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ICAS English
The ICAS English Competition will be held at school next Tuesday, July 28. Selected students have been notified and we ask that they be here ready for an immediate 9.00 am start on Tuesday morning.

Athletics Presentation
The Athletics results are all in and the HRIS Athletics Team has been put on display in the sport’s cabinet. The presentation of ribbons and trophies will be held next Monday, July 27 at assembly, weather permitting.

HRIS Athletics Day
Wednesday, August 5
Please note the change of date for the HRIS Athletics Day, which will now be held on Wednesday, August 5 at the Hunter Sports Centre at Glendale. Permission notes have been sent home and need to be returned to the Primary Office.

Sport In Schools
The annual Term 3 Sport In Schools Australia Program commenced this week and will continue for the rest of the term. This special program involves Kindy to Year 6 students participating in rotation activities covering many developmental skill areas of the curriculum using unique equipment. All students from Kindy to Year 6 need to wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays for Term 3.

SPORT UNIFORM FOR TERM 3
Kindy: wear sport uniform each Monday and Tuesday.
Years 1 & 2: wear sport uniform each Tuesday only.
Years 3-6: wear sport uniform each Tuesday and Friday.

Games Night
Avondale MPC - CAFE & FOOD
www.gatewaycommunity.com.au
Year 11 VET Work Placement Forms
The Year 11 VET Work Placement Forms are due back to Mrs Nevell by Monday, July 27.

Bronze Medal Winners
Joseph C and Ethan C in Year 11 competed in a commercial cookery competition last term and brought home Bronze! The students entered in the 2015 HTN Interschools Culinary Competition. They had to watch a demonstration by a local chef at the Hamilton TAFE Campus and then had to replicate the dish presented. Joseph and Ethan displayed outstanding culinary technique and skills. There were a range of technical components to the dish and both students worked amazing together to complete an outstanding dish. Congratulations to Joseph and Ethan for such outstanding skill.

Mathematics Courses for Year 11 2016
On Tuesday this week, Year 10 students were given a brief outline of the different Mathematics courses in NSW for Year 11 and 12. In the coming months students will need to make decisions regarding which of these courses they will do in 2016. In order to assist students and parents/caregivers in making these decisions, they are encouraged to have a look at the information and video posted on the following Mathematics Association of NSW (MANSW) website: http://www.mansw.nsw.edu.au/resources/public-resources
It would be optimal if students and parents were able to view these resources prior to attending the Year 11 2016 Subject Expo night which will be held next Tuesday, July 28 at 7.00 pm in the MPC. Mathematics teachers will be present at the Subject Expo and available to answer questions that students and parents/caregivers may have. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening.
Primary Book Character Parade

This year's Book Character Parade will be held in the MPC on Thursday, August 20 at 9.00 am. If you still need inspiration for your costume, there are photo albums in the library showing some of the wonderful costumes that have been created in previous years. When designing costumes, please choose costumes that reflect the values of the school and especially avoid supernatural and violent book characters. You will need to bring your selected book along on Parade Day. We are really looking forward to seeing your creativity at the parade.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

While staying at our house for a while, my granddaughter began asking, “Whatcha doin’ Grandpa?” over and over again. Everything I did, she would sidle up to me and asked what I was doing. After answering her a few times with “paying bills”, “working on my computer”, “reading the paper” and “putting on my shoes”, I came to the conclusion that she was asking a key question.

Answering to a curious little girl about everything we do is one thing, but answering to God about our actions is infinitely more important. It would be helpful to think of God coming alongside us at any time to ask, “What are you doing?” Imagine how often our answers would seem meaningless or empty.

Integrity is the family value we are emphasizing this fortnight. Integrity is the inner sense of ‘wholeness’ deriving from qualities such as honesty and consistency of character. A person ‘has integrity’ to the extent that they act according to the values, beliefs and principles they claim to hold, even when no one is looking.

So how do we show integrity? We are told to use our time carefully, “Be very careful, then, how you live” (Ephesians 5:15 NIV). God wants to know ‘Whatcha doin’?’ even when no one is watching.

Dr David Faull
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