caleb K talked about the hilarities of his family at the dinner table and how special it is to him to know that God has invited all of us to come sit at His table and eat. Jaiden G highlighted a number of reasons He is Hungry for God and personally related that He is hungry for God because God is, in his words “My best mate…He has the whole universe to look after, but He takes the time to hang out with me!” Mitchell L talked about the Spiritual food that God has prepared and challenged us to “let Him feed you...don’t resist the Spiritual feast that God prepared for you!” Personal testimonies by Sophie G, Sarah A, Cara T and Estella M have highlighted how God never gives up on us through the darkest of times. The amazing worship music and items that Year 12 students brought this week added to a Spiritual feast that has left all of us inspired!

Are you hungry? Are you anticipating the next time you sit down in front of your favourite food? Is it Thai, Italian, Mexican or just good ole Aussie home cooking? Can you picture the steaming plate and the cold drink you’re going to wash it down with? Stop for a moment and imagine how you’ll feel just after you finish the meal - that deep satisfying feeling of being full, satisfied, happy and at peace. Now ask yourself these questions … Am I hungry for something even deeper? Is there a hunger in my soul that food, hobbies, friendships, money, technology, entertainment, even my children can’t fill? Jesus said, “Come unto me all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest!”

I’d like to invite you to come to the table that God provides through His Son Jesus Christ. He has prepared a table for each of us in the midst of our crazy schedules, our victories, our defeats, our joys and our sorrows. He wants to be your best mate. He has done everything possible to be in relationship with you - in fact He gave His life on the cross to save you. He said “Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled!” Are you hungry? Come to Him and He will fill you up. That’s His promise!

Have a blessed weekend!

Brian Reed
Secondary Chaplain
**GENERAL**

**Student Illness**
We have had a number of students absent from school over the past few weeks with upset stomachs and vomiting. To help prevent the spread of this illness, we ask that students not return to school until 24 hours after their last incident. Thank you for noting this and helping keep our students well.

**Live On Air**
Year 3 student, Ava, had the privilege to play violin live on air this week on Lake Macquarie FM!

**SPORT**

**Swimming Presentation**
**Monday, February 27**
The Swimming Carnival presentation will be held this coming Monday, February 27 at assembly, weather permitting.

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

**Primary Chess Competition**
**Change Of Date To Wednesday, March 15**
Please note there has been a change to the date for our Primary Chess Competition. It will now be held on Wednesday, March 15. Thank you for noting this.
Class

Visual Arts Excursions
Students in Visual Arts have been out exploring a number of different galleries recently. Years 9-12 saw the exhibition, John Olsen’s THE CITY’S SON, featuring works personally chosen by the artist that reflect his affection for Newcastle and the Hunter region’s waterways – the beaches, harbour, lake, rivers and wetlands. Describing the works of art selected as ‘going coastal’, they resonate with the city’s heart, relaxed culture and lifestyle. Importantly, the exhibition will showcase 35 works of art from the Gallery’s collection, including ceramics, prints and paintings spanning 1954 - 1992. Students in Year 12 also participated in a ‘study morning’, considering past HSC candidates’ works and hearing exhibiting students in ART EXPRESS talk about their bodies of work. Curator’s insights into the exhibition, as well as investigating themes and artists will be considered. Study mornings are a great way to explore the artworks and the behind-the-scenes content that brings an exhibition from idea to reality.

General

Uniform Cards
This Tuesday students from Year 8-12 will be taking ownership of TWO personalised plastic Uniform Cards. One YELLOW, one BLUE. These cards will give greater responsibility to each of our students to manage their uniform and have a choice in what happens when they are out of uniform or have failed to follow our uniform process. We are sure that your child will be excited and eager enough to share with you how the Uniform Cards will be used.

The Uniform Cards are plastic and should survive the usual wash. You may wish to check pockets and remove the plastic cards before you commence ironing :) We are looking forward to the Uniform Cards bringing greater consistency in assisting staff and students in working together to present our school uniform with pride.

Step Up

3.30 – 4.30 PM THURSDAYS ALL THIS TERM 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
K-9 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)
Did you know that last year 277,098 NSW school students, with some from Avondale School, signed up and read 7,492,209 books for the PRC? If you LOVE reading then you'll be really excited that the PRC is about ready to start for this year! From Monday, March 6 you'll be able to come to the library and sign up for the challenge. Check out the iCentre Landscape page for all the PRC information you need. http://landscape.avondaleschool.nsw.edu.au/homepage/1762

Primary Calendar - Term 1
Swimming Presentation ......................................................... February 27
P&F Meeting 3.15pm Admin Building - all welcome! .................... March 2
Primary Parent Teacher Interviews ......................................... March 9
School Open Day ................................................................. March 14
Chess Competition (new date).............................................. March 15
Run Around Australia ......................................................... March 20 - 31
Kindy 2018 Readiness Evening ........................................... March 22
CIS Swimming Carnival ...................................................... March 23
SWOMP (Super Week of Mega Praise) .................................... March 27 - 31
Daylight Saving Ends ......................................................... April 2

Secondary Calendar - Term 1
Duke of Edinburgh Camp .................................................... February 24 - 26
Year 12 VET Work Placement (Non-ATAR) .......................... February 27 - March 3
Year 9 & 10 Textiles Excursion ............................................. March 2
HRIS Prefect Afternoon Tea ................................................ March 2
P&F Meeting 3.15pm Admin Building - all welcome! .................... March 2
Year 10 Business Week ...................................................... March 6 - 10
School Open Day ............................................................... March 14
HRIS Swimming Carnival .................................................. March 15
Duke of Edinburgh Camp .................................................. March 16 - 21
Year 10-12 Music Excursion ............................................... March 20

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.

- Kylie Stacey piano (Simply Music, AMEB, traditional) 0409 939 302
- Ngareta Rorich piano (Simply Music) 4973 6086
- Angela Miller piano (Simply Music) 0421 464 797
- Jan Hughes piano 4977 2037
- Marilyn Aveling-Rowe piano 0422 714 747
- Cybèle Coutet voice (AMEB) / piano (AMEB) 0423 455 977
- Alison Hodge voice 0420 528 868
- Gabriella Ostand viola 0447 262 260
- Renée Liss violin 0413 777 477
- Esther Albert cello / violin / double bass 0439 420 661
- Emma Jones flute 0432 925 199
- Fred Cracknell saxophone / clarinet / brass 0404 082 151
- Oliver Doyle trumpet 0418 975 033
- Jake Bisognin guitar 0400 389 612
- Zayne Mariassouce guitar 0421 730 045
- Mitchell Wallace bass guitar / guitar 0435 578 723
- Garry Lawler group guitar lessons / ukulele 0438 608 180
- James Dennett drums 0401 549 084

What is Avondale Parents and Friends (P&F)?
We are the parent organisation at Avondale School. We are volunteers interested in nurturing the mission of the school by creating and fostering a connection between Avondale School parents, friends, students and staff. Our mission is to support, communicate and facilitate the education of the children in positive ways.
We welcome ALL interested parents, staff, friends, relatives and guardians of students attending our school! No need to sign up ... just turn up at our next meeting! Admin Building, Thursday, March 2, 3.15 - 4.00 pm sharp. See you there!

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