Our final week for Term 2 has been anything but a quiet week. We hope you found our new report format easy to follow and informative. If you have any feedback or suggestions, please let me know. Thanks to all those parents who came to Parent Teacher Interviews. Now is a fantastic time to talk to your child about setting some goals for the remainder of the year.

What else happened this week? As part of their unit on healthy eating, students from 3M prepared a meal for their parents. Students from Years 3-6 participated enthusiastically in athletics carnivals while loads of parents braved the wind and cold to cheer them on. Year 1 visited the Reptile Park as part of their unit on animals. Year 6 ran businesses on E-Day and all of our students enjoyed spending their E-Dollars to support them. We also raised money for reading books for a school in Cambodia. After a frantic week I think we all need a holiday!

Have a great holiday and enjoy some quality time with your children.

Mrs Deb Cooper  
Head of Primary  
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**HEADS UP!**

**Thought for the week:**
“Enthusiasm is everything. It must be taut and vibrating like a guitar string.”

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**On the Horizon …**
Term 3 starts in three weeks – we have Greg Piper visiting with our seniors, a new set of assessments and tasks to complete, Year 12 starting their Trial Exams and the HRIS Cultural Festival. Woohoo!

**THAT’S ALL FOLKS … EXCEPT, I’VE OFTEN WONDERED …**
Can you buy an entire chess set in a pawn shop?

I pray you have an awesome time together as a family (when you are able), and that we return safely for another top term together.

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**3M KIDS’ KITCHEN RESTAURANT**

Kids’ Kitchen Restaurant opened its doors on Sunday evening. Students from 3M arrived dressed as waiters and waitresses to serve their parents a sumptuous three course meal in a venue lit by candles. Students showcased their independence and expertise in reading and following instructions when they cooked the meal for their parents the previous week. 3M students also delighted their parents with entertainment throughout the evening.
Kindy Grandparents Day

Last Friday, grandparents came from as far away as New Zealand to visit their special Kindies and to see what life is like at school in 2014. There were smiles all round!

Music Notes

Avondale School’s Got Talent Winners

Congratulations to all of the students in Years 3-6 who participated in Avondale School’s Got Talent for their amazing performances. It is fantastic the number of talented students we have here at Avondale School.

Years 3 & 4 Competition
First Place – Jack E
Second Place – Taleisha J and Willow D
Third Place – Matthew G and Katy C

Years 5 & 6 Competition
First Place – Maegen C
Second Place – Olivia M and Ben L
Third Place – Ethan B and Alexandria A

Sport News

HRIS Athletics
August 6
The list of students selected to attend the HRIS Athletics Carnival is in the sports cabinet. An information sheet and permission note will be sent home early next term.

Athletics Days
Year 12 Drama Trial Night
Year 12 Drama has spent the term developing their Group Performance. This is an original piece of self-devised theatre based on a contemporary issue. The performance must be between 8-12 minutes in duration, be engaging and utilise the elements of drama. The students have also been constructing their Individual Projects. This year we have performance, costume design and scriptwriting.
Year 12 are sending an open invitation to join them Term 3, Week 1 on Thursday night, July 24 at 7.00 pm. Come and view the GP, individual performances, costume renderings and a moved reading from the scriptwriting project. There will also be special guests performing on the night! Please come and support our talented and dedicated Drama students.
Also the Drama classes have been engaged in developing a variety of performances to show you on our upcoming Showcase Night in Term 4. More details to follow!
We also are eagerly anticipating Avondale School’s production of Shakespeare’s A Midsummer’s Dream in early September. This is Shakespeare with a modern twist! Watch this space for actor profiles and rehearsal goss!

Year 9 Textiles
Year 9 Textiles Technology students have been extremely busy this semester. Students have made casual day wear garments to fit themselves. They have learned the skill of tailoring clothing to body measurements and how to apply a range of technical skills to produce apparel. Students have made an array of dresses, showcasing excellent skill development.

Year 10 Textiles
Year 10 students have been creating a work of art this semester in Textiles Technology. Students had to design an art form and produce their own pattern and design. An array of projects were stitched from wall hangings to quilts and home furnishings. Students have been exploring the role of fibres in decoration and textile methods of coloration. Students displayed outstanding skill and technical work.

HRIS Athletics
Team lists and permission notes have been emailed out to students. It is the second day back next term. We need all our team to get our best results. Keep training over the holidays.

Year 7 Mandarin
The Year 7 Mandarin classes are in the process of presenting their speaking tasks this week. They are having fun at showcasing their Chinese speaking and their acting abilities. As they say...practise makes perfect!
Principal’s Message
Hot air balloons are amazing. Blow them up and up you go at the mercy of the wind. The experienced balloonist knows however, that at different heights there are different wind variations and by changing altitude they can control both speed and direction. Just as balloonists can change their altitude, so you can change your attitude. And when you change your attitude, you change your direction. You’re no longer at the mercy of circumstances. Henry Ford, the great car inventor, once said “Enthusiasm is the sparkle in your eyes; it is the swing in your gait, the grip of your hand, the irresistible surge of your will and your energy to execute your ideas.”

It was great to have your support this week as we discussed student performance and goals for this semester. Your support and enthusiasm in working with the teachers is appreciated. Thank you for all your efforts this term and your support and encouragement for all the wonderful things we do at Avondale School.

Enjoy the news for this week.

Dr David Faull
Principal

Road Safety
Our children are important! It is just as IMPORTANT to keep them safe. Please drive slowly within the school grounds AT ALL TIMES! Please note that the road going to the Early Learning Centre as well as the crossing is NOT a drop off point!

Enrolments
The next audit benchmark is on August 1. We need to encourage our enrolments to be on board by that date. Your promotion of enrolment for this year and next is hugely important. For each new family you refer to Avondale School you will receive a $100 voucher to spend at the Uniform Shop. Just remind them to include your name and phone number on the enrolment form. Once the family enrolls you will be sent your voucher.

Thank You Canteen Team
Outstanding work this term by our canteen team. The great food options and happy smiles are much appreciated by all the students.

Music Lessons
The following is a list of private teachers offering music lessons at School. Please contact these teachers directly.

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<td>Claudio Carrasico</td>
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But the Lord can be trusted to make you strong and protect you from harm. 2 Thessalonians 3:3 (CEV)

Music

Primary Calendar - Term 2 & 3
Last Day of Term 2 .................................................June 27
Vacation Care Available...........................................June 30 - July 11
Teacher Professional Development Week.....................July 14 - 18
First Day of Term 3 ................................................July 21
School Fees Due ....................................................July 25
Get Active Commences ............................................July 28
ICAS English Competition .......................................July 29
HRIS Cultural Festival ............................................July 30
HRIS Soccer/Netball Gala Day...................................July 31
HRIS Athletics Carnival ...........................................August 6
P&F Meeting at 7.00 pm in the iCentre........................August 6

Secondary Calendar - Term 2 & 3
Last Day of Term 2 ..................................................June 27
STORMCo Wee Waa Trip .........................................June 27 - July 3
STORMCo Cobar Trip ..............................................July 4 - 10
Teacher Professional Development Week.....................July 14 - 18
First Day of Term 3 ................................................July 21
HRIS Athletics Carnival ...........................................July 22
Year 11 PDHPE First Aid Course ...............................July 23
School Fees Due .....................................................July 25
Choir at Wyee Church .............................................July 26
Year 7 & 8 Cybersmart Presentation at 2.00 pm .............July 28
Year 12 Trial Exams ................................................July 28 - August 11