Primary Super Week of Mega Praise

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ... “To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens.”

THIS WEEK ... We had a fantastic time on Saturday with all the parents and students who attended our final SWOMP program. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the worship, items, quiz and talk by Levi the Levite. Year 1 headed to the beach for a day of fun, designing and building sandcastles. 3M had an overnight camp at school. Our students, along with some teachers, parents and grandparents, have been energetically running the cross country track. On Thursday we hosted a Science and Technology professional development day for teachers from the HRIS schools. This Saturday our musical ensembles are performing at Gateway Church. The program starts at 11.00 am in the MPC. You will be amazed at the talent of our students!

NEXT WEEK ... Who doesn’t love a four day week! Monday is our Cross Country Run. Spectators are very welcome. Year 2 are off to the Wetlands on Tuesday. Year 6 have China Day on Wednesday. Thursday is Jolly Phonics Fun Day for Kindy students and the Bilby Easter Concert for Year 2. Thursday is also a mufti day. Our day will support Southlakes Marketplace, who help provide low cost food to families in need. I’m sure that our students will have plenty of Easter treats, so we’re asking that students bring either a gold coin donation or some small Easter eggs to donate. This is a great opportunity to help our children to understand how blessed they are! Enjoy a great weekend. Only four school days to go!

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THIS WEEK ... It’s been a pretty intense week for staff this week with long days – worth it though as we’ve had a chance to connect with so many of you over the progress and success of your children! Thank you to all those who were able to come to our Parent Teacher evenings! A number of tasks have been due too across the year groups, and Year 12 were immersed completely in their exam program. Our choir and orchestra have been in final practice sessions to ready themselves for not only tour but their first big church program on Sabbath and our tour concert on Saturday night. You should SO come!

AND NEXT? ... Well, who could believe that we’re talking the final week of Term 1, with the Year 10 Anna Bay Camp, the Year 11 inaugural Urban Challenge, Year 12’s return to their school program and an early finish with Good Friday? I think things will finish very quickly! Here’s to a great four days of Week 10.

THAT’S ALL THEN ... But for this little tidbit: hot water is heavier than cold. Only 7 sleeps to a significant reference point of Christendom – remembering what Jesus went through for us, what He conquered and what He promises for our future! Woohoo!

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Year 5 & 6 Parent Secondary Campus Tour
Did you get to come on our Open Day Year 5 & 6 Parent Secondary Campus Tour? No? No need to worry! We are going to run more tours in the LAST WEEK of Term 1 because we want you to be excited about what life on the Secondary Campus is all about.

On Monday, March 30 at 6.00 pm, we will be providing a tour of the Secondary School Campus for all Year 5 and 6 parents. Tours will be starting from the Administration Building. The tour will take about 45 minutes and will include opportunity for you to ask questions about our Secondary Campus.

To book a tour, phone the Administration Office on 4977 0200. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mufti Day - Thursday, April 2
Southlakes Marketplace Community Easter Appeal
Next Thursday, April 2, is a Mufti Day for the Primary School. To help those less fortunate than ourselves in our community, we ask all students to bring either a gold coin donation or easter eggs. All proceeds will be donated to a local charity, the Southlakes Marketplace, for their Community Easter Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 4, in the playground of Bernie Goodwin Oval at Morisset from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On Mufti Day, please note that all students are asked to wear closed-in shoes. Singlet tops, short shorts, jewellery, makeup or nail polish is not to be worn. Thank you for noting this.

Winter Uniform - Term 2
Winter uniform is to be worn when Term 2 commences on Monday, April 20. If you need any uniform items, visit the Uniform Shop on Monday or Wednesday next week from 8.30 am until 4.30 pm to make purchases. The Uniform Shop will also be open during the holidays on:
- Tuesday, April 14 - 9.00 am - 5.00 pm
- Wednesday, April 15 - 9.00 am - 5.00 pm

SPORT

Cross Country Training Run Around Australia
It has been a very big two weeks for our students in the lead up to the Primary Cross Country Run on Monday, March 30, with some students running 20km a day. Students have been running before school, at lunch time and in their own classes. There has been a marked increase in fitness levels from Kindy to Year 6 students. Mr Head is expecting some long-standing records to be broken this year based on training times. The combined total of kilometres run up to Thursday was 11,052km, which is only 300km short of running all the way around Australia. Some of the outstanding achievements of students are:

Kindy - Year 2  Emma P, Joelle C (60km)
Years 3 and 4  Luke P (80km)
Years 5 and 6  Mitchell A, Tyson H, Matthew L and Ethan M (100km)
Savannah W (80km)

Cross Country Run Monday, March 30
The Cross Country will be held on the Primary School oval on Monday, March 30, weather permitting. All students are to wear sport uniform for the day. Students will run in events according to their age (which is the age your child will be at December 31, 2015). Parents are welcome to attend. Listed below are approximate times for each of the aged events. (Please note that these are approximate times only and are subject to change).

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Chess
If you would like your child to have all the benefits of playing chess, the www.chesskid.com website has videos, puzzles, lessons and articles on chess. This website will improve your child’s chess ability very quickly and it is free.

Term 2 Sports Uniform
In Term 2, Kindy to Year 2 will continue to wear sport uniform on Mondays. All students in Years 3-6 will wear their sport uniform on Fridays.
General Mathematics RYDA Excursion

Last Thursday, Year 11 General Mathematics students attended the RYDA Driver Safety Program sponsored by Rotary. The program included presentations by NRMA driving instructors, the NSW Police and a road accident victim. The Mathematics and Driving Focus Study in the General Mathematics course investigates Mathematics associated with driving. This unit includes topics such as the costs of purchasing and running a car and aspects of road safety, including calculations involving blood alcohol concentrations and stopping distances. A highlight of the day was a practical demonstration relating to stopping distances. A crash dummy was placed standing on the road in a position where it would have been barely bumped had the driver been travelling at a speed of 50km/h. At 60km/h the dummy was hit hard and bounced a considerable distance along the road, which in reality would have caused serious injuries to a pedestrian. It was a valuable learning experience and the students gained an increased appreciation of the dangers of driving and practical strategies to minimise risks when driving.
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** Helpers Needed for HRIS Cross Country**

We are searching for helpers for our annual HRIS Cross Country Food Stall on May 1. This is a great event for our school raising approximately $3,000 each year. If anyone would like to donate a decent amount of onions and/or eggs, please let us know. If you can help in any way please contact either Joan or Georgina in the Uniform Shop on 4977 0231.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

It was great to see lots of parents who came to chat about the progress their child is making in school with our terrific teaching team. Research clearly indicates the interest and support of parents in the school is a key element in student success. Discussion with students about what they are learning and goal setting is extremely important.

**CANTEEN**

**Hot Chips on the Last Day of School**

The Canteen will be selling hot chips next Thursday, April 2 for a special last day of Term 1 treat.

**LIBRARY**

**World War I Display**

As Australians commemorate the bravery, sacrifice and mateship exhibited at Gallipoli, we would like to highlight the commitment of those overseas and at home during World War I as they fought for what we have today. We’d like to invite contributions of items of interest from families to add to the display. Precious items will be kept under lock and key for safety. If you have something you would be prepared to share, please contact the library before the end of term.

**Parent Library**

Thanks to the many parents who have joined our Parent Library and are borrowing resources for themselves and their children on a regular basis. Parents, if you would like to borrow books for your children to read during the holiday period come visit the library next week to stock up on some great titles.

**Secondary School Borrowing**

Secondary School students are encouraged to borrow over the holidays for study or just for fun. Please remember to return or renew any books you have outstanding at the moment.

**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

The value we are promoting across the school at the moment is humility. The following story illustrates this value.

A man who had just been elected to Parliament brought his family to Canberra for the first time. He felt important as he told them about his new position and what he would be doing in his job.

As the family entered Parliament, they stood in the Great Hall and the man’s 8 year old daughter gazed around and was awestruck. Her proud father asked, “What are you thinking about?” She replied, “Daddy, I was just thinking about how big you look in our house and yet you look small in here!” Without knowing it, the little girl had said something her father needed to hear.

From time to time we may become proud and we need to have a dose of reality. We need to be reminded not to think of ourselves more highly then we ought to (Romans 12:3). It’s true that big fish in small ponds shrink very quickly in a large ocean.

A HUGE thank you to all those parents who joined us for discussions this week on the Interim Reports. Your interest and support does make a difference. Enjoy the news for this week.

**Dr David Faulk**

Principal

**SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015**

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**Primary Calendar - Term 1**

Cross Country Run..........................................................March 30
Year 5 & 6 Parents Secondary Campus Tour 6.00 pm ..........March 30
Year 2 Wetlands Excursion.............................................March 31
Year 6 China Day .........................................................April 1
Mufti Day .................................................................April 2
Kindy Jolly Phonics Day ..............................................April 2
Year 2 Bilby Easter Concert.............................................April 2
Get Active Ends for Term 1 ..........................................April 2
Last Day of Term 1 .........................................................April 2
Good Friday Holiday ....................................................April 3
Daylight Saving Ends .....................................................April 5

**Secondary Calendar - Term 1**

Combined Ensembles at Gateway Church .........................March 28
Band & Choir NZ Tour Concert 7.00 pm MPC .................March 28
Band & Choir NZ Tour Movie Fundraiser 2.00 pm ..........March 29
Year 11 Urban Challenge..............................................March 30 - April 2
Year 10 Anna Bay Camp ...................................................March 30 - April 2
Get Active Ends for Term 1 ..........................................April 2
Last Day of Term 1 .........................................................April 2
Good Friday Holiday ....................................................April 3
Daylight Saving Ends .....................................................April 5
Easter Monday Holiday ..................................................April 6
NNSW Big Camp..............................................................April 10 - 18
Book NOW as places are limited! 28 places available per day

**Program Week 1**

**Tuesday 7 April**
Event Cinemas Glendale
HOME (RATED PG)
BUS LEAVING: 9.30am  *NO SPENDING MONEY*

**Wednesday 8 April**
Hunter Valley Gardens
INFLATABLES
BUS LEAVING: 9.30am

**Thursday 9 April**  **20 PLACES ONLY!**
Taronga Zoo
MOSMAN SYDNEY
BUS LEAVING: 8.30am  *$20 MAX SPENDING MONEY*

**Friday 10 April**
Newcastle Entertainment Centre
WALKING WITH DINOSAURS
BUS LEAVING: 9.00am

**Cost & CCB**

$55.00 per student  8.00am - 4.00pm  
$75.00 per student  8.00am - 6.00pm  

This includes all activities, transport costs and entry fees to excursions. Child Care Benefits are available.

**LATE PICK UP:**
Incurs the full day fee of $75.00

**Important Info**

Each day:
* Wear Sports Uniform or Vacation Care T-Shirt
* Bring a hat
* Bring a packed lunch and water bottle

**Program Week 2**

**Monday 13 April**  **20 PLACES ONLY!**
IMAX Theatre Sydney
ISLAND OF LEMURS
BUS LEAVING: 8.30am

**Tuesday 14 April**
Hunter Sports Centre
GYMNASTICS
BUS LEAVING: 9.45am

**Wednesday 15 April**
Event Cinemas Glendale
SHAUN THE SHEEP (RATED G)
BUS LEAVING: 9.30am  *NO SPENDING MONEY*

**Thursday 16 April**
Hunter Valley
ZOO NULKABA
BUS LEAVING: 9.30am

**Friday 17 April**
Super Strike Bowling
WARNERS BAY
BUS LEAVING: 10.00am  *NO SPENDING MONEY*

**Book Now!**

To book your spot NOW go to www.avondaleschool.com.au

All bookings need to be made through our website. A confirmation email will be sent to you confirming your childs booking.

Invoices will be sent out and must be paid prior to commencement.

**Please note**

If your child does not already attend Avondale School After School Care you will need to fill out an application form. Forms are available from Avondale School Early Learning Centre.