Primary Calendar - Term 3
School Reunion.....................................................Aug 3
HRIS Cultural Festival.......................................Aug 7
School Open Day Showcase..................Aug 15
HRIS Athletics Carnival................................Aug 16
Kings Chess Interschool Comp..............Aug 19
Book Week..................................................Aug 19 - 23
HRIS Soccer / Netball Gala Day..............Aug 20
Y5 & 6 Maths Competition.......................Aug 21
Book Character Parade 9.00am..............Aug 22
Kindy Families at the Farm.....................Aug 28

Secondary Calendar - Term 3
HRIS Athletics Carnival...................................Jul 29
Y10 English Excursion....................................Jul 30
Y11 Hospitality Community Function.........Jul 30
School Reunion.....................................................Aug 3
Y12 Trial Exams..............................................Aug 5 - 16
HRIS Cultural Festival...................................Aug 7
Y7 & 8 English Poetry Incursion.............Aug 9
Y11 Geography Fraser Island Trip.Aug 11 - 14
Y10 PDM Excursion.........................................Aug 13
HRIS Junior Basketball.................................Aug 14

School Terms 2019
Term 3.........................................................Jul 22 - Sep 27
Term 4.........................................................Oct 14 - Dec 6

THE VIEW

Parents & Friends Team
Every drop fills a bucket ... this is how the P&F Committee operates. We come together as a community group to support events and projects at Avondale School.

About P&F
The Avondale School Parents and Friends Committee is dedicated to providing community engagement activities to support the School community. Our volunteers work together to create opportunities for the community to connect and also to provide support to the school with their funding priorities list through some of our annual event fundraising activities. We acknowledge the diversity of our parent community and offer an open and supportive environment where volunteers can build friendships, connect in the community, contribute to the school and celebrate our achievements along the way.

Key Objectives
• Strong relationships built within the school community.
• Partnerships created between parents, friends and teachers.
• Regular meetings held, bringing together interested people.
• Opportunities provided for parents to socialise.
• Parent feedback provided to the Principal, School Board and other relevant school bodies.
• Funds raised from P&F events are reinvested into future P&F events, with excess funds being put towards school amenities.
• Information provided to parents to extend their understanding of school issues.

Projects
The funds that have been raised at events have provided many things to assist the students and staff, from bubblers to playground equipment, new soccer uniforms, musical instruments and a new cricket pitch in the Primary School. We are also pleased to have been able to furnish the MakerSpace Room in the Primary School with new and modern furniture to create an inviting space for students. Later in the year, the community will benefit from popular keynote speaker Paul Dillon. Watch the Avondale School Facebook page for details.

Get involved
Avondale School has a great tradition of parent involvement, which helps school families become the united community that we are now. It is this strong family involvement over the years that make this school stand out and creates the famous Avondale spirit. We welcome and encourage all parents, carers and grandparents to get involved in our activities through joining one of our event committees, attending events or P&F meetings throughout the year, providing sponsorship and volunteering to be involved in the planning and/or coordinating of activities. If you are interested in joining the Parents and Friends Committee, leading out or volunteering on an event sub-committee please come along to the next P&F meeting! These are advertised on the School’s Facebook Page. We hope that every family coming through the school will enjoy a time on the committee and make the contribution they committed to in accepting enrolment.

Any questions please contact P&F President Dion Spiros dionspiros@hotmail.com or Treasurer Monique Keet at mkeet4@gmail.com. Remember – “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” Helen Keller

Friendly wishes from the P&F Team!

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SPORT

Term 3 Sport Uniform
Kindy – wear their Sport Uniform on Mondays and Tuesdays.
Years 1 & 2 – wear their Sport Uniform on Tuesdays.
Years 3-6 – wear their Sport Uniform on Tuesdays and Fridays.

K-2 Sport In Schools Program
Term 3, Every Tuesday
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Years 3-6 School Gymnastics Program
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We welcome Mrs Kylie Stacey who will be replacing Mrs Campbell while she is on maternity leave.

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Year 8 Film Music Workshop
The Year 8 cohort were incredibly lucky to participate in a Film Music Workshop run by local composer Blake Robinson on Thursday this week. Blake shared some great insights into the creative process of his work and dazzled the students with his incredible array of technology! Many students left feeling motivated to begin creating their own music for film, which actually forms part of their assessment for this term. We feel very lucky to have such an inspirational professional musician in our community!

SPORT

Equestrian Achievement
Recently Reilly D (Y9) competed at the Tamworth Interschool State Horse Extravaganza. Reilly and her horse, Champ (Leechdale Golden Destiny), brought home a 2nd in led, 3rd in rider, 6th in ridden working hunter (horse class) and a 5th and 1st in the preliminary age group dressage (more than 60 riders). Reilly and her horse won by over 3% in the division as an Intermediate Champion Dressage Rider.

There were over 500 riders and 700 horses competing at the event and even though it was a 5 and a half hour trip to the event, Reilly felt it was more than worth it.

At the Hunter Valley Grammar School Equestrian Championships, Reilly and her horse placed 1st in combined training dressage and 2nd and 3rd in novice dressage, receiving a Reserve Champion. Well done Reilly!

STEP UP

3.30 - 4.30PM 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!

TERM 3 SPORT

School sports for this term have now commenced. Students get to choose a variety of on campus and off campus sport options. Scootering is a popular sport with some of our Year 7 boys. They had their first run this week at Bonnells Bay skate park.
ALL SCHOOL
Phoning the School
When you phone the school we want to make your experience efficient. Our new system will allow you to select 1 for the Primary Campus Office, 2 for the Secondary Campus Office or hold for all other enquiries. Please note that this system will commence as of next week.

Coming Soon...
Parents, some very exiting news! Coming in Term 4 is a new sports uniform, in a new design and a new modern fabric. We think you will be very pleased with it when it arrives. There will obviously be a phase-in period over a period of time as we transition to the new uniform. So if you are able, please hold off buying sports uniforms until Term 4... it will be worth the wait :) Thanks for being part of our school family.

LIBRARY
New Instagram Account
Our iCentre has a new Instagram account for our high school students to follow. The address is: @avondalehslibraryinsta
This Instagram account will help students to see what is new in books, eBooks and eAudiobooks. It will also let our students know about current events and competitions, particularly Lego Masters and our upcoming Book Week events. So follow us now and keep up with what is happening in our iCentre!

Colouring Competition
Want to win a box set of Diary of a Wimpy Kid books? Our local QBD bookshop at Tuggerah is running a colouring competition and the winner receives a box set of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series.
Entry forms are available in the iCentre and need to be dropped into QBD before August 15. Get colouring and get involved – you just might win!

Book Week is Coming Soon!
Our whole school Book Week celebration is from August 19-23 this year. There will be book-themed quizzes, competitions, storytellers, our parade, and Quizzical (Years 7-12).
How is your costume planning coming along for our biennial K-6 Book Character Parade?
As in recent parades, we will acknowledge ‘commendable’ costumes in each Year Level without ranking them. Our esteemed judges will be looking for creativity and originality in costume designs so please start thinking about your costume now to reduce stress at the last minute. Remember that you also need to bring along the book that your book character is from. When designing costumes please only choose costumes that reflect the values of our school, so avoid supernatural, violent and grotesque characters such as witches, wizards, etc. A good rule of thumb to work by is if the library has the book then you certainly can dress as a character from that book. Looking forward to seeing YOU in the MPC at 9.00am on Thursday August 22.

Scholastic Book Club
Scholastic Book Club magazines will be handed out next week. It’s your chance to buy books at bargain prices!

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
Sandi Lowe / 0447 006 209
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
Jan Hughes / 4977 2037
Henry Higgins / 0490 040 308
Sophie-Lee Johnson / 0490 451 781

Voice
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

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

Woodwinds
Meldi Arkinstall (flute) / 0413 548 985
Fred Cracknell (saxophone / clarinet) / 0404 082 151

Brass
Fred Cracknell / 0404 082 151

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 Dennet / 0401 549 084

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