Albert grew up in Europe in a loving home just prior to the turn of the 20th century, from a long line of scholars and pastors. However, he hated school and would rather be outside caring for animals. His father despaired that he would struggle to even be the village postmaster. The one thing he excelled in was music and could make music better than anyone else. It was not until sitting in class at high school one day that he realised the teachers wanted him to do better. The penny dropped and through increased interest, he moved from the bottom of the class to the top in just one term. Soon after his 21st birthday he woke one morning with the conviction that somehow, someday, he was going to have to pay something back for his good fortune. Here are his own words: “Calmly thinking the matter over before I got up, while the birds were singing outside, I decided that I would consider myself justified in living until I was thirty for science and art, and from that time on would devote myself to the direct service of humanity.”

He went on to receive his doctorate in Philosophy in 1899, his doctorate in Theology in 1900 and was recognised as a concert pianist in his own right by this stage. He received his Medical Degree in 1913 and with his wife then travelled to Africa as he felt called of God to serve there. They arrived in Gabon and headed inland to Lambarene where they were going to build their hospital.

An indication of his humour is seen in the following situation as he was building his hospital in Lambarene, Africa. One well-dressed bystander watched sympathetically while Schweitzer dragged great balks of timber up the hill, and Schweitzer asked him to lend a hand. “I can’t do that”, said the bystander; “I’m an intellectual”. “I always wanted to be one of those,” said Schweitzer, toiling on, “but I never made it.” Keep in mind he had three doctorates!

In 1917 Albert and Helene were sent back to France as German nationals and put into an intern camp where Helene was quite sick and also had their baby, Rhena. It took some six years before Albert was in a position to return to Africa where he had to rebuild the hospital. He used hardwood, and quipped that even the termites would need a dentist. The Schweitzers spent most of their lives serving in Africa at the hospital, ending up with a well-equipped complex built under their direction, energy and vision. In 1953 he received the Noble Peace prize for his services to humanity, a recognition of a life dedicated to service.

Albert Schweitzer is in an inspiration to others and an example that I think is one that all of us could reflect on. I would challenge each of us to be more others focused, to look for opportunities to help in our community, and to emulate his dedicated life of humble service.

David McClintock
Principal
GENERAL

Run4Bibles
The Primary Campus held its annual Run Around Australia event in March, where students try to run the full distance it would take to go around the whole of Australia. This year’s had an added feature. As part of their run, students were invited to raise money for Run4Bibles, a program run by Bible League International, that helps put Bibles in the hands of kids in Africa that may not otherwise have access. The students raised a significant $4,217.80, which will go to helping spread the gospel to these children. There were no prizes offered, no extra incentive, just an opportunity to do something that could have eternal significance. As an added surprise bonus, the six top money raisers were given a special Adventure Bible for their efforts. Special thanks goes out all the students, staff, and those who sponsored for their support and for seeing the significance of this program.

SPORT

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Building Resilience in Children
Tuesday, 19 June 2018 | 6-8PM
Avondale Early Learning Centre

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Athletics Carnival
This Monday, May 28
1. Times
8.40am Roll Marking
9.00am Buses leave for Mingara
9.45am Event 1 commences
2.15pm Departure by bus returning to school

2. 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.
• As many students as possible may enter the events. There will be qualifying guidelines on some events.
• One relay team may be entered from each House, in each age group.
• Ages are calculated as at December 31, 2018. Age categories are 12-14 (Junior), 15-16 (Intermediate) and 17-18 (Senior).
• Results will be used to assist in the selection of the HRJS team.

CLASS

Year 12 Food Technology Excursion to Sanitarium
During the week the Year 12 Food Technology class visited the Sanitarium Pilot and Sensory Laboratories in Cooranbong. They developed a new Weet-bix product as well as participated in a sensory test for a possible new Sanitarium product. The experiences the students had at the factory has provided some practical knowledge that will help them as they develop their own new food products later in the term.

COLOUR FOR CAMBODIA
Save the Date | 26 August 2018

Avondale School
**National Simultaneous Storytime**

All around Australia, school students participated in National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday, May 23 at 11.00am. Our Kindy students joined us in the iCentre to read Hickory Dickory Dash. It was wonderful to see them enjoying this clever variation on the nursery rhyme and joining in with other schools around Australia.

**Overdue Books**

Please check that your students have returned any overdue books. Thank you.

**Featured Parent Title**

*He’ll Be Ok* by Celia Lashlie

In this book, author Celia Lashlie, a former prison manager, explains how boys think and what practical strategies parents can employ to help their sons grow into good, loving and articulate men.

**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.

**Piano**

- Kylie Stacey (Simply Music, AMEB, traditional) / 0409 939 302
- Angela Miller (Simply Music) / 0421 464 797
- Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
- Jan Hughes / 4977 2037
- Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308

**Voice**

- Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

**Strings**

- Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 040 308
- Esther Albert (cello / violin / double bass) / 0439 420 661

**Woodwinds**

- Emma Jones (flute) / 0432 925 199
- Fred Cracknell (saxophone / clarinet) / 0404 082 151

**Brass**

- Fred Cracknell / 0404 082 151
- Anna Howard (trumpet) / 0430 106 953

**Guitar**

- Jake Bisognin / 0400 389 612
- Toby Zeuschner / 0405 405 131
- Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308
- Garry Lawler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

**Drums**

- James Dennett / 0401 549 084

**Library**

**Scholastic Book Club**

Thank you to the many families who ordered from Book Club. We look forward to delivering the orders to your students as soon as they arrive.

**Art on the Move**

HRIS Art on the Move is still on display in the library and will be there until June 5. If you have a few minutes to spare, pop in and see the beautiful work of some truly talented students in our region, including many from our own school.